

President's Letter

Donna Coufal - President

Dear Dor Hadash Friends,

Last year at this time, we were pondering postponing Hanukkah on Ice and planning Tu B'Shevat on Ice. What a minor concession that seems today. Fortunately, we had a marvelous time at our Hanukkah dinner with so many cooks, especially Nava's homemade sufanignot! And this year, guess what? We never could have imagined that it would be three quarters of a year and we still have not seen one another in person. When it finally happens will we laugh? Will we cry? Will we dance?



Not yet...hold on....just a few more months. Cold, snowy months. Better hunker down with hot tea or cocoa. Blankets, slippers. These next few months will be our last chance to exclusively zoom in with pajamas, no need to allow for travel time, and master our muting and unmuting abilities.

Living in our chrysalises with a time extension, we have not met our new members in person or even had a face to face board meeting or service. What will it be like to see each other without fearing the virus spread? Will we relax? Will we think differently as we breathe and pray together? Will we think "Now I remember, this is what singing together sounds like!".

Friday night's poetry service was so beautiful and enlivening.* I am so thankful for the thoughtful words of so many of our gifted members: gratitude, gravity, covid, marigolds, garlic and the colors and light of the world around us. The beautiful gratitude of the great and small things felt by our children.

We are finding ways during this pandemic of Covid-19, not just to pass the time, but to use this time reflectively, creatively. Marc Chagall said, "If I create from the heart, nearly everything works: if from the head, almost nothing." Whether it is poetry, writing, painting, yoga or dance, there are a myriad of ways that we can go deep inside ourselves and bring what we are finding to light. Artistic expression taps into our humanity, just when we feel the most bored, alone or caught in routine. I hope in the months and years ahead we continue to find ways to bring creative expression to inspire one another in our programs and services.

The beautiful tomatoes pictured above were planted and harvested in Esther Teverosky's garden and then became the subject of her scrumptious watercolor painting.

And for those of you who find creative expression through the head as well as the heart (that would be you, Miri), it looks like we might have to plan a Kabbalistic Math Service.....

B'shalom,

Donna

Rabbi Cheryl Teaches...

Chanukkah is an 8-day long festive holiday that commemorates an improbable victory, some 22 centuries ago, by the Maccabees, a band of Jewish guerilla fighters seeking to reclaim their land, their Temple, and their sovereignty from the oppressive rule of the Syrian Greek Empire (also sometimes called the Seleucid Empire)



The word “Chanukkah” means “dedication,” and it refers to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem which took place after the Maccabees’ victory in 164 BCE (before the common era). Once the Maccabees had restored the Temple and re-purified it, the traditional story says that they sought to relight a lamp known as the “eternal flame, ner tamid.” But only one day’s worth of consecrated olive oil could be found, and it would be a while before more could be produced. No one wanted to light the eternal flame only to see it sputter out after a day, but there was also a deep spiritual desire to rekindle the sacred lamp immediately. The priests decided to light it and hope for the best. Miraculously, it burned for eight days until fresh jars of olive oil were finally brought to keep the flame alive. Hence, this miracle became a commemoration of eight nights of candle lighting called Chanukkah.

Chanukkah emphasizes light during the darkest part of the year. The main observances are lighting a chanukkiyah (a ceremonial candelabra often called a menorah, but not to be confused with the sacred seven light candelabra in the Temple in Jerusalem), spinning a top called a dreidel (a game of chance that was played by the Maccabees so as to convince the oppressive enemy that the time of the Jews was not spent studying Torah when in fact they did study when the oppressors were not in sight) and eating fried foods like potato latkes and donuts (to symbolize the oil in the story).

(Rabbi Cheryl Teaches... (Continued on Page 3)

The little things*

A poem in honor of Thanksgiving 2020

I walk along
I see a gathering of leaves
How do the browns and the reds know how to
make just the right proportions of each
A great hunk of a tree trunk
The head of a bear appears
Three little girls in plaid skirts skating in a row
The street divides into two
The sun shines on both parts
It is magic
The shadow of a bush looks like a sleeping cocker
spaniel
The cane of the old man 20 feet in front of me has
its own rhythm
A bird chirps to greet me
The symmetry of the windows in the new building
is magical
A tiny red car passes a huge truck and it feels proud
The beautiful flowers in front of an ugly building
make it beautiful
A bush reflects the head of a rabbit, or is it a deer
The fading paint on the street screams, "I need a
new coat"
A puddle of muddy water reflects the branches of a
maple tree
A quarter shines up at me, asking me to pick it up
I am grateful for the world I live in.

Ruth Drescher
11-23-2020

* From Shabbat Service 11-27-20

Rabbi Cheryl Teaches... (continued)

Chanukkah is not a biblical holiday, but a rabbinically mandated minor religious holiday, which among American Jews is rather popular.

The Maccabees represented a priestly family that had for some time been in conflict with some of the elites in Jewish society who had chosen to assimilate into Syrian Greek religious and cultural life. The initial fighting began between Jewish factions, but quickly grew into a full-fledged war with the Syrian Greeks, who had imposed many aspects of their polytheistic religion on the Jews. After the Maccabees won and came to power (about 2150 years ago), they instituted Chanukkah as a new major holiday in ancient Israel. Several centuries later, after a new empire – Rome – had destroyed the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE and exiled most Jews from Israel, the rabbis who came to lead the surviving Jews downplayed the importance of Chanukkah. For multiple reasons, they chose to emphasize the miracle of the sacred light that burned for eight days despite there only being one day's worth of oil, and to downplay the importance of the military victory. For many centuries, Chanukkah quietly appeared every winter as a minor yet festive occasion.

Before modern times, there was no Jewish tradition of exchanging gifts during Chanukkah; no big drama over kids getting presents. One tradition is for parents to give their children gelt (Yiddish for money) so as to teach them the mitzvah of tzedakkah, giving a portion of what they have to show gratitude and provide for those in need or causes that they support. But in every place Jews have lived, they have adapted their holidays and customs, often absorbing elements from the majority culture and reframing them in a Jewish context. American Chanukkah is a prime example of this. This Jewish adaptive pattern of “absorbing and Jewishly customizing” other cultures’ practices is an important part of how Judaism has evolved and stayed relevant across so many places and historical times.

One important aspect of Chanukkah that’s become amplified in modern American society is the story of ancient Jews fighting for their right to worship freely against an empire that sought to impose its own religious beliefs upon them. American Jewish culture has cultivated that storyline into a celebration of religious freedom and freedom from persecution for religious minorities in American society.



In the Jewish calendar (lunar based), Chanukkah begins at sundown on the 25th of a month called Kislev, and it continues for 8 days.

There is a rabbinic debate between Rav(Rabbi) Hillel and Rav Shamai over how the chanukkiyah is to be lit. Most Jews follow the school of Rav Hillel by first lighting the shamash (lead candle), chanting the blessings (3 blessings on the first night as we include the Shehecheyanu blessing when doing something ritually new for the first time in a given year and then 2 blessings for the remaining 7 nights) then lighting one candle placed in the far right position. For each succeeding night, we light the shamash, chant the 2 blessings and add one more candle from right to left (simulating how we read Hebrew), but lighting the newest candle first then the other candles representing the previous nights. One way to remember the how-to is to “light the new, but remember the past”. Part of the mitzvah is to publicly declare the celebration by placing the lights in the window of our homes for all to see. Having an open flame near the window may be a bit dangerous so some people choose to light the chanukkiyah on a table or flat safe surface and use an electric chanukkiyah for public display.

As we observe and celebrate Chanukkah this year, may we always try to look for the small miracles in our lives and demonstrate our gratitude by giving back. May we take great pride in the strength of our ancestors who fought for the right to worship and live as Jews as we continue to battle for those values that we so cherish.

Chazakv'Amatz... may we find the strength and the courage.

Rabbi Cheryl Klein

Share the Oneg Joy with EECM

Barb Murock

East End Cooperative Ministry, (EECM) is an inter-faith group of congregations representing most of the spiritual traditions in the East End of Pittsburgh. With programs for all ages, its mission is to make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families served by tending to their needs for today as well as their hopes for tomorrow with a wide range of services. (www.EECM.org) Dor Hadash has long been a member congregation of EECM.

For several years, many Dor Hadash congregants have volunteered to prepare and serve dinner to the 50+ residents at the shelter once a month. Since the onset of COVID-19, instead of meal preparation and serving, our volunteers have contributed the cost of the meals (\$200), and EECM staff prepare and serve the meals.

The pandemic has also meant that we now have virtual Shabbat services, and we cannot be together for our traditional Oneg, to enjoy refreshments and spend time together. Lost in that change has also been the opportunity to sponsor an Oneg, which congregants have done as a way to honor a lifecycle event, a special occasion, honor an individual, or “just because”.

We have created a way to meet both needs by merging them for the next several months. Instead of sponsoring an Oneg, all congregants will have the opportunity to help sponsor the meals for EECM by contributing towards the cost of the meal as a way of honoring a special occasion, life cycle event or loved one’s memory or “just because”. There may be more than one sponsor each month, enabling you to contribute any part of the amount needed. Sponsors will be noted in Dor Hadash newsletters and at services, just as Onegs traditionally have.

If you would like to become a sponsor, contact Joan Saroff at jmsaroff@hotmail.com or 412-780-9697. She is coordinating the schedule and will also provide you with information on how to make your contribution. Or email Helene Weinraub, Coordinator of EECM meals, (hsweinraub@gmail.com).

We look forward to the time we can once again join together for services, and volunteers can prepare and serve meals at the EECM shelter. In the meantime, we thank you for your support

Shabbat is for Everyone

11:00 am on first Shabbat of the month



"Shabbat is for Everyone" is a new Shabbat morning family-friendly service. This is a one-hour service at 11:00 am on the first Saturday morning of each month led by Anna Coufal. It is designed to be interactive and accessible to children as well as adults who are less familiar with Jewish rituals and traditions, such as members who are not Jewish, have non-Jewish partners, and/or are exploring the process of conversion. We are excited to make our Shabbat services more accessible to all of our members with this alternative service! If you have any questions or would like to participate in leading any part of the service, please contact Anna at annac@dorhadash.net.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

Seven positions on the Dor Hadash Board will be up for election at the annual meeting in March. The positions to be elected include:

- Vice Presidents of Administration
- Ritual
- Youth Education
- Member-at-Large
- Chesed
- Communications
- Social Action

Each position is for two years, with the exception of Member-at-Large, which is elected every year.

Ed Feinstein is chairing the Nominating Committee which is putting together a Board slate. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee or in one of the Board positions is encouraged to contact Ed for further information.

3rd Annual Jerry Rabinowitz Ride

November 8th marked the 3rd annual Jerry Rabinowitz Memorial Ride. The ride every year is to honor the victims of the synagogue shooting of October, 27th, 2018. The ride is a great opportunity for PYL to connect with the congregation that has provided so much support to the organization over the years. Also allowing them to do one of the things Jerry loved.. Cycling! We would love to thank everyone who attended the ride, it was an extremely beautiful day and great to see everyone. The ride was a 60 mile round trip from Pittsburgh to Sutersville and back.

Camal (Cody) Wagner



Zoom B'nai Mitzvahs

We had four successful Zoom Bat Mitzvahs during this 2020 pandemic: for Stella Kir, Sarah Nixon, Hannah Carter, and Kriya Spadafora, who all did beautifully. The first two were held in the spring; we thought then that the quarantine would be over for the two in the fall. Not so. The final Zoom Bat Mitzvah was held just last week.



Kriya Spadafora's Zoom Bat Mitzvah

The students in their homes, flanked by their parents, led parts of the service and chanted Torah and chanted or read Haftarah in various ways. Hannah Carter's Bat Mitzvah in October was held in her family's backyard on a warm fall morning and the Bat Mitzvah was broadcast over Zoom from there.



Hannah Carter's Zoom Bat Mitzvah

Since many of the guests would not have prayer books, we had screen shares with the prayers. We did not bring the Torah scroll to the homes; the students chanted from their practice sheets. Rehearsals were held the week before with everyone who had parts, including those with aliyot—to be sure everyone knew how to work their computers with Zoom. We wanted to keep the time of each Bat Mitzvah to between 90 and 105 minutes; we never succeeded at that.



These Bat Mitzvahs took significant effort and there are many people to thank. First Jim Lenkner whose kindness and technology skills are the reason they all ran so beautifully. Special thanks also to Cantor Julie Newman who was the cantor for three of the services. Julie prepared all the prayers as screen shares, a time-consuming process, and participated generously in the rehearsals, adding her expertise to the planning. Thanks to Karen Morris who ran the screen shares for the service. And finally many thanks to the Bat Mitzvah students and their families, for so graciously accepting this unusual but unavoidable change in the way they always imagined their Bat Mitzvahs would be held. Now we have lots of parties to look forward to when this quarantine is over.

Hal Grinberg

I sit
the radio plays
I sit
in the car
My granddaughter sleeps
in her car seat.
I listen
classical music
and soft breathing.
So I sit
and write this
and be present.
In "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint Exupery
the fox explains
that the measure of your love
is not the time you spend
on your flower
but the time you waste
on your flower.

Donna Lenkner

Remembering 10.27

This past month marked two years since the October 27, 2018 shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue. Dor Hadash, the Pittsburgh Jewish community and the larger community marked this milestone in many meaningful ways. Some of these were private events for the individual congregations, victims' families, or survivors, and some were open to the larger community.

This year's official commemoration planning was organized by the [10.27 Healing Partnership](#) and included representation from the three congregations, victims' families group, survivors of the attack, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, the JCC, Repair the World, and Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS). Dor Hadash members Rabbi Doris Dyen, Marty Gaynor, and Dana Kellerman were part of the planning committee.

[Repair the World Pittsburgh](#) organized a Day of Service, held on October 25, 2020. Volunteers participated in real world and virtual service events which included cemetery clean ups at Beth Abraham Cemetery, assembling dental hygiene kits for the Foster Love Project, baking for families residing at Family House University Place, painting stones with messages of love and hope and delivering them to various neighborhoods around the city with Kesher, harvesting, weeding, and watering the Sheridan Avenue Orchard, joining together with Hillel Academy for a letter writing event to support our community and provide cards of care and compassion, and phone banking with [Squirrel Hill Stands Against Gun Violence](#) and [Bend the Arc](#) Jewish Action to help registered voters find their polling places and return their mail in ballots. Other service events included assembling Pen Pal kits with Friendship Circle, labeling and sorting books with the National Council of Jewish Women to donate to the Children's Rooms at the Courts, and distributing food with the Allison Park Church.

A virtual Community Commemorative Gathering was held on the evening of October 27. On a day of remembrance and reflection, this was a time to pay our respects to the lives that were taken on 10/27/18 and be with their families, the survivors, the three congregations who worshipped at the Tree of Life synagogue, and the first responders. This event is no longer publicly available, but can be viewed by contacting Maggie Feinstein (mfeinstein@jccpgh.org) at the 10.27 Healing Partnership.

Anti-racist Ad-hoc Committee:

The purpose of this group is to commit to the work of anti-racism by establishing an ad-hoc committee to specifically address systemic racism within Dor Hadash as well as how we can be a stronger support to anti-racist causes in the broader Jewish, local, and national communities. Dor Hadash will take an intentional approach to constructing a welcoming, inclusive, and curious environment for Pittsburgh's Jews and their families and friends. We will continually examine and refine our policies, practices, rituals, and behavior to ensure that all who choose to participate in our community will be welcome. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please contact Anna Coufal at annac@dorhadash.net or Andi Fischhoff at andi.fischhoff@gmail.com

Federal Grant Funds Staff for Dor Hadash

We are very pleased to announce that Jody Shapiro has been hired to fill the new 10.27 Administrative Assistant position. The federal grant awarded to Dor Hadash provided the funds for this position, which will allow the congregation to develop programming and other activities related to the events of 10/27/18. Jody worked for almost 20 years in the Quality Improvement Department at UPMC, leaving 3 years ago to start her own business providing remote administrative assistance to clients throughout the country. Jody has extensive experience with computers, in particular with the programs she is likely to need in this new position. She is excited to work for Dor Hadash, and to help the congregation and the new 10.27 Ad Hoc Committee develop its initiatives. We are very happy to welcome Jody to Dor Hadash!

Jo Recht,
Rob Kraftowitz
Susan Melnick,
Jim Silver
(10.27 Administrative Assistant Hiring Committee)

Remembering 10.27 (continued)

Congregants and members of the larger Jewish community were able to participate in commemorative Torah study sessions on October 27 and on November 4 and 5, the Hebrew yahrzeit date. Rabbi Cheryl Klein offered a session entitled “More than Zachor (Remember). Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President of Reconstructing Judaism, offered a session entitled “Drawing on Jewish Wisdom and Practice to Cultivate Resilience”. Dor Hadash participated in a joint morning minyan with Tree of Life-Or L’Simcha Congregation and New Light Congregation on November 4. On November 5, Dor Hadash also co-hosted a Community Conversation on anti-Semitism and white supremacy with [Repair the World, 1 Hood Media](#), The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Dor Hadash Religious School families participated in a brief virtual ceremony and candle lighting during regularly scheduled Religious School.

Many other organizations and individuals commemorated the date through events and largely virtual gatherings. This list is by necessity, incomplete. Squirrel Hill Stands Against Gun Violence, along with numerous community partners, hosted ‘In Memoriam, 2020’, remembering the victims of gun violence and demanding change. The Clarion Quartet presented Pittsburgh Remembers: Reclaiming the Voices of Suppressed Jewish Composers of the Nazi Era; A Concert Honoring The Victims of The Massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Jewish Community & Family Services hosted a number of Art & Commemoration workshops. Several events were held around the publication of Beth Kissileff and Eric Lidji’s new book: “Bound in the Bond of Life: Pittsburgh Writers Reflect on the Tree of Life Tragedy”. These included an evening co-sponsored by Dor Hadash and readings by Dor Hadash member and author, Arlene Weiner.

Perhaps most importantly, the community held space for the victims’ families, survivors, members of the three congregations, and the larger community to remember in whatever way they found most meaningful.

Dana Kellerman



February/22/2018*

I planted garlic just now.

Never got to plant it at the end of October or November
Or even on one of the warm days of December.

Too consumed by the grief wrought on October 27th.

But today, I found three cloves of garlic, leftover from last years’ harvest.

They had tentatively rooted in the grass and were green with bud!

So, I gave them an extra boost.

I gently lifted them up

and tucked them into the deep, rich, composted soil on the garden’s edge.

With care, I covered them with leaves.

We'll see what comes of it!

But this I know.

They were desperate to live.

Rosa Lynn Pinkus

Dor Hadash Religious School

Karen Morris—Principal

As we enter December, we begin our fourth month of religious school. We continue our studies in the virtual Zoom setting. During this time, we have become comfortable in this setting, and our students and teachers have adapted well to our routines. We know this is the best for now, and our diligent teachers work extra hard to meet the needs of each student. It is so important to engage within our virtual classrooms, and also between our classrooms as we meet together weekly during the whole school “kehilla” time. We are looking ahead to future ways to interact between the age groups.

In October, we welcomed Sai Koros as the teacher of the 7th/8th grade Tzedek class. This class meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons and we are thrilled that Sai has joined our teaching team.

This month is the Hebrew month of Kislev. It is our darkest month of the year, our days are short as we move towards the winter solstice. As our country continues to face the challenges of the covid19 pandemic, there can be much darkness. Part of our vision is to bring light to our community, to our families, and especially our students. We witness this each time we are together in class, and each time we join together for services. The 25th of Kislev begins our celebration of the Festival of Lights (Chag Ha’orim), or Chanukah. Chanukah, literally means “dedication,” as the Temple was rededicated when the Maccabees defeated the Greeks, relit the Menorah and purified the Temple. Let us remember, the menorah transforms itself into a “Chanukiah.” A traditional Menorah has 7 branches. The Chanukiah has 8 branches, plus the shamash place for the helper candle to light the others (9 total). We will find new meaning as we find new ways to be together for Chanukah.

Our school families will receive a special Chanukah treat bag this year, delivered to their home.



Family Events/Programs for Chanukah

Saturday, December 5 - Shabbat is for Everyone - 11:00 AM with Anna Coufal

Friday, December 11 - Chanukah/Shabbat Service with Rabbi Cheryl and Lara Putnam - 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 12 - Early Childhood - 2nd grade Chanukah Shabbat with Karen - 9:30 AM

Wednesday, December 16 - **School Chanukah Party**. Get dressed up and bring your Chanukiah, dreidels and anything special in your home that you enjoy on Chanukah. We will join together for candle lighting and then split into three groups. Each group will get to have a dance party, a demonstration on making sufganiot (jelly donuts), and an art experience. Invite Grandparents or others from your family as your special guests.

Wishing you a **Chag Chanukah Sa’mach! A very Happy Chanukah!**

Nes Gadol Hayah Sham!

נס גדוֹל הִיא שָׁם

A Great Miracle Happened There!

Gratitude, Poems and Haikus from the religious school*

ברוך אתה יהוה מברך הימים:

Baruch ata adonai m'varech hashanim.

Blessed are you, Abundant One, who blesses the years.

We are grateful for the abundance of

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| - air | - Happiness |
| - Birds | - riddles |
| - Water | - family |
| - Food | - friends |
| - My family | - puzzles |
| - Justice | - trees |
| - Pets | - my bed |
| - to be here with everybody | - me |
| - kindness | - paper |
| - jokes and laughter | - earth |
| - shelter | - nature |
| - Joe Biden being president | - Florida |
| - plants | |
| - I'm grateful for technology being able to do school. | |

Roses are red, Violets are Blue
Time to dine in, Won't you too

By Zachary Mor, Mitzvah Class

Thanksgiving party
Feasting on turkey and things
Why I don't get it

Simon Schachner, Vav Class

Eat with family
Turkey, sweet potatoes yum
All the foods are good

Joanna Rapp, Vav Class

Thanksgiving with friends
Gravy, turkey, and others
Now, the pumpkin pie

Mason + Aiko Witten, Vav Class



Darkness Be Gone

Chanukkah lights are coming!

Beginning with the first candle at 6pm on **Dec. 10th**, R'Cheryl will be leading zoom Chanukkah candle lighting each night at 6pm. Share the light, a song, and trade stories with her and fellow Dor Hadashers! With the exception of Friday, Dec. 11th, candle lighting will begin each night of the hag at 6pm.

Additional pleasures await you on three of the nights. Kabalat Shabbat on Friday night, **Dec. 11th**, we will light the chanukkiya before the Shabbat candles at 7:30 p.m. when the service begins.

Saturday, **December 12th** at 8pm – the Kehilla Committee and an anonymous donor joyfully present Nefessh Mountain in a live-streamed concert for the community! Look for details about how to register for your personal login codes in the weekly email on the Members Only page of the Dor Hadash website. (Please note, everyone interested in claiming free admission must register by 5pm December 10th.)

Monday, **Dec. 14th**, at 6pm we will be joined by Rabbi Shmuel Weinstein who will share a Chassidic Rebbe story and mentalist Brian (Baruch) Resnick.

School families will celebrate with each other and their extended families

Teaching this year:

Ami Weintraub: 2nd - 4th grade

Anna Coufal: 5th grade & 4th/5th grade Hebrew

Nava Chernoff: 6th grade Hebrew & Mitzvah Class

Sai Koros: 7th/8th grade Tzedek Class

Karen Morris: 6th grade Judaics

Roan Hollander: teen teacher's assistant

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS IS MOVING FORWARD

We are happy to report that the strategic planning process is in full swing. We thank all the members of the congregation who so generously gave their time to participate in the data collection phase, including individual and group interviews, a survey, and six congregational meetings.

We recently shared through the weekly emails the timeline for the process (which is also available on the website, in the members only section, along with the consultants' report).

Currently two Working Groups, comprised of members of the board and of the strategic planning committee, have been meeting. One has drafted a statement of the congregation's core values. The other is putting the finishing touches on a statement of our overarching goals for the planning process. We are very happy to share with you now the draft statement of values. Feel free to share comments with Susan Melnick, who led the Working Group on Values (smelnick@dorhadash.net). Our thanks to all the members of the Working Group.

Mel Melnick, VP for Administration
Co-chair Strategic Planning Committee
Carolyn (Kerry) Ban
Co-chair Strategic Planning Committee

DRAFT VALUE STATEMENTS CONGREGATION DOR HADASH November 22, 2020

Dor Hadash is a socially conscious, lay-led, Reconstructionist Jewish Congregation. Through the integration of tradition and innovation we offer access to Jewish life and community for people of all backgrounds and abilities.

COMMUNITY:

Our greatest strength is our community itself. We celebrate our diversity and our inclusive values, and everyone is welcome to join us to participate in Jewish communal life.

We are committed to strong democratic lay leadership. We value member engagement in the ritual, governance, social, and educational aspects of our Congregation.

We care for one another and share communal experiences of pain and joy that include ritual, prayer, and personal connection.

Dor Hadash is part of a larger Jewish and civic community, to which we contribute and from which we draw strength.

JUDAISM AND SPIRITUALITY:

Dor Hadash is committed to Reconstructionist ideals of Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. We seek to bring meaning to ritual, Torah, and mitzvot as we engage with Judaism through a progressive and contemporary lens.

SOCIAL ACTION:

We understand that we are responsible to our broader community and our planet. Through member involvement we work for social justice and dignity for all people and our world.

EDUCATION:

We are committed to dynamic Jewish learning. We study Jewish texts, values, practices, and traditions and "reconstruct" them in ways that move and inspire us today. We are committed to the Jewish education of our children.

Contributions

Chai Fund

Ian Nixon & Miriam Cremer
Kathy Blee & Pam Goldman
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Rosalyn Sherman

In honor of Rabbi Cheryl Klein

Zelda Braslawsce

In honor of Eve Wider and in memory of Jerry Rabinowitz

Nancy Ackerman Warshofsky

In honor of Maurice Wittenberg

Lori & Aaron Maslow
Claudia Dreifus & Andrew Hacker

In honor of Chelli Hovne

Carolyn Ban

In memory of Eugene W. Sucov

Joshua Sucov

Donation for Accessibility

Pamela Perry

NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Dor Hadash has new phone numbers! Sai Koros, will answer calls directly when in the office. (Leave a message at all other times.)

Rabbi Cheryl Klein can be reached at the Dor Hadash number listed below.

Congregation Main Number: 412 467-6188

Rabbi Cheryl Klein: 412 212-6639

Tech Support: 412 419-1556

Please leave a message as all voicemail is also sent directly to email.

Yahrzeits December 2020

Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	English Date
Eli Weinraub	11/19/1975	15 Kislev	12/1/2020
Regina Belle	11/19/2013	16 Kislev	12/2/2020
Isidore Dyen	12/14/2008	17 Kislev	12/3/2020
Charles G Hirsh	12/5/2017	17 Kislev	12/3/2020
Bill Hashinger	12/10/2014	18 Kislev	12/4/2020
Nathan Merenstein	11/21/1994	18 Kislev	12/4/2020
Esther Freed	12/3/2012	19 Kislev	12/5/2020
Miriam S Levinson	12/7/2017	19 Kislev	12/5/2020
Kathleen London	11/27/2018	19 Kislev	12/5/2020
Joseph Herschlag	11/30/1969	20 Kislev	12/6/2020
Elizabeth Brown	12/20/2016	20 Kislev	12/6/2020
Sybil Bracher	12/2/2015	20 Kislev	12/6/2020
Daniel Hoffman	12/5/1974	21 Kislev	12/7/2020
Ernestine Goldstein	12/16/1992	21 Kislev	12/7/2020
Barbara Bonner	12/6/2012	22 Kislev	12/8/2020
Esther Brown	12/20/1962	23 Kislev	12/9/2020
Molly Sara Sokulski	12/3/2007	23 Kislev	12/9/2020
Floyd Heller	12/24/2016	24 Kislev	12/10/2020
Pauline Perlberg Rogoff	12/13/2015	25 Kislev	12/11/2020
Morris Poe	12/14/1998	25 Kislev	12/11/2020
Esther Shalit	12/10/2012	26 Kislev	12/12/2020
Robert Coleman	12/6/2007	26 Kislev	12/12/2020
Emeline Cohen	12/9/2004	26 Kislev	12/12/2020
Joseph Oscar Artman	12/8/1996	27 Kislev	12/13/2020
William Cherry	12/3/1937	29 Kislev	12/15/2020
Betsy Ross Melnick Rothblatt	12/12/2015	30 Kislev	12/16/2020
Laura Isenberg	12/28/2000	2 Teveth	12/17/2020
Melvin Drescher	12/7/1945	3 Teveth	12/18/2020
Milton Brown	12/22/1998	3 Teveth	12/18/2020
Patricia Klingensmith	1/1/2020	4 Teveth	12/19/2020
Oscar Roth	12/16/1985	4 Teveth	12/19/2020
Gerald Merenstein	12/14/2007	5 Teveth	12/20/2020
David Primack	12/26/1998	7 Teveth	12/22/2020
Gussie Litman	12/21/1993	7 Teveth	12/22/2020
Sol Cosson	1/1/2004	7 Teveth	12/22/2020
Harold Cohen	12/21/2012	8 Teveth	12/23/2020
Ruth Pearl	1/4/2009	8 Teveth	12/23/2020

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Sidney Kaufman	12/17/2010	10 Teveth	12/25/2020
Harold Murock	12/31/2006	10 Teveth	12/25/2020
Meir Engel	12/16/1964	11 Teveth	12/26/2020
Marilyn Seiner Sternglass	1/6/2004	12 Teveth	12/27/2020
Ester Schoenfeld	12/21/1999	12 Teveth	12/27/2020
Clare Fitzpatrick	12/21/2007	12 Teveth	12/27/2020
Marilyn Sternglass	1/6/2004	12 Teveth	12/27/2020
Miriam Fox	1/3/1988	13 Teveth	12/28/2020
Lewis Freedman	12/22/1988	14 Teveth	12/29/2020
Morris Martin	1/6/1966	14 Teveth	12/29/2020
Edith Fertman	1/4/2007	14 Teveth	12/29/2020
Lewis Freedman	12/22/1988	14 Teveth	12/29/2020
Joanne Cremer	1/13/2017	15 Teveth	12/30/2020
Albert Gumerman	1/8/1985	15 Teveth	12/30/2020
Martin Schlesinger	1/15/2006	15 Teveth	12/30/2020
Elaine Budd	1/1/2010	15 Teveth	12/30/2020

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Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	English Date
Herschel Merenstein	1/18/1987	17 Teveth	1/1/2021
Leo Zwicker	12/30/2012	17 Teveth	1/1/2021
David Latta	1/7/2007	17 Teveth	1/1/2021
Morris Shonberg	1/18/1968	17 Teveth	1/1/2021
Louis Miller	1/12/2012	17 Teveth	1/1/2021
Henry Sucov	1/2/1945	17 Teveth	1/1/2021
Paul Isenberg	1/15/2009	19 Teveth	1/3/2021
Kalman Schoenfeld	12/31/1985	19 Teveth	1/3/2021
Gertrude Greenberg	12/29/1996	19 Teveth	1/3/2021
David Poe	1/2/2013	20 Teveth	1/4/2021
Benjamin Brown	12/29/2007	20 Teveth	1/4/2021
Lena Goldman	1/18/2009	22 Teveth	1/6/2021
Philip Mason	1/21/1979	22 Teveth	1/6/2021
Illa Levi	1/13/2015	22 Teveth	1/6/2021
Frederick Fischer	1/24/1949	23 Teveth	1/7/2021
Zellie Ellis	12/31/1980	24 Teveth	1/8/2021
Louis Lichtblau	12/30/1972	25 Teveth	1/9/2021
Marjorie McCardell	1/12/1991	26 Teveth	1/10/2021

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Manley David Witten	1/18/2015	27 Teveth	1/11/2021
Esther Muhlstock	1/22/2001	27 Teveth	1/11/2021
Ethel Marks	1/22/2012	27 Teveth	1/11/2021
Yael Brickenstein	1/22/2012	27 Teveth	1/11/2021
Max Wurm	1/6/1989	29 Teveth	1/13/2021
Edward Black	1/3/2014	2 Shevat	1/15/2021
Steven Bogen	1/25/2004	2 Shevat	1/15/2021
Kate Zigmond	1/27/2009	2 Shevat	1/15/2021
Esther Kraftowitz	2/2/1987	3 Shevat	1/16/2021
Clara Hovne	1/26/1985	4 Shevat	1/17/2021
Oscar Pearlman	1/25/1966	4 Shevat	1/17/2021
Perry Jubelirer	1/15/2013	4 Shevat	1/17/2021
Sally Dickson Lupovitz	1/28/2015	8 Shevat	1/21/2021
Marcus Jacobson	1/9/2014	8 Shevat	1/21/2021
Doris Silver	1/24/2018	8 Shevat	1/21/2021
Ted Pushinsky	1/24/2018	8 Shevat	1/21/2021
Emilie Jacobson	1/27/1969	8 Shevat	1/21/2021
Norman Fox	1/15/1989	9 Shevat	1/22/2021
John Balzer	1/30/1996	9 Shevat	1/22/2021
Howard Kellerman	1/20/2013	9 Shevat	1/22/2021
Helen Chelemer Portman	1/20/2005	10 Shevat	1/23/2021
Robert Glaser	2/4/2012	11 Shevat	1/24/2021
Dorothy Goldman	1/12/2014	11 Shevat	1/24/2021
Robert Glaser	2/4/2012	11 Shevat	1/24/2021
Robert H. Friedman	2/9/2006	11 Shevat	1/24/2021
Miriam Leavitt	1/26/1983	12 Shevat	1/25/2021
Magda Brown	2/6/2012	13 Shevat	1/26/2021
Judith Rosenberg	1/31/1999	14 Shevat	1/27/2021
Benjamin Goldman	2/3/2015	14 Shevat	1/27/2021
Lillian Goldman	2/4/1996	14 Shevat	1/27/2021
Freda Angrist	2/7/2004	15 Shevat	1/28/2021
Lance Rook	2/1/1999	15 Shevat	1/28/2021
Shirley Fischhoff	1/19/2003	16 Shevat	1/29/2021
Susan Kurtzman	1/21/2011	16 Shevat	1/29/2021
Lloyd Fisher	2/4/2007	16 Shevat	1/29/2021
Morris Schoenwald	1/21/1981	16 Shevat	1/29/2021
Ruth Clickner	1/27/2016	17 Shevat	1/30/2021
W. Roy Hashinger	1/28/2013	17 Shevat	1/30/2021
Ethel Jarvis	2/17/1987	18 Shevat	1/31/2021

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Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	English Date
William Greenberg	1/23/1984	19 Shevat	2/1/2021
Hazel Miller	2/14/1990	19 Shevat	2/1/2021
Lee A Segel	1/30/2005	20 Shevat	2/2/2021
Amir Bechor	2/13/2012	20 Shevat	2/2/2021
Saul Elinoff	1/31/2013	20 Shevat	2/2/2021
George Silverman	1/29/1997	21 Shevat	2/3/2021
Howard Lupovitz	2/11/1996	21 Shevat	2/3/2021
Irwin Fall	1/29/2000	22 Shevat	2/4/2021
Ernest Sternglass	2/12/2015	23 Shevat	2/5/2021
Janet Klein	2/20/2017	24 Shevat	2/6/2021
Orley Miriam Kantz	2/18/2001	25 Shevat	2/7/2021
Minna Segel	2/1/2000	25 Shevat	2/7/2021
Sidney Shonberg	2/21/2017	25 Shevat	2/7/2021
Mildred Weiss	2/19/2012	26 Shevat	2/8/2021
Harriett Pushinsky	2/8/2013	28 Shevat	2/10/2021
Howard Braun	2/18/2015	29 Shevat	2/11/2021
LaVerne Davis	1/31/2014	30 Shevat	2/12/2021
Richard Tucker	3/5/2003	1 Adar II	2/13/2021
Alex Friedman	3/5/1965	1 Adar II	2/13/2021
Raymond Tucker	3/5/2003	1 Adar II	2/13/2021
Leonard Belov	2/28/1998	2 Adar	2/14/2021
David Levine	2/13/1994	2 Adar	2/14/2021
Nathan Witt	3/4/1995	2 Adar II	2/14/2021
Margaret McCardell	3/1/2017	3 Adar	2/15/2021
Edna Coufal	2/25/2004	3 Adar	2/15/2021
Michael Feldman	2/22/2015	3 Adar	2/15/2021
Robert P. Lazar	3/9/2011	3 Adar II	2/15/2021
Dorothy Rothbard	2/16/2002	4 Adar	2/16/2021
Sadie Gertrude Lovit	2/10/2008	4 Adar I	2/16/2021
Muriel Narotsky	2/25/2015	6 Adar	2/18/2021
Josephine Rickard	2/26/1996	6 Adar	2/18/2021
Irene Lupovitch	2/13/1997	6 Adar I	2/18/2021
Michael Friedberg	2/19/2002	7 Adar	2/19/2021
Sadie Primack	2/7/1995	7 Adar I	2/19/2021
May Soll	2/23/2018	8 Adar	2/20/2021
Raymond Clauss	3/17/1997	8 Adar II	2/20/2021
Donald Coufal	2/14/1989	9 Adar I	2/21/2021
Charles Rabinowitz	3/4/1985	11 Adar	2/23/2021

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Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	English Date
Annette Schutzman	2/20/2005	11 Adar I	2/23/2021
Sid Fineberg	3/10/1998	12 Adar	2/24/2021
Walter Lane	3/5/2004	12 Adar	2/24/2021
Sylvia Shulman	2/14/1976	13 Adar I	2/25/2021
Dorothy Ellis	2/14/1938	13 Adar I	2/25/2021
Istvan Brown	3/20/1989	13 Adar II	2/25/2021
Dora Fox	3/17/1984	13 Adar II	2/25/2021
David Melnick	3/4/1969	14 Adar	2/26/2021
Forrest Kent Root	2/21/1997	14 Adar I	2/26/2021
Rebecca Silberman	2/23/2005	14 Adar I	2/26/2021
Philip Wald	3/17/1987	16 Adar	2/28/2021
Blanche Rubin	2/16/1995	16 Adar I	2/28/2021

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Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	English Date
Sarah Merenstein	3/1/1995	29 Adar I	3/13/2021
Louis Segel	3/15/1983	1 Nisan	3/14/2021
David Pearl	4/1/1995	1 Nisan	3/14/2021
Rita Begler	4/7/2011	3 Nisan	3/16/2021
Esther Tucker	4/11/2016	3 Nisan	3/16/2021
Glenn Rickard	3/16/1994	4 Nisan	3/17/2021
Avner Hovne	4/15/1967	5 Nisan	3/18/2021
Jon Harris McKibben	3/18/2002	5 Nisan	3/18/2021
Isadore Angrist	3/23/1953	7 Nisan	3/20/2021
Laura M. Colker	4/13/1970	7 Nisan	3/20/2021
Tim King	4/11/2011	7 Nisan	3/20/2021
Abe Roth	3/29/2004	7 Nisan	3/20/2021
C. Kenneth Leavitt	3/31/2012	8 Nisan	3/21/2021
Joseph Rubenstein	3/23/2010	8 Nisan	3/21/2021
Mark McKibben	4/8/2014	8 Nisan	3/21/2021
Harry Artman	4/1/1974	9 Nisan	3/22/2021
Alexander Klahr	4/1/1985	10 Nisan	3/23/2021
David Miller	3/22/1975	10 Nisan	3/23/2021
Leon Spiegel	3/31/2015	11 Nisan	3/24/2021
Michael Engel	4/13/2003	11 Nisan	3/24/2021
Edith B Grinberg	4/7/2017	11 Nisan	3/24/2021
Bernard Mizel	4/4/1974	12 Nisan	3/25/2021
Kay Kurz	4/2/2015	13 Nisan	3/26/2021
Sylvia Rose Weinraub	3/30/1999	13 Nisan	3/26/2021
Edgar Silver	4/17/2003	15 Nisan	3/28/2021
Ruth Spodeck	4/4/1996	15 Nisan	3/28/2021
Rita Anne Conn	4/13/2006	15 Nisan	3/28/2021
Alfred Polack	3/28/1956	16 Nisan	3/29/2021
Luella Mattes	4/14/2006	16 Nisan	3/29/2021
Paul Pushinsky	4/9/2012	17 Nisan	3/30/2021
Michael Rubin	4/21/2011	17 Nisan	3/30/2021
Natalie Friedberg	4/3/2018	18 Nisan	3/31/2021

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Sharon Gabor	3/7/2007	17 Adar	3/1/2021
Beth Hydovitz	3/27/2016	17 Adar II	3/1/2021
John Nelson	3/18/2006	18 Adar	3/2/2021
Solomon Aizenstein	2/20/2003	18 Adar I	3/2/2021
Alex Skolnick	3/4/1945	19 Adar	3/3/2021
Freda Ordo	2/28/2005	19 Adar I	3/3/2021
Robert Weinberg	2/25/2008	19 Adar I	3/3/2021
Robert Hochheiser	3/27/2000	20 Adar II	3/4/2021
Julius J. Maas	3/28/2000	21 Adar II	3/5/2021
Manuel Hirsh	3/12/1977	22 Adar	3/6/2021
Manuel Hirsh	3/12/1977	22 Adar	3/6/2021
Bernard Rubin	2/24/1965	22 Adar I	3/6/2021
Eugene Fertman	2/28/2008	22 Adar I	3/6/2021
Rose Conway	3/15/2007	25 Adar	3/9/2021
Dorothy Grumet	3/27/1995	25 Adar II	3/9/2021
Hyman Sucov	3/9/1956	26 Adar	3/10/2021
Leah Sturt	2/28/2003	26 Adar I	3/10/2021
Florence Siff Zimmer	4/2/1989	26 Adar II	3/10/2021
Margaret Prise	4/1/2011	26 Adar II	3/10/2021
Renny Selig	2/28/1995	28 Adar I	3/12/2021
Clarann Goldring	3/20/2015	29 Adar	3/13/2021
Grace Mary Koepsel	3/9/2016	29 Adar I	3/13/2021