

Sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush

I wanted to tell everyone about something that is new at Or Hadash and gaining interest: sponsoring an oneg or Kiddush. B'nai Mitzvah families sponsor the oneg and Kiddush during the Shabbat of their mitzvah, but it doesn't have to stop there. When you have a special occasion and want to share your news, consider doing it with our community. We love hearing about special anniversaries, birthdays, the birth of a new grandchild, your child's engagement, or for no other reason but to share wonderful desserts with our congregation. The oneg after our congregational dinner and service was sponsored by Lani and Hall Moss and was greatly appreciated by everyone. Let Rabbi Josh give a special blessing at services for your simcha and share an oneg with the congregation, where we can all offer our good wishes. Not only will we get to share your special event with you, but you are doing something special for Or Hadash.

Another practice that is getting attention is being a shopper for a single Shabbat. The kitchen committee has seven dedicated individuals who shop and supply the food for every Friday night oneg and Saturday morning Kiddush. Last year, shopping for a Shabbat was included on the "gift of the hand" flyer. We were fortunate to have people volunteer to donate their time and energy to this. Rachel Castro was the first to shop for us, and then surprised the committee by donating the items to Or Hadash. Others followed suit and we are greatly appreciative.

So, whether you shop for a single Shabbat, or sponsor an oneg or Kiddush for a special occasion, you are performing a mitzvah for your community and it is greatly appreciated.

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