The Shalom

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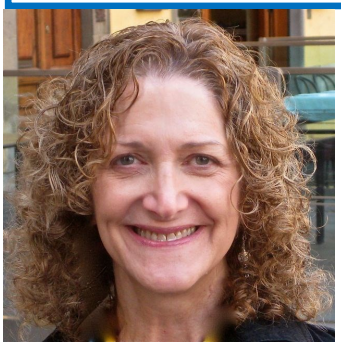
Letter from the President



One spiritual lesson that I find repeatedly reinforced by being part of Oseh Shalom is that of gratitude. I wish to express how thankful I am to the Religious Committee, led by Andy Friedman, who carefully planned for the Rabbi's sabbatical and arranged for both lay leadership and rabbinical students to lead services. In February we are blessed to have rabbinical students from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Emily Cohen on Feb. 5-7, and Hannah Spiro on Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 26-29. I hope that you will attend services and experience the energy and new perspectives Emily and Hannah will bring. We are also very blessed to have extremely able and inspiring lay leaders, who have assumed the mantle of leadership while Rabbi Doug is on his sabbatical.

One aspect of our congregation is that I have grown to appreciate more and more as time goes by, is our welcoming of interfaith families and the richness that the diverse backgrounds of our congregants brings to Oseh Shalom. In this regard, I discovered this blessing from Ritualwell.org:

Mi Sheberakh Blessing of Appreciation for People of Different Identities.

May the One who blessed our ancestors before us bless all those of different faiths and identities who contribute to the life of this synagogue; who give of their time and their hearts; who help bring Judaism to life for all of us and for the next generation; who volunteer and serve this community in ways seen and unseen; and who give the gifts of love and support to their Jewish partners and family members. We give thanks to them and to You, Source of Life. Holy One, please bless them to find acceptance, appreciation, and joy here in this synagogue. And during life's sorrows may they know they can take refuge among us, under the

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Happy 50th Birthday to Oseh Shalom!

Our synagogue celebrates its Jubilee in March.

See page 10 for details of our commemoration.

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B'Yachad Ruach

Saturday,

February 6th

At Oseh

10 AM Services

12 PM Lunch

With music by

Emily Cohen

From the Executive Director

Welcome to the February issue. We're about a month away from the congregation's 50th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday evening, March 5th. This is our major fundraiser for the year.

It is a bit humbling to think that I have been here for only a little more than a tenth of that time. I recently read a short history of the synagogue, which will be shared at the upcoming dinner – at which I'm looking forward to seeing you, by the way – and couldn't help but smile.

You may not know this about me, but at one time I served the Reconstructionist Movement as its Director of Development and traveled across the country consulting with our sister congregations. I often asked about their history, what challenges they faced as they grew in size, outgrew store fronts or houses they first met in, before becoming the community they now were.

Oseh Shalom has had similar experiences over the last 50 years. We've had challenges, met them and adapted. For example, years ago the congregation met during the High Holidays at St. Nicholas Church in Laurel, where the late Father Donovan took down all the crosses and statues before the High Holiday Service and Rabbi Fink respectfully put them back out before the next Church services. In keeping with that kindness to Oseh, years later, Oseh Shalom served as home before Sunday school hours to Olive Branch Church, which now has a home of their own in Sandy Springs, and we now welcome Christ International Church, which meets here every Sunday afternoon.

Oseh Shalom also opens its doors for two weeks a year, hosting a Winter Shelter for homeless women for one week in late January and for homeless men for another in late February. This is part of a community effort between our congregation and neighboring congregations in conjunction with LARS, Laurel's family service agency. We have been in this building since 1991, and have been hosting thirty to

From Kadimah

I'm writing this column almost literally as the clock ticks over to a new secular year. Is it snowing and cold as you read this in February? It's been a while since I wrote about what the Kadimah Committee has been doing, so it seems to me the beginning of 2016 is a perfect opportunity for a KADIMAH COMMITTEE UPDATE!

Over the past several months, the Kadimah Committee (KC) has been hard at work. Members of the committee have formed "subgroups", which are, together with the appropriate Board members and Committee chairs, looking into various aspects of our synagogue life, with the goal of celebrating what we do well and suggesting ways we can improve as a synagogue and as a community.

I've been talking informally to Oseh members about what they think of Oseh and what suggestions they have to offer. We've also run three "focus groups", where we sat down with 10-15 of our members and talked for two-plus hours about Oseh Shalom. I found both my informal conversations and the more formal focus groups to be tremendously informative and inspiring. Not surprisingly, our members have given honest, constructive assessments of Oseh Shalom. What's so inspiring and energizing, and what makes me feel so optimistic, is that, uniformly, you, our members, are willing and eager to take time to talk about Oseh Shalom and its future.

The work of our Kadimah Committee members and these formal and informal conversations have already borne fruit. I'm sure you've all noticed that the format of our weekly e-news-blast has changed. That's a direct result of informal feedback from our members and more formal feedback we got in our focus groups. Being able to say that feedback from our Kadimah focus groups said loud and clear that our e-news

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needed to change, with specific suggestions, was a real game-changer. Formal and informal comments, along with Felicia Friedman's hard work and commitment, have resulted in more proactive and better outreach to those in our community who have lost a loved one.

We'll be holding more focus groups and having more informal conversations this year! You can always send comments to our e-mail address at Kadimah@oseh-shalom.org or drop a comment in our Kadimah suggestion box. Your specific comments will be kept in strict confidence by our lay committee members; none of our professional staff will see them.

One of the things I've heard over and over again is that Oseh Shalom is a truly special, unique community. In so many ways: the way we are welcoming to our members, the way we matter-of-factly celebrate the diversity in our community, the way we genuinely care about each other, the way we come together in celebration, the way we discuss and deal with difficult issues are just a few of the things we need to recognize and celebrate.

So, with spring and our 50th anniversary right around the corner, it's my hope that this year will be the best ever in our collective and individual lives!

John Riehl,

Chair, Kadimah Committee

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Adopt a Family Update

Shalom Everyone,

On behalf of the Social Action/Caring and Support Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations! We collected several items for this needy family and had many volunteers to help wrap gifts and make holiday cards. We would like to thank the Sisterhood, who once again donated wrapping paper and bows for the gifts. We would also like to thank Mikey Hess-Webber and the members of Teen Connect for their help in assisting in the wrapping, holiday card table and the playdough table. You all helped make this event a huge success. In addition, Atholton High School provided a "spirit bag" with various JROTC items for the 15 year old boy. Lastly, I would like to thank my committee for all the help they provided; this event would not have been possible without everyone's efforts! כל הכבוד! (Kol Hkavod- Good Job!)

Felicia Friedman

Social Action/Caring and Support Chairperson

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forty people each winter for nearly all that time, not just providing a warm place to sleep, but dinner and breakfast. Many of them take the bag lunch we provide to work. Yes, many of them have jobs, and are homeless nonetheless.

I guess what I'm thinking as I write this month's article is that Oseh Shalom has a similar history to other congregations in the Reconstructionist Movement, perhaps to many others as well, and Oseh Shalom as a congregation has also shown it has a "heart."

Each family helps that "heart" beat and connect to the spirit of our congregation and beyond to those who find solace, comfort, sometimes a place to sleep – I'm referring to Winter Shelter, not someone nodding off during a sermon, which I'm sure has never, ever happened here in the last 50 years…

So, if you haven't yet RSVP'd for the 50th Anniversary Dinner, and all the invitations have been mailed by this time, please do. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation on behalf of a member who may not be able to afford to and/or checking out the gift registry for Oseh's 50th Birthday.

All net proceeds will be supporting the congregation, helping us keep not just the children in our Religious School, Tot Shabbat, or at services smiling, but perhaps, the building as well.

Before concluding, I would like to thank all those who have helped in the office this past month: Judy Arnoff, Mona Davis, Doris Kirschbaum, Mariyan Kolev, Yannet Pena, and Pauline Pivowar.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 50th Anniversary Dinner!

Barry Nove
Executive Director
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Anniversaries

10 Gerson & Beryl Kramer

16 Stephen & Marjorie Aug

Community News

Kvell Korner

Long time member Elizabeth (Liz) Leight was elected President of the Maryland PTA, for a two-year term beginning this past July. A lawyer, she is the first Hispanic head of a statewide association and has been active in local educational committees for more than a quarter century. She also serves on the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs. Mazal Tov!

Five years ago, Danielle Baranson Dragon went to Chicago to enter a five year doctoral program. She has completed the program; met and married Oren Dragon; had her first child, Avraham Yisroel; bought a house; completed her dissertation; and graduated this past November. I (Pauline Pivowar) am so proud of her accomplishments, that I wanted to share them with all of you.

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Lisa Karpf
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Community News

Baruch Dayan ha'Emet

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Tamar Eskin and the entire Eskin family on the passing of Tamar's mother, Rajna Eskin, z"l.

Sisterhood is sorry to say that Phyllis Palmer passed away in December 2015. Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, http://www.alzfdn.org.

May the Omnipresent comfort the families among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

SAVE THE DATE

Third Annual Women's Passover Seder

Sponsored by Rosh Hodesh

Oseh Shalom

April 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

See the March Shalom for more information

Word from Development

I am sure everyone is well aware that next month we are celebrating Oseh Shalom's turning 50. Such a milestone! Obviously we hope that everyone can make it to celebrate and enjoy a nice dinner, dancing, reminiscing, and socializing.

If you haven't had a chance to send in pictures for the Time Walk, it isn't too late yet. But please send them soon.

I hope you have had a chance to look at the gift registry for this celebration. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the year (in addition to a celebration) and we hope to get all the gifts covered. You can 'buy' an item on your own, contribute to a gift (if you love the idea of sponsoring a B'Yachad but can't gift the full amount, you can give towards it), and/or considering going in with a group of friends—maybe the B'nei Mitzvah class of 2016-2017, High Holiday choir, havurah….

In addition to the celebration, there are always opportunities to help fundraise for the synagogue throughout the year. You can purchase yartzeit plaques or bricks for the Path of Peace. You can bring in Box Tops, link your Giant card to the religious school, and shop through Amazon Smile. These are simple ways to contribute without spending any extra money. You can also buy gift cards through Scrip, and that earns more money for Oseh without costing you anything (you can even save yourself money by using Scrip).

Kelly Benton-Klein

Synagogue-Wide "One Book"

All Other Nights

By Dara Horn

In the past several years, Oseh Shalom has held a synagogue-wide book reading and an activity in connection with the book. This year we will be reading *All Other Nights,* a fictional tale of Jewish spies during the Civil War by acclaimed novelist Dara Horn. On Sunday, March 20 at 10:00 am, we will have a brunch with Professor Pamela S. Nadell, Chair of the Department of History, Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University and an expert on American Jewish history. She'll give us insights into "Jewish Women in the Civil War" that will enhance our understanding of the novel.

Based on real personalities and historical facts, *All Other Nights* is the story of a Jewish soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. He is ordered to murder his own uncle in New Orleans, who is plotting to assassinate President Lincoln, and then pursue another enemy agent, the daughter of a Virginia family friend. In this gripping and suspenseful story, men and women are driven to the extreme limits of loyalty and betrayal.

All Other Nights, published in 2009, was selected as an Editors' Choice in *The New York Times Book Review* and was one of Booklist's 25 Best Books of the Decade. The *Washington Post* said it was "superb…masterful…gripping…marvelous." *All Other Nights* is widely available in hardback, paperback, and on e-readers.

So as 2016 begins, get into the reading mood and join other Oseh Shalom members in a journey back to the Civil War, culminating in an illuminating talk by Professor Pamela Nadell.

If you have any questions, contact the Lifelong Learning Committee, Judy Katz at judy.katz3@verizon.net or 301-460-6928.

B'YACHAD RUACH

Saturday, February 6th

10am Services

12pm Complementary Luncheon

Special musical service with Rabbinic Intern

EMILY COHEN

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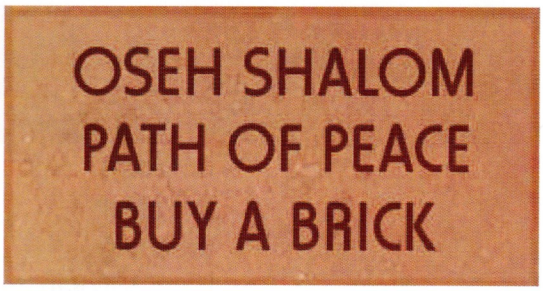

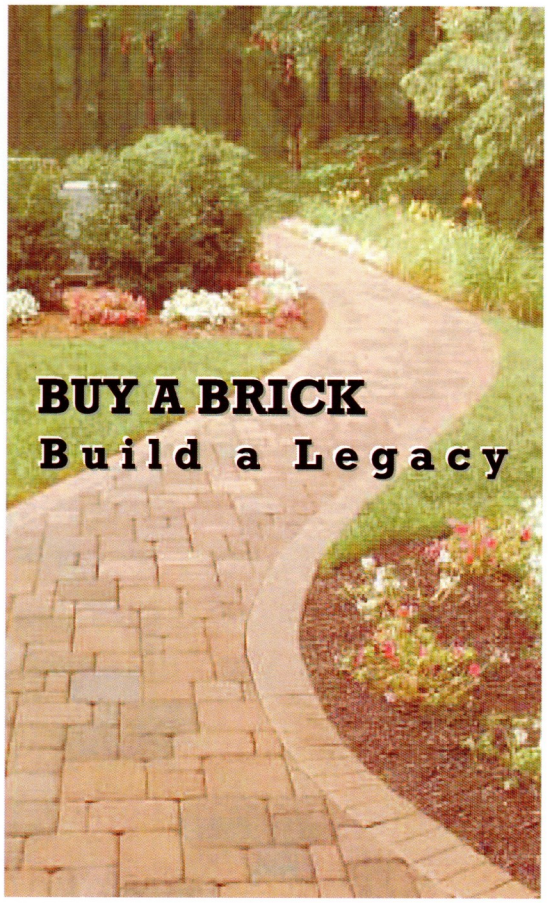

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It's that time of year— the minimum order to place bricks is 10 and to date (as of January 7, 2016) we need only 6 more to order.

If you would like to honor or memorialize friends or family, please order by February 15, 2016for installation before the end of April.

Oseh Shalom's *The Derehk Shalom*, Path of Peace

Join us for the 2016 Oseh Shalom Film Series

Two more evenings of thought-provoking, varied, and entertaining films, shown on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at Oseh Shalom, 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, Maryland 20707. The films will be shown on new state-of-the-art audio visual equipment.

February 10, 2016 ***Holy Land Hardball***

When Boston baker Larry Baras wanted to create a professional baseball league in Israel, his idea was met with incredulity, dismissal, and even hostility. He attempted it anyway. Enlisting a group of players from around the world, Baras must overcome skeptical Israeli media, delayed stadium preparations, custom snafus, and a rapidly approaching Opening Day. HOLY LAND HARDBALL is an engaging account of his dream to bring America's pastime to the Middle East. 2012, English, 84 minutes.

March 8, 2016 ***Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg***

From Aviva Kempner, maker of *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg* and *Rosenwald,* comes this humorous and eye-opening story of television pioneer Gertrude Berg. She was the creator, principal writer, and star of *The Goldbergs*, a popular radio show for 17 years, which became television's first character-driven domestic sitcom in 1949. Berg received the first Best Actress Emmy in history and paved the way for women in the entertainment industry. 2009, English, 93 minutes.

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Oseh Shalom is turning 50!

What a wonderful simcha and we hope everyone can celebrate the synagogue's 50th birthday, where we will be **honoring George and Holly Stone, Saturday evening, March 5, 2016.** During the celebration we will also be recognizing our past presidents and current president.

Also please consider honoring Oseh by sending in pictures of your family at simchas and events here over the years for our Time Walk display.

Kelly Benton-Klein, Chair

Please Help New Members Connect with Oseh Shalom

The membership committee is starting a new program "New Member Connection." If we can get enough volunteers, we are hoping to pair each new member with an existing member to help make the new members feel a part of the Oseh Shalom community.

Are you willing to help the Membership Committee make our new members feel welcome by calling the new member assigned to you once a month? If so, please either call me at (H) (410) 792-2868 or (cell) (443) 812-5469 or email me at awittik@gmail.com and I will put your name on the list of potential volunteers. It is my goal to try to make good "matches" by pairing the new members with someone with whom they have something in common.

Please note that the only time commitment required is making one phone call each month.

Thanks for your help!

Ann Wittik-Bravmann

Membership Chair

Word from Social Action

Shalom. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our pillowcase collection. We had a lot of items to provide to our Winter Shelter guests. In addition, please take a moment to consider doing a mitzvah, by being part of the Social Action Committee/Caring and Support Committee. You need not be present at meetings to be a part of this committee. Please go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a5a92ea1fc1-oneclick if you are interested in helping out. A lot of these are on an "as needed" basis, such as providing a ride, preparing a meal, making a simple phone call or an elder visit, just to name a few. More details are provided on the website. If you are interested, need help signing up, or have general questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

B'Shalom,

Felicia Friedman

Social Action/Caring and Support Chairperson

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It's time to get ready for Passover!

Don't get caught without your Passover candy! It will go on sale in February. Orders will be due in early March (exact date TBA).

Booklets with order forms will be available in the shul office and at the Superbowl Party.

Call any Sisterhood board member for information.

Thank you for your support!

Sponsor a Friday Night Oneg Shabbat

Honor a loved one by sponsoring an oneg. This is a unique and special way to commemorate life events, such as birthdays, anniversaries, bar/bat mitzvahs and special additions to the family. You would also be contributing to the spirit of community following erev Shabbat services. The oneg sponsor honors are listed in both the weekly bima notes and the Shalom. Each sponsor honor is $25; the funds benefit the entire congregation. Please notify Mona Davis at micasd@aol.com or any of the Sisterhood members to sponsor an oneg.

ONEG HOST REMINDER

When you receive your email or letter notifying you of your scheduled date for hosting an Oneg, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU as soon as possible, WHETHER YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DATE OR NOT. We need time to find an alternate to take your place if you cannot keep your assigned date, and we will reschedule you if possible, or put you on our reserve list for a future opening.

Please respond to Lisa when you receive your email or letter. You can reach her at:

(Lisa Karpf) ERK111@comcast.net

Thank you for your prompt response.

Lisa Karpf, Chair, Coordinating Oneg Host

Yahrzeits

2/1/2016	Marlene Adelman, stepmother of David Adelman
2/1/2016	Larry Applestein, father of Marc Applestein
2/1/2016	William Earl Smith, father of Robin Edelberg
2/1/2016	Morton Friedman, father of Andrew Friedman
2/1/2016	*Selma Hoddinott Magin, mother of Ed Magin
2/2/2016	Zelda Milstein, grandmother of Katy Clemens
2/2/2016	Helen Whitman, mother of David Whitman
2/3/2016	Chester Gaines, grandfather of Elizabeth Gaines and Gary Gaines
2/3/2016	Irwin Leon Snyder, father of Susan Romm
2/4/2016	Vera Meyerson, mother of Neal Meyerson and mother-in-law of Mary Meyerson
2/5/2016	Mortimer Cohen, father of Diane Green
2/5/2016	Aaron Paulson, father of David Paulson
2/6/2016	Irving Schuman, grandfather of Katy Clemens
2/7/2016	Theodore Stern, father of Edward Stern
2/8/2016	Victor Seigel, father of Tamara Fastman and Alan Seigel
2/9/2016	Leonard Hendler, father of Beth Friedman
2/10/2016	Naomi Frank-Dannick, grandmother of Felicia Dannick-Friedman
2/10/2016	Janet Weinshel, mother of Gail Katz
2/10/2016	Ida Levine, grandmother of Norman Levine
2/10/2016	Morton Harris, uncle of Gail Whitman
2/11/2016	M.W. "Babe" Friedman, father of Alan Friedman
2/11/2016	Bertha Kaplan, mother-in-law of Valerie Kaplan
2/12/2016	Mary Horowitz, grandmother of Susan Levine
2/12/2016	Jerome Mager, father of Howard Mager
2/13/2016	Speero Brocenos, father of Peter Brocenos
2/13/2016	Elaine Narlisenfeld, grandmother of Matthew Levine
2/14/2016	Beatrice Robbins, mother of Susan Robbins
2/16/2016	*Rae Schoenfeld, mother of Stephen Schoenfeld
2/17/2016	*Bernard (Si) Dvorchik, father of Sheila Urman
2/18/2016	Thelma Glaser, mother of Ruth Brodsky
2/19/2016	David Harris Gladstone, grandfather of Bobbi Adams
2/19/2016	Rose Naftali, grandmother of Seth Eaton
2/19/2016	John T. Hagius, father of Dillon Hagius and Connor Hagius
2/20/2016	Nelle Pearlman, aunt of Julie Burns
2/20/2016	LoisAnne "Bunnie" Stein, mother of Heidi Hess-Webber
2/20/2016	Trude Valfer, grandmother of Dan Krieger
2/20/2016	Gretta Rae Magnus, mother of Gary Magnus

Yahrzeits

2/22/2016	Ted Roeburg, stepfather of David Friedman
2/22/2016	Adolph Weinshel, father of Gail Katz
2/22/2016	Alfred Selber, father of Sharon Mager
2/22/2016	Brian Karl Newman, brother of Rochelle Newman
2/22/2016	Jerome Scissors, father of Rich Scissors
2/23/2016	*Gene Kaplan, husband of Valerie Kaplan
2/23/2016	Gerald Levin, father of Lori Morgenthau, grandfather of Samuel Morgenthau and Julia Morgenthau
2/23/2016	Russell Desjardins, grandfather of John Riehl
2/24/2016	Mary Gold Holzman, mother of Melinda Bers
2/24/2016	Blanche Dresner, mother of Norman Dresner
2/24/2016	Martin Kemp, grandfather of Rebecca Goldfinger
2/25/2016	Oscar "Buddy" Becker, father of Eileen Hollander
2/25/2016	*James Harry Magin, brother of Ed Magin
2/25/2016	*Esther Dvorchik, mother of Sheila Urman
2/26/2016	Alexander Weiner, father of Marilyn Bernhardt
2/29/2016	Solomon Lubin, father of Marjorie Aug
2/29/2016	*Anne Schlossenberg, wife of Ellis Schlossenberg
2/29/2016	Jennie Harris, grandmother of Gail Whitman

Birthdays

1	Lily Northcutt	10	Anna Burns	16	Stephanie Fogle	23	Yvette Moreno
1	Michelle Tobin	10	Kevin Feinberg	16	David Loeb	24	Austin Brick
2	C. J. Argue	10	Annette Rankin	17	Nathan Kornreich	24	Lianna Lincoln
4	Jenna Biederman	11	Nina Dickson	18	Zachary Ludwig	24	Ryan Simon
4	Michael Fastman	11	Suzanne Magin	19	Randi Kampf	25	Morgan Becker
5	Doug Friedman	11	Eric Metzman	19	Shelley Reese	26	Michelle Goozman
6	Michael Schoenfeld	11	Elianna Stone	19	Susan Wilson	26	Michael LeRoy
7	Eric Fleishman	12	Lynne Gaynes-Kaplan	20	Jillian Berman	27	Ruth Brodsky
7	Gregory Friedman	13	Chloe Booher	20	Robert Magin	27	Rebecca Dreifuss
7	John Gudelsky	13	Vanessa Frelich	20	Helen Metzman	27	Eric Land
8	Casey Kampf	13	Michelle Rapp	21	Aaron Clamage	28	Renee Firtag
8	Brian Salant	14	Lena Finkel	21	Tamar Eskin	28	Judith Kessler
8	Anna Siegel	14	Don Hirsh	21	Michael Newman	28	Joan Magin
9	Sonya Everett	14	Carol Jacobson	22	Naomi Fuller	28	Alan Seigel
9	Max Goldberg	14	Aaron Litz	22	Martin Gilbert	29	Jenna Lessler
9	H. Austin Sheppard	14	Sabrina Weissman-Haga	22	Marc Litz		
9	Adam Wasserman	15	Micki Goldstein	23	Brenna Everett		
9	Danny Zolt	15	Zoey Hicks	23	Samantha Klein		

Oneg Sponsors

December 18

Robin Edelberg and family in memory of Jules Brand

December 25

Sidney Hersh and family in honor of Diane's birthday

February 5

Marty Hoffman in memory of his father, William Hoffman

Robin Edelberg and family in memory of William Earl Smith

Shari and David Argue in honor of C.J.'s birthday

February 12

Stone family in honor of Elianna's birthday

Beryl and Gerson Kramer in honor of their anniversary

Steve Kaplan in honor of Lynne's birthday

Lisa Karpf in honor of Beryl and Gerson Kramer's anniversary

February 19

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Helen and Eric Metzman in honor of their birthdays

Marjorie and Steve Aug in honor of their anniversary

Adam Reese in honor of Shelley's birthday

John and Barbara Margolis in honor of Walt's birthday

February 26

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Susan Schiffer, Born 8.24.2015, Margolis Family

Erin Margolis, and Aaron Lucas, Wed. 10.24.2015

SAVE THE DATE

Third Annual Women's Passover Seder

Sponsored by Rosh Hodesh

Oseh Shalom

April 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

See the March Shalom for more information

Oseh Shalom Calendar Highlights

February 2016

February 3,10,17,24	**8:15 PM**	**Israeli Dance**
February 12,19,26	**8:00 PM**	**Shabbat Evening Service**
February 3,10,17,24	**5:00 PM**	**Lower School**
February 2	7:30 PM	Sisterhood Board Meeting
February 5	7:00 PM	Shabbat Family Service
February 6	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
February 7	9:30 AM	NO SCHOOL
	6:00 PM	Super Duper Bowl
February 9	7:00 PM	LLL Film Series
February 10	7:15 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
February 13	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
February 14	9:30 AM	NO SCHOOL
February 17	7:30 PM	LLL Committee Meeting
February 18	7:30 PM	Relcomm Meeting
February 20	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
February 20-21	6:00 PM	Teen Connect Overnight
February 21	9:30 AM	Lower School
	9:30 AM	Pre-K
	11:45 AM	Teen Connect
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
February 21-28		Men's Winter Shelter
February 27	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
February 28	9:30 AM	Lower School
	9:30 AM	Pre-K
	10:00 AM	Membership Committee Meeting
	11:45 AM	Upper School—Torah Study

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

Men's Club presents
Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7, 2016
6:00 p.m.
At Oseh Shalom

Dinner is $10/per square
Square is $40, includes dinner for the family

RSVP or Contact: Steve Lenet @ stevelenet@gmail.com

Candle Lighting Times

Dates	Lighting Time	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
February 5-6	5:15 PM	6:24 PM	Mishpatim Exodus 23:20-24:18	Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26
February 9-10 Rosh Chodesh Adar I				
February 12-13	5:23 PM	6:32 PM	Terumah Exodus 26:31-27:19	I Kings 5:26-6:13
February 19-20	5:31 PM	6:40 PM	Tetzaveh Exodus 29:19-30:10	Ezekiel 43:10-27
February 23 Purim Katan				
February 26-27	5:38 PM	6:47 PM	Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12-34:35	I Kings 18:1-39; I Kings 18:20-39*

* The first haftarah is read by Ashkenazim, the second by Sefardim.

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Wings of Your Protection. May they know that they are immeasurably valued just as they are. May the works of their hands be blessed with much success, and may they walk the paths of peace along with their sisters and brothers in the Household of Israel and the wider human family. And let us say, Amen.

[Shared by Rabbi Maurice Harris and Rabbi Yitzhak Husbands-Hankin.]

Thanks to all of you for your contributions to Oseh Shalom.

Lynne Gaynes-Kaplan