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A Message From Our Interim Senior Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Having grown up in the Cleveland area and having spent time in both of our legacy congregations, returning to serve as Interim Senior Rabbi at Congregation Mishkan Or feels both familiar and deeply meaningful. It is a privilege to support a community that shaped so much of my own Jewish life.

As many of you know, I have been consulting with CMO since October and recently completed an Organizational Diagnostic. In November, I shared the findings with lay leadership, staff, clergy, and the congregants who participated in the interviews (all of whom represented a diverse range of ages, background, opinions, and legacy congregation history). I am grateful for the openness and thoughtfulness that so many of you brought to those conversations. I was impressed with your talented staff and clergy, the integration work among auxiliary groups, the vibrancy of young families, the success of the High Holy Days, and the many strengths and assets that emerged.

I will be with CMO for the next six months. During that time, we will begin working together on several areas identified in the diagnostic and continue strengthening the foundation for the congregation's next chapter.

We have identified the following areas as growth opportunities:

- Strengthening and streamlining communication to and from members and among staff
- Clarifying who makes which decisions, and explaining the "why" when possible (aside from personnel or other confidential matters)
- Creating the groundwork for crystallizing CMO's identity
- Coming to terms with the ending of two historic legacy congregations

While the clergy share these priorities, our team has additional internal items on which to work. While *my* work will center on helping the congregation navigate the realities of compound transition, the rest of the clergy will remain fully engaged in life-cycle events and pastoral care.

In the coming months, I may ask for your partnership. In my short time with CMO, I can help identify areas for growth, establish priorities, and begin some of the work. Along with the next Senior Rabbi, you will be the ones to shape what CMO becomes.

In this brief but meaningful time together, I am committed to helping lay the groundwork so you can move confidently into your next chapter. To learn about me and Interim Rabbinate work, feel free to visit my website: rabbiberlin.org.

I look forward to meeting you in these coming months and working together,

Rabbi Andi Berlin
Aberlin@mishkanor.org



SERVICES and STUDY

Every Friday evening, led by our clergy, 6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service, in person or virtually, with connective 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." 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, or share a name for the Mi Shebeirach healing prayer, contact Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

Upcoming Special Services

Shabbat Service Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with Pastor Richard M. Gibson
Friday, January 16, 6:00 pm



Rev. Dr. Richard M. Gibson, Senior Pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church, will be our guest teacher for our Mishkan Or Shabbat Service as we honor the legacy of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Members of The Elizabeth Baptist Church community are invited and will join us at the service.

Pastor Gibson earned his law degree and MBA from Case Western Reserve University and was a member at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, which is where he entered the ministry. While he never intended to pastor, he began pastoring at Elizabeth Baptist Church more than 20 years ago. He recently led a November program at Mishkan Or featuring a dialogue, *Where Are We: Black Christians and American Jews*, which was an opportunity for us strengthen our interfaith bridges.

In a Western Reserve Historical Society article, he shared, "I should be doing all that I can do to help our people advance in their relationships with God and their relationships with our neighbors...In this position, I have to push in all of those areas. Some might view that as making history, but I view it as my calling, my responsibility."

This Shabbat gathering provides another chance to be inspired by Pastor Gibson's passion for building connections. The Elizabeth Baptist Church Praise Team Choir will be joining us for this Shabbat.

REPRO SHABBAT

Friday, February 13, 6:00 pm



Repro Shabbat is an annual Shabbat celebration that honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. It takes place annually on

Parshat Mishpatim, the reading which contains the verses commonly referenced as the foundation of Judaism's approach to reproductive health, rights, and justice. Join our clergy for this congregational Shabbat service honoring the sacredness of Shabbat and the importance of reproductive freedom.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY, Saturdays, 9:00 am

Join Rabbi Roger Klein with fellow Mishkan Or members in Torah Study, in person or livestream.

TUESDAY MORNING MINYAN, 9:15 am

Weekday morning Minyan led by Cantor Lapin, blending prayer, music and thoughtful reflection in a wonderful community, in the Chapel and livestream.

ADULT LEARNING and SHABBAT FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday Morning Zoom Learning

Judaism is About Love

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:00 am

Join Rabbi Caruso and others via Zoom for this series that focuses on Rabbi Shai Held's book, *Judaism is About Love: Reclaiming the Heart of Jewish Life*. RSVP for Zoom link to Nicole Donerson, Ndonerson@mishkanor.org.

To Be A Jew Today: Intergenerational Conversations About Jewish Identity

With Rabbis Roger Klein and Elle Muhlbaum

Wednesdays, January 14, February 18, 7:00-9:00 pm

Join our Rabbis and fellow Mishkan Or members for a thought-provoking discussion around Jewish identity that meets monthly, in person. RSVP to Cyndi Wilson, Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

Modern Jewish Thinkers

Every Other Monday, 4:00-5:00 pm

In this series, led by Rabbi Roger Klein, explore types of Modern Jewish Identity. RSVP to Cyndi Wilson, Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

Joyful Gatherings for Children



K-2 Shabbat Service

Fridays, January 9 and February 6

An engaging Shabbat opportunity for families with young children in K-2 and their siblings. Join us for snacks at 5:30 pm, a camp-style Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm, followed by a casual dinner and activities. *RSVP required to Staci Cohen, Assistant Director of Limmud, at Scohen@mishkanor.org, the Monday before each gathering.*

Tot Shabbat and Havdalah

Families with young children (0-6) are invited to special Shabbat opportunities each month with lively music, crafts and lots of fun!

- **Tot Shabbat**
Saturdays, January 10 and February 7, 11:00 am
- **Tot Havdalah**
Saturdays, January 25 and February 28, 4:00 pm

RSVP to Holly Green at Hgreen@mishkanor.org.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

L'chaim Through Time: A Spirited Journey into Israeli History Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 pm with Rabbi Yael Dadoun & Joe Naroditsky



Raise a glass—and your curiosity, as we travel back to the early 20th century to uncover hidden stories behind the birth of modern Israel. Together, we'll mix and sip special thematically inspired craft cocktails

(you'll make yourself!) while exploring who lived in the land, what languages they spoke, and what dreams shaped the Jewish state to come. This isn't your average history class—it's a night of discovery, and discussion. Come for the learning. Stay for laughter, and toast to the past that shaped our present. *To RSVP, visit our website calendar and click on February 4.*

Sip of the Land: An Israeli Wine Journey with Rabbi Dadoun

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 PM at Mishkan Or

Come curious and ready for a spirited journey through Israel's vines and stories! Join Rabbi Dadoun for an evening of exploration, connection, and taste as we journey through Israel—one glass at a time! Together with the Women of Mishkan Or and the Brotherhood, we'll travel from the vineyards of the Galilee to the hills of Judea, discovering how geography, landscape, and history shape the wines—and the people—of Israel.

As Passover approaches, this is the perfect opportunity to taste and choose the wines that will grace your seder table. From biblical roots to modern innovation, we'll sip our way through the unfolding story of our land and our people. *Note that participation in this wine event includes an \$18 fee. To register and pay online, visit our website, mishkanor.org, and click on March 11.*

Join us for a Theater Date for Suff's! Sunday, February 8, 1:00 pm



Congregation Mishkan Or is heading to Playhouse Square! On Sunday, February 8, join Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum and

other CMO friends for the 1 pm performance of *Suff's*, part of Playhouse Square's Broadway Series. The acclaimed Tony Award-winning musical *Suff's* is about the brilliant, passionate, and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote. Created by Shaina Taub, the first woman to ever independently win Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Score in the same season, this "thrilling, inspiring and dazzlingly entertaining" (*Variety*) new musical boldly explores the triumphs and failures of a struggle for equality that's far from over. Winner of the Outer Critics' Circle Award for Best New Musical. For details, reach out to Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

Sunday Morning Mahj Resumes in January

Sunday Morning Mahj sessions are returning in January on the Sundays when Limmud is in session. These mornings have been a wonderful opportunity for Limmud parents to come together, connect, and enjoy a little friendly competition. Others are also welcome. We look forward to welcoming everyone back! Sundays when Limmud is in session from 9:00 am-noon
January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22
(no session on March 1 due to Purim)
No reservations needed, just stop by in the Commons.

NEW – Mishkan Or Young Professionals

Our Mishkan Or Young Professionals group brings together community members and friends in their 20s and 30s! Open to everyone—no membership required—this welcoming community hosts social gatherings and events that foster friendship and meaningful connections. If you, your children, or grandchildren are interested in getting involved, reach out to mishkanoryp@gmail.com.

DROP-IN CAFES for SENIORS • WEDNESDAYS • 2:00-3:00 PM

Our weekly Senior Drop-in Cafes are an opportunity to chat and build connections with others. While most of our sessions are drop-in, we're asking for RSVPs for the two dates listed below to be sure we have enough seating. RSVP to Wendy at Wjacobson@mishkanor.org.

SPECIAL Drop-In Cafes

Wednesday, January 21, 2:00-3:00 pm

Come spend some time with Rabbi Andi Berlin, our Interim Senior Rabbi! Rabbi Berlin is inviting all temple members 60 years and older for a casual conversation about the work she is doing to help our congregation both heal from previous challenges and prepare for the next Senior Rabbi.

PURIM EDITION!

Wednesday, March 4, 2:00 pm

All seniors are invited to drop in for hamantaschen and conversation. Come celebrate the holiday with us! Fun hats are optional but welcome!



CARING COMMUNITY

Serve a Meal at the Transplant House of Cleveland Wednesday, January 14, 5:00 pm

The Transplant House provides affordable, temporary housing and a supportive community for organ transplant patients and their families. Our volunteers will each cook one part of a complete dinner in their own homes, then meet at the Transplant House to serve the meal along with some friendly conversation. Contact Maureen Ordman-Fike at rainslicktwo@yahoo.com

Community Kitchen Baking Thursday, February 12, 1:00 pm

Join us in the Mishkan Or kitchen and help bake cookies that will be delivered with our condolences to members who have lost a loved one. Contact Dede Young, dby806@gmail.com

MACE Islamic Food Pantry Thursday, February 26, 2:00-4:00 pm

Our members enjoy helping our Muslim neighbors distribute food from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Volunteers set up the food and pack bags for distribution. Contact Debby Kastner at dwkastner@gmail.com or Nate Jacobson at njacobson248@gmail.com

BROKEN UP, NOT BROKEN: COPING WITH DIVORCE

Join Barbara Feinberg, LISW-S, IMFT-S (Independent Marriage and Family Therapist), for a facilitated support group for members of Congregation Mishkan Or who are coping with divorce.

This group will meet on six consecutive Wednesdays at Mishkan Or beginning January 21. To learn more about this opportunity, including meeting times, please contact Barbara at barbfein@icloud.com.

EXPLORING FAMILY ROOTS AND JEWISH HISTORY IN EASTERN EUROPE - ENCORE!

If you missed the two-part series last fall with Cantor Kathy & Rommie Sebo chronicling their travels through Eastern Europe during Cantor Sebo's sabbatical, they are offering an encore presentation.



Join them as they share *Journey to the Past: Exploring Family Roots and Jewish History in Eastern Europe*, a two-part presentation, **Sunday, February 8 (Germany and Poland) and February 22 (Hungary and Czech Republic), 10:00 am-noon.** To plan seating and refreshments accordingly, please RSVP to form found on our website on calendar date.

LIMMUD

The first half of our Limmud program has been truly wonderful and rewarding, enriched by our exceptional students and their enthusiasm for learning.



In Limmud, our learners practiced Israeli Dance...



Fifth graders worked on mitzvah projects with their families...

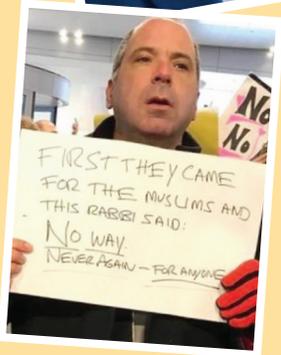


Teens prepared lunches for the homeless...



and second graders learned more about Chanukah.

Shalom Rav: Rabbi Rob Nosanchuk



Dear Congregation Mishkan Or,

I'm deeply grateful for the recent Shabbat honoring my retirement and ritualizing my stepping down from the pulpit after leading worship with our clergy "one last time." I feel honored to be of counsel to Mishkan Or beginning January 1, 2026, as Founding Rabbi Emeritus, and I hope you will join me in supporting the important work ahead of Interim Senior Rabbi Andi Berlin and a future Senior clergy leader to lead our team and work closely with our dedicated staff when the search team completes its work. My wife Joanie Berger joins me in wishing you a happy and prosperous 2026, a year in which we recognize opportunities to make the world more just and kind because we are alive to do so.

L'shalom al Yisrael,

Robert A. Nosanchuk (pronouns: he/him)
Rnosanchuk@mishkanor.org
Founding Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Mishkan Or



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 26, 2026,
for a spring gathering
celebrating Rabbi Nosanchuk
with widely-acclaimed Jewish
rock musician, Dan Nichols.

MISHKAN OR GROUPS

Women of Mishkan Or

Rosh Chodesh

Tuesdays, January 13 and February 17, 7-8:30 pm

Join the Women of Mishkan Or and Rabbi Dadoun as we focus on Rosh Chodesh, a beautiful Jewish ritual that presents an opportunity for women to gather, spend quality time together and study. RSVP to Jchirshon@gmail.com and use "Rosh Chodesh" in the subject line.

Women in History

Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 pm at Mishkan Or

Come learn more about from a performer from the Women in History program. You'll think you're hearing from the real Julia Child. RSVP to Janice at jchirshon@gmail.com and enter "Women in History" on the subject line.

Cookie Decorating Fun, While Raising Funds Date to be announced

Have fun with WMO and help others! The Women Of Mishkan Or are planning an intergenerational fundraising event to celebrate TuBishvat in February with Luna Bakery at Congregation Mishkan Or. Bring your children or grandchildren and learn how to decorate cookies and then take them home. Funds raised will support WMO's mitzvah projects. For date and to RSVP, contact Ann Markoff at 440-376-5549 or Susan Shapiro at 216-374-6626.

Zoom Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 6, 4:00 pm

I Was Anastasia by Ariel Lawhon

Tuesday, February 3, 4:00 pm

The Stolen Life of Collette Marceau by Kristin Harmel

Zoom Movie Discussion

Tuesday, January 27, 4:00 pm

The group will talk about *The Half of It* available on Netflix.

To RSVP for these virtual discussions, email jchirshon@gmail.com and enter "Book Discussion" or "Movie Discussion" on the subject line.

ONGOING MITZVAH PROJECTS

Hello Dolly Factory

The doll makers will welcome you Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am.

Alphabet Book

Our WMO members and Women from Presbyterian Church will gather on Wednesday morning, January 21, 9:30-11:30 am, create Touch and Tell Alphabet Books for children with visual impairments.

Sunday Morning Mitzvah

January 25, 9:30-11:30 am, to create vest packets, Touch and Tell Alphabet Books and/or blankets.

Questions? For dolls, Debbie Lavin, 216-970-5901, vests, Laurenda Messer, 216-371-0298, Touch and Tell books and blankets, Phyllis Berlas, 216-381-8738.



WMO celebrated its membership recently with a reception and tour of the Maltz Museum's new installation *El Sueno Americano-The American Dream* exhibit. Almost 70 members and friends celebrated with festive decor, food, and an opportunity to meet new friends.

Brotherhood of Mishkan Or



Brotherhood of Mishkan Or distributed Chanukah Menorahs and candles to CMO Limmud students. Pictured here left to right are brotherhood members Paul Sobel, Barry Jacobs, Dave Michel, and Scott Kulkin.

TASTE OF EDEN Community Program

Tu Bishrat Seder with Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

World-Renowned Advocate for Animals, the Earth and Social Justice

Sunday, February 1, 5:30 pm

at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation. Event is co-sponsored by Congregation Mishkan Or.



Rabbi Yanklowitz serves as president and dean of Valley Beit Midrash, a national center for pluralistic Jewish learning and leadership and has authored 30 books on Jewish ethics. Join Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo who will be present at the program.

\$18 per person, heavy appetizers included.

Register here: bnajeshurun.org/event/tubshvat2026

MISHKAN ARTS

HARTZMARK LIBRARY

Book Discussions, in person and via Zoom

Sunday, January 11, 3:00-4:30 pm

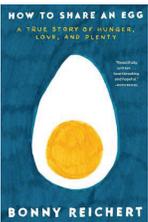
Book Group & Tikkun Olam Group discussion of *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray



This historical novel is about one of the key figures in the Harlem Renaissance, the cultural explosion in African-American literature, art, music, fashion, theatre, and politics in the early decades of the 20th century.

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00-2:30 pm

Book Group discussion of *How to Share an Egg: A True Story of Hunger, Love, and Plenty* by Bonny Reichert



Leah Weiss Caruso leads a discussion of this beautiful memoir of family, survival, and food. Author Bonny Reichert avoided everything to do with the Holocaust until she found herself, in midlife, suddenly typing those words into an article she was writing. The journalist had grown up hearing stories about her father's near-starvation and ultimate survival in

Auschwitz-Birkenau, but she never imagined she would be able to face this epic legacy head-on.

For information and Zoom links, email our librarian Jane Rothstein at JRothstein@MishkanOr.org or call (216) 455-1724.

Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland Meeting and Presentation

Wednesdays, January 7, 7-8:30pm, Feb. 8, 3-4:30 pm

In-person at CMO and via Zoom. Free and open to all. For more information: president@jgscleveland.org, to register: jgscleveland.org/events.

HARTZMARK GALLERY



Art Talk:

Scandals, Secrets, and Struggles of Moshe Gershuni with Katya Oicherman, Ph.D.

Sunday, January 11, 1:00 pm

Moshe Gershuni was a truly “stiff-necked” individual and artist. From early 1970s he expressed ideas that went against the grain of the Israeli political and cultural establishment. When in 1980s he broke through on the international art scene, his life became especially turbulent and open to public judgement, a development that culminated in his nomination for and disqualification from the Israeli Prize for painting in 2003. To register, email Koicherman@mishkanor.org or call 216-455-1697.

There are many other community programs of note around the Gershuni exhibitions, several which feature our Museum Director Katya Oicherman. To learn more, visit the Museum page on our website (mishkanor.org) under Arts & Culture.

Gallery Tours

Sunday, January 25, 1:00 pm

Sunday, February 22, 1:00 pm

Tours are led by Marjorie Moskovitz Kanfer, and our Museum Director Katya Oicherman.

Registration requested to Koicherman@mishkanor.org.

POETRY THURSDAYS

Rabbi Roger Klein leads Zoom discussions about different poetry selections each week. Join the discussion by emailing Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

Texas Hold'em Fundraiser

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Try your luck and have some fun at our annual Texas Hold'em Tournament! Open to all members – Come have some fun, meet new friends, and help raise funds for Mishkan Or.

6:00 pm Registration Opens, Dinner/Snacks/Beverages served.

7:00 pm Tournament begins!

\$118 per person buy-in, with two \$50 rebuys
Minimum age for all players is 21 years old

Questions? Email Adam Young at apyoung820@gmail.com

To register, visit our website's (mishkanor.org) calendar and click on March 4.



Senior Rabbinic Search Update

Dear CMO Community,

As we continue our search for the next Senior Rabbi of Congregation Mishkan Or, we wanted to share more about the thoughtful, deliberate and comprehensive interview process guiding our work.

Much like a “rolling admissions” model used in college admissions, rabbinic candidates apply and move through our process on an ongoing basis rather than at a single fixed deadline. We are working closely with our advisors at the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) to ensure that our approach is both rigorous and in line with best practices.

We posted our application in August and are pleased with the strong feedback we are receiving both in the quality of the applicants themselves and the compelling profile of our congregation projects. Candidates have been applying via the online portal run by CCAR since the day after our application was posted. Our goal is to evaluate every candidate with fairness, consistency, and depth so that we ultimately welcome a leader who embodies our shared values and vision.

To read this full letter about the process, please visit our website: mishkanor.org/about/senior-rabbinic-search-update/

With appreciation,
Debra Mayers Hollander and Eric Silver
Senior Rabbinic Search Committee Co-Chairs

Mazel Tov!



Alison & Michael Arkin

on the engagement of their daughter, Monica Arkin, to Adam Ruben.

Susan & Steven Goldberg

on the marriage of their son, Eric Goldberg, to Keren Khromchenko.

Nancy Schwartz Katz & Jordan Katz

on the engagement of their daughter, and **Larry & Karen Katz** and **Ilene Schwartz** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Charna Katz, to Thaddeus Barnette.

Ann & Mike Markoff

on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Scott Markoff, son of Mara and Evan Markoff.

Amy & Marc Morgenstern

on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Morgenstern, to William Garneau.

Marcy & Eric Silver

on the birth of their grandson, Hayes Palmer Wetzel, son of Lindsay Silver & Alex Wetzel.

Barb Smith

on the birth of her grandson, Hayden James Callahan, son of Kimberly & Patrick Callahan.

Mazel Tov to our Mishkan Or staff members:

Matt LeFleur, Tali Geffen and Kristi Merryman, who have recently moved on from their roles. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and the many ways they contributed to our community during their time with us.

B'nei Mitzvah



SYLVIA MEYER
January 17
Child of
Brad and
Beth Meyer



ARABELLA WEINER
January 31
Child of
Michael and
Danielle Weiner



GRAYCEN SCHWARTZ
February 7
Child of Caroline
and Chris Schwartz



ELLIE FIALA
February 7
Child of
Katie and
Michael Fiala



LILA RUBINSTEIN
February 21
Child of
Elisa Karp and
Jordan Rubinstein



AYA BALKAN
February 28
Child of
Mirit and Yaron
Balkan



TALYA PHILLIPS
February 28
Child of
Courtney and
Segev Phillips

Each B'nei Mitzvah Student is gifted a Mishkan T'filah prayerbook, a gift of the Esther and Oscar Adelman/ Margaret and Justin Spiegle Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund, along with other gifts.

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.



In Memoriam

JEAN HOLLAND FOXMAN

Wife of David Foxman (deceased) mother of Ethan (Ellen) Foxman, Susan Foxman (Scott Aikin), and the late Megan.

LOIS FOXMAN

Wife of Julius Foxman (deceased), mother of Michael (Valerie) Foxman and Jill (Bob) Staubitz.

HERBERT IRA GOULDER

Husband of Terry Kochman Goulder (deceased), father of Laura, Eric (Dana), Sara, and Steven (Sasha).

CHARLES GROVER

Son of Candy and Brent Grover, brother of Robert (Angel) and Jacob (Blake); his sister, Carlton (David Hekel).

PHYLLIS G. KOZOKOFF

Wife of Dr. Norman J. Kozokoff (deceased), mother of Sally K. Hirsh (Alan) and Neil J. Kozokoff.

MARSHALL NURENBERG

Husband of the late Susan Nurenberg and Joanne Klein, father of Lory (Frank Hall) Nurenberg and Steven (Dianne Stevens) Nurenberg.

DAVID L. POLK

Husband of Nancy Polk, father of Melani (Kevin) Polk, Matthew (Devin Keudell) Polk, Amy (Chris) Soranno, and Brian (Jennifer) Schultz.

DOROTHY SCHECHTER

Wife of Herbert (deceased), mother of Barbara, Richard, and Roy (Kathleen).

DR. MELVIN SHAFRON

Husband of Maude Shafron, father of, Steve (Edie), David (Debbie), and Karen Ellis (David).

REBECCA ELANA SILVER

Daughter of Suzanne and Harry Silver, sister of Lisa (Josh) Birnbaum and Amy (Jason Orlovich) Silver.

WILL SUKENIK

Husband of Jan Sukenik (deceased), father of Ellen and Joanne.

Condolences

Myrna Arlen (Kurt) Bloch on the loss of her son, Mark Arlen.

Eva (Zoldessy) Bergsman (Jeffrey Adam Bergsman) on the loss of her father, Brian Zoldessy.

Joy (Sandy) Fox on the loss of her mother, Adelle Fox-Davis.

Roslyn (Ted) Friedman on the loss of her mother, Anne Pearl Rzepka.

Gloria & Michael Grischkan on the loss of their son-in-law, Bernard Gordon (Jennifer Gordon).

Todd Lebowitz (Lisa) on the loss of his mother, Paulette Lebowitz.

Jennifer Mandel and Stuart Sokolsky on the loss of their daughter, Sarabeth Sokolsky

Michael (Lindsay) Walker on the loss of his father, Danny Odell Walker.

Molly Zeiger (Matt) on the loss of her father, John Charles "Jack" Bublik.

You
make
us...

STRONGER TOGETHER Annual Appeal

Thank you to the generous donors who have already contributed to our **Stronger Together annual appeal**. Because of your commitment and belief in our mission, we are now more than halfway toward our goal. Your support is already making a profound impact—strengthening our programs, sustaining our community, & ensuring that Mishkan Or continues to shine as a place of meaning, belonging, & connection.

We are halfway there, and **every gift brings us closer** to reaching our goal.

Thank you for helping us remain truly **Stronger Together**.

GIFTS JULY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SACRED LEADERSHIP

Rabbi Andi Berlin & Jon Berlin
Rabbi Richard & Susie Block
Rabbi Joshua Caruso &
Leah Weiss Caruso
Rabbi Yael Dadoun &
Joe Naroditsky
Rabbi Roger C. Klein &
Jacqi Loewy
Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum &
Cantor Vladimir Lapin
Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk &
Joanie Berger
Cantor Sarah Sager
Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo &
Rommie Sebo

OR L'OLAM – \$20,000+

“Light of the World” — Visionary, community-impacting leadership.

Gloria Fine
Roy Minoff
Jan & Will Sukenik*

OR SHALOM – \$10,000+

“Light of Peace” — Creates a sanctuary of peace—offering comfort, connection, and a sense of home for all who enter.

Nancy Adams
Barry & Laura Axelrod
Robert & JoAnn Glick
Lynn & Bruce Goodman
Kenneth & Carol Hochman
Peter & Julie Raskind
Amy & Mike Southard
Ed & Gail Weintraub

OR L'DOROT – \$5,000+

“Light for Generations” — Support that passes from one generation to the next.

Richard & Sharon Berger
Arthur & Terri Berk
Robert Elson & Jane Joseph
Michael & Julie Frayman
John & Peggy Garson
Patricia Inglis
Ira & Amy Kaplan
Michele Krantz
Morton & Judith Levin
Keith & Nancy Libman
Larrie & Amy Nadler
Marjorie & Arthur Newman
Scott & Cindy Polster
Naomi & Edwin Singer
Endowment Fund
Vivian & David Singer
Jordan & Jeanne Tobin
Stanley & Sally Wertheim

OR HALEV – \$3,600+

“Light of the Heart” — Nurtures the spiritual and emotional core of our community.

Gregory & Shelley Marcus
Alan & Marjorie Shapiro

OR LA'AM – \$2,500+

“Light to the People” — Empowers and illuminates the broader community.

Peter & Tamar Brosse
Judith & Howard Danzinger
Michael & Terri Davis
Irwin Dinn & Eileen Erlanger Dinn
Marcel & Jacquelyn Duhamel
Bernard & Susan Goodman
Iris Greene
Jason & Debra Hollander
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By supporting our **Stronger Together Annual Appeal**, you help ensure that Mishkan Or remains vibrant and strong for everyone who turns to it—now and in the year ahead. When each of us contributes what we can, we lift the whole community.

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On December 6, more than 400 parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends joined together across generations to celebrate our incredible first graders in prayer, song, and celebration.



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