







This Week at OT

Highlights January 6-15

Friday, Jan 6

• 4:44pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, Jan 7

• 5:44 Shabbat Ends

Tuesday, Jan 10

• 7:00pm <u>Sisterhood Book Club</u>

Friday, Jan 13

• 4:50pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, Jan 14

- 5:50 Shabbat Ends
- 6:15pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, Jan 15

- No OTRS
- 4:00pm ICD Webinar
- 6:30pm Men's Club Bowling

Weekly Events

Fridays

- 10:00am Talmud Study (in-person, contact Rabbi Bedo)
- 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturdays

- 9:30am Shabbat Service
- 10:00am <u>Youth Shabbat Playrooms</u> & Services

Sundays

- 9:00am Shacharit
- 9:00am OTRS (unless noted)

Tuesdays

• 4:45pm OTRS (unless noted)

Wednesdays

- 8:00am Shacharit
- 9:15am Mishnah Study (in-person, contact Erin Dreyfuss)

Thursdays

• 12:00pm Torah Study (Zoom, contact Erin Dreyfuss)

Sunday-Thursday Evenings

• 8:00pm Ma'ariv

Yasher Koach

Torah readers Jennifer Gorowitz, Libby Saypol and Andy Baker, and Laura Strouse, who will chant Haftarah.

Anniversaries January 6-12

Elizabeth Whisnant & Kevin Hopkins; Rochelle & David Salzman; Barbara & Carl Villarruel

In Memory

Rabbi Victor Hoffman, father of Talya Kalender

Yahrzeits January 7-13

Ann Shleifer; Frances Maer Sivitz; Jacob Premack; Louis Levin; Morris Klewans; Morris Ronald Brodkey; Samuel Gitlitz; William Polisky; Arnold Boros; Oscar Rosenblum; Reggie Schretter; Samuel Golden; Samuel Rostolsky; Selma Seelig; Steven Davidson; Benjamin Feinstein Levy; Bernard Fuchsman; Bertan David Cohen; Frances Spier; Genevieve Feder; Henry Palley; Ida Feldman; James W. Alvey; Raphael Aronson; Stephen Cohen; Edward Rosett; Irwin Schneider; Marian Gitlitz; Mary Ann Lachman; Milton Glickman; Mollie Miller; Eileen Doran Morris; Eva Amster; Harold Jerome Gross; Miriam Siegel Walman; Myer Rosenfeld; Robert Gomperts; Rosa Pos; Sarah Lerner; Anna Epstein; Barbara Marcus; Henrietta Pincus; John Holdeman; Joseph Speevack; Lottie Shack; Martin Weiss; Solomon Stern; Albert Poritsky; Armin Baker; Ivan Siebert; Raphael Gewirtz

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Shabbat Resources

Parashat Vayechi

Torah: Genesis 47:28-48:22 Maftir: Genesis 50:23-26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

Parsha Summary: Joseph promises Jacob that he will bury him in Canaan. On his deathbed, Jacob blesses his grandchildren, Ephraim and Menashe, and then blesses each of his sons. Jacob dies and is embalmed. Joseph affirms to his brothers that he has forgiven them for their misdeeds. Ending the Book of Genesis, Joseph dies.

Every Thursday, join our Torah Study lunch and learn about the week's parsha. <u>Click here</u> to download this week's source sheet and email <u>Erin Dreyfuss</u> to join the class list.

Check the status of the Fairfax eruv here.

Engage with OT

Russian/Soviet Migration to Israel class coming this winter! We are looking for a congregant who immigrated from The Soviet Union to Israel in the 1940s-1960s to share your experience in a panel discussion about Russian/Soviet immigration to Israel. Contact Erin Dreyfuss if you would like to participate on the panel (class date TBD).

Sisterhood Book Club: The Thread Collectors, Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm on Zoom. Read The Thread Collectors by Shaunna J. Edwards & Alyson Richman and join Shelly Palley for a Sisterhood discussion. The Thread Collectors follows the lives of two women in 1863, a young Black seamstress in New Orleans and a Jewish abolitionist in New York City. As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us. Loosely inspired by the authors' family histories, this stunning novel will stay with readers for a long time. Register here to receive the Zoom link.

Shulchan Ivrit, Saturday, January 14 at Kiddush Lunch. Celebrate Shavua Ivrit (Hebrew Week) from January 8-14 as we share Hebrew words and phrases throughout the week on Facebook and via email. At the end of the week, join Yehoon at a Hebrew table during kiddush lunch to speak Hebrew and try out some of the new words you've learned!

Parent's Night Out, Saturday, January 14, 6:15-8:00pm. Enjoy a night out courtesy of the OT Religious School! Join us for Havdalah at 6:15pm, then let your children enjoy some fun, games, and light snacks while you go out on the town. Childcare for children Kindergarten and older, \$18 per child, \$54 family max. Register here by Sunday, January 8.

ICD Webinar: The Role of Religion and Culture in Our Society, Sunday, January 15, 4:00pm on Zoom. This webinar will explore the interaction between faith and culture from a historical perspective as well as the impact of more recent immigration, migration, and globalization on evolving cultural and religious norms. The interactive session will include a speaker presentation and small group discussions. Register here by Sunday, January 8.

Abba and Men's Club Bowling Night, Sunday, January 15, 6:30pm at Bowl America Burke. Come cheer on your old and new friends at ABBA and Men's Club Bowling Night. This year we will be at Bowl America in Burke. From Novice to those on the PBA Tour, it is always an amazing time filled with fun, laughter, and cheering. Register here by January 11.

MLK Day Social Action Discussion, Monday, January 16, 2:00pm at OT. Commemorate Martin Luther

King, Jr. Day by joining our group discussion led by Shirley Ginwright from Communities of Trust: "How do we continue the legacy of Dr. King? Exploring ways to work with our neighbors to support one another." RSVP to <u>Clare Bachner</u>.

Men's Club Brunch: The Jewish Experience in the US Military, Sunday, January 22, 9:45am. Please join us on Sunday, January 22 to hear OT members Marc Herwitz and Rosalind Sloan share their stories and observations of the Jewish experience in the US miliary. Accompanying our speakers will be a fun chow hall themed menu, with Jewish additions of bagels and lox of course. We thank and celebrate our active duty and veteran members. This is a brunch not to be missed! \$12 for Men's Club members, \$18 for non-members. Register here by Monday, January 9.

2023 National Mah Jongg League Cards, orders due January 23. Sisterhood is now taking orders for 2023 National Mah Jongg League Memberships/Cards. Order your cards here today!

Power Pack Program (P3), Sunday, January 29, 1:00pm. OT is having a Winter Power Pack collection to supplement the extra food needed by students in our area who experience food scarcity. Donate items in the main lobby donation bench through Friday, January 27. Join us in the social hall to assemble power packs at 1:00pm on Sunday, January 29. See a full list of donation items or make a monetary contribution here.

Scholar in Residence, February 3-5. Come study with our scholar, Bex Stern Rosenblatt, the North American Faculty-in-Residence for The Conservative Yeshiva at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center. The Song of Songs and Ecclesiastes are two of King Solomon's great books of wisdom that seek to answer the question of how to live well. Over the course of Shabbat, we will join Solomon in his pursuit of meaning and see if we can find the key to a life well-lived. Register here for the weekend.

Sisterhood & Men's Club Fall in Love in Las Vegas Fun-raiser, Saturday, February 11, 7:30pm. Sisterhood and Men's Club invite you to a casino night! Play Blackjack, Craps, Texas Hold 'Em, and Roulette, all run by a professional casino company. We will also have a DJ and other fun activities, plus hors d'oeuvres, dessert, beer and wine. Admission covers the casino activities. Register here.

Unitea: A gathering of interfaith women, Sunday, February 19, 4:00pm. Sisterhood and Interfaith Communities for Dialogue (ICD) invite you to the 2023 UNITEA. Please join us in the OT social hall for tea, light refreshments, and friendship. Register here by Sunday, February 5.

In the Community

When FCPS is Closed, MoEd is Your Answer! Thursday, January 26, 9:00am-6:00pm at OT. Open to all K-5th graders for full or half day option. Enjoy a day at MoEd Jewish Afterschool Program. Bring lunch; we will have snacks! Learn more and register here.

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