

Congregation Mishkan Or

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

WZC VOTE: What it is....What you need to do... Why you need to participate!

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is the democratically elected international body that convenes every five years and is a way for Diaspora Jews, like all of us who are members of Mishkan Or, to have a voice in Israel and stand up for pluralism, equality, security, and a path to peace.

The 2025 WZC elections will take place March 10 – May 4, 2025. Your vote is critical for our kids and grandkids and for a stronger Reform community.

Our congregation needs your help. This is your chance to make a difference!

Be a part of our movement to:

- Protect democracy in Israel
- Support a path to peace
- Fight for Reform values

Every self-identified Jew 18 and older is eligible to vote. Your vote helps Reform Jewish voices be heard in Israel and will allocate money to support Reform Judaism in Israel and in the United States. The alarming rise of anti-Semitism worldwide further highlights that what happens in Israel profoundly affects us all.

Welcoming a Special Speaker from Israel

On Friday, March 21, 6 pm, we will welcome to our Erev Shabbat Service guest speaker Yaron Shavit, former chair of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism and currently Deputy Chair of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He is speaking on behalf of the Reform movement in Israel alongside Mishkan Or member and WZC Ohio Regional Captain Dr. Tom Abelson. They will be available after the service to answer questions, along with Rabbi Yael Dadoun and Joe Naroditsky, Co-Captains for the WZC elections at Mishkan Or.



Yaron Shavit



Dr. Tom Abelson

During the WZC Voting Registration/Voting Period, Mishkan Or Volunteers Will Help You Vote!

Stop by Mishkan Or to vote between March 10 – May 4. Times will vary each week to accommodate the different schedules of our members. We will also have opportunities to vote throughout this time period at temple events – before and after services, Torah Study, Limmud, and other gatherings.

To find out times volunteers are available, watch your weekly E-News, visit a special page on our website (mishkanor.org, click on the tab “About” for World Zionist Congress information).

To learn more:

- Talk to our Mishkan Or WZC Captains at the March 21 Erev Shabbat Service or email Dr. Tom Abelson at Tabelson@gmail.com.
- Would you like to volunteer with the WZC vote, or have questions? Reach out to Dr. Tom Abelson, too.
- Visit the website: www.vote4reform.org
- Come to Mishkan Or Registration dates, March 10-21, and ask questions.

WZC
World
Zionist
Congress
VOTE REFORM!



This WZC election is a powerful way for Reform Jewish voices to have a real and impactful say in how Israel spends its resources and treats its people. We can help build a future for Israel that is democratic, pluralistic, and secure.

MARCH/APRIL 2025



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 16

11 am – 1 pm

Bring your children and/or grandchildren and celebrate Purim with our first Mishkan Or Carnival!

JOIN US FOR:

Games and Prizes
Performance by Magician
Crafts and Face Painting
Giant Inflatable Slide & Bounce House
Photo Booth
Silent Auction with Fabulous Prizes
Lunch & Hamantaschen for purchase

Dress up in costumes no matter what your age!

Feel free to come early at 10 am and watch our Purimspiel for our Limmud learners and guests in the Sanctuary.

Carnival admission is **\$15 per family**, or **\$12 in advance** – visit mishkanor.org under Upcoming Events.

Thank you to our Purim Carnival Co-Chairs: Tammy Heldman, Stefanie Peck and Melissa Seigel.

MEGILLAH READING

Thursday, March 13

6:30 pm

Megillah Reading is open to all – come be part of this Purim Tradition!

7 pm - Reception for Queen Esther's Bat Mitzvah

If you have questions about this inaugural event to support our *Stronger Together* Annual Appeal, reach out to Tali Geffen at TGeffen@mishkanor.org.

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Worship Services and Adult Learning

Erev Shabbat Services

Every Friday evening, our clergy lead a 6 pm Erev Shabbat Service, in person or virtually, with soothing prayers, inspiring teachings and uplifting music. To livestream, visit mishkanor.org for the link, follow us on Facebook, or find the service on YouTube app or on your smart TV under "mishkanor". You can also find the recorded Shabbat Services on our YouTube page under "videos."

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 for assistance in getting your request to clergy.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study, Saturdays

Torah Study, 9 am, Option 1, in person and live-stream

Each Shabbat Morning at Congregation Mishkan Or, we offer a Torah Study at 9 am, in person in the Hartzmark Room and live-streamed.

Torah Study, 9 am, Option 2, via Zoom

Each Shabbat morning we invite you to Torah Study from your home or wherever you happen to be and interact with fellow Mishkan Or members at the Torah Study via Zoom. For the Zoom link, reach out to Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org. This pilot virtual study is for Mishkan Or members only.

Note: On Saturday, March 15, Senior Rabbi Emeritus Richard A. Block will lead our special study Zoom session! Email Cwilson@mishkanor.org for the Zoom link.

Tuesday Morning Minyan, 9:15 am

This is an opportunity for our community to come together, joining weekday mornings in prayer, music, and reflection or to remember a loved one through recitation of Kaddish. Minyan is offered in person and live-stream

Joyful Services for Young Children

Our two monthly Shabbat offerings for families with young children (0-6) have been growing each month. Join us with your young children, and we welcome siblings and grandparents too! Tot Shabbat and Tot Havdalah, with activities, music and snacks. RSVPs requested to Holly Green at Hgreen@mishkanor.org.

11 am – Tot Shabbat, Saturday, March 22

Tuesday, April 8 Family Learning Seder

5:30 pm - Join other families with young children 0-6 for a special mock seder to introduce young children to traditions and Passover.

Saturday, April 26 – Shabbat and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Day of Independence) celebration - Watch your emails for more details about this celebration!

NEW! K-2nd Shabbat

Join us for a new casual and family-friendly Shabbat experience specially designed for families with children from kindergarten to 2nd grade!



Fridays, March 28, April 11, and May 2

What We're Planning:

5:30 – 6 pm Nosh available to help with the post-school transition (veggies and dip, crackers)

6:00 – 6:45 pm Kid-focused camp-style Shabbat service lead by clergy and includes a story instead of a sermon

6:45 pm Pizza available, along with salad and fruit

Let's Connect! Younger and older siblings welcome, as well as extended family members. For security purposes and to ensure we order enough food, advance registration is required.

RSVP by the Tuesday before each monthly K-2nd Shabbat by emailing [Staci Cohen at Scohen@mishkanor.org](mailto:StaciCohen@mishkanor.org)

A Message About Rabbinic Transition

Dear Congregants,

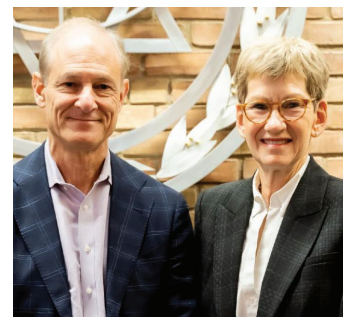
We believe in the enduring strength of our community, even during times of change. We share this belief with our clergy, Board and community. In this spirit, late this fall, our Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk shared with us his personal decision to retire from the congregational rabbinate during 2026, when he'll mark 25 years as a rabbi and 40 years of service to the Jewish community.

Rabbi Nosanchuk is a recent cancer survivor. He has reflected carefully since reaching remission for the first time in five years. In 2019, a fast-growing Stage IV metastatic melanoma threatened his life. He wants to embrace the "bonus time"—precious moments ahead without regret.

We thank Rabbi Nosanchuk for extraordinary leadership, vision, compassion, and insight in exploring, visioning and leading during these formative years of Mishkan Or. Until his 2026 retirement, Rabbi Nosanchuk remains committed and empowered as Inaugural Senior Rabbi and Will & Jan Sukenik Chair in Rabbinitics. We are grateful for his work alongside all of our clergy.

We are preparing to launch a thoughtful, inclusive search for our next spiritual leader and examining the range of ways to strengthen Mishkan Or with the placement leaders of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. You will learn in each Mishkan Or Newsletter next steps. Thank you for your patience, and commitment to our unity.

Julie Raskind and Bruce Goodman, Co-presidents, Congregation Mishkan Or



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Caring Community

March 17-April 7—Pre-Passover Collection: Harvest for Hunger

“Let all who are hungry come and eat.” This familiar phrase from the Haggadah informs our efforts to help the needy as we ready our homes for Passover. Please help the Greater Cleveland Food Bank with their Harvest for Hunger campaign by bringing unexpired, non-perishable items such as canned tuna, cereal, beans, juice, pasta, and peanut butter to the collection bin at temple. You can also help by making an online donation to greaterclevelandfoodbank.org

Sunday, March 23, 9:30-10:30 am—Pack food at the Kosher Food Pantry

The Kosher Food Pantry, 2004 S. Green Road, provides fresh, kosher food to Jewish families and others struggling with food insecurity. Contact Carol Marshall at nknewmansion@aol.com to RSVP. Space is limited.

Thursday, March 27, 2-5 pm—Prepare food items for distribution at Islamic Center

Help our neighbors at the MACE Islamic Center, 26901 Chardon Rd, by packing up food for their monthly food pantry. Contact Joey Laidman at bjlaidman@sbcglobal.net or Nate Jacobson at njacobson248@gmail.com to RSVP.

Sunday, May 18, 1-4 pm—Garden Day at the Transplant House of Cleveland

Provide some beauty for organ transplant patients and their families by planting flowers and a small vegetable/herb garden at their home away from home, 2029 E. 115th St (near University Circle.) Volunteers will bring garden gloves and tools. Contact Joanie Rubinstein at joanierubinsteinrdh@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.



Our first Community Kitchen at Mishkan Or was a success! Volunteers prepared baked goods that will be made into shiva trays for congregants who lose a loved one. If you would like to be part of the baking team, contact Wendy Jacobson, Wjacobson@mishkanor.org.

Brotherhood of Mishkan Or

Delivering Yom Hashoah Yarzheit Candles

The Brotherhood of Mishkan Or is seeking volunteers to help with an important mitzvah – bringing the meaning of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) into our homes through a memorial candle. Would you like to support this mitzvah project by volunteering to help deliver candles to homes of Mishkan Or members?

Volunteers would pick up candles at Mishkan Or and then deliver them to homes of our members by April 22 as Yom HaShoah begins sundown on Wednesday, April 23.

To sign up for a possible candle delivery route of fellow Mishkan Or members, please visit the Brotherhood page on our website under “Social Connections” for a form. You can also use that same form to opt-out of a candle delivery.

L'chaim Through Time

Wednesday, April 30, 7 pm



Join Rabbi Yael Dadoun and her husband Joe Naroditsky for their upcoming, *L'chaim Through Time* on Wednesday, April 30. Israeli society is comprised of many communities that most of us never learned about in Hebrew school. In these popular and informative L'chaim programs, come learn some hidden truths behind important moments throughout Israeli history while enjoying a thematically inspired craft cocktail (or mocktail).

Registration required by **April 23**. To RSVP, visit mishkanor.org and click on Upcoming Events. Space is limited to 125.



Rabbi Roger Klein will lead Zoom discussions on Thursdays, 4 pm

Join the discussion by emailing Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org to receive the Zoom link.

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Exploring Family Heritage

In mid-April, Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo will embark on “part one” of her long-planned sabbatical. Accompanied by her husband, Rommie, she will be traveling throughout parts of Central Europe to study and explore deeply meaningful chapters in our Jewish history.

“I am so fortunate to have known three of my great grandparents and, from the time I was a young girl, I’ve been passionate to learn more about their Jewish journey and the Jews of Europe. Rommie and I will travel through Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Austria as we learn more about our Ashkenazi heritage as well as our family history and the generations that came before us.”

Upon their return, Cantor Sebo and her husband will present to our community what they learned and experienced their travels!



Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo

Ethics Under Fire: The IDF’s Moral Code in Times of War



Rabbi Yael Dadoun

Sunday, March 30, 5 pm

Join us at this community program which will feature Rabbi Yael Dadoun. She will co-lead alongside Dr. Yakir Englander, IAC Senior Director of Leadership and Ethics, discussing the Israel Defense Forces’ Moral Code in Times of War. They will be joined by a member of the IDF and the border police unit.

This community program, sponsored by the Israeli American Council in partnership with Congregation Mishkan Or, will be held at Congregation Mishkan Or. Bring a photo ID for admittance.

For more information, visit IAC360.org/IAC-EVENTS/ETHICSCLC

Fourth graders and BigHearted Blooms



As part of our Limmud Upstanders theme, our 4th Grade learners were honored to work with Sue Buddenbaum and BigHearted Blooms, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing joy to others using recycled flowers. Together, the fourth graders created over 50 vases, to be given to residents in senior living facilities to bring smiles to their faces. Smiles were on all of our faces as well!

Ganon Gil Early Learning Center Your Child’s Home Away from Home

Ganon Gil Early Learning Center is a place where young children engage in meaningful learning experiences. As part of Congregation Mishkan Or, we integrate Jewish values, traditions, and teachings into our curriculum, fostering a sense of community, respect, and connection to our heritage.

We offer a range of programs designed to meet the developmental needs of children from infants through pre-kindergarten. We offer both half-day and full-day options to accommodate your family’s schedule and needs. Infant Care is full day.

Ganon Gil is rated a *Step Up To Quality Gold*, a state recognition of our commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education, as well as being a Universal Pre- Kindergarten (UPK) site in Cuyahoga County’s award-winning program to help 3-5 year olds have access to high-quality pre-kindergarten programs.

To learn more or for a tour, reach out to Erica Wilkov, Director, at EWilkov@mishkanor.org or call 216-464-0536.



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MISHKAN ARTS



MeshugaNotes Concert at CMO

Sunday, March 2, 1 pm

The acclaimed Jewish A Cappella Choir at The Ohio State University, MeshugaNotes, will be performing at Congregation Mishkan Or, performing for students in our Limmud Learning program, then offering a special concert for the community.

This free MeshugaNotes concert includes five Mishkan Or congregants: Hannah Light, Rebecca Martel, Jennifer Martel, Kalib Walsh and Lizzie Walsh. All are welcome to the March 2, 1 pm concert in our Chapel.

Mishkan Or Museum



MUSEUM TOURS

Sunday, March 2, 11 am

Explore the extraordinary 160 ritual objects and artworks from our collection in the Mishkan Or Judaica Gallery at the Maltz Museum with Katya Oicherman, Ph.D., Mishkan Or Museum Director.

Sunday, March 9, 1 pm

Explore the Purim and Passover objects from the Horwitz Collection and special showcase of ceramic Judaica by contemporary American artists Bonnie Cohen and Robert Lipnick and enjoy a little reception!

ARTIST CONVERSATION

Sunday, March 30, 1 pm on Zoom

Join the artist Bonnie Cohen and the Museum director Katya Oicherman for a virtual conversation about Cohen's exceptional ceramic ritual objects. Bonnie Cohen, a mosaic and ceramic art creator, lived and worked in Akron, OH, for many years and her award-winning mosaic work adorns many public and sacred spaces across the USA and Israel. The exquisite ceramic Passover Seder set "From Darkness to Great Light," which she recently donated to Mishkan Or Museum, was awarded the 1996 Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Prize.

For the Tours or the March 30 Zoom link, RSVPs requested to Koicherman@mishkanor.org

MOVIE SERIES!

Sunday, March 23, 3:30 pm



Join Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo and fellow Mishkan Or members for an afternoon at the movies. On March 23, we'll watch *Prince of Egypt*, a 1998 Oscar-nominated family film about Moses and his destiny to deliver his people out of Egypt. This is a family-friendly movie and there will be light refreshments and popcorn!

RSVP to Yael Casselberry at Ycasselberry@mishkanor.org.

Save the Date

On Sunday, May 18, we'll be featuring the documentary *Above and Beyond*, hosted by Rabbi Joshua Caruso.

2nd Annual SUE KOLETSKY CONGREGATION MISHKAN OR

TEEN ART AWARD

Mishkan Or Teen Artists!

Is art your thing?
Are you a member in grade 7-12?

Submit up to 3 works in any medium along with a short statement about the piece and why you like to create.

3 awards of \$200 and exhibition of all submitted works are waiting for you!

Bring your work with your name, age and contact details to the front desk reception by

April 12, 2025

All art will be returned.

Any questions, contact Marlene Whitman at m_whitman1@yahoo.com

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Join Mishkan Or Chai Lifers and Museum of Jewish Culture for a docent tour, buffet luncheon and facilitated conversation with the museum curator and an art collector who donated to the display.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:30 am: View the exhibit *Degenerate! Hitler's War on Modern Art* at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood.

Noon: Following the tour, the program will continue at the Mishkan Or Social Hall for a buffet lunch catered by *Food for Thought*. Dr. Katya Oicherman will facilitate a stimulating dialogue with collector Dr. Jack Lissauer and curator Jennifer Jensen. Cost: \$21 includes Tour of Exhibit and Luncheon.

Register online at Mishkanor.org and click the Social Connection tab to find Chai Lifers. Deadline is Thursday, March 13.

SAVE THE DATE -

Sunday, June 8, the next gathering of Chai Lifers. Details will be announced soon.

DID YOU KNOW...

Thursday, March 6, marks the one-year anniversary that congregants at both Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and The Temple-Tifereth Israel voted to merge into one congregation, and passed by 94% at both synagogues. Our two communities merged into one congregation, now one of the largest synagogue-communities in North America.

As Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the North American Union for Reform Judaism has said: "This unification is unprecedented for two congregations with the history, longevity and stability of Fairmount Temple and The Temple. We have two pillars of Reform Judaism in North America – venerable, historic, long-standing, strong, vibrant places – saying, let's not just think about the Jewish future, let's build that future, and let's do it together,"

Today we are proud to be Congregation Mishkan Or!

Caring for our Environment

At the January 17 Erev Shabbat Service, we began making incremental changes to help us manage food waste at Mishkan Or. Working with Rust Belt Riders, whose mission is to feed people, not landfills, we are adding trash and compost receptacles near oneg tables after services.

We are also using more compostable paper products that when done should be thrown in marked "Compost Bin." In addition, we will continue being a drop-off for used batteries that can be recycled. They can be dropped off at our front desk during office hours, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Thursday; Fridays, 9 am - 3 pm.



Invitation to be Part of Our Green Team!

Consistent with our name, Mishkan Or, 'dwelling place of light,' we are looking for Mishkan Or members who may have expertise and passion for sustainability areas to join our new Sustainability Committee - also known as "green team!"

- Are you an expert in Energy Efficiency/HVAC systems?
- A Master Gardener or Arborist?
- Waste Management expert or passionate home "Greenie"?

We need your experience/expertise! The Sustainability Committee, chaired by Andre Mitchell, will provide recommendations to the Facilities Committee and the CMO Board in 2025 and beyond. If interested, please let us know by reaching out to Barb Smith at Bsmith@mishkanor.org.

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Our Women of Mishkan Or

MONDAY ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, March 3, at 4 pm

The Monday Zoom Book Group will discuss *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

Monday, April 7, at 4 pm

The Book Group will discuss *Table for Two* by Amor Towles

RSVP to jchirshon@gmail.com for either or both discussions to receive the Zoom link; enter in subject line "Monday Zoom."

TORAH STUDY OF SIBLING RIVALRY

Tuesday, March 11, 11 am – noon

This series, offered in person and virtually, is led by educator Diane Lavin. Take a deep dive into the topic of sibling rivalry via Torah stories familiar to us. The dynamic of sibling rivalry is normal, complicated, and impactful, one that can remain an enduring feature of relationships.

RSVP to jchirshon@gmail.com and include the "Torah Study" in the subject line.

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm

The group will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride

Tuesday, April 22, 7 pm

The group will discuss *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash.

RSVP to Ann Markoff at markoff2@sbcglobal.net for Zoom link.

CELEBRATING

Rosh Chodesh Program

Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm

An opportunity for women to gather, spend quality time together, and be part of the Jewish ritual of Rosh Chodesh.

RSVP to Janice Hirshon at jchirshon@gmail.com.

WMO Sponsored Women's Intergenerational Seder in Conjunction with Rosh Chodesh, L' Dor V' Dor

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 pm

Congregation Mishkan Or Atrium and Social Hall

Watch for more details coming in your E-News about this Seder opportunity.

MITZVAH PROJECTS

SUNDAYS: CREATE NUMBER BOOKS

April 6, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Come help create Number Books for The Cleveland Sight Center preschoolers, knit or crochet blankets for homeless families, or make EEG Pocket Vests, which are donated to Rainbow Babies & Children's Pediatric Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (PEMU). Or just come and check it out! Parents can bring their children! For more information, contact Phyllis Berlas: 216-381-8738 or pberlas@aol.com.

TOUCH AND TELL BOOKS

Wednesday, March 19, 9:30- 11:30 am

Help create books with volunteers from the Fairmount Presbyterian Church, to be used by the Cleveland Sight Center. Contact Phyllis Berlas, 216-381-8738. The volunteers will also work together on Sunday, April 6i, from 1-3 pm.

HELLO DOLLY FACTORY

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Volunteers get together every Tuesday morning, 9:30 - 11:30 am. These dolls are donated to Project ACT, which serves homeless families within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Contact Debbie Lavin at debbielavin1@gmail.com for more information

There are several committees working hard to put together volunteer opportunities. If interested in helping, please email JeannieCKMO@gmail.com or watch for details in the monthly newsletter from Women of Mishkan Or.

NEW!

Storytime For Your Little Ones



On Wednesday afternoons, WMO members have an opportunity to read to children from 4:00-4:30 and 4:30-5:00 in the Hartzmark Library.

When students attend Limmud Learning on Wednesdays, parents often have the younger siblings with them. This is an opportunity to read books to these younger children. Mishkan Or librarian Jane Rothstein is happy to help you select books to read. This Story Time is also open to all Mishkan Or members with little ones, or young grandchildren. Come Join us! This is a joint venture between WMO, Early Childhood Family Engagement Manager Holly Green, and CMO Librarian Jane Rothstein. Questions or to sign up - contact WMO member Sally Pollock at 216-288-9550 or skpollock@sbcglobal.net.

Mishkin Or Clergy to Host a Gathering for Our Young Adults in Chicago and New York City

In March, some of our Mishkan Or clergy will be attending a conference in Chicago and wish to use that as an opportunity to catch up with 18-30 year-old adults, Mishkan Or congregants and others who grew up in legacy communities, The Temple-Tifereth Israel or Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, and who now live in Chicago. In April, clergy will be in New York City and will host our Congregation Mishkan Or young adults for dinner in the city.

These gatherings for Jewish young adults in college and post-graduation, and are designed to build, strengthen or renew ties. **Send contact info for young Jewish adults** in Chicago, NYC, Cleveland or elsewhere to StaciCohen@mishkanor.org.

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PASSOVER at Congregation Mishkan Or!

Saturday, April 12 - the first evening of Passover for Seder experiences at home

Sunday, April 13, 10:00 am, in person and via Zoom - Passover Morning Worship

Join Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo and Rabbi Yael Dadoun who will lead a special worship for this first morning of Passover.

Friday, April 18, 6:00 pm - Erev Shabbat Service and Passover Yizkor Service

On this last evening of Passover, join our clergy for a Shabbat and Yizkor Memorial Service in the Sanctuary or via live-stream. Rabbi Joshua Caruso will speak.

This April 18 service will be preceded at 5:45 pm for a special Ritual of Dedication for the Memorial Wall moved from Fairmount Temple to Congregation Mishkan Or following the July, 2024 merger.

POST-PASSOVER Women of Mishkan Or Fundraiser:

Celebrate the first Shabbat after Passover with a delicious array of Challah choices with pick-up at Congregation Mishkan Or on Friday, April 25, from 11 am - 2 pm.

- Orders will be taken from March 2- April 15 online at: breadlove.org/wmo
- Challah choices include plain, cinnamon roll, mini-challahs and more.
- Twenty percent of purchases will be donated to Women of Mishkan Or. It's a delicious fundraiser!



Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Congregation Mishkan Or welcomed special guest speaker Maya Wiley, President/CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, to our January 17 Erev Shabbat Service honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During the Service, she shared reflections about this time of politically-charged discourse in our country: "No matter who you are, where you worship or if you are atheist, no matter your race, culture, class, religion, who you vote for and in what party, you belong here. You have dignity. You have worth," echoing the words of Dr. Martin Luther King's call to unity.

The service also featured the Affinity Missionary Baptist Church choir, and guests from many churches and faith organizations, and was followed by a Q&A session with the Maya Wiley and a delicious oneg!



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IN MEMORIAM

Congregation Mishkan Or Members:

BETTY LEE ALTER

Wife of Sidney (deceased), mother of Randall Alter (Darcy, deceased), Jill Schaeffer (Tom LaVilla), Mitchell (Linda) and the late Joell

ANNE BRENNER

Wife of William Brenner, (deceased), mother of Beth Blaustein (Jim), Allison Shippy (Bob), Andy Brenner (Michelle) and Steve Brenner (Lisa)

JIM DIENER

Husband of Nathalie Robbins Diener, father of Ken Diener (Amy Litt), Lakshmi Linda Sirois (Ravi), Sam Diener (Valerie Sperling), and Ruth Diener Platt (Larry Platt)

JOSEPH KALK

Husband of Phyllis (deceased), father of Dan Kalk (Amy) and Amy Gold (Robert)

MORTON KLEIN

Husband of Shirley (deceased), father of Linda Goldman (Mark), Bonnie Bernstein (Robert), and Howard Klein (Michele)

LYNDA LOVELL

Aunt of Susan Benedejcic

CHARLES "CHUCK" ABRAHAM ROSS

Husband of Mary Triest, father of Kymberly Ross and Robert Ross (Maggie Wise)

MARJORIE BELL SACHS

Wife of Dr. Sidney Sachs (deceased), mother of Wendie (Tom) and Peter (Hilary)

JOEL R. SCHEER

Husband of Elizabeth K. Scheer, father of Emma S. Greenes (Michael) and John R. Scheer (Tracy)

SANFORD SHORE

Husband of Eppie Shore (deceased), father of Jeffrey Shore (Debra), Jeri Shore, Michael Shore (Amy), Cari Flox and Cydni (deceased)

EDITH SMITH

Wife of H. Bernard Smith (deceased), mother of Devorah (Joe Leva) and Jonathan Smith (Leena Nevalainen-Smith)

ISADORE ISRAEL 'SONNY' SONKIN

Husband of Renee Sonkin (deceased), father of Susan Cherchiglia, Janice Newman (Richard Newman), and Kenneth Sonkin

STEPHEN SPIEGLE

Husband of Bonnie Spiegle, father of Scott Spiegle (Shani) and Jamie Spiegle, brother of Charles Spiegle (Patti)

RUTH WERTHEIMER

Wife of Victor Wertheimer (deceased), mother of Jeffrey Wertheimer (Jodi), Roger Wertheimer (Dr. Lori), Susan Garber (Rick) and Judy Wertheimer (Dr. Michael Boninger)

May their memory be a blessing.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS

Kelly Adelman (Todd) on the loss of her father, Dr. Alvin Kayloe

Daniel Atkins (Rachel Kaplan) on the loss of his father, Alvin (Al) Atkins

Hope Ellis (Brian) on the loss of her son, and Scott Dann (Priscilla) on the loss of his brother, Mark Arian

Sandy Fox (Joy) on the loss of her sister, Pam Outland

Katie (Seth) Gottlieb on the loss of her father, Bruce W. Marks

Naomi Hollander (Andrew Sakiewicz) on the loss of her father, Irving Bernard Hollander

Elizabeth (Aaron) Kutz on the loss of her mother Karyn Katz

Laura Mintz (Michael) on the loss of her sister, Sarah Blackman

Jane Nudelman on the loss of her son, Marc S. Nudelman

Erick Remer (Erica) on the loss of his father, Earl M. Remer

Daniel Silver (Melinda) on the loss of his father, Dr. Jerry Silver

Howard (Barbara) Smith on the loss of his sister, Laura Susan Smith

Marcie & Richard Zeiger on the loss of their niece, Jennifer Porter

BIMAH FLOWERS

Week Ending March 8:

In memory of Rachel Ariela Fishman by Ellen & Marty Fishman; Jerome S. Malevan by his daughter Nancy Levy and grandchildren

Week Ending March 15:

In memory of Allyn Kendis, Ethel W. Kendis, Loren S. Kendis, Louis D. Kendis, Beatrice B. Weiner, Elmer A. Wiener, Sumner C. Wiener by the families of Susan and James Kendis and Robert Kendis; David Conant by Elayne Conant; Barbara Cott by her husband Dennis Cott

Week Ending March 22:

In memory of Ruth and Irving Schumann by their children Michael (of blessed memory), Minday Schuman and Ronald and Marcia Schumann, and their grandchildren and great grandchildren; Sidney N. Weitz by Carol Faulb

Week Ending March 29:

In memory of Barnett Lurie by Chuck, Jackie, Jay and Alissa Lurie; Dr. Frederic M. Stoller by Brenda Stoller

Week Ending April 5:

In memory Helen G. Sterns by her grandchildren

Week Ending April 12:

In memory Celia Levine by her son Laurence and daughter Barbara; Dorothy W. Silber on her birthday by Nancy Pickus

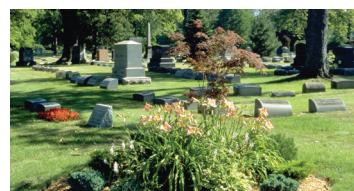
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First Tuesdays at Van Aken

We invite you to join a Mishkan Or clergy member and fellow congregants for coffee and conversation at Van Aken.



Pictured here with Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo at our January gathering are Harry Singer, Harriet Piccione, Michelle Gilbert, Enid Yurman and Larry Mack.

We invite you to join us at the Van Aken District:

Tuesday, March 4, 2:00-4:00 pm at Haute Donuts with Rabbi Yael Dadoun

Tuesday, April 1, 8:00-9:30 am by Luster with Rabbi Joshua Caruso

MAZEL TOV!

Cantor Sarah Sager on the birth of her grandson, Wiley Ellis Gertman, son of Zoe Weitzman & Jonathan Gertman.

Linda Barnett on the birth of her great-grandson, Wyatt Nicholas Kump, son of Samantha & Alex Kump.

Iris & Mark Edelman on the birth of their granddaughter, and **Marilyn Edelman** and **John Newburger** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Alana Gabriella Edelman, daughter of Halle Becker & David Edelman.

Bernice Goldman on the birth of her great-grandson, Braxton Theodore Axelrod, son of Layla Shuman & Bryce Axelrod.

Peggy Isquick on the birth of her granddaughter, Mabel Ha-Rin Isquick, daughter of Debbie Kang & David Isquick.

Jennifer & Matthew Jacobs on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Noa Jacobs, granddaughter of **Beverley & Barry Jacobs**.

Tarah & Kevin King on the birth of their daughter, Isla Sutton King.

Ellen Kleinerman & Joseph Rocchio on the birth of their grandson, Luca Jonah Reilly, son of Andrea Rocchio & Dylan Reilly.

Lisa & Bill Schonberg on the engagement of their son, Adam Schonberg, to Amanda Telson.

Loramae & Ronald Simkoff on the birth of their great-grandson, Archer Harrison Simenc, son of Shaina & Aidan Simenc.

Jeremy Umansky and Allie La Valle (*Larder Delicatessen & Bakery*), and **Doug Katz** (*Kiln Cle, Zhug, Amba, Provenance at CMA*) on being named semifinalists in the 2025 James Beard awards.

Tyler Simchon, a Mishkan Or 4th grader, selected for national magazine's Junior Council and will learn from editors and mentors about how to become strong voices in their community—and beyond.

Mazel Tov to Our B'nei Mitzvah



JONAH KLEIN
Saturday, March 1
10:30 am
Child of Andy and
Lauren Klein



SAM ZACK
Saturday, March 8
11:00 am
Child of Brian and
Amy Zack



ABE GOTTFRIED
Saturday, March 15
10:30 am
Child of Michael and
Shirah Gottfried



LOGAN EISNER
Saturday, March 29
11:00 am
Child of Brendon and
Emily Eisner



ALEX ADLER
Saturday, April 26
11:00 am
Child of Eric and
Andrea Adler



NINA BODAS
Saturday, April 26
4:30 pm
Child of Prasad and
Alina Bodas



KENDALL SILVERSTEIN
Saturday, April 26
6:00 pm
Child of David
Silverstein and
Lindsay Walker

Each B'nei Mitzvah Student is gifted a Machzor (High Holy Day prayerbook), a gift of the Esther and Oscar Adelman/Margaret and Justin Spiegle Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund and a Kiddush cup, a gift of the Schwartz Family Fund.

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annual appeal

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