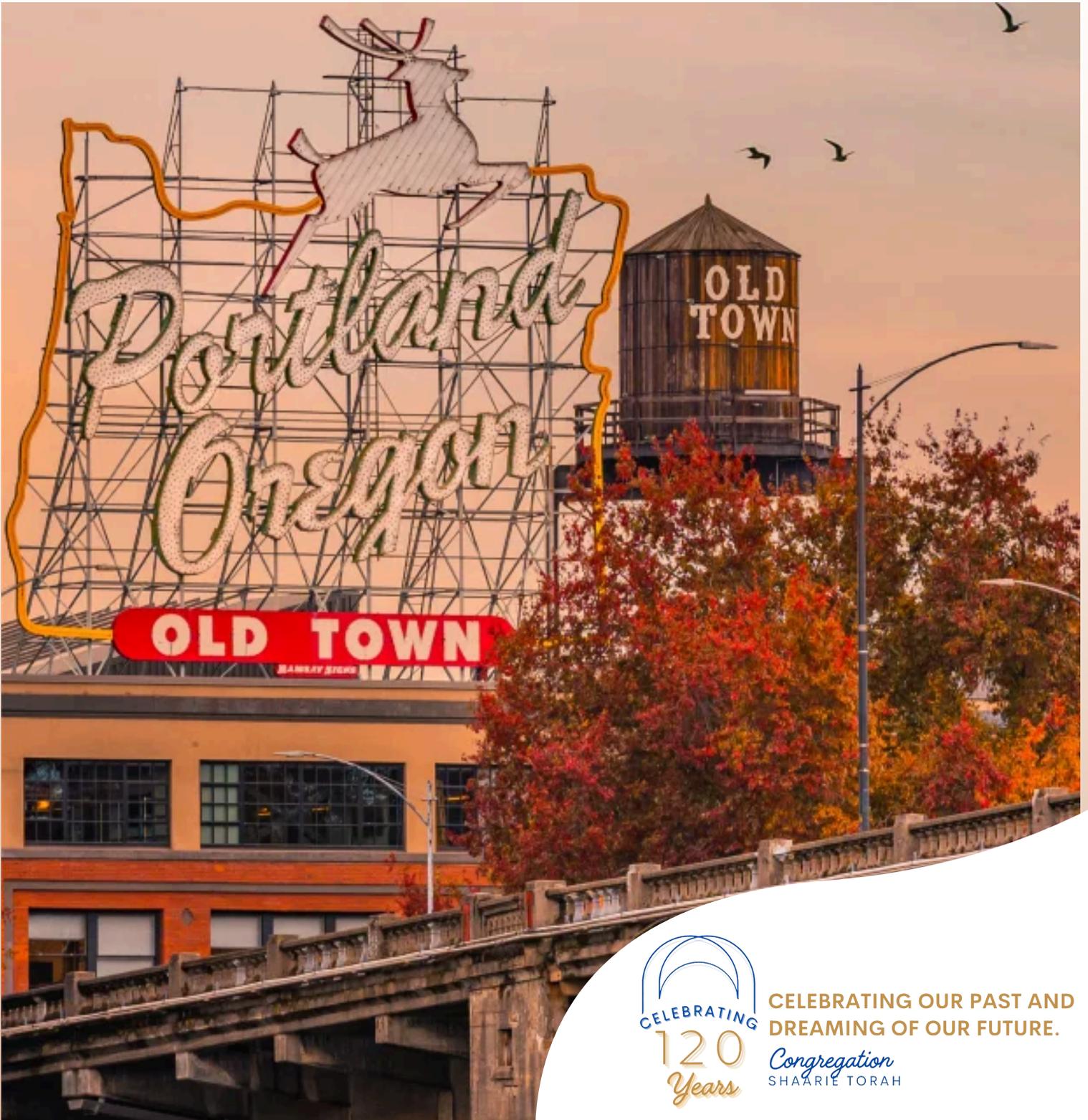


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When I think back to this year's Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, I can still feel it — the joy, the energy, the hum of voices filling our sanctuary. Over 300 of us came together to pray, to reflect, and to dream. What a gift to see our community so alive, so full of heart.

During those days, I reminded us that our tradition warns against living year after year with the same hopes, the same promises, the same "someday." Because "someday" too easily becomes "never." On Kol Nidre night, I shared a little story — you might remember it:

Every year since their wedding, Saul and Miriam went to the state fair. Every year they saw the same offer for helicopter rides. Each time, Saul said, "I sure would like to ride that helicopter!" And each time, Miriam replied, "But Saul, it's \$50! And \$50 is \$50!"

Decades passed. Saul was 87 when he finally said, "Miriam, this might be my last chance!" But again, she answered, "It's \$50! And \$50 is \$50!"

The pilot overheard them and said, "Tell you what — I'll take you for free if you can stay silent the whole ride."

Up they went — loops, dives, spins — but not a peep! When they landed, the pilot said, "Wow, you didn't say a word!"

Saul smiled and said, "Well, I was going to say something when Miriam fell out... but \$50 is \$50."

It's funny — and a little sad. Because the only thing more tragic than Saul and Miriam's helicopter ride is how many of us spend year after year dreaming of change... but never taking the ride.

The High Holy Days are our annual helicopter ride — the moment that shakes us awake. They remind us that life is fragile, time is precious, and transformation is always possible.

Rosh HaShanah asks: **Who do you want to be?**

Yom Kippur asks: **What's holding you back?**

And Sukkot says: **Now take that growth out into the world.**

THE ROAD AHEAD: OUR NEXT 120

This year, that call to action is especially real for us.

As we wrap up the celebration of our 120th anniversary and begin 5786, we're being invited to do something brave — to move from dreaming to doing — from getting our kicks to getting in the mix!

Over the past year, we've listened deeply to your hopes and visions. Through community gatherings and surveys, more than 75% of our members shared what Shaarie Torah means to them and what they hope it can become. We celebrated our past at our 120th Gala, and now it's time to shape our future. That's what our **Next 120 Campaign** is all about — turning those dreams into action, together.

We're focusing on two essential goals:

1. **Strengthen Our Spiritual Home:** Care for our sanctuary, classrooms, and gathering spaces so they remain vibrant centers of prayer, learning, and connection for generations to come.
2. **Grow Our Endowment and Invest in Our People:** Build lasting financial strength to support our programs, our professionals, and our sacred commitments — including the perpetual care of our cemetery.

Thanks to our president, Raphi Rosenblatt, and a devoted team of leaders, we have a clear and inspiring path forward — grounded in data, purpose, and heart. And because of you — our members and friends — that path is already coming to life.

YOUR INVITATION

In the months ahead, you'll hear from me, from Jemi, and from members of our Next 120 Campaign Team. We'll be hosting small gatherings in homes across our community — places where we can talk openly, ask questions, dream boldly, and imagine what the next 120 years of Shaarie Torah could look like.

When your invitation arrives, I hope you'll say **yes**. This isn't just about fundraising. It's about **future-raising** — about investing in the next chapter of who we are and what we stand for.

It's time to stop saying "someday." It's time to take the ride. So let's get in the mix in 5786 — celebrating the blessings we've inherited and shaping the possibilities we're destined to become.

May this new year awaken in us the courage to build, to act, and to show up — for ourselves, for one another, and for this sacred community. And may we walk this road — side by side — into our next 120 years.





The Shaarie Torah Cemetery, nestled within an unassuming neighborhood in far SE Portland/inner-Milwaukie, has a long and storied history, which many people may not know.

In 1904, when the congregation was originally incorporated, it was known formally as the Portland Hebrew Sick Benefit Association. In 1918, supplementary articles of incorporation changed the name to Congregation Sharai Thorah. The current spelling of our name didn't come about until 1956.

The parcel of land in what was then known as Errol Heights (later the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood) was purchased by Joseph Nudelman in November of 1905, although our records show a few burials earlier that year. In fact, at the time of purchase, there was already a single non-Jewish burial on the grounds.

Thanks to volunteers at the archives of Oregon Jewish Museum-Center for Holocaust Education, documents were unearthed that shed light on this existing burial. Samuel Huffman died on October 18, 1904. According to the archives and interviews with his descendants, his family lived way out near what is now Estacada. They were devout members of the Disciples of Christ Church, where Mr. Huffman's father was a minister of that denomination. Most family members are buried in the local Garfield town cemetery. How and why Mr. Huffman came to be buried at what is now Shaarie Torah Cemetery is a mystery. In 1904 it was a VERY long way to take a body, almost surely by wagon and perhaps via ferry, to reach the cemetery site. Mr. Huffman's grave is located in the West section, row A, plot 1.

For much of the 20th century, the West and Center sections were the primary burial sites. The East section (just North and West of the chapel) gained popularity starting in the mid-1960s. Today it's hard to find any plots in those sections that aren't already reserved or occupied. Indeed, the headstones are set check to jowl throughout these older sections with little breaks of grass in between rows. Lack of available space and increasing demand led to the development of the South section in the early 1990s. This is the section directly adjacent to the parking lot, notable for its lush green lawn and occasional fruit trees. Many years there is even a small pumpkin patch, planted by Bill Schaeffler, our beloved Caretaker, who retired in 2024 after over 30 years. Bill still lives on the property and keeps an eye on things. You may see him around when you visit.

The Cemetery Committee oversees decision-making regarding policies, pricing and the annual operating budget. Currently chaired by Steph Kotkins, the committee is comprised of both longtime and newer CST members. They share an abiding commitment to uphold the forever promises made to the families whose beloved departed rest within our gates. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Steph directly: mistersk59@hotmail.com.

Landscaping and maintenance are among their highest priorities, as they keenly understand that poorly tended grounds will be the number one complaint from visitors. A 2018 policy change eliminated plot curbing for future burials (except for existing double plots). This has made mowing and trimming around headstones much easier and more efficient. At the same time, plantings on graves were removed for upkeep purposes, unless the family was committed to tending to them personally. In the years since, sod has been systematically laid area by area to blanket the graves entirely with grass.

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORIC CEMETERY CONTINUED

The most recent addition to the cemetery is the Ohavei Yisrael section, directly in front of the Southern parking area and designated by a living wall of growing hedges. Approved by congregational vote in 2023, this area allows for burial of Jews and their non-Jewish family members (spouse/partner, child, sibling, parent). The hedge provides the required separation from the general burial areas, effectively creating a different cemetery entirely, in accordance with halakha. Rabbi Oren worked closely with the Cemetery and Ritual Committees to ensure proper measures were taken in planning this. While there haven't been any Ohavei Yisrael burials yet, there are reservations by interfaith family members, reflecting the changes in today's Jewish community.

Burial in the cemetery is not limited to Shaarie Torah members. Many non-members have relatives buried there and want to be close by. While members in good standing are entitled to a plot gratis after a certain number of years, non-members may purchase plots at a rate within current industry standards. All burials also incur a set fee towards the Perpetual Care Endowment Fund, to ensure the cemetery is cared for always.

The Cemetery Fund is the most selected of all the tribute funds for yahrzeit donations, which helps support operations. Maintenance and upkeep are year-round costs, regardless of the number of burials. Grounds must be tended, equipment replaced and bills paid. As annual expenses continue to mount, and income is unreliable year by year, the additional money that comes in the form of donations makes a big impact. Recently a number of generous donors added to their regular giving with special gifts around the Kever Avot v'Imahot visitation day on September 28, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Oren visited with families and recited prayers graveside with more people this year than ever before.

In the coming months we'll be sharing more information about the Next 120 Year Campaign, which will include special giving opportunities towards growing the Cemetery Endowment Fund, ensuring our beautiful and historic cemetery will continue to be a place of tranquility and comfort for all generations to come. Donations to the Cemetery Fund may be made through the CST website or shul office.



To learn more about our cemetery or information regarding plot availability, please contact Jemi Kostiner Mansfield, Executive Director: 503-226-6131 x101 or executivedirector@shaarietorah.org.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Yom Kippur Appeal. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing generosity.

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BRINGING MORE LIGHT HOME THIS HANUKKAH

Hanukkah reminds us that even the smallest flame can brighten the darkest night. When the Maccabees lit the menorah with only one day's supply of oil, they acted with courage and hope—not certainty. Their story teaches us that when we choose to bring light, the world around us grows brighter too.

Each night as we light our candles, we can ask: Where in my life can I bring more light? Maybe it's kindness to a neighbor, honesty in a tough moment, or gratitude for someone who helps behind the scenes.

At-Home Hanukkah Activity: "One More Light"

Before lighting candles on the first night, invite everyone in your household to share ways they can bring light to someone else during Hanukkah.

Write each idea on a slip of paper and place it beside your menorah—your own "oil for the next day."

Each evening after lighting and singing, choose one slip of paper at random and commit to act on it before the next lighting. By the eighth night, you'll have created eight ripples of light in our community.

May the lights of Hanukkah open our hearts to wonder, renew our faith in what's possible, and remind us that even one small flame—when shared—can light the way for so many.



TIMES AND BLESSINGS

Hanukkah begins at sundown on Sunday, 14 December 2025 and ends at nightfall on Monday, 22 December 2025.



Sunday, December 14, 2025	Light 1 candle at dusk
Monday, December 15	Light 2 candles at dusk
Tuesday, December 16	Light 3 candles at dusk
Wednesday, December 17	Light 4 candles at dusk
Thursday, December 18	Light 5 candles at dusk
Friday, December 19	Light 6 candles before sundown
Saturday, December 20	Light 7 candles at nightfall
Sunday, December 21	Light 8 candles at dusk
Monday, December 22	Chanukah: 8th day



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Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah. Praised are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who made us holy through your commandments and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheem bazman hazeh. Praised are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors at this season.

On the 1st night only add:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחֵינֵנוּ, וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לְזִמְנָן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah adonai elohenu melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiymanu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh. Praised are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

JOIN OUR HANUKKAH PRE-FUNC DECEMBER 14

Join us **December 14 from 11:30am-1:00pm**, immediately following Mensch Academy in the morning.

Show off your finest (or ugliest) Chanukah gear - PJs, sweaters, accessories galore. There will be dreidels, latkes, gelt, drinks, and more, and we'll send you home with candles, ready to start the holiday that evening. **Everyone is welcome.** Please register on our website www.shaaietorah.org

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By Edy Dorsen
Anne Steinberg
By Susan Danielson
My parents, Morris & Rebecca Director
By Charlene Director
My grandmother, Golda Malka Anger
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My husband, Laurence Alberton
By Judith Alberton
My parents, Louise & Leonard Silver
By Theresa Silver

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In Honor Of

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Leland Waltuck (Get Well Wishes)
By Barbie, Mike & Gary Enkelis
Arielle Schnitzer (Engagement)
By Edith & Steph Kotkins
Leland Waltuck (Get Well Wishes)
By Pam & Stan Rotenberg

In Memory Of

Parents, in-Laws, and grandparents, Milt & Cissi Carl
Parents, in-Laws, and grandparents, Shirley & Arnie Enkelis
Our aunt, Mary Goldstein
Our uncle, Marvin Enkelis
Our aunt, Eva Walleston
By Barbie, Mike & Gary Enkelis
My grandparents, Goldie & Joe Weinstein
My grandparents, Gussie & Nate Carl
By Barbie Enkelis
My grandparents, Rose & Ben Shnitka
My grandparents, Bessie & Nate Enkelis
By Michael Enkelis
Our father, William Saltman
Our mother, Annie Saltman
By Shirley Winger
By Geraldine Simson

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 My husband, Robert "Bob" Tenner
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My mother, Edith Zusman
 My mother-in-law, Rose Fertig
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 My mother, Beatrice Kreiner
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In Honor Of

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In Memory Of

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 By Shimon Russo

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Belle Brounstein*
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Events in November and December 2025

ADULT EDUCATION

What Happens Next?

We will explore the writings that follow the Torah cycle. This next section will focus on the Book of 2nd Kings and Book of Isaiah.

- November 5, 5:30-7pm
- December 3, 5:30-7pm

Mussar

In following the path of Mussar to build our inner lives, we will learn to come to appreciate the difference between self and soul, and especially to develop an understanding of the ideal relationship we can foster between these two dimensions.

- November 13, 6:45-8:45pm
- December 11, 6:45-8:45pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Shabbat Fusion and Potluck

We will provide soup and bread; you are welcome to bring vegetarian sides and desserts (not required). RSVP online.

- November 7, 6:30-8:30pm
- December 5, 6:30-8:30pm

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Join Lift UP's mission to help end hunger in Portland

In Downtown and Northwest Portland, the challenge is clear: too many of our neighbors face food insecurity, struggling to access the nourishment they need for themselves and their families. Economic disparities, unexpected hardships, and various barriers create a universal struggle for reliable access to nutritious food. It's a challenge we can't ignore, and it requires collective action to overcome.



Whether it's \$5 or \$500, every gift fills a plate.

<https://www.lifturbanportland.org/donations>

JFCS Thanksgiving Drive

With the help of the community, Jewish & Family Child Service will be able to provide a food box to 160 families – over 500 individuals – this Thanksgiving. Boxes will be delivered to families on Sunday, November 23. **We are collecting TURKEY GRAVY PACKETS (0.85 or 0.87 oz, any brand).**



Donations may be dropped off in the food barrel downstairs or in the shul office. **Final day to donate is Wednesday, November 19.** You can also donate funds directly to JFCS online.

MENSCHE

FAMILY & YOUTH EDUCATION

K'tantan Sip & Schmooze

Families with kids ages 0-5 are welcome.

- November 9, 3-4:30pm
- December 14, 11:30am-1pm (Chanukah Pre-Func)

Tot Shabbat

This is the perfect Shabbat experience for families with young children of all ages.

- November 22, 11-11:45am

Mensch Academy

- November 9, 10am-12pm
- November 16, 10am-12pm
- November 23, 10am-12pm
- December 7, 10am-12pm
- December 14, 10-11:30am

Each service includes a short Parsha Play acted out by kids as well as a visit to the main service to carry a mini Torah through the community.

TOT Shabbat

Our learning experiences and goals are inspired by our educational values: Fun, Character, Community, and Confidence.

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Adult B'nai Mitzvah **NEW!**

Led by Cantor Barbara Slader & Rabbi Gary Oren at Congregation Shaarie Torah

Have you always wanted to become b'nai mitzvah—but never had the chance? Are you ready to reconnect with Judaism with fresh eyes and a full heart? This is more than a class. It's a spiritual milestone. A personal renewal. A sacred journey for adults of all backgrounds and learning levels.

Our Adult B'nai Mitzvah (ABM) journey is your opportunity to reclaim, rediscover, and rejoice in Torah.

Over the course of this rich and supportive year, participants will:

- Build Jewish knowledge and spiritual confidence
- Chant from the Torah and lead key parts of the Shabbat service
- Write and deliver a meaningful D'var Torah
- Create a personalized tallit—crafted by your own hands and heart
- Celebrate your aliyah in a joyful community celebration

COURSE OVERVIEW

Orientation

November 19

Deep Dive into the Torah Service

History, choreography, meaning, and music

Dec 3, 10, 17

Torah Trope: Learn the Music of the Torah

Master the cantillation system to prepare for chanting

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 | Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Chanting from the Torah

Apply your skills and practice with support

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 | Apr 15, 22, 29

Preparation & Rehearsal to Lead Shabbat Services

Bring it all together with coaching and practice

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Celebration & Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, May 30, 2026

SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

- 11:30–12:00 – Brown Bag Lunch & Hevruta (study partner) Check-In
- 12:00–1:15 – Weekly Learning Session

COST

\$750 – Includes Lev Shalem Siddur, learning materials, tzitzit, and celebratory kiddush lunch. If you would like to split your payment, please pay a deposit of \$200. The office will contact you after.