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DAVAR MEGILLAH

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RABBI'S SERMON SERIES
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MEN'S CLUB POKER GAME
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ZAMRU
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No Last Hurrah!

– A Message from Rabbi Scott Meltzer

One who says: “I will sin, and Yom Kippur will atone,” Yom Kippur will not atone. (Mishnah Yoma 8:9)

How often does it happen that we have some life transition scheduled on a certain date, and we decide therefore, that in the last days before that transition we will engage in exactly the behavior that the transition is supposedly going to correct?

How many examples can you think of? Did you go out for one final big dinner or, at least enjoy one last dessert the night before starting a diet? What did you do at your bachelor/bachelorette party that you haven't really done since (except maybe at somebody else's bachelor/bachelorette party)? Knowing that you were joining a gym on New Year's Day, how lethargic were you throughout December? How about not cracking a book during the summer knowing that once school begins . . .

It is commonly assumed logic: I know these “last time” behaviors that are not me at my best, so I decide to make a life change – I want to eat more healthily, exercise more, become more educated, stop smoking – but in the eleventh hour I will have my last final “hurrah.” If tomorrow I will be better, tonight I will go out with one last bang.

The Mishnah teaches us, if you sin with the awareness that it's not a problem because Yom Kippur is around the corner and that will make it better, then Yom Kippur does not make it better. This logic of one last immoral, or sinful act, because tomorrow I will be forgiven, does not work.

Yom Kippur – contrition, forgiveness, atonement – is not a perfunctory, foregone conclusion. “I am sorry” are not magic words that make everything better. If I say something hurtful, knowing that when I apologize afterwards you will have to forgive me, my deed is not forgiven.

Rabbi's Message continued on page 4.



Selichot Service

Saturday, September 5, 8:00pm

Selichot Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir.

Changing of our daily Torah Covers to the white festival Torah Covers in preparation for the High Holy Days.

Dessert Reception to follow.





WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Sachs
President

Reflections on Year Number Four

“Year number four” refers to the fact that I am starting my fourth year as President of Ohr Shalom. This is hard to believe, at least for me. I never would have dreamed that my life would take this turn. I used to be such a heathen!

These past three years have been life-altering. Ohr Shalom has become my home. Where I once was a relative stranger, now I am part of a family. I love working closely with the Rabbi and Debbie and Sophie and Rene, and I am incredibly fortunate to have a wonderful Board of Directors who all deserve much more credit than they ever receive for getting things done.

We have such wonderful people in our congregation with so much positive energy. We are warm and we are welcoming. We do an amazingly small amount of complaining. We volunteer our time and we give generously where and when we can. We support each other in times of need in a multitude of ways. This is truly a wonderful place and I am so grateful to be able to do my part.

I was originally “hired” to raise money and bring our debt under control. I figured that would take a year or two and then I’d move on. But then came the next year and then the next year after that, and there were always new goals that excited me. I found that I really liked being President and enjoyed being in a position to effect positive change. My one simple goal is that we are going to be the best Conservative synagogue in San Diego in every way. Sure, it might take a while, but why not think big? We’ve already got the best Rabbi and the best congregation. It’s all downhill from there!

So, here we are at the start of another new year. My eagerness to continue the projects we have started has not diminished at all. I’m still excited about everything remaining for us to accomplish. I can’t wait for this “summer vacation” to end so the Board and I can start working anew. Will this ever change? Will there always be big mountains to climb? I really don’t know but I sure am enjoying this ride with you.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the inauguration of the **Lou Dunst Education Scholarship Fund** at this year’s Lights of Ohr Shalom Event. Congregants are invited to continue to donate towards this Fund.

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OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, August 7th - 7:30pm (Rabbi's Sermon Series)
 Friday, August 14th - 6:15pm (Shabbat Kehillatit)
 Friday, August 21st - 7:00pm (Shabbat at the Bay)
 Friday, August 28th - 6:15pm (ZAMRU)



Rabbi Meltzer's Friday Night Sermon Series

"Learning Lessons from Rebels"

Friday, August 7, 7:30pm

"Put Down the Bling & Pick Up the Poor" Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levy in Rome.

Shabbat Kehillatit

Friday, August 14

Family-friendly early service - 6:15pm.
 Community Dinner - 7:15pm. Reservations required.
 Contact the office at (619) 231-1456



Members

Adults: \$12

Children (5-12 yrs.): \$5

Non-members

Adults: \$15

Children (5-12 yrs.): \$8

Shabbat at the Bay

Friday, August 21

6:00 pm - Bring your dairy/pareve dinner
 7:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Services

PLAYA PACIFICA - MISSION BAY PARK

Located between the Information Center and the Hilton Hotel. Take I-5 to Clairemont Dr. exit.

Don't forget your folding chairs & blankets!



ZAMRU "Sing Out" Shabbat

Friday, August 28, 6:15pm

6:15pm ~ Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz and celebrate Shabbat through vibrant, musical prayer.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING August 2015

PARSHAT EIKEV

Fri: August 7

7:24PM - 23 Av

Sat: August 8

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Haft: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

PARSHAT RE'EH

Fri: August 14

7:17PM - 30 Av

Sat: August 15

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

Haft: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

PARSHAT SHOFTIM

Fri: August 21

7:10PM - 7 Elul

Sat: August 22

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Haft: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Fri: August 28

7:01PM - 14 Elul

Sat: August 29

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Haft: Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10

Ohr Shalom's Choir!

August Monday Practice Dates:

- August 3rd
- August 10th
- August 17th
- August 24th
- August 31st

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES 5776

ROSH HASHANAH

- Erev Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 13, 7:00pm
- Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Monday, September 14, 8:30am
 Tashlich (at Playa Pacifica, Mission Bay) 4:30pm
- Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Tuesday, September 15, 8:30am

YOM KIPPUR

- Erev Yom Kippur Tuesday, September 22
 Family Kol Nidre Service 3:00pm
 Kol Nidre 6:00pm
- Yom Kippur Wednesday, September 23
 Service with Yizkor 8:30am
 Mincha & Ne'ilah 4:30pm
 Break the Fast 7:27pm

High Holy Days Youth Programming

for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Look for your Registration Form coming in the mail soon!

Shuli Babysitting - Ages 0-5

Family Service - Ages 5-12

Kids Kahal - Ages 5-12



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

Ask About The Tel Aviv Foundation



Tel Aviv is the epicenter of Israel's economy, the seat of institutions of higher education and it is an internationally renowned tourist destination. Today Tel Aviv has approximately 500,000 residents, 60,000 of whom are schoolchildren and 80,000 who are senior citizens. As the symbolic center of Israeli pluralism and liberalism, it is home to Jews and non-Jews, new immigrants and Israeli natives, young couples and senior citizens, business people and artists. Nearly 1.5 million people (1/4 of the population of the State of Israel) commute to the city daily for work, education and entertainment purposes.

But Tel Aviv in the mid-seventies was not the vibrant city we know today. Tel Aviv was full of dilapidated old apartments and unattractive municipal buildings. Although the burgeoning hi-tech industry had begun, its economic impact had not yet been felt in the city. Many residents had already moved to the suburbs that offered jobs, recreational amenities, greenery and parks.

RABBIS MESSAGE (CONT.)

Knowing that Yom Kippur is around the corner DOES NOT mean this is the time for a final "hurrah," an excuse to avoid cleaning up my life. Why do it now? I will do it at Yom Kippur.

Today is exactly the perfect day to begin preparing for Yom Kippur.

So, as we begin our approach to Rosh HaShanah, to the Ten Days of Repentance, and to Yom Kippur, now is exactly the time. Today is the day that I will begin to behave as the person I want to be at Yom Kippur. Today is the day that I will apologize, with honesty and

Change started happening in noticeably 1977 when their Mayor started The Tel Aviv Foundation, a fund-raising organization, specifically to benefit Tel Aviv's citizens. It was launched and immediately began recruiting partners from around the world who would help meet the evolving needs of the growing City of Tel Aviv.

Projects were launched directed to help wherever there was a need: social, educational, cultural and environmental areas and more. Today, the Tel Aviv Foundation continues to care for the needy, assist minority populations, encourage the talented and enrich the quality of life for Tel Avivians and all Israelis. By allowing donors to designate their funds for specific projects, the Foundation promotes collaboration between donor and recipient while strengthening the bond between the Diaspora and Israel.

Although The Tel Aviv Foundation may be news to some of you, many Ohr Shalom members have been sponsoring its inspiring programs for many years. They have helped Tel Aviv flourish. Among the early leaders was Gert Thaler, who tirelessly recruited many others in San Diego to become partners. This deep support is currently ongoing for projects such as preschools, science centers, libraries and parks. San Diego is the leading city in the U.S. supporting the Tel Aviv Foundation.

If you would like to learn more about this remarkable organization, please visit their website: www.telavivfoundation.org.

sincerity, to those around me. Rather than continuing for another month or two with the wrongful deeds that I plan on stopping at Yom Kippur, today is the day that I will begin the life transformation to which I am invited, even commanded, to observe at Yom Kippur.

So no more night-before-diet grand dessert, no month of lethargy before joining my gym, no last cigarette, no late summer bachelor party. Today I will do my best to begin to live as if it were Yom Kippur, as if every deed today matters.

Because it does.



KITCHEN BITES

Barbara Haislip
Kitchen Volunteer

Watermelon Salad

When one thinks of watermelon salad, a fruit salad comes to mind. This summer the food websites and magazines have included savory versions including briny olives and feta cheese. I made this for the June Kehillatit dinner and served it with salmon. I left out the cheese because we also had a Caesar salad, which already has cheese. It works out so well that you can use this with a meat meal without compromising the taste. The sweet melon in this recipe goes so well with the savory ingredients. I really liked this. Enjoy!

Watermelon Salad

Serves 4-6

- 6 cups seedless watermelon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 shallot, sliced into thin rings
- 3 T white wine vinegar (red will work)
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes, optional
- Salt and pepper
- 1 English cucumber, peeled, quartered lengthwise, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 T extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, torn
- 3/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled

Toss watermelon with 1 tsp sugar in large bowl. Transfer to colander and set in sink to drain 30 minutes. Wipe out bowl.

In separate bowl, combine shallot, vinegar, pepper flakes, 1/4 tsp salt and remaining 1/2 tsp sugar.

Pat cucumber and drained watermelon dry with paper towels and transfer to now empty bowl.

Using fork, remove shallots from vinegar mixture and add to bowl with melon. Add 1/2 tsp pepper and 1/4 tsp salt to vinegar mixture and slowly whisk in oil. Add this dressing and the olives to bowl with watermelon and toss to combine. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.

Add basil and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with feta and serve.



ADULT EDUCATION

LOIS GELB
Adult Education Chair

ADULT EDUCATION

Ohr Shalom congregants recently enjoyed two of the new Summer Evening Talk Shows. Held in July, the Talks featured Yariv Kohn, bringing us up to date on Jerusalem, and Dr. Marsha Fink, lending a personal dimension to the story of the Holocaust Experience in Italy.

Now we look forward to the third in our series to be held Thursday evening, August 20. We'll start at 6:15 with Minyan in the Beit Midrash. Then, just 20 minutes later, we'll gather for wine and cheese and our final Summer Evening Talk.

Thursday, August 20

The Tijuana Jewish Community.

Jose Galicot Behar knows the story of Tijuana's past, its recent experiences and what to expect for its future expectations. An expert and leader in our community, he offers in-depth knowledge. Join us in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome!

“SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS”

are renewed for Season Two! Thank you to all who tried this new Adult Education program and made good suggestions for its continuation and improvement.

The 5775-76 (2015-16) season will offer single sessions starting at 10:00 am with time for questions and discussion with the speakers, as well as the ever popular noshing and schmoozing.

But first, Ethics Professor Ben Sachs will join Rabbi Meltzer on Saturday, August 29 for Shabbat Lunch and Learn. This change of days will free our congregants to join the Jewish Community's Day of Learning, Yom Limmud, on Sunday, August 30.

The remaining five Sunday Morning Talk Shows are set, promising stimulating talks and exceptional presentations. You'll want to attend!

October 11, 2015. Chagall: How Jewish Music in His Childhood Shaped His Career.

Fresh from Carnegie Hall and about to present his new play CHAGALL, Yale Strom will share his extraordinary experiences and talents with us.

November 15, 2015. What's Really Happening on College Campuses Today.

Jackie Tolley, Director of Hillel of San

Diego, SDSU, will lead a panel discussion to reflect professional perspectives and student experiences.

January 10, 2016. Water – a very important issue. What do we know, where can we learn more, and how can we help? We'll tap our community experts for guidance.

February 7, 2016. Football Through A Referee's Eyes. Our professional referee Nathan Weiss reminds us that the third team on the field is the one that wears the zebra shirts. He'll give us the inside story on their responsibilities and what they look for, plus some tips on how to watch a game at home on TV.

March 13, 2016. Latkes vs. Hamentashen – which represents Judaism better? This delightfully humorous academic debate started in Chicago in 1946 and continues on many campuses and synagogues. What insights (and fun) will we provide?

ONGOING STUDY SESSIONS

Classes resume on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You can begin at any time. An interest in learning is the only prerequisite. We read and learn the lesson of the day together. Students enjoy the study and the friendships that develop. Do yourself a favor – join a class!

TALMUD, Tuesdays, 5:00pm – 6:00pm, beginning September 1

PIRKEI AVOT: Chapter 6. Wednesdays, 11:00am – 12:30pm, beginning September 2

BIBLE: Post-Exilic Prophets, Wednesdays, 2:00pm – 3:00pm, beginning September 2

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, August 23, 10:00am
Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals That Brought Me Home by Jessica Fechter

Sunday, September 27, 10:00am
Thresholds: How to Thrive Through Life's Transitions to Live Fearlessly and Regret-Free (Will be released: August 18, 2015) by Sherre Hirsch (Author)

Sunday, October 25, 10:00am
I Want to Show You More by Jamie Quatro

LUNCH & LEARN FOLLOWING SHABBAT SERVICE WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Saturday, August 29, 12:00pm

Share a meal and study with Rabbi Meltzer, Professor Ben Sachs and fellow congregants. Professor Sachs asks: “Is Economic Inequality a Moral Issue?” He allows that “Just about everyone will agree that there is something morally troubling about a situation in which some people live in luxury while others struggle just to survive.” But that's not the end of his story. Join us for a sure to be stimulating talk!

Professor Ben Sachs is a lecturer in Philosophy at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. His research focuses on ethics and political philosophy.

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Lynn Mendelsohn
Programs/Events Chair

Ohr Shalom's Got Talent!

The Arts & Crafts Festival at Ohr Shalom on July 12th was a joy to put together – a feast for the eye to see and the hands to touch! Eighteen artists. Eighteen unique ways of making beautiful original creations straight out of the imagination!

Everyone who attended the Festival will agree that Ohr Shalom's got talent! Painters in oils, watercolor and pastels. Artists in fabrics, metals, clay and glass. Jewelry makers and photographers. Every item was unique and fascinating.

Thanks a million to every exhibitor! Anyone who wants a complete list of exhibitors should contact me at mendasst@n2.net and I will send it to you.



Artists pictured here, counterclockwise: Anita Szmilowicz, Karyn Rovner Sklar, Lisa Slovis Mandel, Stephanie Wells, art appreciators!, Carlos Galek Sefchovich.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Corinna Goold
Committee Chair

It's Almost Time for School!

It's the time of year when parents everywhere know that summer is drawing to a close and plans for fall begin to take shape. Backpacks, school supplies, sneakers and books take the place of swim suits, beach supplies, sandals and sleeping in. Summer is one of my favorite times of year, but it leads to another favorite of mine. With fall comes the promise of the Jewish New Year, the High Holy Days and the excitement of another year of learning, discovery, and newness.

Religious School at Ohr Shalom is no different! We are looking forward to a year of exciting learning with our amazing teachers, discovering more about ourselves and our connection to Judaism, and the newness of a new principal! **We are happy to share that we have hired a wonderful principal and lovely woman to lead our school. WELCOME ELLEN STATMAN!** She comes to us after many years of working in Jewish Education and we are pleased to have her with us. I also just want to brag about the incredible people that make up this community and specifically thank Harriet Wolpoff, our retiring principal, for all of her help in the transition process!! Kol HaKavod, Harriet!

The Registration Forms for Religious School have been mailed and I urge you to please complete these forms and send them to the office as soon as you can. With this information, we can map out the classrooms, obtain materials for each student and better prepare for the year. It is an easy mitzvah to accomplish by getting in those registration forms which will help out your children's teachers. If you need a registration form, please call Debbie at the office.

Stay tuned for more information about our Back to School event where you can meet our new principal, Ellen, and hear about what's in store for your kids this year. If you ever have any Religious School questions, feel free to contact the Rabbi at the office or myself at corinnagoold@yahoo.com.

The first day of school for our 2nd - 7th graders is on Thursday, Sept 10th. The first day of school for our Sunday only classes is on Sunday, Sept 20th. Please mark your calendars and get ready for another terrific year at Ohr Shalom Religious School!



SISTERHOOD

Susanne Lisker
Past President

Life in the Yiddish Theater: Ida Kaminska

I have always loved the Yiddish language and I thought you might be interested in learning about a wonderful woman who devoted her life to the Yiddish Theater: Ida Kaminska. Of course, it did not come out of the blue. She got it from both her parents Avram Itzhak Kaminski and Esther Rochl Kaminska

She was born on September 4, 1899 in Odessa, Ukraine and she was 5 when she first appeared on stage. After that she appeared in many Yiddish operettas although her true debut took place when she was 16 years with *La Vierge Folle* (The Crazy Maiden) by Henri Bataille, a play she translated from French into Yiddish.

During World War I, the Kaminskis toured the Ukraine with their performances, returning to Warsaw in 1921. The Jewish audiences now demanded a Yiddish theater to be of the same quality as the great Polish theaters. Ida and her husband created their own Yiddish theater, which was active until 1938. They performed many Yiddish plays but most of their repertoire included plays by Dostoyevsky, Moliere, Chekhov, Zola, and others. Both she and her husband wanted to create a Jewish European Theater.

When World War II broke and Warsaw was bombed by the Germans, Ida and her troupe realized they were not safe under the Germans and fled to Soviet Lemberg where they continued performing until 1942. With the German attack on the Soviet Union, the troupe continued their flight westward and arrived in Kirgistan, where they were met by a warm, welcoming audience made up of refugees from all over Eastern Europe.

In 1946 she was invited to perform in Moscow but she was told to perform in Polish, not in Yiddish, the language with which she was identified. Outraged, she refused, so her performance was cancelled. She wanted to return to Poland, the place where the Yiddish theater was born and had flourished for so many years, but arriving in November 1946, she thought she had come to the grave of the entire Jewish people. She would not give up, determined to keep the legacy alive. Sadly, no trace of the once glorious Yiddish theater remained. There

were only two Yiddish theaters left in Poland, One in Wroclaw and one in Lodz. The Polish Ministry of Culture, eager to appear friendly to the Jews, appointed her to Lodz and she organized the troupe there.

In 1949, the Yiddish theater was brought under the direct sponsorship of the Polish government, which meant the government could keep a closer watch over the political content of plays but it also assured the financial support needed to survive. In 1954, the Yiddish Theater finally was moved to Warsaw. The troupe toured Europe and frequently visited Israel, where she was invited to settle. However, she was determined to stay in Warsaw, although by the late 1950s, most of her troupe wanted to leave Poland.

In 1967, she was nominated for best performing actress for her role in *The Shop on Main Street*. The film was awarded the Oscar for best foreign film the year before.

In 1968, Ida and the troupe left Poland temporarily for their long awaited debut in New York. Audiences packed a Broadway theater for more than two months. They pleaded with her: "Don't go back to Poland, stay here," but she returned to Poland to meet a terrible rise in anti-Semitism. She was no longer able to perform and realized there was no future for the Jewish culture in Poland. Although she could have retired, she would not stay in a country that had betrayed her and her people. She wanted to continue her work and decided to try elsewhere. She and her family left Poland in July 1968 and wanted to settle in America. While waiting for the necessary documents in Vienna, she accepted Israel's invitation to come for another visit where she performed her famous *Mirele Efros*. In the US, she appeared in another film *The Angel Levine*. She died in New York on May 21, 1980. But she is remembered for her indomitable spirit and glorious contribution to Jewish culture.

MEN'S CLUB POKER GAME

Thursday, August 27 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.

Contact Joe Hartman:
(619) 851-2303.



In August we are celebrating...

June Birthdays were omitted, please accept our apologies and a belated happy Birthday!

Vida Sportes June 11
Marilyn Shelden June 13
Elizabeth Green June 14
Aleyda Hoskins June 14

August Birthdays



Corinna Goold August 12
Miriam Plotkin August 21
Stella Salzmann August 22
Anita Nemoy August 24
Koba August 28

A New Year

Sisterhood had a great year and we have set our calendar for 2015-16. There is something every month; come to as many activities as you want. Now is the time to be a part of our group. Jewish women being together is very empowering.

Sisterhood Membership Renewal

See our section on the website link to complete your annual membership form. We have three levels of membership to choose from. Funds go to helping us provide amazing events at lower costs. You can also send in your paper check for membership to the office.

Women's League Website

Sisterhood Members can access Women's League Website for wonderful articles, seminars, conferences, and more. Enter your email and sign on whenever you want.

Visit www.wlcyj.org for more information

LOOKING FOR A LOGO!

Sisterhood is looking for it's own logo to represent the incredible Jewish women of Ohr Shalom. Submit your artistic design to sisterhood@ohrshalom.org. Winner gets a free year membership.

Gift Shop News

We will begin work on a room upstairs to create a lovely gift shop into which you can walk in and view the many items available. When you purchase your items from Sisterhood, you help yourself and us support our events and our shul. We are also improving our virtual gift shop so you can see and purchase items to pick up.

If you are interested in something particular let us know at giftshop@ohrshalom.org



SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair

Social Action Committee Leaps Into Action

It was late. It had been a long day. I had gotten up before the 5 o'clock hour, put it a full day's work and was leading the social action committee meeting following minyan. As we all know having something to nosh on is an important part of any Jewish committee meeting, so we ate some sandwiches during the meeting.

About an hour into the meeting two young adults, a man and woman, found their way onto Ohr Shalom property and entered the Beit Midrash, where we were meeting. The couple was seeking shelter for the night. We gave them one of our extra sandwiches to eat, water, and some chairs to sit on, while we concluded our committee meeting. The two ate with much gusto.

After the meeting, our attention turned to our guests. After listening to their explanation of the causes of their temporary homelessness, the committee moved to provide further assistance (this motion was approved unanimously). One committee member had a neighbor who worked with homeless teens and she called this neighbor for advice. We learned that there were no free shelters available at night time – they close their doors. With Rene's help we were able to provide them with some warm clothing from our clothing donations, but had to send them away without an actual solution to their shelter problem.

Homelessness is a problem for many people in our community. It is a basic need that seems to be more difficult to solve than hunger or clean water. Ohr Shalom volunteers feed the hungry through our various food drives and at the **Monarch School** dinners (the next one is August 10th). One of our goals for the upcoming year related to the need for shelter is to volunteer for **Habit for Humanity**. We also provide some relief to the homeless through our contributions of money and time to **Veterans Village of San Diego Stand Down** (see below).

Recently, the Rabbi visited **Uptown Community Service Center** to learn about the services that they provide to the homeless. According to the Rabbi, it is a great, very small organization/storefront providing specific services (mailing address and mail to the homeless) and related assistance (information, food, and clothing). They are looking for some volunteers who can give a few hours every week, and maybe another sponsoring organization to join their board. We would be the first synagogue – all other sponsoring organizations are churches. This sounds like an opportunity for someone in our congregation who feels moved to help the homeless. Please contact me if you have an interest in this organization.

Thanks for Your Support of VVSD Stand Down 2015

Stand Down 2015 took place for the 28th year this July 17-18-19 on the grounds of San Diego High School. Veterans Village of San Diego manages and operates Stand Down, a three-day outreach to homeless veterans and their families. Stand Down provides a myriad of services which include shelter, food, clothing, hygiene kits, haircuts, medical care, legal assistance, homeless court, job search, spiritual care and much more. As in years past, Ohr Shalom sponsored a tent at Stand Down. We also donated clothing received from congregants during our clothing drive. Clothing received past the delivery date to Stand Down was donated to Vista Hill Crisis Center, which provides services to homeless near Ohr Shalom.

JFS Hand Up Food Pantry

We collect food year-round for the JFS Hand

Up Food Pantry (donation bins in synagogue lobby).

Ohr Shalom Beach Cleanup 2015 – Mission Accomplished!

It was a beautiful day at the bay for our annual Ohr Shalom Beach Clean-Up on June 14th. Thanks to everyone who joined in to help us keep our ocean clean: Darianna Fox and her dad Steve Fox, Miriam Plotkin & friend Scott, and Julie & Jeff Rubtchinsky. Together we collected approximately 8 pounds of trash around Shelter Island. It was a busy day on the beach, so we were also a good reminder to others to clean up all of their garbage and recycling before leaving. We had many people stop and thank us for our time and effort, which is always encouraging. Thanks again to all of our great volunteers!



Backpacks for Christie's Place

For many years now Ohr Shalom has supported programs at Christie's Place, just across Laurel Street on Third Avenue. Christie's Place offers many services to families affected by HIV/AIDS. Each year before school starts, Christie's Place distributes backpacks with school supplies to children of families affected by HIV/AIDS. You can help by donating backpacks and/or school supplies or make a monetary donation. **We will be delivering the backpacks on August 10.**



Stay connected to Ohr Shalom Social Action Committee by joining our **Friends of Social Action** email list. Please contact me at brad.eisenberg@att.net or contact the office if you would like to join.



Monarch School Dinner

Monday, August 10,
3:00 -5:30pm

Please join us to provide dinner to the students of the Monarch School in downtown San Diego.

We still need a few volunteers to provide food and supplies for the dinner, which feeds ~200 homeless K-12 students and their families.

We also need preparers and servers for the afternoon of the dinner (must be 18 years or older to serve).

Please contact Jane Zeer at janezeer@cox.net if you are interested in providing food and/or serving dinner at the Monarch School.

SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

Save The Date! We need you!

Current list of upcoming projects/events:

Monday, August 10:
Monarch School Dinner
3:00-5:30pm

Keep Those Donations Coming!

Current donation drives - donation bins are set up in the synagogue lobby:

JFS Hand Up Food Pantry

Ongoing - Non-perishable food - cans, grains, etc.

Christie's Place Backpacks

Until August 10 - Backpacks, school supplies and socks are being collected to hand out by Christie's Place to children affected by HIV/AIDS in their families.

....Or, if you prefer to make a monetary donation to "Social Action Fund," we will purpose the funds for the above. Please indicate which campaign your donation is for.



Questions? Ideas?
Please contact: **Brad Eisenberg**
Social Action Chair at
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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VP Membership

Summer, Thoreau, and oh those Cavaliers!

As I begin the second year of my term as Membership Chair, I reflect on the special people I have met as new members this past year. Our synagogue has grown in exciting ways, and it has been a treat to welcome new members at Rosh Chodesh events, social Sisterhood events, adult education "talk shows," Readings with the Rabbi, Shabbat services, and many more events.

Summer has taken me away from Ohr Shalom - a bit for work up and down the state and to Ohio to visit my family. Always, I feel renewed after a trip to Cleveland. Not quite the place you image one would come back from refreshed and inspired? True, they have four seasons: WINTER, almost WINTER, still WINTER, and SUMMER construction. At least that is what my nephews say.

Nevertheless, my Judaism is always enriched on these visits. While there, I was able to celebrate my 14-year-old nephew's (Ethan) graduation from Gross Schechter Day School in June, and hear him talk of making aliyah one day. I was also able to see my oldest nephew, Aidan (16) off to Israel as part of ICNEXT, a teen group who aspire to learn more about the politics of Israel to better advocate on her behalf in America.

Both young men are already 6'2 and love basketball, so it added to the excitement of the visit that the Cavaliers were in the NBA playoffs. Next year, LeBron.... :-)

What do I come home with from this latest trip?

Aidan had just finished studying transcendentalism in English class, and was chatting with me on a Shabbat walk before he left about nature and Thoreau.

"A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to leave alone," Thoreau wrote. The idea is that through simplicity, we are given the freedom and space to focus on what is truly important in life and to make those pursuits our real life priority. Aidan went on to connect this to Judaism and Shabbat, and I found myself thinking of my role as Membership Chair at Ohr Shalom...

Whether you are a new member or a long-standing one, how can I help you find what is truly important to you in your Judaism and

within our synagogue? How can I help guide you into events, committees that do work that is important to you? What do you need and want to see at Ohr Shalom?

True, the Cavaliers lost to the Warriors, and my two gentle giant nephews are back home in Cleveland now where it is soon to be "almost winter," once again, but I return renewed with a better understanding of the "things I can afford to leave alone" in order that I might better focus on the truly important things in life. Ironically, in Judaism, one of those truly important things is not being alone, as Thoreau so often was, but being a part of a vibrant and loving community.

How can I help you integrate into this haimishe community at Ohr Shalom?

I invite you to share your thoughts with me.

Glad to be home where it is truly "Summer" in sunny San Diego.

We welcomed the following new members this year at Ohr Shalom:

Paul & Cynthia Balistocky
Ediz Benaroya
Shelly & Conrad Benitez
Marc & Janet Bernstein
Judith Dunham
Beth & Steven Herrick
Jerry Horn
Janna Levin Farca
Jaime Lozowsky Rotberg
Benjamin & Gregory Mleynek
Elisse Moore
Gillian & Jonathan Moss
Anita Nemoj & Justina Nemoj
Robert Penner
David Petrou
Aviva Rosenberg
Dan & Carol Schwarzblat
Larry & Laura Sherman
Michael & Sophie Singer
Beverly & Kenneth Victor
Inessa Weintraub
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Linda Weseley
Marc & Hedi Wolpoff
Marc & Sabrina Zaslov

Thank you for your generous donations in July:

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Mazal Tov To:

Gail Kalker and family on the birth of her Granddaughter, Leah Brooklyn Kalker.

Benjamin and Gregory Mleynek and family on their wedding.

Jeff and Julie Rubtchinsky and family on the birth of their Daughter.

Condolences to:

Rafael Slovatizki and family on the passing of his beloved Wife, Beatriz Slovatizki, beloved Mother and Grandmother.



May her memory be for a blessing to all those who knew her and loved her.

Minyan Schedule

Sunday-Thursday at 6:15pm

Please consider attending a minyan service to help ensure that we can continue providing this important service for our congregation.

Share a simcha or commemorate a loved one's yahrzeit with your Ohr Shalom family by sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush.



Friday Oneg or Shabbat Morning Kiddush Sponsorship: \$72

LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society is building an endowment fund for Ohr Shalom. An endowment is a pool of invested funds from which the interest can be drawn, but the capital typically remains intact. For more information, call the Ohr Shalom office (619) 231-1456.

THE OHR SHALOM LAWN AT HOME OF PEACE CEMETERY

Members of Ohr Shalom Synagogue may purchase graves, either pre-need or at the time of need, if they wish to be interred in the Ohr Shalom Lawn. If you would like more information please telephone the Synagogue office at (619) 231-1456.

Todah Rabah to our July Shabbat Service Leaders, Torah and Haftarah Readers, D'rashot and Minyan Leaders:

Herb Bloom
Vanina Bunton
Joe Hartman

Koba
Morris Lazard

Jennifer Meltzer
Bill Morris
Ruben Rosental

Todah Rabah to: Rocky Reid - for his weekly maise in the Kol.

Todah Rabah to our office volunteers for July: Gail Kalker, Jim Lewis, Koba.

YAHREZITS

Keila Nusinovich	Remembered by Nora Taratuta.....	1-Aug/Av 16
Haim Hersh Rozen	Isaac Rozen's Father.....	1-Aug/Av 16
Sidney Stein	Jane Zeer's Uncle.....	1-Aug/Av 16
*Charlotte Rubin	Maxine Weseley's Mother.....	2-Aug/Av 17
Judy Geiger	Remembered by Jonathan Geiger.....	3-Aug/Av 18
Benjamin Goldman	Elizabeth Goldman's Son, Joshua Goldman's Brother.....	3-Aug/Av 18
Sam Ehrenwerth	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Grandfather.....	4-Aug/Av 19
Zelig Chaim Grinberg	Ruben Rosental's Grandfather.....	4-Aug/Av 19
Pearl Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Mother.....	5-Aug/Av 20
Ignac Mandel	Andres Marek's Uncle.....	5-Aug/Av 20
Gisa Schiffman	Judie Dresser's Mother.....	5-Aug/Av 20
Charles Darrow	Allyson Darroch's Father.....	6-Aug/Av 21
*Harvey Goldberg	Susie Meltzer and Karen Rund's Father, Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather.....	6-Aug/Av 21
Gabriel Nissim Moscona	Enrique Moscona's Father.....	6-Aug/Av 21
Sara Portnoy Bergenfeld	Aaron Bergenfeld's Mother.....	6-Aug/Av 21
*Sidney Heller	Remembered by Allan Wolf.....	7-Aug/Av 22
Betty Shteremberg	David Shteremberg, Nathan Shteremberg and Sonia Zyman's Mother.....	7-Aug/Av 22
Gustava Lieber	Jerry Lieber's Mother.....	8-Aug/Av 23
Alberto Alvo	Rosie Veinbergs' Father.....	9-Aug/Av 24
Eva Gojman	Esther Tishman's Sister.....	9-Aug/Av 24
Jenny Penhas	Sally Maizel and Esther Modiano's Mother.....	9-Aug/Av 24
*Abe Smith	Mark Smith's Father.....	9-Aug/Av 24
*Hilda Veinbergs	Jacobo Veinberg and Sylvia Galicot's Mother.....	9-Aug/Av 24
Julia Levy Mizrahi	Haim Mizrahi's Mother.....	10-Aug/Av 25
*Jacob Rubin	Fanny Hanono's Father.....	11-Aug/Av 26
*Rubin Zeer	Jane Zeer's Father.....	11-Aug/Av 26
Irving Horowitz	Debby Hyatt's Grandfather.....	12-Aug/Av 27
Herb Sevel	Evie Sevel's Husband.....	12-Aug/Av 27
Raquel Lemberger de Guasp	Susie Shteremberg's Mother.....	13-Aug/Av 28
Liby Chazan	Silvia Gold's Daughter, Jose Gold's Sister.....	14-Aug/Av 29
*Sam Cohen	Susan Kaplan's Stepfather.....	14-Aug/Av 29
Ana Dryjansky	Celia Chazan's Mother.....	14-Aug/Av 29
Gertrude Jagorda	Aaron Hoskins' Grandmother.....	14-Aug/Av 29
Ellen Bergman	Miriam Jane Bergman's Mother.....	15-Aug/Av 30
Benito Govezensky	Bertha Szmuiowicz's Brother.....	15-Aug/Av 30
Sarah Selikowitz	Sandra Golden's Grandmother.....	15-Aug/Av 30
Pablo Fastag	Ruth Fastag's Husband.....	16-Aug/Elul 1
David T. Goldman	Elizabeth Goldman's Husband, Joshua Goldman's Father.....	16-Aug/Elul 1
Moises Przechacki	Jave Artenstein's Father.....	16-Aug/Elul 1
Nancy Lynn Schwartz	Elizabeth Schwartz's Sister.....	16-Aug/Elul 1
Myer Epstein	Honey Mark's Father.....	17-Aug/Elul 2
*Judy Masri	Adela Hanono's Mother.....	17-Aug/Elul 2
Sophia Zimlich Diehl	Allyson Darroch's Grandmother.....	17-Aug/Elul 2
Estefania Barrenechea	Lucia Domville's Mother.....	18-Aug/Elul 3
Moshe Lisker	Ruben Lisker's Brother.....	18-Aug/Elul 3
Bill Mintzer	Bonnie Tabak's Father, Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandfather.....	18-Aug/Elul 3
*Joanne Scholten	Richard Scholten's Wife.....	19-Aug/Elul 4
Miriam Dantus	Celia Chazan's Sister.....	20-Aug/Elul 5
David Fainstein	Jaime Fainstein's Father.....	20-Aug/Elul 5
Eugenia Handelman	Sara Fainstein's Mother.....	20-Aug/Elul 5
Philip M. Phillips	Andres Marek's Uncle.....	20-Aug/Elul 5
Shica Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Grandfather.....	20-Aug/Elul 5
Jack Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Uncle.....	20-Aug/Elul 5
Dorothy Sherman	Ethel Friedman's Mother.....	21-Aug/Elul 6
Boaz Talerman	Diane Talerman's Husband, Abraham Talerman, Masha Lipner and Sharon Talerman's Father, Myer Talerman's Brother.....	21-Aug/Elul 6
*Tillie Weisman	Remembered by Joe Rubin.....	21-Aug/Elul 6
Ninette Karsenty	Rene Sportes' Aunt.....	22-Aug/Elul 7
Tsvi Oratowski	Jesica Oratowski Coleman's Father.....	22-Aug/Elul 7
Edwin Gruener	Carlos Gruener's Father.....	23-Aug/Elul 8
Anna Hollender	Jonathan Geiger's Grandmother.....	23-Aug/Elul 8
Adolf Braun	Gary Brown's Grandfather.....	24-Aug/Elul 9
Maureen Burke	Beth Vann's Mother.....	24-Aug/Elul 9
Raquel Milstein	Remembered by Enrique Milstein.....	24-Aug/Elul 9
*Ida Abrams	Evelyn Sevel's Aunt.....	25-Aug/Elul 10
William Parker	Pamela Auerbach's Father.....	25-Aug/Elul 10
Harold Simon	Gillian Moss' Father.....	25-Aug/Elul 10
Sadoun Sportes	Rene Sportes' Father.....	25-Aug/Elul 10
*Ruben Veinbergs	Aida Veinbergs' Husband, Miguel Veinbergs' Brother.....	25-Aug/Elul 10
*Moise Algazi	Albert Algazi's Father.....	26-Aug/Elul 11
Kalman Grun	Elizabeth Green's Great Grandfather.....	26-Aug/Elul 11
Janet Bartel	Laurayne Ratner's Mother.....	27-Aug/Elul 12
*Ketty Capelluto	Stella Salzmann's Mother.....	27-Aug/Elul 12
Simon Felman	Ricardo Ilko's Grandfather.....	27-Aug/Elul 12
Hertha Sherwood	Doreen Casuto's Mother.....	27-Aug/Elul 12
Ida Aronson	Sophie Aronson's Grandmother.....	28-Aug/Elul 13
Kurt Fuld	Remembered by Ruth Fuld.....	28-Aug/Elul 13
Joan Isa Cohen	Sean Myer's Mother.....	29-Aug/Elul 14
*Zachary Lachow	Lillian Lachow's Father.....	29-Aug/Elul 14
Lena Toby Spellman	Roberta Greene's Grandmother.....	29-Aug/Elul 14
Jessie Tabak	Mel Tabak's Mother, Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandmother.....	29-Aug/Elul 14
Steven I. Victor	Shirley Alexander's Brother.....	29-Aug/Elul 14
Juan Finkelberg	Jorge Finkelberg's Father.....	31-Aug/Elul 16
*Israel Louis Lacher	Martin Shoman's Father.....	31-Aug/Elul 16

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
IMPORTANT REMINDERS; Please return Membership Renewal Forms and Religious School Registration Forms promptly. First Day of Religious School is Thursday, September 10.			Order your own Lulav and Etrog set (\$40/set). Call or email the office by Wednesday, September 16.			16 Av	Parshat Vaetchanan <i>Shabbat Nachamu</i> Shabbat Service 9:30am
2 17 Av	3 18 Av	4 19 Av	5 20 Av	6 21 Av	7 22 Av	8 23 Av	
Minyan 6:15pm	Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm	Minyan 6:15pm	Minyan 6:15pm	Minyan 6:15pm	Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Rabbi's Sermon Series 7:30pm 7:24pm	Parshat Eikev Shabbat Service 9:30am	
9 24 Av	10 25 Av	11 26 Av	12 27 Av	13 28 Av	14 29 Av	15 30 Av	
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16 1 Elul	17 2 Elul	18 3 Elul	19 4 Elul	20 5 Elul	21 6 Elul	22 7 Elul	
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23 8 Elul	24 9 Elul	25 10 Elul	26 11 Elul	27 12 Elul	28 13 Elul	29 14 Elul	
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