



CONGREGATION  
**Mishkan Or**  
Where Jewish Life Shines Bright

AUGUST 2025

# News



**Where Jewish Life Shines Bright** - Our synagogue was brimming with energy on June 11 when we welcomed many of our senior members for an afternoon tea that included entertainment, sweet treats, and an opportunity to be together.

## SECOND ANNUAL ALL-AGES

### Garden Party

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 • 2:00-4:00 PM

**Join us for this fun-filled, intergenerational, and meaningful day!**

Reconnect with familiar faces, meet new ones, and discover exciting ways to get involved in the **Mishkan Or** community. We can't wait to see you there!

- Bubble Party
- TKO Klezmer Concert
- Balloon Twister
- Fun Summer Snacks
- Air Brush Tattoos
- Ice Cream Novelties

#### TIME CAPSULE DEDICATION

Around 3:45 pm, we'll gather in the Chapel Corridor for a special moment as we place the time capsules from both of our legacy congregations!

#### KINDNESS COLLECTION

Help us spread the kindness! Please bring new socks, toiletries, or other small essentials for our "Walls of Love" care packages. This ongoing project supports those in need in our wider community.

**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED:  
PLEASE RSVP BY  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Yael at 216.455.1698 or  
Ycasselberry@mishkanor.org

**RSVP &  
DETAILS BELOW**



## High Holy Days

2025-5786

Here at Congregation Mishkan Or, we are finalizing plans for celebrating the High Holy Days together. In the coming weeks, watch for a special mailing which will outline these sacred opportunities to welcome the new year of 5786! The mailing will include schedules of services and locations, schedule of services and locations, parking info, and a new process to reserve spots in the services you wish to attend, and more.

#### SELICHOT

**Saturday, September 13**

When we share penitential prayers for forgiveness.

#### ROSH HASHANAH

**Monday, September 22 and**

**Tuesday, September 23**

**YOM KIPPUR, Wednesday,  
October 1, & Thursday, October 2**

#### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**May the memory of our beloved  
be for a Blessing**

To include names of loved ones in our Book of Remembrance, please complete the form on our High Holy Days page (Under Worship) on our website, [mishkanor.org](http://mishkanor.org). If you have any questions, you can email Barb Smith at [Bsmith@mishkanor.org](mailto:Bsmith@mishkanor.org).



# WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY

## 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](http://mishkanor.org) for the link, follow us on Facebook, or find the service on YouTube app or on your smart TV under "mishkanor." Recorded Shabbat Services are 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](mailto:Cwilson@mishkanor.org) or call 216-831-3233 by the Thursday before Shabbat, or ask ushers at the service for assistance.

Beginning in August, we are updating the way we gather names for the Mi Shebeirach healing prayer to ensure that our list remains current and meaningful. To help us keep our prayers focused and timely, names will now remain on the list for four weeks unless we receive an update.

As always, we warmly welcome ongoing updates about the well-being of your loved ones and are always here to include those in need of healing. To add or update a name, reach out to Cyndi Wilson at [Cwilson@mishkanor.org](mailto:Cwilson@mishkanor.org) or 216-831-3233.

Sr. Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk  
Rabbi Joshua Caruso  
Rabbi Yael Dadoun  
Rabbi Roger C. Klein  
Cantor Vladimir Lapin

Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum  
Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo  
Rabbi Richard A. Block,  
Sr. Rabbi Emeritus  
Cantor Laureate Sarah J. Sager

## Special Shabbat Guest Speaker

**Friday, August 1, 6:00 pm**



Erev Shabbat Worship led by our clergy with guest speaker, **Khalilah Worley**, Senior Organizer, Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC). Khalilah is an outstanding speaker who has worked closely with the *Mishkan Or* core team for GCC and with the leaders of The Temple-Tifereth Israel and Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple since the 2011 inception of GCC, and was recently honored by Crain's Cleveland as Notable Leader in Philanthropy.

## Shabbat Morning Torah Study

**Saturdays, 9:00 am**

Each Shabbat Morning, we offer a Torah Study at 9:00 am, in person in the Hartzmark Room. If you wish to hear the audio of the Torah Study, you can use the live-stream link on our webpage.



## Joyful Service for Young Children

**Splashy Tot Havdalah**

**Saturdays, August 9 & 23, 4:00 pm**

*(double the splash fun this month!)*

A joyous Shabbat opportunity for children from 0-6 years-old, their siblings and grandparents. Come enjoy outdoor fun and get splashed!

To RSVP or be added to the email list for special programming for young children, reach out to Holly Green at [Hgreen@mishkanor.org](mailto:Hgreen@mishkanor.org).



## Tuesday Morning Minyan

**A Midweek Moment of Meaning**

Did you know we gather for prayer, connection, and a spiritual reset every Tuesday morning at Mishkan Or? A few months ago, we started a new weekly morning minyan, and what a gift it has become. This sacred half-hour has grown into something incredibly meaningful—a moment in the week to pause, breathe, sing, and reflect together.

We begin our day with ancient words and modern *kavannah* (intention), lifting each other up through prayer, song, and community. Whether you're saying Kaddish, in need of a midweek boost, or simply want to root your day in something deeper, there's a place for you here. We've developed a beautiful rhythm and a regular group of daveners, and we'd love to welcome you into our circle. Come once, come often, come as you are. Tuesdays at 9:15 am in Chapel or livestream.

# ADULT LEARNING

## Preparing for the High Holy Days

New Four-Week Wednesday Evening Series  
7:00-8:15 pm, *In person*

As we approach our second High Holy Day season as *Congregation Mishkan Or*, we invite you to join us for this special clergy-led series to help prepare and enrich your High Holy Days of 5786!

### Wednesday, August 20, Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk *Accounting for One's Life*

This lifelong-learning session is designed to help us utilize the month of Elul (August 23, 2025 - September 22, 2025), for penitence, introspection, and what our rabbinical sages called *Cheshbon Hanefesh*, accounting for one's life. We will reflectively examine the distance between the persons we can be and the persons we are, through study, engagement with fellow students, and contemplative Jewish practice.

### Wednesday, August 27, Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo *Tekiah: The blast of the shofar*

As we prepare for the High Holy Days and our own self-reflection, let's spend a moment together as we spiritually ready ourselves to hear and also to understand the sounding of the shofar. Why and when do we sound the shofar? How has the shofar been represented throughout our history? What are the shofar calls and what does the shofar call on us to do? And...how do "they" get the shofar to make those sounds? A shofar is not required for this session but, if you own one, please bring it!

### Wednesday, September 3, Rabbi Yael Dadoun *The Avodah*

Step into the heart of Yom Kippur as we explore the ancient ritual known as the Avodah—the sacred service once performed by the High Priest in the Temple, now reimagined in our High Holy Day liturgy. Together, we'll uncover how this powerful drama of atonement, awe, and transformation continues to shape our spiritual lives today. Through text, history, and reflection, we'll journey from the Holy of Holies to the inner sanctum of the soul. Join us for a class that brings meaning, mystery, and relevance to the holiest day of the Jewish year.

### Wednesday, September 10, Rabbi Roger Klein *Repentance*

A central feature of the High Holidays is the notion...really, the process...of Repentance. Several important Jewish thinkers have written extensively on this topic. In this session, we will look at the dynamics of repentance by examining passages from the writings of Rabbi Moses Maimonides and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik.

RSVP for this series, one or all sessions, to Nicole Donerson, Administrative Coordinator, at [Ndonerson@mishkanor.org](mailto:Ndonerson@mishkanor.org) or 216-831-3233.

## Adult B'nei Mitzvah Information Session

Monday, August 25, 6:30-8:00 pm

Have you considered becoming an Adult B'nai Mitzvah? We invite you to join our clergy team to explore the remarkable journey of learning, praying, and exploring Jewish identity and tradition. If this is something you are considering, this Monday evening program is an opportunity to learn more.

To RSVP, reach out to Cyndi Wilson at [Cwilson@mishkanor.org](mailto:Cwilson@mishkanor.org)

## Modern Jewish Thinkers: An Introduction

New Series beginning Monday, September 15  
4:00-5:30 pm

Join Rabbi Roger Klein for a new series of conversations exploring types of Modern Jewish Identity. This series will take place every other week on Mondays through the fall.

Participants will be reading Alan Levenson's wonderful book, *Modern Jewish Thinkers*, and discussing the views of such writers as Baruch Spinoza, Moses Mendelssohn, Martin Buber, Joseph Soloveitchik, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and others.

RSVP to Cyndi Wilson, Administrative Coordinator, at [Cwilson@mishkanor.org](mailto:Cwilson@mishkanor.org) or 216-831-3233.

## Wednesday Morning Virtual Learning

July 30, August 6 and August 13, 9:00 am via Zoom,  
led by Rabbis Joshua Caruso and Roger Klein

### *Always Already There:*

#### *Shabbat and the Illusory Search for God*

*A day of rest, not just for the body, but for the soul too*

Shabbat is a day of rest from the work of the week, and a time to dive deep into the soul. But what if the work of the week is spiritual work and Shabbat is about stepping back from the ways we usually seek out God?

Through rich Hassidic teachings of the Sefat Emet (R. Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter), we will explore Shabbat as a paradigm to illuminate ways we do and don't, should and shouldn't, try to find God in our lives and in our world. We'll trace the origins and impact of this profound theology that at once embraces and rejects the spiritual quest. *This series is courtesy of Project Zug.*

To register for the weekly Zoom link, reach out to Nicole Donerson, Administrative Coordinator, at [Ndonerson@mishkanor.org](mailto:Ndonerson@mishkanor.org)





Cantor Vladimir Lapin



Kate Del, Guest Vocalist



Alexandre Marr, Pianist

## NOTES OF RETURN: A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH ELUL

Featuring Cantor Vladimir Lapin, Guest Vocalist Kate Del, and Pianist Alexandre Marr  
Saturday, September 6, 2:00 pm

As the High Holy Days approach, we're invited into a season of reflection, return, and renewal. Notes of Return offers a unique Elul experience, a Shabbat afternoon of musical theater songs that speak to the soul.

These aren't traditional prayers, but selections from Broadway and beyond that explore themes of longing, forgiveness, transformation, and joy. While these songs weren't written as sacred music, they become sacred in the way we hear them, framed by the season and the spiritual work of return.

Join Cantor Vladimir Lapin, Kate Del and Alexandre Marr as they reimagine beloved songs through the lens of *t'shuvah* — returning not only to tradition, but to the heart of who we are.

*This concert is open to all Mishkan Or members.* Please let us know you're attending by RSVPing to a link found on our website under Upcoming Events, or call 216-831-3233.

## THE heART OF THE MATTER

An Interactive Arts Experience, Sunday, October 19

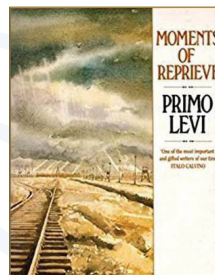
Would you like to participate in an amazing Mishkan Or community theater initiative? We are looking for performing artists of all ages, disciplines and levels of experience to create an interactive journey through the art in our beautiful building directed by our very own veteran performers Bebe Weinberg Katz and Cantor Kathy Sebo. Come be part of the experience and help bring the unique and fun arts experience to life with your energy and joy!

To find out more about this special program, email Cantor Kathy Sebo at [KSebo@mishkanor.org](mailto:KSebo@mishkanor.org) or to the Museum Director Katya Oicherman at [Koicherman@mishkanor.org](mailto:Koicherman@mishkanor.org)

## BOOK DISCUSSION WITH RABBI NOSANCHUK

Sunday, September 28, 2:00 pm

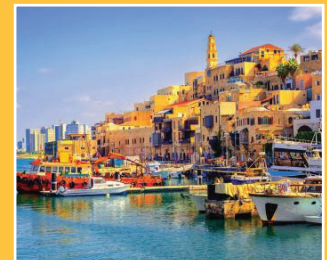
As part of an Initiative of the Interfaith Group Against Hate, Bring Our Books Back, Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk will be leading a Sunday, Sept. 28, discussion of Primo Levi's book, *Moments of Reprieve*. From Goodreads: "Primo Levi was one of the most astonishing voices to emerge from the twentieth century: a man who survived one of the ugliest times in history, yet who was able to describe his own Auschwitz experience with an unaffected tenderness." Congregation Mishkan Or is a proud member of The Interfaith Group Against Hate ([igahcle.org](http://igahcle.org)). To learn more, visit the calendar on our website ([mishkanor.org](http://mishkanor.org)) and click on that calendar and September 28 for an RSVP link.



## Mishkan Or Solidarity Israel Trip

October 28-November 4, 2025

**Hope and Resilience: Mishkan Or in Israel** is a special trip being led by Rabbis Josh Caruso and Yael Dadoun and includes a visit to Kibbutz Sufa (including seeing some of our guests who visited us in September) to help rebuilding efforts, to meet with Israeli political and cultural leaders, to attend Shabbat worship at an Israeli Reform Jewish temple, and much more.



Contact Amy Aquila at [Aquila@mishkanor.org](mailto:Aquila@mishkanor.org) by August 15 for registration and deposit information.

## Hebrew Cultural Garden One World Day

Sunday, August 24

Join fellow Mishkan Or members us as they proudly march with the Israeli Flag in the Parade of Nations at 11 am. Meet in the Hebrew Cultural Garden for an afternoon of fun activities - Israeli Dancing and DJ, Scavenger Hunt, Children's Story Walk, and more. Wear Blue and White and show your support of Israel!



Questions? Reach out to Amy Nadler at [aimthepain7@aol.com](mailto:aimthepain7@aol.com).





### Where Jewish Life Shines Bright

From Consecration of our First Graders in the Fall, to Confirmation and Graduation in the Spring, our Limmud students are embracing learning at every stage of life, finding joy in curiosity and growth.



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## Registration is Open for Mishkan Or Learners!

### Limmud

Did you know the name Limmud in Hebrew conveys engaged learning and that represents Mishkan Or's commitment to connection, growth and Jewish knowledge. We invite you to learn more about our engagement opportunities from Pre-K – 12th grade.

#### Want to learn more?

Check out our [mishkanor.org](http://mishkanor.org) page and click on Limmud Learning. Online registration is already open. Join us at our Limmud Open House on August 10, from 1- 2 pm before the Garden Party. If you have questions, email Director Regina Krieger at [Rkrieger@mishkanor.org](mailto:Rkrieger@mishkanor.org).

### Ganon Gil

Our award-winning preschool is a comprehensive and developmental early childhood program designed to help children ages 6 weeks to 5 years reach their full potential socially and emotionally and provides them with the educational components necessary for future school success.

Ganon Gil is more than just a preschool, it is a family. Each staff member takes the time to not only get to know the children they teach but also the child's parents and siblings.

If you have questions or for a tour, contact Erica Wilkov at [EWilkov@mishkanor.org](mailto:EWilkov@mishkanor.org).

***We can't wait to welcome your children!***



# Why Renew Your Membership at Congregation Mishkan Or?

Jewish life shines bright at Congregation Mishkan Or. We are more than a synagogue—this is our spiritual home, a center for Jewish learning, a place of joy and comfort, and a community that uplifts and supports one another through every season of life. As a member, you are helping sustain a vibrant and inclusive Reform Jewish community where tradition meets purpose, and where everyone can explore connection.

**By now, all Mishkan Or members should have received their membership renewal information, either by email or in the mail. We continue our commitment to assist any member with financial challenges.** Please reach out if any assistance is needed, and we'll partner with you to ensure that your light continues to shine at Mishkan Or. Allison Shippy, [ashippy@mishkanor.org](mailto:ashippy@mishkanor.org), and Yael Casselberry, [Ycasselberry@mishkanor.org](mailto:Ycasselberry@mishkanor.org), are happy to help!

## Your Presence Matters

This past year has shown just how powerful our collective spirit can be. It hasn't always been easy, but you've helped create rays of light all around the congregation. Your membership renewal is an affirmation that we made the right choice—that Jewish life, values, and community matter—and that **together, we are stronger.**

We hope you'll continue walking this path with us and that you will renew your commitment to our shared community through membership and participation.



Your membership ensures we can continue offering meaningful worship, enriching education for all ages, impactful social justice work, and a strong, inclusive Jewish community. Renewing means you are helping sustain something sacred—not just for yourself, but for everyone who walks through our doors.



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# Hartzmark Library

Sunday, August 3, 12:30 pm

## Silent Book Group/Book Party

If you love to read and hear about books others are reading, this is an event for you! There isn't one selected book, bring whatever you happen to be reading. The diversity of choices, and a willingness to trade book picks, is a huge part of the fun. Join us at Mishkan Or for a quiet summertime reading and book party. Come read quietly alongside your neighbor for your own "silent book group." Or chat with other readers about books. Anyone, 15 and older, who love books and reading are most welcome.

## BOOK TALK

Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 pm

**Dr. Valentino Zullo** will lead a discussion of one of the 2025 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award winners, Watch for details.

To learn more or RSVP for either program, reach out to Jane Rothstein at [Jrothstein@mishkanor.org](mailto:Jrothstein@mishkanor.org).

# Museum of Jewish Cultures

A new exhibition will be opening in our Museum in September. If you haven't visited the Horowitz Collection Highlights currently on display, be sure to visit the Hartzmark Gallery by August 10.

## New Exhibit:

**Memory: Moshe Gershuni**

**September, 2025 – February, 2026**

Presented in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland Israel Arts Connection, curated by Matt Garson and Katya Oicherman.

We are proud to present the work of Moshe Gershuni (1936- 2017), one of the most important Israeli contemporary artists. Come to experience Kaddish, the extraordinary artist book which weaves together Gershuni's beautiful experimental prints with the famous poem written in 1959 by American Jewish icon, poet Allen Ginsberg, upon the death of his mother.



## THE EXHIBITION IS PRESENTED IN TWO LOCATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY:

### Opening Reception

**Sunday, September 21, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

At the Roe Green Gallery, Jewish Federation of Cleveland, 25701 Science Park Dr, Beachwood, OH 44122

### Opening Reception

**Sunday, September 28, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

At the Hartzmark Gallery, Congregation Mishkan Or

To learn more, reach out to our Museum Director Katya Oicherman at [Koicherman@mishkanor.org](mailto:Koicherman@mishkanor.org) or (216) 455-1697

# College-age Children?

We'd like to stay connected with our young adults heading off to college or are college age.

Please help us keep in touch as they continue their Jewish journey. Let us know by reaching out with their names and contact info to Staci Cohen of our Limmud Team at [Scohen@mishkanor.org](mailto:Scohen@mishkanor.org).



Our Limmud Team had a wonderful visit with the many, many Mishkan Or campers at a July session at Camp Wise. These young members are having a great time while they are also building memories that will last for a lifetime!

# BROTHERHOOD OF MISHKAN OR

## CAR SHOW

**Sunday, August 3, 10:00 am-2:00 pm**



Come join us in the parking lot of Congregation Mishkan Or for a car show that is great for all generations. Bring your grandchildren and children and peruse the many cars that will be here. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## OPENING BREAKFAST FOR LIMMUD

**Sunday, September 6**



Carrying on the tradition that began last year of serving a delicious breakfast on the first Sunday of our Limmud program, we need some volunteers to help make this a special morning for all! RSVP to Bsmith@mishkanor.org.

# WOMEN OF MISHKAN OR

## OUR SISTERS' KEEPERS

**Sunday, August 3, 2:30-4:30 pm**

The Women of Mishkan Or are hosting the interfaith group *Our Sisters' Keepers* at Congregation Mishkan Or on August 3 and all Mishkan Or women are invited. Debbie Yasinow, Director, Cleveland Israel Arts Connection, Jewish Federation of Cleveland, will present a slideshow and lead a discussion on Israeli artist Shlomo Katz. Refreshments will be served.

*Please note: This program is for women only.*

RSVP by August 1 to Ellen at kleinel@roadrunner.com.



## TORAH STUDY

**Tuesdays, September 9, and September 16  
Thursdays, October 9 and 16**

**Tuesdays, November 11, and November 18**

**All sessions are from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Educator Diane Lavin will lead a six-session text study of three stories from the Book of Numbers. We will meet in person at the temple and online as we did last year. Unlike last year, we will meet twice monthly in September, October, and November. No prior knowledge required. RSVP to Diane at dianelavin60@gmail.com.

## ROSH CHODESH

**Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 pm**

This beautiful Jewish ritual is an opportunity for women to gather, spend quality time with one another, and study on the first of the Jewish month. Join Rabbi Dadoun for this program about Elul, the month leading up to the High Holy Days. RSVP to Jchirshon@gmail.com

## CLASSIC MOVIE TIME

**Wednesday, August 27, 6:15 pm**

WMO members are headed to the Maltz Museum to view the movie *Second Chorus* (1940), starring Fred Astaire and Burgess Meredith. This is the perfect WMO program to bring a friend. Watch a movie, eat ice cream after at Mitchell's, hang with friends - what could be better? Be sure to join us for this wonderful end of summer get-together. \$5 fee. To register, go to the WMO webpage at [mishkanor.org/connection](http://mishkanor.org/connection).

## HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our Women of Mishkan Or are kicking off a project to send jars of honey to loved ones to wish them a sweet new year.

*Special - Free shipping until August 8 and final orders by September 10.*



To place your order, visit the Women of Mishkan Or page under "Connection" on [mishkanor.org](http://mishkanor.org) or contact Ann Markoff at 440-376-5549 or Susan Shapiro at 216-374-6626.

## CELEBRATING ONE YEAR!

**Monday, September 15**

The Women of Mishkan Or is one-year-old and we are celebrating! Please join us on Monday, September 15, at 6:00 pm. for a delightful birthday party, including dinner. Watch for more details coming.

# LET'S MEET AT VAN AKEN!

**Grab your coffee or a snack, and join our clergy for casual conversations in the community.**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2:00-3:30 pm**

with Cantor Kathy Sebo outside, near On the Rise

## MONDAYS AT MITCHELL'S:

**August 11, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm** with Cantor Vladimir Lapin

**August 25, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm** with Rabbi Joshua Caruso



## From Our Senior Rabbinic Search Committee:

Our Search Committee is seeking your input into the process of selecting our next Senior Rabbi. Share your ideas with the Search Committee by scanning the QR code or visit our website, [mishkanor.org](http://mishkanor.org), under "About."



SCAN TO GO TO SURVEY

Watch your weekly E-News for future listening sessions to get input from our Mishkan Or members and you are invited to complete a survey found here.

Your thoughtful feedback will be a tremendous asset as we move through the search process, with the goal of finding the best candidate possible to lead Congregation Mishkan Or toward a vibrant future.

### ..... Mazel Tov .....

#### **Beatrice Blumenthal, and Barbara & Barry Brouman**

on the engagement of their grandson Nathan Blumenthal to Alexandra (Sasha) Graber.

**Ashleigh & Michael Davidson** on the birth of their son, Ethan Arthur Davidson, grandson of **Mindy & Martin Davidson** and great-grandson of **Evie Safran**.

**Michelle & Norman Glazer** on the birth of their daughter, Emery Jane Glazer.

**Audrey Heller** on the new "Campus Champion Award" presented to her grandson, Parker Heller from Cleveland Jewish News.

**Sherrie Litvak** on the birth of her granddaughter, and **Phyllis Berlas** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Cora Jade Quenneville, daughter of Nicole & Justin Quenneville.

**Trina Miller** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Presley Joelle Picker, to Ilana & Derek Picker.

### NA'AMAT Honoring Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo with the Golda Meir Award

**Tuesday, September 9, 7-9 pm**

#### **Join the Celebration!**

Proceeds from the program support NA'AMAT USA's daycare center in Sderot, a southern Israeli city located less than a mile from the Gaza border and often the target of rocket fire. In the days following the October 7, 2023, attack, this daycare center was damaged by a rocket that came through its roof. NA'AMAT's reinforced daycare centers offer more than just childcare—they provide extended hours, nutritious meals, and a safe, stable environment where young children can learn, grow, and simply be kids, even amidst uncertainty.



*This Celebration is being held at  
Congregation Mishkan Or.*

*To learn more and RSVP by August 15, you can find details on our website, [mishkanor.org](http://mishkanor.org), under Upcoming Events.*



## B'nei Mitzvah



#### **ALEXIA ZITELLI**

August 9 at 10:30 am

Child of

Matthew and Margaret Zitelli



#### **AVA GILMORE**

August 16 at 11:00 am

Child of

Adam and Sarah Gilmore



#### **KATHERINE AZOK**

August 30 at 10:30 am

Child of

Joseph and Jill Azok

*Each B'nei Mitzvah Student is gifted a Mishkan T'filah siddur, from the Esther and Oscar Adelman/Margaret and Justin Spiegle B'nai Mitzvah Fund; a High Holy Day prayerbook from the Edelman/Borstein Prayerbook Fund; a Kiddush cup, from the Schwartz Family Fund; and a Tanakh from the Women of Mishkan Or.*



## Bimah Flowers in Loving Memory Of:

### Week Ending August 1

H.W. Beechler by his wife Viia

### Week Ending August 8

Mildred Horvitz, a dear friend, on her birthday by Linda Angart; in loving memory of Susan G. Cristol by her family

### Week Ending August 15

Albert "Pete" Pickus on his birthday by his wife Nancy and children Miriam, Peter and Matthew. Ida Fisher Zeidman, Jenny Kaplan Fisher, Sophie Zeidman and Virginia Horkheimer Silver by Adele Silver and Jonathan, Michael and Sarah and their families; Mildred Kendis Englander and Hinda Zarkey Saul by Jon and Marlene Englander

### Week Ending August 22

Marcella Kuperberg by Dr. James R. Kuperberg; Michael (Mickey) Garson by his wife Nancy and his children Heather and Troy, Gregory and Allison, Jessica and Michael, and his grandchildren; Joey Laidman and family in loving memory of their husband, father and grandfather Barry Laidman; Carolyn Bayer, Marilyn Katzel, Howard Polster, Richard Polster, and David Polster, z'l, in memory of parents Jerome & Margie Polster

### Week Ending August 30

Linda & Cole Sugarman by family

## In Memoriam

### MARTIN ARSHAM

Husband of Lois Kates Arsham, children Scott Arsham (partner Robert Alvarez) and Kevin Arsham (Kleri Arsham); and stepfather of Laura (Jim) Feldman and Andy Kates

### RUTH STRAUSS BERGER

Mother of Joanie Berger (Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk), Susan Berger (Robert N. Brown), and Margaret Berger Bradley (David Bradley)

### MARC FRISCH

Husband of Betty, deceased, father of Shelly (Bill), Scott (Susan), and Hank (Marcella)

### NORMAN LANDAU

Father Lori Fox (Jeffrey) and Bruce Landau (Cecilia)

### ROBERT B. SANDERS

Husband of Linda Sanders, father of Dr. Laura Sanders (Dr. William Beam), Jacqueline Sanders and Betsy Gershaw (Geoffrey)

## Condolences

**Jill (Stephen) Cahn** on the loss of her mother, Elayne Rusnak

**Ilene (Gary) Kammer** on the loss of her daughter-in-law, Michelle Marie (Taylor) Benson

**Rich Levey (Karen)** on the loss of his brother, Gary Sheldon Levey

**Charles Rich (Sally)** on the loss of his brother-in-law, Charles Van Dyke

**Vladimir Vekstein (Kathy Marsh)** on the loss of his mother, Rashil Lobachevskaya

## Join the CMO Synagogue Volunteer Team!

We're building a safer, stronger community—and we invite you to be part of it!

Congregation Mishkan Or, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland Security team, is offering training for qualified volunteers to help enhance safety during our gatherings. Your eyes, ears, and presence can make a meaningful difference.

To learn more and RSVP, contact Jen Mendelson, Director of Operations, at [jmendelson@mishkanor.org](mailto:jmendelson@mishkanor.org) or 216-455-1720.

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## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### DROP IN CAFÉ

**Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm**

Our Drop-In Café for seniors will meet on Wednesdays, 2-3 pm through August and through September 17, when we will then take a little break for over the High Holy Days. No need to RSVP - just drop in!

### MACE ISLAMIC FOOD PANTRY

**Thursday, Aug. 28, 2:00-5:00 pm**

Help our neighbors at the MACE Islamic Center (26901 Chardon Road) by packing up food for their monthly food pantry. To help, contact Debby Kastner at [dwkastner@gmail.com](mailto:dwkastner@gmail.com).

### KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

**Sunday, September 14, 9:30-10:30 am**

An opportunity to volunteer with fellow Mishkan Or members at the Kosher Food Pantry (2004 S. Green Rd) to pack fresh, Kosher food for Jewish families struggling with food insecurity. This is a good volunteer opportunity for families with children 10 and above. To help, contact Carol Marshall at [nknewmansion@aol.com](mailto:nknewmansion@aol.com).

### HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE

**September 23 through October 19**

As is our tradition over the High Holy Days, we continue this important mitzvah of helping feed those in need.



Thank you to all our Caring Community volunteers, including those pictured who in July sorted items at Shoes and Clothes for Kids!