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The High Holy Days Are Here

Beginning at sundown on Friday, September 11, we enter the month of Tishrei and the Yamim Nor'aim – the 10 Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This sacred season invites us to pause, reflect, and ask the deepest questions about who we are, who we have been, and who we hope to become.

In *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*, Rabbi Alan Lew (z"l) calls the High Holy Days "a deep dream of human existence." He beautifully describes this season as a journey "from denial to awareness, from self-deception to judgment… to renewal." It is an invitation to awaken—to ourselves, to one another, and to God.

Rosh Hashanah opens the door to new beginnings, reminding us that change is always possible. As Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky and Rabbi Rachel T. Sabath write in *Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days*, "As we continue our journey toward wholeness and healing, we need to remember to forgive ourselves along the way." That journey culminates on Yom Kippur, when we gather in honesty and hope, trusting that repentance, forgiveness, and renewal remain within reach.

We invite you to join us for this sacred journey. Whether these Holy Days are familiar or new to you, may they inspire reflection, connection, and a meaningful beginning to the year ahead.

~ The Congregation Mishkan Or Clergy



Mariana Edelman Photography & Design







This summer, we had several popular gatherings at Congregation Mishkan Or to play Mah Jongg, a four-player tile game where the goal is to match your tiles to a specific winning hand using the official annual scorecard, wild jokers, and a unique tile-passing phase called the Charleston. Mah Jongg has long been a beloved part of Jewish communal life, bringing generations together around the table for friendship, laughter, and a little friendly competition.

May the winds be ever in your favor!

S'LICHOT - PRAYERS OF FORGIVENESS

Join us for a meaningful and memorable evening as we prepare ourselves for the holiest days of the year.

Saturday Evening, September 5, 2026

7:00 pm - The Jews of Greece: A Multimedia Journey

Join Cantor Kathy and Rommie Sebo for *The Jews of Greece*, a captivating multimedia presentation inspired by Cantor Sebo's sabbatical travels throughout Greece this past spring.

Together, they will share the rich history, vibrant culture, and enduring legacy of Jewish life in Greece, a story that spans more than 2,000 years. Through photographs, videos, personal reflections, and historical insights, attendees will explore the beauty, resilience, and majesty of Greece's Jewish communities and the unforgettable experiences that brought this remarkable heritage to life.





8:15 pm - Dessert Reception

8:45 pm - S'lichot - Prayers of Forgiveness

Cantor Vladimir Lapin and Cantor Sebo, accompanied by William "Bill" Toler, will guide our congregation in the S'lichot service and the ceremonial changing of our Torah covers. The stirring and evocative melodies of S'lichot will inspire our hearts and souls as we begin our spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe.

WEEKLY STUDIES & TORAH STUDY



Erev Shabbat Service every Friday evening at 6:00 pm
We warmly invite you to join us for Erev Shabbat services, led by our clergy. Gather with us in person or tune in from wherever you are for an experience filled with meaningful prayers, inspiring teachings, and uplifting music.

You can join the livestream by visiting mishkanor.org, following us on Facebook, or watching on the YouTube app or your smart TV by searching "mishkanor."

If you would like our clergy to read the name of someone for a yahrzeit or recent loss or include a name in the Mi Shebeirach prayer for healing, please reach out to Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study, 9:00 am
Join our clergy and fellow members, in person and livestream.

Tuesday Morning Minyan, 9:15 am
Weekday morning Minyan blends prayer, music, and thoughtful reflection in a wonderful community, in the Chapel and livestream.

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 am
Simchat Torah/Yizkor Shabbat Morning Community Service
Join us for our monthly Community Shabbat Morning Service as we pray, learn, and celebrate Shabbat together, followed by a festive community luncheon.

Friday, October 9, 6:00 pm
Shabbat B'Yachad
Come sing, pray, and welcome Shabbat together at Shabbat B'Yachad, our music-filled intergenerational Shabbat service.

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Important Contact Information:

- High Holy Days email: hhd@mishkanor.org
- High Holy Days Help Hotline: 216-455-6054

High Holy Days Central

- Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm
- Friday, 9 am-3 pm & 5-7 pm

High Holy Days packets, including tickets and security badges, may be picked up in the chapel corridor at Congregation Mishkan Or.

High Holy Days Pocket Guide

Scan the QR code to get a pocket guide with important dates, times, and locations.

High Holy Days: A Quick Guide

Scan the QR code to get access to info about the holidays, as well as common FAQs.

Key Changes for This Year

- The Yom Kippur Yizkor service in the Silver Sanctuary at MPAC (September 21) **will be at 1:00 pm**—earlier than in previous years—and will follow Yom Kippur morning worship in the Silver Sanctuary.
- On Rosh Hashanah, Day II (Sept. 13th), we're hosting a family day at Camp Wise. In this intergenerational celebration, we'll mark the new year together under an open sky.
- There will be **two Family Services** held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings: one at 10:00 am and a second identical service at 11:30 am. You will have the option of attending one of the services.
- We will be offering **bus services** at prescheduled times between the Beachwood and University Circle locations.

*(Note, clergy leaders are listed with each service; those marked with an * will be preaching.)*

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 11

IN BEACHWOOD
at Congregation Mishkan Or
6:00 pm - Chapel Evening Service (Chapel)
An Inspirational Beginning: As the sun sets and the New Year begins, we gather in sacred community to welcome Rosh Hashanah with awe, reflection, and hope. Familiar melodies and thoughtful teaching will help us take our first sacred steps into 5787.
Rabbi Muhlbaum and Musician Eric Golovan*

7:30 pm - Sanctuary Evening Service (Sanctuary)
Welcome the New Year together in our Beachwood Sanctuary. Beloved prayers, uplifting music, and meaningful reflection invite us to reconnect and enter the Days of Awe as one community.
Rabbi Dadoun and Cantor Sebo*

SILVER SANCTUARY
at the Maltz Performing Arts Center
7:30 pm - Evening Service
Bring an open heart to the beautiful Silver Sanctuary as we welcome 5787. Through prayer, song, and teaching, we turn toward the year ahead with renewed purpose and hope.
Rabbi Caruso, Rabbi Klein, and Cantor Lapin*

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I

Saturday, September 12

IN BEACHWOOD at Congregation Mishkan Or
9:00 am - Tot Service (Sanctuary)
A Fun and Connective Celebration: Created especially for young children and the grown-ups who love them, this joyful service brings Rosh Hashanah to life through music, movement, stories, and age-appropriate prayer. *Rabbi Dadoun and Cantor Lapin*

10:00 -11:00 am - Family Services I (Sanctuary)
11:30 - 12:30 am - Family Services II (Sanctuary)
Note: This is the same service offered at two different times.
These family-centered services offer an accessible and engaging way to experience Rosh Hashanah through music, story, prayer, and reflection. *Rabbi Caruso, Musician Eric Golovan, and Limmud Song Leaders*

10:15 am - Social Hall/Atrium Morning Service
(Noll Family Social Hall/Charles & Marjorie Evans Atrium)
Rooted in the machzor and brought to life through choir and musicians, this service creates a warm, participatory atmosphere for prayer and shared community. *Rabbi Dadoun*, Cantor Lapin, Choir, and Musicians*

10:30 am - Chapel Morning Service (Chapel)
A reflective service featuring inspired liturgy, beloved melodies, and the High Holy Days Vocal Quartet. *Rabbi Klein*, Cantor Sager, and the High Holy Days Vocal Quartet*

SILVER SANCTUARY at the Maltz Performing Arts Center
10:30 am - Morning Service
Majestic congregational worship featuring inspiring prayer, meaningful teaching, and the full sound of the High Holy Days Choir. *Rabbi Muhlbaum*, Cantor Sebo, and the High Holy Days Choir*

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TASHLICH

Saturday, September 12

3:30 pm - Tashlich (Edgewater Beach)
Join us along Lake Erie for a meaningful ritual of release and renewal as we name what we are ready to leave behind and open ourselves to a new beginning.
CMO Clergy Team

ROSH HASHANAH DAY II

Sunday, September 13

IN BEACHWOOD at Congregation Mishkan Or
10:30 am - Morning Service (Chapel)
This year, we're taking the second day of Rosh Hashanah outdoors for an intergenerational celebration at Camp Wise — a day for everyone, young children, teens, parents, and grandparents alike.
Rabbi Klein, Rabbi Caruso, and Cantor Sebo*

KEVER DOROT

Sunday, September 13

3:30 pm - Kever Dorot (Mayfield Cemetery)
Gather to remember the people whose lives continue to shape our own. Through prayer and reflection, we honor beloved family members and ancestors during this sacred season. *Rabbi Caruso, Rabbi Klein, and Cantor Lapin*

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 20

IN BEACHWOOD at Congregation Mishkan Or
6:00 pm - Teen-Led Kol Nidre Service (Chapel)
A Meaningful Beginning Led by Our Teens
Our teens help lead the community into Yom Kippur through prayer, music, and reflection, offering an accessible encounter with forgiveness, responsibility, and return. *Rabbi Dadoun* and Teen Singers*

6:00 pm - Evening Service I (Sanctuary)
The haunting beauty of Kol Nidre, familiar liturgy, and the full sound of the choir create a majestic and reflective beginning to Yom Kippur.*Rabbi Klein*, Rabbi Muhlbaum, Cantor Lapin, and Choir*

8:00 pm - Evening Service II (Sanctuary)
The haunting beauty of Kol Nidre, familiar liturgy, and the full sound of the choir create a majestic and reflective beginning to Yom Kippur. *Rabbi Muhlbaum*, Rabbi Klein, Cantor Lapin, and Choir*

SILVER SANCTUARY
at the Maltz Performing Arts Center
7:30 pm - Evening Service
Gather in the Silver Sanctuary for Kol Nidre, stirring music, and thoughtful teaching as we begin the sacred work of teshuvah together.
Rabbi Caruso, Rabbi Dadoun, Cantor Sebo, and Choir*

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 21

Congregation Mishkan Or members may participate in Yom Kippur offerings throughout the day at both CMO campuses.

IN BEACHWOOD at Congregation Mishkan Or
9:00 am - Tot Service (Sanctuary)
A Gentle and Connective Celebration
Young children and their grown-ups explore Yom Kippur through music, stories, movement, and age-appropriate prayer. *Rabbi Muhlbaum and Cantor Sebo*

10:00 am - Family Services I (Sanctuary)
11:30 am - Family Services II (Sanctuary)
Note: This is the same service offered at two different times.
These intergenerational services make space for reflection, honesty, and hope through engaging music, meaningful prayer, and teaching. *Rabbi Dadoun*, Eric Golovan, and Limmud Song Leaders*

10:15 am - Social Hall/Atrium Morning Service
(Noll Family Social Hall/Charles & Marjorie Evans Atrium)
Choir and musicians create a spiritually alive setting for sacred text, communal singing, and personal reflection.
Rabbi Muhlbaum, Cantor Lapin, Choir, and Musicians*

10:30 am - Chapel Morning Service (Chapel)
The Chapel offers an ideal setting for confession, self-examination, and the possibility of meaningful change. *Rabbi Caruso*, Cantor Sager, and the High Holy Days Vocal Quartet*

1:00 pm - Yizkor: A Sacred Time of Remembrance
(Sanctuary)
Through prayer, music, and quiet reflection, we remember those we have loved and lost and honor the bonds that endure. *Cantor Sager* and Cantor Lapin*

SILVER SANCTUARY
at the Maltz Performing Arts Center
9:00 am - Text Study
Begin the day in conversation with Jewish text and tradition, inviting questions, interpretation, and deeper engagement. *Rabbi Klein*

10:30 am - Morning Service
Gather for inspiring worship shaped by powerful liturgy, beloved music, and the voices of the choir.
Rabbi Klein, Cantor Sebo, and Choir*

1:00 pm - Yizkor: A Sacred Time of Remembrance
Through prayer, music, and reflection, we honor those who have died and carry their love and influence forward.
Rabbi Block and Cantor Sebo*

Yom Kippur at the Silver Sanctuary at the Maltz Performing Arts Center, Continued

2:15 pm - Social Action Lecture
Connect the moral urgency of Yom Kippur with the work of building a more just and compassionate community. P*atrick Kearns of Re:Source Cleveland*



Patrick Kearns is the Executive Director of *Re:Source Cleveland*, a nonprofit providing a wide range of services to over 4,000 newcomers to Cuyahoga County annually. Since taking the helm in 2016, he has led the organization through significant growth, with programs spanning direct services to teens and young adults, wraparound family support, and the social enterprise Ohio City Farm.

3:15 pm - Music Meditation

Rabbi Roger Klein will introduce a special musical meditation featuring Cleveland Orchestra members Amy Lee (Associate Concertmaster, Violin) and Frank Rosenwein (Principal Oboe), joined by Alexandre Marr on piano.

Through music and reflection, this will offer a meaningful meditation during Yom Kippur afternoon.



Amy Lee



Frank Rosenwein

4:15 pm - Afternoon Service
As the afternoon unfolds, we return to accountability, compassion, and teshuvah through prayer and teaching. *Rabbi Dadoun*, Rabbi Block, Rabbi Caruso, Rabbi Klein, Rabbi Muhlbaum, Cantor Lapin, Cantor Sager, and Cantor Sebo*

5:30 pm - Ne'ilah and Havdalah
As the gates symbolically begin to close, our community gathers for the final prayers, the sounding of the shofar, and Havdalah, entering the New Year with hope and renewed commitment. *Rabbi Block, Rabbi Caruso, Rabbi Dadoun, Rabbi Klein, Rabbi Muhlbaum, Cantor Lapin, Cantor Sager, and Cantor Sebo*

SUKKOT, SH'MINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

SUKKOT - Friday, September 25, 2026 - Friday, October 2, 2026

Sukkot is one of the most joyful festivals on the Jewish calendar. “Sukkot,” a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. The holiday has also come to commemorate the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai.

Erev Sukkot - **Friday, September 25, 6:00 pm -** Sukkot will be observed as part of the weekly Shabbat evening service.

Sukkah Hop—Open Your Sukkah to Our CMO Community! - Sunday, September 27, 3:30 pm - This Sukkot, Congregation Mishkan Or is hosting a Sukkah Hop—an opportunity for members to visit one another's sukkot.

Are you building a sukkah at your home this year? We'd love to include yours! Hosts will welcome a small group for a short visit on Sukkot, September 27, at 3:30 pm, sharing a bit about their sukkah and its story.

Interested in opening your sukkah? Contact Cassie Morris at Cmorris@mishkanor.org.

TOT SIMCHAT TORAH - Friday, October 2, 5:00-6:00 pm - Before our Friday service, we will host a DJ dance party with Torahs. Snacks will be available starting at 5. The gathering will begin at 5:30 with dancing, with pizza to follow. All of the clergy will join the 6 pm service afterward!

THE MEGILLAH SERIES

Join Rabbi Muhlbaum throughout the year as we explore the Five Megillot—the biblical books that accompany the rhythm of the Jewish calendar. Each gathering will delve into the unique story, themes, and enduring wisdom of one megillah, uncovering connections between these ancient texts and our lives today.

Whether you're a longtime student of sacred texts or simply curious to learn more, this series offers a welcoming opportunity to study, ask questions, and experience the richness of our tradition together.

Kohelet/Ecclesiastes (Sukkot) - **Sunday, September 27th, 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn**

SH'MINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 2, 2026 - Saturday, October 3, 2026

- **Erev Simchat Torah - Friday, October 2, 6 pm**: Sukkot, Sh’mini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
- **Simchat Torah/Yizkor Shabbat morning community service - Saturday, October 3, 10:30 am**

NEW GATHERINGS

GCC Judge Candidate Action: Focusing on Pretrial Justice

Over two out of three people in our jail aren't serving a sentence—they're in jail awaiting trial because they can't afford bond.

Join Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) to learn about November's Common Pleas Court candidates—the judges who will preside over felony cases—and the issues people face after arrest, then let judges know we want fairness.

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Location: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland, 21600 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122

Gen X Adult Sukkot Havdalah at the Temple

Saturday, September 26, 8:00 pm - Join us in the sukkah for dessert and music. More details and instructions about how to RSVP to follow!

Alzheimer's Walk

Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
Entry at 7:30 am | Ceremony at 8:45 am | Walk at 9:00 am
Join the Gen X group for the Alzheimer's Walk.
You can sign up with our team: "Team Gen X of Mishkan Or."

The Power of Knowing: Breast Health Conversations

Join the Cleveland Clinic and Women of Mishkan Or for an engaging panel discussion focused on early detection, genetic testing, and empowerment. Hear from medical specialists and inspiring survivors who share their personal journeys.

Registration will begin soon. More details to follow.

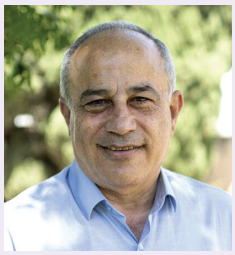
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2026
Time: 9:45 am – 11:45 pm
Location: Congregation Mishkan Or

Poetry Thursdays

4:00 pm via Zoom with Rabbi Klein
To register and receive the Zoom link, email Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

SEPTEMBER 4 VISIT: MOHAMMAD DARAWSHE

Board Member,
Director of Strategy - Givat Haviva



Mohammad Darawshe is an Arab Israeli who is the Director of Strategy at the Center for Shared Society at Givat Haviva. He holds a master's degree in Peace and Conflict Management from Haifa University, and is a Robert Bosch Academy Fellow and faculty member at the Hartman Institute. Previously worked as co-director of The Abraham Initiatives, elections campaign manager at the Democratic Arab Party and United Arab List, and was a leadership fellow at the New Israel Fund.

What does it mean to be Israeli today, and how have these events changed the way different communities see one another and the country they share?

Join us for a timely discussion exploring how Israel is changing and why those changes matter far beyond its borders.

Friday, September 4, immediately after Shabbat services

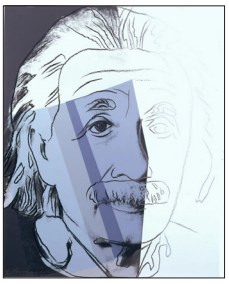
URJ Biennial

Philadelphia, PA | December 10-13, 2026
This December marks the return of the URJ Biennial, the Reform Movement's largest gathering, for the first time in seven years. Thousands of congregants, clergy, educators, musicians, and lay leaders from across North America will come together for worship, learning, music, and celebration.

Congregation Mishkan Or is honored to be represented on this national stage as Cantor Vladimir Lapin has been invited to help lead the Saturday morning Shabbat service (December 12th)—one of the Biennial's signature worship experiences. This invitation reflects both Cantor Lapin's leadership and the growing prominence of Congregation Mishkan Or within the Reform Movement.

Interested in attending the URJ Biennial and riding with fellow CMO members? We're organizing a group to go to Philadelphia. Email Cantor Lapin at VLapin@mishkanor.org to let him know if you'd like to take part!

HARTZMARK GALLERY: MISHKAN OR MUSEUM





Andy Warhol: Ten Portraits of Jews of the Twentieth Century

New exhibition, Chapel Corridor, August 2026-June 2027

Ten formidable portraits of ten formidable people: Andy Warhol's 1980 iconic series brings together some of the most influential Jewish figures of the last century, from Albert Einstein to the Marx Brothers. These portraits invite us to reflect on identity, legacy, and cultural impact through Warhol's unmistakable pop art lens.

Anatoly Kaplan: The Enchanted Tailor

Exhibition, Hartzmark Gallery, until October 11, 2026





Mishkan Or Museum is proud to present the extraordinary art of Anatoly Kaplan (1901-1980), one of the most important graphic artists and illustrators of Soviet Russia. *The Enchanted Tailor* is a series of lithographs created in the 1950s in the Soviet Union based on the story by Sholem Aleichem written in 1901. The series was a rare occurrence of Jewish culture openly presented to Soviet audiences. Through their magical beauty, the images elevate the absurdist humor of Sholem Aleichem's characters, while also subtly injecting a critique of Soviet reality under the radar of censorship. Hurry! Come see this exhibit while you can.

Mishkan Or Gallery at the Maltz Museum

Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 am-5:00 pm
2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood

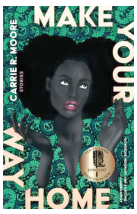
Explore the beautiful display of CMO collection highlights, including extraordinary ritual objects and fine art. Congregants enjoy free entry to our gallery!

To book free special tours to the Hartzmark Gallery or the CMO Gallery at the Maltz Museum, contact Museum Director, Katya Oicherman: museum@mishkanor.org.

HARTZMARK LIBRARY

Library Book Group

The Library Book Group will be on hiatus in September.



Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 1:00 pm, in the Library and via Zoom

Dr. Katharine Trostel, Associate Professor of English and co-Director of the Rust Belt Humanities Lab at Ursuline College, will lead a discussion of select stories from one of this year's Anisfield-Wolf Award winners, *Make Your Way Home* by Carrie R. Moore.

Please visit the Mishkan Or calendar to register.

Contact Jane Rothstein for more information at Jrothstein@mishkanor.org.

Reviving a Haggadah

It's home! This Passover Haggadah, printed, bound, and sold in Venice in 1663, is refreshed and ready for our congregation and community to engage with it anew.

Last fall, Congregation Mishkan Or received a grant from the State Library of Ohio, funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to conserve one of the treasures in the rare book collection donated by Dr. Harold Greenbaum to Fairmount Temple in the late 1960s.

We worked with talented conservator Yungjin Shin, who cleaned the book's pages, mended tears, stitched a new binding, made a new cover, and built an enclosure to protect this piece of our cultural heritage for years to come. The Haggadah still bears marks that reflect its use—perhaps a few drops of wine or a juicy bit of charoset, the kinds of spills familiar to us all during a Seder. It's also a window into Jewish history, with marks of past ownership, commentary by a famed rabbi, and woodcuts illustrating the Exodus story and Venetian Jewish life. In the coming months, we'll have opportunities to study this Haggadah and learn more about its journey from 17th-century Italy to 21st-century Cleveland.

LIMMUD PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- **Monday, September 14:** Monday Limmud Opening Day
- **Saturday, September 19:** Shabbaton Opening Day
- **Sunday, September 20:** Sunday Limmud Opening Day
- **Wednesday, September 23:** Wednesday Limmud Opening Day
- **Friday-Saturday, September 25-26:** Middle School Overnight
- **Sunday, September 27:** Madrichim Training
- **Sunday, October 11:** Pre-K – K Family Day; Kulam First Session
- **Friday, October 16:** Shabbat L'dor Vador Kick-off
- **Sunday, October 18:** Leadership #1; MOYJ Metro Park Clinic
- **Sunday, October 25:** 3-4 Grade Trip at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center







GANON GIL PRESCHOOL

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

- **September 7** (Labor Day)
- **September 11** at noon (Erev Rosh Hashanah)
- **September 21** (Yom Kippur)
- **October 19** (Professional Development)

JOYFUL GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

- **September 26**, Apple Picking and Havdalah, 3-5:00 pm at Eddy's Fruit Farm
- **October 2**, Tot Simchat Torah at 5:00 pm
- **October 10**, Tot Shabbat at 11 am
- **October 24**, Tot Havdalah at 4 pm

LIFELONG LEARNING

To Be A Jew Today: Intergenerational Conversations About Jewish Identity

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, October 14, November 18, December 16

Join Rabbis Roger Klein and Elle Muhlbaum and fellow Mishkan Or members for a thought-provoking discussion around Jewish Identity. Please RSVP through the form on our website calendar.

ATTENTION: CONFIRMATION CLASSES OF 1977

Calling all 1977 Confirmands of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and The Temple-Tifereth Israel.

MAZEL TOV ON THE UPCOMING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR CONFIRMATION.

We would like to honor you with a group Torah blessing on Yom Kippur afternoon at our **4:30 pm Afternoon Service in the Silver Sanctuary at The Maltz Performing Arts Center.** Please let us know if you can join us for this group honor by contacting Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor.org.

WOMEN OF MISHKAN OR

WMO MITZVAH PROJECTS are held at CMO from 9:30-11:30 am - Everyone is welcome!

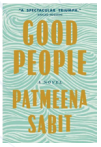
- **Hello Dolly Factory**
  Volunteers meet every Tuesday and create dolls that are donated to Project ACT, which serves homeless families in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.
- **Number Books**
  Once a month, Sunday Mitzvah Morning volunteers work on **Number Books for the Cleveland Sight Center preschoolers**, knit or crochet blankets for homeless families as well as new babies related to CMO congregants, and make EEG Pocket Vests for the Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Pediatric Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.
- **Touch and Tell Alphabet Books**
  One Wednesday a month, volunteers from WMO and the Women of Fairmount Presbyterian Church meet to create **Touch and Tell Alphabet books** for preschoolers at the Cleveland Sight Center.

TRADITIONS GIFT SHOP

Beautify your holidays with a new honey dish, candle sticks or kiddish cup from Traditions Gift Shop! You'll find everything you need for a meaningful celebration.

Traditions is open on Sundays from 10-12:15 when Limmud is in session, Wednesdays from 1-3, and by special appointment.

ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSIONS



Tuesday, September 8, 4:00 pm
Good People
by Patmeena Sabit



Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 pm
Theo of Golden
by Allen Levi



Tuesday, November 3, 4:00 pm
The Briar Club
by Kate Quinn

RSVP to jchirshon@gmail.com to get the Zoom link. Enter "Book discussion" in the subject line.

TAKE A HIKE!

Take time for a walk in nature on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, September 15, 10:30 am**
  at Acacia Reservation
- **Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 am**
  at North Chagrin Metropark

More information to follow. Please contact Bev Jacobs with any questions or concerns at (216) 390-0360 via call or text.

MAH JONGG CARDS

Women of Mishkan Or will be taking orders for the 2027 Official National Mah Jongg League cards. Order form and information will be provided in the November-December bulletin.



Hello Dolly Factory volunteers create handmade dolls that are donated to Project ACT, an organization that supports homeless families in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

BROTHERHOOD OF MISHKAN OR

SUKKAH SETUP

Tuesday, September 22, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
We invite you all to help us set up the sukkah in the Congregation Mishkan Or courtyard, then join us for dinner afterward.

SAVE THE DATES FOR:

- A **Blood Bank & Clothing Drive/Social Action Committee** event in October; more details to come!
- **Sunday, November 8, 8:00 – 9:00 am**
  Our **Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast** for our Limmud students; stay tuned for more info!



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Register to Vote

The 2026 Ohio general elections will take place on **November 3, 2026**, throughout the state of Ohio. All of Ohio's United States House of Representatives districts and one U.S. Senate seat are up for election.

Check your vote registration status by visiting voterlookup.ohiosos.gov typing in your information, and clicking on your name to verify your status.

Also, check in with your family members, both in-state and out-of-state, to check their voter registration status as well—there are a number of important elections coming up on November 3rd!

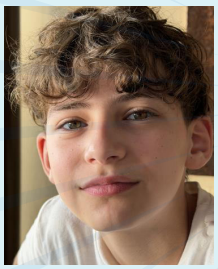
Mazel Tov!

Janice and Arnold Hirshon
on the birth of their grandson, Wesley Hirshon.

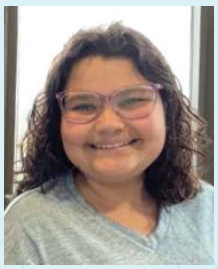
Susan and Mark Ringel
on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Ringel.

Adam Marcus and Samantha Weiskind
on their wedding.

B'nei Mitzvah



LEVI PARKER HAAS
September 5th
son of Josiah and Dana Haas



TALIA DONADIO
September 5th
daughter of David and Allison Donadio



MICAH TOLLE
September 5th
son of Leslie and Melanie Tolle



ELLIOT ZACK
September 26th
son of Brian and Amy Zack



RYAN GLICK
September 26th
son of Marc and Abigail Glick



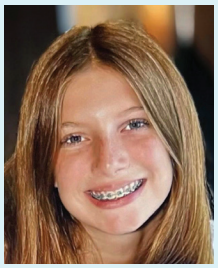
PEARL SEGAL
October 3rd
daughter of Zachary and Leslie Segal



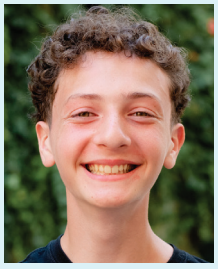
NOAH HOCHMAN
October 10th
son of Jason and Jessa Hochman



HUDSON A. KURN
October 17th
son of Jesse and Jessica Kurn



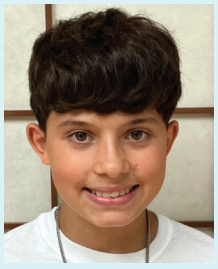
ROSIE NOVICK
October 17th
daughter of Lorne Novick and Bridget Gilfeather-Novick



OSCAR MENDELSOHN
October 17th
son of Aaron and Nichole Mendelsohn



NORA TOMER
October 24th
daughter of Adie and Margot Tomer



JOSHUA GOLDSTEIN
October 31st
son of Michael and Hallie Goldstein

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.

CARING COMMUNITY

At Congregation Mishkan Or, our dedicated volunteers create a warm environment where members truly care for one another. Opportunities for meaningful multigenerational connections strengthen our bonds to each other, to our synagogue, and to the larger community.







Volunteers gather to bake lots of cookies and brownies in our Community Kitchen. The baked goods will be delivered, along with our condolences, to our members who are mourning a loss, and are included in the Welcome Bags that we deliver to new members when they join CMO.

If you are interested in participating in our Caring Community, visit our website to learn more.

SENIOR DROP-IN CAFES

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

Light refreshments and engaging conversations with fellow Mishkan Or members and a clergy member.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Six consecutive Wednesdays, September 30-November 4

Led by Wendy Jacobson, LISW, the group will convey information about the grief process, provide tools to cope with difficult emotions, and gently support you as you prepare to move forward with your life. To learn more or sign up, contact Wendy at Wjacobson@mishkanor.

SHOES AND CLOTHES FOR KIDS

Monday, September 14, 10:00 am to noon
15500 Waterloo Road, Cleveland

This organization breaks barriers to school attendance by providing shoes, clothes, and school supplies to kids in need. Help get items ready for distribution. RSVP to Amy Nadler at aimthepain7@aol.com.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Tuesday, September 29, 1:00 pm

The cookies we bake will be delivered during shiva to fellow congregants who are mourning a loss. They will also be included in the Welcome Bags that we deliver to new members who join Mishkan Or. RSVP to Dede Young at dby806@gmail.com.

KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, October 11, 9:30-10:30 am
2004 S. Green Road, South Euclid

Volunteers will pack up food that will be distributed to our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. RSVP to Carol Marshall at nknewmansion@aol.com.

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE

September 11 through October 12

Pick up a bag from the temple and fill it with non-perishable, not-expired foods such as tuna, soup, cereal, beans, etc. Filled bags should be returned during the holidays to the Beachwood building only—we cannot accept food at MPAC. Our donations will go to the JFSA food pantry and the AIDS Task Force pantry. Please help!

OPERATION WARM UP

October 30 through November 16

Bring warm winter hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens to the collection bins in our lobby. Your donations will be distributed to shelters to keep our neighbors in need warm during the cold winter months.

CLEVELAND SIGHT CENTER

September 11 through October 12

Do you have old eyeglasses that you are no longer wearing? Bring them to the collection bin in our lobby. We will take them to the Cleveland Sight Center, where they will be used for their clients with impaired vision.

STAFF UPDATES

We are pleased to officially announce the appointment of Jennifer M. Mendelson as our new Executive Director. Jennifer, who previously held leadership roles at The Temple Tifereth-Israel and Congregation Mishkan Or, will lead the day-to-day operations of the synagogue. In addition, SheRa Shields is now our new Director of Facilities; she has been an integral member of the team for many years. We are also happy to welcome back Lamarr Webb to the facilities team. *Mazel tov!*

We also are sad to say goodbye to Kayla Korte. She has been a valuable part of the Membership and Engagement team. We wish her the best in the future.

DEDICATION DONATIONS

From July 1 - July 31, 2026

Your generosity and support helps our synagogue continue to grow and thrive for future generations. If you would like to donate online, visit mishkanor.org, click on GIVE, or call 216-831-3233.

2026-27 ANNUAL APPEAL
In Honor Of:
Julie and Peter Raskind from Ellen Goldberg Luger and Andrew Luger

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In Honor Of
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In Memory Of
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In Memory Of
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In Honor Of
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CARING COMMUNITY
In Honor Of
The birth of Wesley Miller Hirshon from Phyllis Berlas.
Janice and Arnold Hirshon from Sherrie Litvak & Michael Apple.

CMO LIBRARY FUND
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Charles J. Goodman from Allan & Donna Fried

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In Memory Of
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Carole Rosenberg.
Beverly Jacob from
Daniel & Paula Dreyfuss, and
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In Memory Of
Roslyn Seed from
Michael Steinbuch

NOTE ABOUT 2025-2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

We sincerely apologize for the omission of the **Naomi & Edwin Singer Endowment Fund** from the list of donors to the 2025-26 Annual Appeal. Through its endowed gift, this fund provides vital annual support at the Or L'Dorot ($5,000) Giving Level, and we are deeply grateful for its longstanding generosity and commitment to our mission. We regret this oversight and are honored to recognize the Fund's meaningful contribution to our community.

In Memoriam

LENORE KOPPEL
Wife of Harold Koppel (z"l); mother of Margie Jackel (Steve), Ruth Rosenblum (Barnett), and Ted; grandmother of Yuval Cohen, Hilla Lev (Doron), Allison Choate (Ryall), Sara Koppel, Hannah Rosenblum, Jason Rosenblum (Rebecca), and Yanai Cohen (z"l); and great-grandmother of Lawson and Layla Choate, Imri, Itamar, and Avigail Lev, and Madelyn and Hazel Rosenblum.

JANET LEVEY
Wife of Hal (z"l); mother of Harlan (Wing Lam (Winnie) Kwok), Barry, and Sara (Brett) Piccus; and grandmother of Harrison.

ROBERT A. MINTZ
Husband of Diane (nee Rolf), father of Lowell (Jori), Jackie (James) and Ariel, and grandfather of Rosabelle, Malachi, and Madelyn.

NANCY SOCOLOFF
Wife of Sheldon (z"l); mother of Beth Socoloff, Mindy Cannella, and Caryn and Leigh Weinberg; sister to Ina Burday (z"l) and H. Sue Stonefield (z"l); grandmother of Jaime and Jason Nicholas, Alyssa Cannella, Alexandra and Ryan Miller, Genna and Tommy Schadl, Madison Cannella (Michael Kaminchak), and Samantha Young (Austin); and great-grandmother to Sawyer and Spencer Nicholas and Sterling Schadl.

MICHAEL TEMSEY
Husband of Arlene Temsey, father of daughters, Brenda Temsey (Dan Szubra) and Leigh Temsey (Ryan Stafford), and brother of Philip Temsey (Joyce).

Condolences

Stacey Davis on the death of her mother, Ann Schwartz Glick.

Jackie (Greg) Nachman on the death of her grandfather, Eugene Katz.

Judy (Rick) Schiller on the death of her mother, Estelle Slutzsky.

Bimah Flowers

DEDICATIONS:

Week Ending August 8:
In honor of their 75th wedding anniversary by Stanley & Sally Wertheim; in memory of Barry Laidman, husband, father, and grandfather by Joey Laidman.

September 11: In Memory of My Beloved Husband, Barry A. Levett
October 30: In Memory of My Beloved Son, Todd A. Levett

Oneg Dedications

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in memory of their daughter, Jodi.

~ Save the Date! ~

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026

Installation for Senior Rabbi Joshua Caruso

Will (z"l) and Jan Sukenik (z"l) Chair in Rabbinics



Friday, November 6 - **6:00 pm,** Shabbat in the Sanctuary
- Shabbat Dinner to follow — there will be a fee and RSVP will be required; additional details to come.
- Regular oneg refreshments will also be available for those not attending the dinner.

Saturday, November 7
- **10:30 am** – Community Shabbat in the Chapel
- **6:45 pm** – Havdalah Ritual in the Sanctuary
- **7:00 pm** – Nefesh Mountain Concert in the Sanctuary.
- Dessert oneg to follow the concert.

Sunday, November 8 - 8:00–9:00 am
Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast for Limmud families and associated participants in Social Hall/Atrium