

Or Chadash FOCUS



By Rabbi Alison Kobey

Summer often gives us a different sense of time and rhythm. Shabbat attendance sometimes shifts, people are away, there is no Religious School, etc. So, for this bulletin column, I offer you a list of:

Top 13 Things You Can “JEWISHLY” Do This Summer *(in no particular order)*

- 13) Say the hamotzi (blessing before eating) before meals or the Birkat HaMazon (blessing after eating) after meals.
- 12) Learn about a Jewish camp (especially the URJ camps... 6 Points Sports, 6 Points Sci-Tech, or Camp Harlam) and talk to Rabbi about sending a child next year
- 11) Read a Jewish book; if possible join our COC book club
- 10) Give extra tzedakah, including to Jewish causes
- 9) Give food and water to the poor or help feed the hungry in other ways (stay tuned for an amazing upcoming program at COC to help feed the hungry).

- 8) Read the FOCUS and choose a committee or group to get more involved
- 7) Read the weekly Torah portion; come to Torah study
- 6) Listen to Jewish music (maybe even join our choir?!)
- 5) Light Shabbat candles in your home
- 4) Go to a Smithsonian museum and look for exhibits for which you could put on your “Jewish glasses”
- 3) Rest, relax, and be joyous on Shabbat
- 2) Keep in touch with fellow Or Chadash-ites. Maybe have a Shabbat meal together. Have coffee with me
- 1) Come to Shabbat services!

What is on your List of Top 13 Jewish things you can do this summer? I would love to hear your list!

*L'Shalom,
Rabbi Alison B. Kobey*

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 2 - No Shabbat services. Invite some Or Chadash-ites to your home and have a relaxing Shabbat dinner together.

June 3 - 9:00am Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

June 9 - 7:30pm Shabbat Services

June 10 - 10:00am Shabbat Services with Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Stein

June 16 - 7:30pm Outside Shabbat Services with bubbles and anniversary blessings. Bring a blanket or chairs. You are even welcome to bring a dinner and picnic before services begin. Please remember our kosher policy (no mixing milk and meat, no shellfish or pig products).

June 23 - 7:30pm Shabbat Services

June 30 - No Shabbat services. Invite some Or Chadash-ites to your home and have a relaxing Shabbat dinner together.

July 1 - 9:00am Shabbat Services

July 7 - 7:30pm Shabbat Services

July 14 - 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Adult Hebrew Class leading and with birthday blessings

July 21 - 7:30pm Shabbat Services with a history of the Reform movement

July 28 - 7:30pm Outside Shabbat Services with candy and anniversary blessings. Bring a blanket or chairs. You are even welcome to bring a dinner and picnic before services begin. Please remember our kosher policy (no mixing milk and meat, no shellfish or pig products).

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Torah Parashiyot (and Writings)

Upcoming Parashiyot and some of the many topics to consider:

June 3 – 10:30am *Naso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)*- Is there an age people should be mandated to retire? If you are more aware of God, does that make you more holy? Are there different levels of holiness? Why is a fast linked to spiritual progress or it turns into a “sin”? How do we justify the importance of the priestly benediction in today’s Judaism?

June 10 – 8:30am *Beha’alotecha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)* Does God need people? Why do we get a second chance with Passover? If a non-Jew participates in Passover, why must he/she then follow the same rules? Why is order of troops so important?

June 17 – 10:00am *Shelach L’chah (Num. 13:1-15:41)* Are mirrors important? How do we know when to accept majority opinion and when to accept minority opinion? What is your favorite food from Israel? Why does God worry when people do not believe in God? What makes a tallit such an important symbol?

June 24 – 10:00am *Korach (Num. 16:1-18:32)* Who defines holiness? Is rebellion against a chosen leader ever appropriate? Who is today’s Korach? How does God give Aaron gifts? How does God give us gifts? How do we give gifts to God today?

July 1 – 10:30am *Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1)* Why do we always have trouble accepting the answer “because I said so!”? What do you do when you are frustrated or angry? How did the Israelites hear of Aaron’s death? How does one make a home during a journey?

July 8 – 10:00am *Balak (Numbers 22:2-25:9)* How are we blind to the world around us? Do we do our best with free-will? When do we get a talking donkey? What kind of wealth do we need to serve as a blessing?

July 15 – 9:00am Writings - *Book of Esther*

July 15 – 10:00am *Pinchas (Numbers 25:10-30:1)* Does God ever ignore our behaviors? How do our Biblical leaders relate to God and how do we do so today? Why is it important to reflect and name our ancestors? What happens when there is a problem in Biblical society? Who decides the result? Why is land so important if it is God’s?

July 22 – 10:00am *Matot - Masei (Numbers 30:2-36:13)* What are the modern views on vows? Why are men and women differently obligated? How does that play out in today’s society? What is an appropriate response to our enemies? Is the journey or the destination the desire?

July 29 – 10:00am *Devarim (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22)* How is Moses recapping the story of the Exodus and beyond? Is it a positive or negative? What lessons do we get from this Torah portion? How should we honor the dying?

Religious School Committee Update

As another school year comes to an end, the Religious School Committee thanks all of our teachers, madrikhim, staff, and students for a great year! We also want to thank the parents, grandparents, siblings, and whomever brings our students to Temple for Religious School on Sundays and Tuesdays, reminds them to do their homework and study their prayers, and serves as a role model simply by being involved in the students' religious education.


If you have not submitted your 2017-18 Religious School registration form, please do so ASAP. If you have any questions about registration, you can contact our Religious School Director, Rabbi Kobey, or our Religious School Administrator, Anisha Goyal, at 301-482-1025.

Just like secular schools recommend that our kids read during the summer, our children should be reading Hebrew, too. There's no better way to read Hebrew than at Shabbat services on a Friday night or Saturday morning at the Temple. Plus, if your child attends at least four Shabbat services over the summer (June 3 - September 2), they will be invited to a special silly-string and Jimmy Cone party on the first day of school next year (September 10). Have your child sign in when they come to services so we can track the number of services they attend over the summer.

We need substitute teachers for Sunday mornings and Tuesday nights next year. If you are interested in being placed on a list of possible substitute teachers, please contact Rabbi Kobey or Anisha Goyal.

Have a great summer!


*L'Shalom,
The Religious School Committee*



"In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, We remember them."


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Keeping Up With Or Chadash

Teacher Trainings


- July 19 – 7:00pm
- August 6 – 9:00am
- August 8 – 7:00pm
- August 22 – 7:00pm

Adult B'not Mitzvah Class

- June 2 at 9:05am
- July 14 at 9:05am
- July 21 at 9:05am

Committee Meetings

- Religious School Committee (RSC)
 - June 7 and July 5 at 7:15pm
- Library Committee
 - June 4 at 10:00am
- Ritual Committee
 - June 11 at 10:00am



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Social Action Committee News

Or Chadash's Refugee Support group, in concert with the Montgomery County Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Neighbors, is actively providing support to 17 refugee families.

We are paired with a family of 10 (including babies and great-grandmother) from Sudan, that we have resettled to Germantown. Our English tutoring of this family is going very well. Our donations will be helping to pay for the health checks and vaccinations required for the green card process.

If you would like to make a financial donation to help the families, please make your donation to the **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**, and add a note that the donation is intended for **Refugee Support**.

If you would like to join our group or ask questions, contact Debbie Eisenberg at rjeisenberg@comcast.net.



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Celebrating Simchas (Happy Occasions)

Celebrate your birthday with your Or Chadash family. Be called to the bimah and receive a special blessing and a birthday treat to mark the occasion. We have birthday blessings every month. For the month of June come on **June 3** at 9:00 am and for the month of July join us on **July 14** at 7:30pm.

We also celebrate anniversaries within our Or Chadash family. Again, be invited onto the bimah for a special blessing and a different treat. This is also monthly with anniversary blessings on **June 16** and **July 28** both at 7:30pm.

Do you have other simchas to share? Let Rabbi Kobey know, so we can rejoice together.

Religious School Summer Shabbat Incentives

Religious School students who attend at least 4 Shabbat services over the course of the summer from Saturday, June 3rd through Saturday, September 2nd will be invited to participate in a special prize of a silly string party followed by Jimmie Cone on Sunday, September 10th (weather permitting, rain date Sunday, September 17th). Also, our students will be eligible for Smarties for every summer Shabbat service.

Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you to our generous donors. Note that this list includes donations that were deposited during March and April. Please contact the office for more information.

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Robin Farquhar in honor of Andrew and Suzanne Colby
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Rabbi Discretionary Fund – Refugee Support

University of Gettysburg Refugee Action Committee

Condolences

Congregation Or Chadash extends our sympathies to Howard Lansat and his family on the death of his mother-in-law, Lillian Fink, who passed away on April 14.

Congregation Or Chadash extends our sympathies to Anne Gussow and her family on the death of her brother, Marty Kern, who died on Tuesday, May 16.

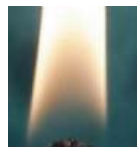
Oneg Calendar

Thank you to our oneg sponsors! After every Shabbat service, there are delicious treats for everyone to enjoy as we all chat and catch up. Oneg sponsors bring food before the service or donate to our oneg organizer, so that this service is provided every week. Birthdays and anniversaries are great times to sponsor an oneg. Family yartzeits are another meaningful time to sponsor an oneg.

All families are expected to host approximately twice a year. Each sponsor will receive an email indicating what food and drinks to bring on their designated Shabbat date. If you have any questions, please email Julie Swain at juliebs1@aol.com or call 301-916-9214.

Saturday, June 3	9:00 AM	Shabbat Services	Jon Pfeffer
Friday, June 9	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services	Linda & Michael Stein
Saturday, June 10	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Stein	Linda & Michael Stein
Friday, June 16	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services	Howard Lansat Rebecca & Nick Stroud
Friday, June 23	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services	Annette & Jeff Smith Michelle & Rich Bailen
Saturday, July 1	9:00 AM	Shabbat Services	Shared Oneg
Friday, July 7	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services with Baby Naming	Katy & Arthur Miller
Friday, July 14	7:30PM	Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings & Adult Hebrew Class Participation	Terri & Irwin Binder Janyce & Alan Dissin
Friday, July 21	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services with History of Reform Movement	Debbie & Greg Diatz Ruth & Luis Fajner
Friday, July 28	7:30PM	Outside Shabbat Services with candy & Anniversary Blessings	Alana & Brett Hyman Kelly & Paul McLaughlin
Saturday, August 5	9:00AM	Shabbat Services	Shared Oneg
Friday, August 11	7:30PM	Reform History Shabbat with Anniversary Blessings	Lona & Ralph Locke Rosalind & William King
Friday, August 18	7:30PM	Outside Shabbat with Birthday Blessings	Sharyn & Brian Bergman Sarah & Jay Friedman
Friday August 25	7:30PM	Shabbat Services	Susan & Charlie Gellert Erica & Matthew Keats
Saturday, September 2	9:00AM	Shabbat Services	Shared Oneg

Yahrzeits



If you have an upcoming yahrzeit that is not listed, please call the office at 301-482-1025, and we will add any names you wish to remember. Names will be read at Shabbat services during the week of a loved one's death. When two dates are shown, the names will be read during the Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services. Note that the second column lists the observing member.

Saturday, June 3

Debra Schwartz	Sister of Brenda Bass
Nedda Wolff	Mother of Mark Wolff

Friday, July 14

Robin Colby	Stepmother of Andrew Colby
JoAnn Medina Pinkerton	Mother of Karl Lorenz

Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10

Shirley Dissin	Mother of Alan Dissin
David Glaser	Father of Nancy Goldspiel
Leon Sacks	Grandfather of Jamie Hendi
Lillain Young	Mother of Gary Young
Roslyn Elson	Mother of Terri Binder
Benjamin Zavin	Father of Jack Zavin
Roslyn Goldberg	Mother of Julie Swain

Friday, July 21

Mitch Bender	Father of David Bender
Edward Malla	Father of Paul Malla
David Berman	Father of Terry Lewis
Saul Lox	Uncle of Laura Bloodgood

Friday, June 16

Morris Slonk	Grandfather of Barbara Marx
Robert Elson	Father of Terri Binder
Thelma Zarin	Mother of Annette Smith

Friday, July 28

Philip Altman	Father of Stuart Altman
Charles Privot	Uncle of Phil Zeidman
Earl Tropp	Grandfather of Anne Gussow
Jerrod Bernstein	Father of Eilyn Baum
Evelyn Rosenthal	Grandmother of Lou Rodenthal

Friday, June 23

Patty Lansat Pollack	Sister of Howard Lansat
Mildred Haydu	Grandmother of Amy Malla
Betty Fruman	Grandmother of Eileen Kerwin

Saturday, Aug 5

Beatrice Smith	Mother of Jeffrey Smith
Elizabeth Gregory Murphey	Mother of Janyce Dissin
David Ortman	Husband of Robin Farquhar
Peter Stahl	Brother of Vivian Stahl
Tobie Clarke	Mother of Coleman Clarke
Luis I. Weber	Father of Marsha Weber
William King	Father of William King
Beryl Darling	Grandmother of Abigail Rose
Jim Graf	Father of Edward Korenge

Saturday, July 1

Joseph Spitzer	Father of Amy Malla
John Benenati	Father of Luciano Benenati
Nathan Blagman	Grandfather of Karl Gussow
Charlotte Lazar	Sister of Eileen Kerwin
Lillian Caplan	Grandmother of Kimberly Zuravsky
Howard Seed	Father of Amy Altman
Ludwig Cahn	Paternal grandfather of Lisa Rolnick
Samuel Felrice	Son of Andrew and Alison Felrice

Friday, July 7

**Ferrell Winfield Furr	Father of Susan Gellert
Leonard Wolfson	Grandfather of Ron Isaacson
Doris Locke	Mother of Ralph Locke
Milton Marx	Father of Fred Marx
George Slong	Uncle of Barbara marx
Sarah Soltar	Grandmother of Fred Petok
Rhonda Zinn	Sister of Donna Goldsteen

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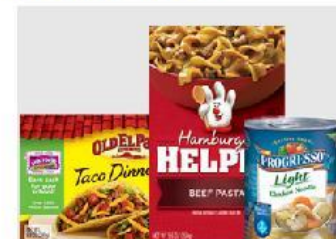
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