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DAVAR MEGILLAH

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PURIM CARNIVAL

Judaism & Refugees Weekend – April 1-3 – A Message from Rabbi Scott Meltzer

“**Y**ou shall not wrong a foreigner or oppress him/her because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.” Exodus 22:20

There is no commandment more central in the Torah than the commandment to care for the foreigner, the stranger. It is commanded more times than the commandment to observe Shabbat, to not eat pork, even to honor our father and mother.

For most of the past two thousand years, the issues of refugees and immigration have been recurring themes in the history of the Jewish people.

Nearly 3,000,000 Jews came to the United States as refugees or immigrants from 1870-1920. Many of our Ohr Shalom families arrived during those years.

Jewish immigration to the United States continues, and other of our Ohr Shalom families have found their way to the US more recently than the early twentieth century.

We live at a moment in history in which millions of people are refugees, fleeing their homes and seeking new homes.

We as Jews cannot be bystanders to this great human tragedy. We cannot allow millions to suffer, even die, as they flee.

We know what it means to be refugees who are unwanted, unwelcomed, and turned away. We know the fatal consequences of such actions.

In this context, we are hosting an incredible weekend to learn about “Judaism & Refugees” – April 1-3. We are sharing this weekend with many others Community Partners who have asked to be included.

For that Shabbat, we will be joined by an old friend and classmate of mine, Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, who is the Vice-President of Community Affairs for the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). HIAS has done more to help resettle Jews in the US over the past 135 year than any other organization. For many years, HIAS has been working hard on behalf of all refugees, not just the Jews. As Rabbi Rosenn told me over the summer: “We like to say that for HIAS’s first 120 years we helped refugees because they were Jewish; now we help refugees because we are Jewish.”

The exact schedule of events will be included in next month’s Davar, but know that it will include: Shabbat dinner and services, Shabbat Morning Services and Lunch N’ Learn, Shabbat Afternoon Singing and Light Dinner, Saturday Night Movie and Discussion, and a Sunday Morning program.

Also, the list of our Community Partners continues to grow: ADL, Casa Cornelia Law Center, JFS, Latino-Jewish Coalition, UFJ and others.

Please clear your calendars for the first three days in April so we can sit, study, eat and celebrate in the context of Shabbat and this vitally important issue!

DEDICATION OF THE NEW SANCTUARY ARTWORK

**SATURDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 20, 2016, 6:45 PM**

(Note new date and time!)

See inside for details...



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Sachs
President

News from the Cruise

As you read this, I will be on a cruise ship off the coast of Vietnam, celebrating Marcia's birthday, and experiencing together a month long cruise of South East Asia. Tough life!

As we enjoy an incredible vacation, I will be eagerly awaiting news of the art installation and event on February 20. Lou Dunst (z"l) commissioned this artwork prior to his death and I'm sad to be missing the occasion. I hope you will attend, enjoy a nice dinner courtesy of Estelle Dunst, and enjoy meeting our artist, Amy Reichert, who is flying in from Chicago to talk about her vision for us.

I will also be anxious to see how we fared during our first month on solar power, to hear whether or not our roof—which

should be fixed—performed during the next heavy rain, and whether or not the schoolyard is finally draining well after the repair of the storm drains. January was a busy month!

While I am gone, many of our board members will be busy putting together our next big event, the annual "Lights of Ohr Shalom" celebration. This year we will honor José Galicot for all his work helping educate underprivileged children. The "Mexican Chic" event will be held at the McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station. Under the direction of Melissa Galicot, the event will be unique and I'm hungry just thinking about it!

Stay well. I look forward to greeting everyone on my return in March.



MEMBERSHIP CARE - NEW GROUP FORMING

Rachel Millstone
VP Membership

Seeking Members for "Gemilut Chasadim" Committee

We are looking for Ohr Shalom members who can join our new "Gemilut Chasadim" ["acts of lovingkindness"] committee – these would be members who can prepare meals and deliver them for our own congregants in times of need, as well as in times of celebration. We all need help from time to time - when our own loved ones are ill, undergo surgery, or could simply use a helping hand. We also enjoy celebrating in times of joy, as when there is the birth of a new baby in our community. Although there will be other types of activities in

which this committee can engage - such as writing cards, making phone calls, making visits, providing rides, etc..., at this time, we are especially in need of people willing to prepare or buy meals and/or deliver them to congregants. Although some of our congregants will require/request kosher meals, you do not have to have a kosher kitchen to volunteer for this committee! Please join us to learn about "mealtrain" and to discover why and how you can still be a huge help, even if you do not have a strictly kosher kitchen!

Save the Date
for Lights of Ohr Shalom
April 10 at 5PM –
honoring Jose Galicot.



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- February 5 for March issue
- March 5 for April issue

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Attention Committee Chairs and Program Coordinators: Please contact Jane at janezeer@cox.net to coordinate publicity of upcoming events.

OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, February 8th - 7:30pm (Rabbi's Sermon Series)
Friday, February 12th - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)
Friday, February 19th - 6:15pm (Shabbat Kehillatit)
Friday, February 26th - 6:15pm (ZAMRU)



Rabbi Meltzer's Friday Night Sermon Series

Friday, February 5, 7:30pm
"Yom Kippur – A Holy Day Like Purim"

Shabbat Kehillatit / New Member Shabbat

Friday, February 19

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

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Adults: \$12 | Adults: \$15 |
| Children (5-12 yrs.): \$5 | Children (5-12 yrs.): \$8 |



Shuli Shabbat

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 20 at 10:00am.**
Shuli Shabbat for ages 0-8. Arts and Crafts, story and lunch.

ZAMRU "Sing Out" Shabbat

Friday, February 26, 6:15pm

6:15pm ~ Kabbalat Shabbat Services
Join Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz and celebrate Shabbat through vibrant, musical prayer.

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Shabbat Morning Babysitting

Babysitting available. Reservations are strongly recommended.
E-mail your reservation to: office@ohrshalom.org.

PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING February 2016

PARSHAT MISHPATIM

Fri: February 5 5:07PM – 27 Shevat
Sat: February 6
Torah: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18
Haft: Jeremiah 34:8 - 34:22; 33:25 - 33:26

PARSHAT TERUMAH

Fri: February 12 5:13PM – 4 Adar I
Sat: February 13
Torah: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19
Haft: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

PARSHAT TETZVAH

Fri: February 19 5:19PM – 11 Adar I
Sat: February 20
Torah: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
Haft: Ezekiel 43:10 - 43:27

PARSHAT KI TISA

Fri: February 26 5:25PM – 18 Adar I
Sat: February 27
Torah: Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
Haft: I Kings 18:1 - 18:39

Ohr Shalom's Choir!

Studies show that choral singers rate their satisfaction with life higher than the public does, and also, that singing decreases anxiety and depression.

Our Ohr Shalom Choir is fun and refreshing, and we hope you join us! Everyone is invited – Ohr Shalom members, friends and relatives!

Come join us on Mondays at 6:30pm. You'll be happy you did!

February Dates:

February 1
February 8
February 22
February 29



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Go to: www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

AIPAC: Safeguarding the US-Israel Connection

What is AIPAC? The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is not a political action committee and does not endorse candidates for elected or appointed office. Its mission is to enhance US-Israel relationships in ways that promote foreign aid, government partnerships, and joint anti-terrorism efforts.

AIPAC's work includes bi-partisan lobbying of members of Congress to be advocates for pro-Israel policies and resources. For example, in December 2015 Congress allocated \$3.1 billion in security assistance to the Jewish state, \$487.6 million for U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs and \$40 million for a new U.S.-Israel anti-tunneling initiative, among other issues. AIPAC also encourages its more than 100,000 members nationwide to develop relationships with local representatives and to educate them on ways to strengthen the US Israel ties.

In January 2016, here in San Diego, more than 1,000 supporters at an AIPAC event experienced a dynamic program that began with a conversation with Congressmen Juan Vargas (D) and Ed Royce (R) discussing the need for a US-led bi-partisan approach to challenging and growing threats abroad to Israel and the not-so-veiled anti-Semitism seen worldwide. They spoke as articulate partners strongly supporting the work of AIPAC.

Next, a Tennessee pastor told a harrowing WWII tale about his grandfather as an American sergeant saving Jewish POWs in his charge from death by declaring his entire unit Jewish to the senior Nazi officer. The pastor echoed his grandfather's beliefs that what you do matters and the need to stand up for the Jewish people.

John Baird, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, also spoke at the event. His inspirational message was to do what is right, not to act for political gain. He calls himself a proud Zionist and Israel a beacon of light that must be protected. He led Canada to be the first nation against the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS), by supporting Israel at the UN and educating his citizens about the holocaust. According to Baird, "Israel's most powerful friend continues to be the United States."

AIPAC stands on its accomplishments – to assure US funding to Israel to enable them to protect their citizens against threats of all kinds. This financial support has helped keep Israel safe. AIPAC will continue their work going forward, including keeping Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, focusing on educating the next generation about Israel, combating BDS, and always standing shoulder to shoulder with Israel.

THE CABORCA JEW: A MEXICAN STORY at the 26th Annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival



Don't miss the screening of Zeji Ozeri's new documentary *The Caborca Jew: A Mexican Story*, showing at the San Diego Jewish Film Festival on **Monday, February 8 at 7:30PM at the JCC.**

Inspired by the narrator's (David Chiatt) grandfather, the film tells the real-life story of a Polish immigrant trying to get to the US but inadvertently finding himself in Caborca, a small town in Sonora, Mexico. It's a moving and uplifting

story about an individual, his strength, and his commitment to maintain his faith in the face of incredible obstacles, including that he was the only Jew in a town of Catholics, and unable to speak the language.

To buy tickets, or for more information about the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, February 4-14, visit: www.sdcjc.org/sdjff.

26TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL February 4 - 14, 2016

A total of 38 feature films (dramas, comedies, documentaries) with an additional 22 short films will be showcased at five theatres on 13 different screens. Opening night film: "The Price of Sugar"; closing night: "Sabena Hijacking: My Version"; and centerpiece film: "Encirclements."

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SOCIAL ACTION

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair

Social Action Corner

After a productive end to 2015, we had a quiet January in the Social Action corner. Jane Zeer has been planning the big dinner event at the Monarch School for February, and we have had our first committee meeting of the year. During January, my lovely wife and I delivered 26 blankets to San Diego Veteran's Village. They were grateful for the blankets. These were mostly the blankets that the children made during High Holy Days.

The Hands Up food collection continues. Thanks for all of the donations of non-perishables. We will have many opportunities for Tikkun Olam in the coming year. Stay tuned!

Seeking Coordinators and Volunteers

- Hunger Project at St. Vincent de Paul – coordinator and volunteers
- I Love a Clean San Diego Beach Cleanup – assistant coordinator (Alice Cupples is the leader)
- Pesach baskets for clients of Jewish Family Service – coordinator and volunteers

Do you have a social action project you'd like our help accomplishing? Please contact me if you have an interest in participating in any of the above.

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.

Keep Those Donations Coming!

Current donation drives – donation bins are set up in lobby area of synagogue:

JFS Hand Up Youth Food Pantry
Ongoing – Non-perishable food – cans, grains, etc.

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



Monarch School Dinner

Please join us on Monday, February 22, from 4:00-6:30pm

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

We need volunteers to provide homemade or purchased macaroni and cheese, salad, rolls, dessert, juice, milk and supplies for ~200 homeless children at the Monarch School in downtown San Diego. We also need preparers and servers for the afternoon of the dinner (must be 18 years or older to serve).

In addition to providing a K-12 education for students impacted by homelessness, the Monarch School provides healthcare, clothing and food, along with enrichment and support programs including an after school program, tutoring, counseling, expressive arts therapy and family assistance. For more about this unique school, see www.monarchschoools.org.

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

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Ellen Statman
Religious School Principal

I'm back in the saddle again!

Thank you all for your many good wishes. I am feeling great—refreshed and renewed and looking forward to a great 2016 at Ohr Shalom Religious School.

In January, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees. The lessons learned from the holiday reiterated the importance of patience, planning for future generations, respect for the environment, and that the holiday is a time for hope and renewal. The school held its own Tu B'Shevat Seder where we enjoyed sampling some of the fruits from Israel and 4 flavors of ice cream, which

symbolized the four seasons of the year.

As I write this article, I am looking forward to January 29 when we will celebrate an all-school Kabbalat Shabbat at the Synagogue. This should be an enjoyable evening for all.

The Religious School collected over \$115.00 in Tzedakah money in the last half of 2015. We are going to donate this money to JNF to plant trees in Israel and to The San Diego Food Bank to fight hunger. I am very proud of the children for fulfilling this mitzva



OSYG

Jessica Lemoine
Youth Programs

Kadima for children in grades 4th-6th:

Sunday March 6, World Beat Center, Purim masks and drums

Ohr Shalom Youth Group for kids in grades 7 through 12:

Saturday, March 5, 8:00pm

Saturday, April 2, 8:00pm

Please note: March, April & May Activities will be chosen by the teens, closer to the date.

Junior USY for preteens in grades 7 & 8:

Sunday, January 31 - JCC presents: Seussical, 1:00pm

Senior USY for teens in grades 9 through 12

March 11-13 USY Kinnus at Beth El, La Jolla

For more information contact Jessica Lemoine at jessicasontag.lemoine@gmail.com.



KITCHEN BITES

Barbara Haislip
Kitchen Volunteer

Zucchini Breakfast Casserole

I served the following egg dish to a few friends for lunch a few weeks ago to rave reviews, so I decided to share it with you readers. It works well whenever you'd like a light meal, be it breakfast, brunch, or break the fast. I served it with chopped romaine lettuce with Cutie orange segments and fresh lemon juice and walnut oil, and homemade banana bread. Dessert was mini-drumstick ice cream cones which I buy at Smart and Final.

I have a zucchini suggestion. I grate the squash before I do anything else, wrap it in a tea towel, set it in the sink for 10 minutes and then squeeze out the moisture. This keeps the egg dish from being soggy. This technique works for zucchini kugel or fritters too. I hope you try this Sephardic recipe.

Zucchini Breakfast Casserole

Serves 6 to 8

- 6-8 eggs
- 1 C ricotta cheese
- 1 C freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp Tabasco Sauce
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp fresh black pepper or white pepper
- 3 C grated zucchini2 or 3 larger ones, more if they are smaller
- 1 1/2 C plum or compari (Costco) tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 C fresh basil, 20 leaves chopped (roll them up and slice)
- 4 C day-old bread, cubed
- Olive oil or Pam
- Paprika

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In large bowl, beat the eggs, then add ricotta and mix til smooth. Then mix in the Parmesan cheese, Tabasco sauce, salt, and pepper.

Squeeze excess moisture from tomatoes. Then add the tomatoes, basil, and zucchini to egg mixture. Moisten the bread cubes, squeeze out the moisture barehanded, and mix in the egg mixture. Coat a 9" by 13" pan with olive oil or spray with Pam. Pour the egg mixture evenly into the pan. Sprinkle paprika on top for color if you like. I always do that. Bake on a middle shelf for 30 minutes. If casserole isn't brown on top, raise heat to 425 for 5 minutes.

Enjoy!

Save the Date!
Ohr Shalom at
CAMP MOUNTAIN CHAI.
Weekend of May 20-22, 2016.



MOVIE NIGHT

Al Shelden

Imm. Past President/
Administration

SUNDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY 21, 2016
at 7:00 p.m.

After showing a number of serious movies, we've decided that with all of the rain during the last month we should have some laughs this month. So we decided to show a classic comedy that is rated one of the American Film Institute's 100 Greatest Film Comedies. Join us on Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m., as we show

"MY FAVORITE YEAR"

The plot of the movie is supposedly based on Mel Brook's memory of his time as a young writer on Sid Caesar's famous and successful live TV show, *Your Show of Shows*. *My Favorite Year* tells the story of a young Jewish writer (Mark Linn-Baker) who works on a popular NBC variety hour known as *The King Kaiser Show*. The show is telecast live. The show's producers are worried that their upcoming guest star, a former Errol Flynn-like movie idol character (Peter O'Toole, who received an Oscar nomination for his performance), who is a notorious womanizer and drinker, will not show up on time or in a condition to perform. To make certain that he shows up, *The King Kaiser Show's* star (Joseph Bologna) assigns the young writer to make certain that the star shows up on time and sober.

The star, in addition to taking the young writer on a whirl-wind tour of mid-1950's New York hotspots, agrees to visit the writer's family in Brooklyn. Lainie Kazan plays the writer's mother, Belle. In what one reviewer calls "one of the greatest Jewish mother scenes of screen history, Belle invites friends and relatives in for a peek at the great man, cheerfully humiliates her son and finally presses upon the actor some of the worst and most gratuitous advice he'll ever hear about life, love and family."

Another reviewer said, "Have you ever watched a film and wished it wouldn't end? Where you loved all the characters, adored each scene, and laughed at every joke, even after you'd seen the film so many times that you could quote the dialog? *My Favorite Year* is that kind of movie!"

The movie is directed by Richard Benjamin and also stars Bill Macy, Anne De Salvo, Lou Jacobi, Jessica Harper and Adolph Green. It is rated PG-13.



ADULT EDUCATION

LOIS GELB

Adult Education Chair

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

At 10:00 am in the Social Hall, we start our time together with a little "nosh and schmooze" – a delightful tradition of the Sunday Morning Talk Shows. Then we take our seats for informative, stimulating and enjoyable programs. For instance, on Sunday, January 10, former Assembly member Howard Wayne and Brent Eidson, Deputy Director of External Affairs for the San Diego Public Utilities Department, helped us understand the myriad factors in the water issues we face. Thanks, guys, you were terrific!

Coming up next – on Sunday, February 7. 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...just in time for the Super Bowl!

March 13. Latkes vs. Hamentashen – which represents Judaism better? This deliberately humorous academic debate started in Chicago in 1946 and continues on many campuses and synagogues. What insights (and fun) will we provide? If you, or someone you know, would like to be one of the debaters, please leave a message in the Ohr Shalom Office to let us know.

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Whether or not you've read this month's selection, you are welcome to join the group and its discussion.

Sunday, February 28, 10:00 am - *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates

Sunday, March 27, 10:00am - *After Abel and Other Stories*, Michael Lemberger

Sunday, April 17, 10:00am - *Marriage of Opposites*, Alice Hoffman

LUNCH & LEARN

Saturdays, February 6 and 20 and March 5, at noon (following the service)

A wonderful way to enjoy Shabbat – good food in the company of fellow congregants, followed by stimulating study with Rabbi Meltzer. Join your Ohr Shalom community for a fulfilling and meaningful Shabbat.

ONGOING STUDY SESSIONS

iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Starting January 20. Twelve Wednesdays, 11:00am-1:00pm

We're pleased to join this highly regarded iEngage program of the Shalom Hartman Institute (SHI). Our studies focus on various Jewish perspectives about Israel and the complex meanings of peace in our traditions.

BIBLE: Ezekiel. Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm. Rabbi Meltzer is offering a seminar about Ezekiel, his times and prophecies.

According to the Stone Edition, Ezekiel is the prophet who was shown the vision of the "dry bones" rising and coming back to life. In his prophecy, despair disappears, death turns to life, the "corpse" of Israel becomes a vibrant new nation.

Sunday Morning Talk Show February 7 at 10am

Football Through A Referee's Eyes



Speaker: Nathan Weiss,
professional referee

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.

Nathan Weiss began officiating football in 1974. He became a member of the San Diego County Football Officials Association in 1976. He has served the Association as an executive secretary, instructor and a crew chief. He has refereed junior college, NCAA and semi-pro games. The highlight of his career occurred in 2003 when he was selected as one of five officials to officiate the first American football game to be played in Havana, Cuba since 1959.

Sunday Morning Talk Show March 13 at 10am



**Latkes vs. Hamentashen –
which represents Judaism
better?**



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Linda Kucinski
Past President

Gift Shop: Sisterhood was thrilled with our grand opening of the new gift shop upstairs. Special thanks to Tracey Raz for her incredible artistic design and to Naima Solomon for handling inventory. We aim to have the gift shop open on Sunday mornings. More to come on gift shop hours.

Looking for something special? Try our gift shop. You support us and the synagogue while finding the right gift or item to buy.

We are looking for volunteers to have a couple of set hours so the gift shop can be open. Email giftshop@ohrshalom.org if you are interested in helping.

Membership: Make sure to send in your check for your sisterhood membership. Women's League increased their dues, so after so many years we must increase

ours to \$36 for standard membership. You can also make a donation at 2 additional membership levels. We have a full year of fun planned and your membership helps support our programs and our synagogue.

If you are interested in being more active in Sisterhood, please let us know at sisterhood@ohrshalom.org. With new ideas come new activities, so be a part of the future.



Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Come join us for *Musical Healing with Bracha*.

January 11th at 7pm

in the Social Hall. Light

refreshments will be served.

No children please. RSVP to Rachel at rdmillstone@gmail.com.



In January we are celebrating...

Yvonne Scarlett

January 9



SISTERHOOD

Susanne Lisker
Past President

Miriam Naor

Over the years, in addition to being wives and mothers, Jewish women have made their mark on virtually every field we know: medicine, music, literature, education, business, politics, theater, other arts, the Law, and more.

This month I would like to honor Miriam Naor, a woman who has one of the greatest achievements in her field – Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel.

Miriam was born in Jerusalem on October 26, 1947. She was the daughter of Naftaly Lerner Naor, a civil engineer from the Haifa Technion and Batya Karklinsky, a nurse who graduated from the Hadassah School of Nursing.

Miriam was a very accomplished student and completed her Law studies *Cum Laude* from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

She served as a deputy state attorney from 1972 to 1979 and in 1980 she was sworn as a judge in the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court, thus becoming the youngest judge in Israel.

In 1975, she married Aryeh Naor, a professor of Public Policy and

Administration at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, who served as a member of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet. Their twin sons Naftaly and Michael were born in 1976,

In August 2000, she was appointed deputy president of the Jerusalem District Court for Public Administration Matters, and in June 2003, she became a permanent Justice of the Israel Supreme Court.

During this time, Justice Naor lectured on various subjects in the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University, and continued lecturing until 2001.

Miriam served on judicial panels that dealt with highly complex cases. These cases were widely publicized because they were related either to crimes of public figures or prominent businessmen or the most severe crimes, including the "bank shares manipulation of 1983," in which managers and accountants of the principal banks in Israel were accused of committing serious economic crimes leading to the collapse of shares in 1983. When they were convicted, she did not hesitate to sentence the heads of banks to very heavy punishment while imposing fines of up to one million shekels. Later, in 1999, after a long trial in the District Court, with Miriam in the panel of judges, the panel found Aryeh Deri, a former minister in the Israeli Government, guilty of having accepted bribes, receiving money on false pretenses, and committing breach of trust. Deri was sentenced to



4 years imprisonment, the first time a member of the cabinet was jailed.

In December 2004, Miriam was appointed head of the Ministry of Justice Committee for Criminal Procedure, which advises the Minister of Justice on matters of Criminal Procedure.

On January 15, 2015, Miriam was sworn as the Israel Supreme Court Chief Justice, a position she will hold until September 2017 when she reaches the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Although she is perceived as a very conservative Justice, her predecessor, Justice Aharon Barak praised her saying she passed through the crucible of judicial experience and would, no doubt, be an excellent Chief Justice.

What a terrific woman!

Save the Date!
Scholar-in-Residence
weekend with
Rabi Jenny Rosenn of
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A New Year Full of Promise

**Our Artwork Dedication – Note: Date
has been Moved**

Ohr Shalom eagerly is anticipating the installation in the sanctuary of two large Judaic art pieces commissioned last summer by Lou (רבי) and Estelle Dunst. Due to an unanticipated scheduling conflict, the date and time of their dedication has been changed: to Saturday evening, February 20th, at 6:45 pm. Everyone is invited for Havdalah, a catered dinner (compliments of Estelle), and a warm-hearted ceremony featuring the Ohr Shalom Choir, Elizabeth and Yale Strom, Judaic Artist Amy Reichert, and other guests. Mark down the date and time. We promise not to change them again!

Purim Carnival

In the Jewish calendar, this year of 5776 will be one serious leap year! So much so that Purim, our favorite holiday, won't arrive until March 24th in the secular calendar. Nonetheless, Ohr Shalom will host its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday March 20th. Mark your calendars for the month of Adar II!

Lights of Ohr Shalom

Sunday, April 10, will find us at the McMillin Event Center, Liberty Station, for Ohr Shalom's annual Lights of Ohr Shalom. Our honoree will be José Galicot. Chairing the event is Melissa Galicot, Secretary of the Ohr Shalom Board.

SATURDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 20, 2016, 6:45 PM
(Note new date and time!)

Ohr Shalom invites you to the

DEDICATION OF THE NEW SANCTUARY ARTWORK

generously donated by Lou לוי and Estelle Dunst

Havdalah
Deli Buffet

Dedication Ceremony including:

Judaic Artist Amy Reichert
The Ohr Shalom Choir
Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz
Other guests and activities

RSVP by Friday, February 12, 2016

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Condolences to:

Mark Melden and family on the passing of his beloved Mother, **Lea Melden**, Grandmother of **Auguste and Paris Melden**.



Yvonne Scarlett and family on the passing of her beloved Son, **Marcell Evan Floyd Scarlett**.

Cecila Deitz and family on the passing of her beloved Husband, **David Deitz**, Father of **Benny Deitz**, Grandfather of **Alexandra and Aaron Deitz**.

Diana Lipowsky and family on the passing of her beloved Father, **Morris Elias**, Grandfather of **Ariela Zagursky**.

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Mazal Tov to:

Evie Sevel and family on the birth of her Grandson, **Winton Herbert James Sevel**.

Luis and Sally Maizel on the marriage of their son **Jack Maizel** to **Debbie Watkins**.

Alberto Levy and family on the birth of his Granddaughter, **Ashland Levy**.

With much gratitude for all the loving support, messages of condolences and kindnesses received on the passing of my beloved Mother, Concepcion Zachs.

-Reina Shteremberg and family

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

Sue Brown
Sandy Golden
Joe Hartman

Morris Lazard
Jennifer Meltzer
Shayna Meltzer

Rachel Millstone
Ivan Mendelsohn
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Todah Rabah to: Rocky Reid for his weekly maise in the Kol.

Todah Rabah to our office volunteers for November: Alan Berlin, Steve Bernstein, Marcia Sachs.

YAHARZEITS

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|------------------------|---|------------------|
| Shimon Awerbuch | Ilan Awerbuch's Brother | 1-Feb/Shevat 22 |
| *Margaret Meltzer | Eli Meltzer's Mother | 1-Feb/Shevat 22 |
| Millard Sindler | Rita Cohen's Father | 1-Feb/Shevat 22 |
| Israel Adehson | Remembered by Cecilia Deitz | 2-Feb/Shevat 23 |
| *Florence Stillman | Sharon Polichar's Mother | 2-Feb/Shevat 23 |
| Rosa Zands | Samy Zand's Mother | 2-Feb/Shevat 23 |
| Daniel Abramovic | Faye Levy's Father | 3-Feb/Shevat 24 |
| *Gladys Sevel | Remembered by Evie Sevel | 3-Feb/Shevat 24 |
| Ben Kahan | Bill Retin's Grandfather | 4-Feb/Shevat 25 |
| *Henry Sachs | Ray Sachs' Father | 4-Feb/Shevat 25 |
| Ida Zaslav | Elsa Margolis' Mother | 4-Feb/Shevat 25 |
| Pearl Schwimmer | Remembered by Evelyn Schwimmer | 5-Feb/Shevat 26 |
| *Bernard Stillman | Sharon Polichar's Father | 6-Feb/Shevat 27 |
| Dorothy Zipp | Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt | 6-Feb/Shevat 27 |
| Bernice Green | Elizabeth Green's Grandmother | 7-Feb/Shevat 28 |
| Ada Podolsky | Sara Limenes' Sister | 7-Feb/Shevat 28 |
| *Adi Salzmann | Tito Salzmann's Father | 8-Feb/Shevat 29 |
| *Rose Schiff | Eileen Wingard's Mother | 8-Feb/Shevat 29 |
| *Howard Schultz | Marcia Sachs' Father | 8-Feb/Shevat 29 |
| Jacobo Berditchevsky | Remembered by Jaime and Sara Fainstein | 9-Feb/Shevat 30 |
| Faye Rose | Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt | 9-Feb/Shevat 30 |
| Len Fine | Remembered by Ohr Shalom | 10-Feb/Adar-I 1 |
| Salomon Levy | Alberto Levy and Beatriz Levy Israel's Father | 10-Feb/Adar-I 1 |
| Robert J. Lyons | Lynn Mendelsohn's Father | 10-Feb/Adar-I 1 |
| *George Roadburg | Harlene Rottenberg's Father | 11-Feb/Adar-I 2 |
| Harry Kanter | Miriam Plotkin's Father | 12-Feb/Adar-I 3 |
| Chaya Levine | Ana Galicot's Mother | 12-Feb/Adar-I 3 |
| Aaron Ben Naftali | Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather | 13-Feb/Adar-I 4 |
| Moshe Berman | Raisa Green's Father | 13-Feb/Adar-I 4 |
| Naum Gitler | Sarah Fainstein's Uncle | 13-Feb/Adar-I 4 |
| *Randy Rafish | Remembered by Rabbi Scott and Jennifer Meltzer | 13-Feb/Adar-I 4 |
| *Dora Rubin | Fanny Hanono's Mother | 13-Feb/Adar-I 4 |
| Jaime Hanono | Abraham Hanono's Brother | 15-Feb/Adar-I 6 |
| *Betty Markin | Eileen Wingard's Aunt | 15-Feb/Adar-I 6 |
| Jacobo Rosenberg | Edith Gruener's Uncle | 15-Feb/Adar-I 6 |
| Esther Siprut | Mark Siprut's Mother | 15-Feb/Adar-I 6 |
| *Sylvia Auerbach | Steven Auerbach's Mother | 16-Feb/Adar-I 7 |
| Gregorio Bogan | Ana Galicot's Uncle | 16-Feb/Adar-I 7 |
| Robert Cobb | Jeff Cobb's Father | 16-Feb/Adar-I 7 |
| *Sylvia Cysner | Remembered by Ohr Shalom | 16-Feb/Adar-I 7 |
| Morrey Friedman | Ethel Friedman's Husband | 16-Feb/Adar-I 7 |
| Milos Marek | Andres Marek's Father | 16-Feb/Adar-I 7 |
| Jenne Meltzer | Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandmother | 17-Feb/Adar-I 8 |
| *Jacob Meltzer | Eli Meltzer's Father | 18-Feb/Adar-I 9 |
| Sam Pakin | Elka Kucinski's Father | 18-Feb/Adar-I 9 |
| Macey Capin | Lois Gelb's Father | 19-Feb/Adar-I 10 |
| Rebecca Hassid de Levy | Remembered by Luisa Levy | 19-Feb/Adar-I 10 |
| *Jorge Rosental | Ruben and Fanny Rosental's Son, Sara Rosenbaum's Brother | 19-Feb/Adar-I 10 |
| Ernest Green | Elizabeth Green's Grandfather | 20-Feb/Adar-I 11 |
| *Steve Kramer | Phyllis Strauss' Brother | 20-Feb/Adar-I 11 |
| *Isaac Cohen | Rashel Galicot's Father | 21-Feb/Adar-I 12 |
| Ariel Andrade | Lucia Domville's Father | 22-Feb/Adar-I 13 |
| Malvina Rosenberg | Lilly Hecht's Mother | 22-Feb/Adar-I 13 |
| Victoria Mizrahi | Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein | 23-Feb/Adar-I 14 |
| *Gussie Rubin | Shirley Jacobs' Mother | 23-Feb/Adar-I 14 |
| Anna Salzmann | Tito Salzmann's Grandmother | 23-Feb/Adar-I 14 |
| Jonas Salzmann | Tito Salzmann's Grandfather | 23-Feb/Adar-I 14 |
| Melvin Goldberg | Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Uncle | 24-Feb/Adar-I 15 |
| Doris Glickman | Alma Geiger and Harriet Wolpoff's Aunt | 25-Feb/Adar-I 16 |
| Sofie Fuld | Remembered by Ruth Fuld | 26-Feb/Adar-I 17 |
| Lisa Clerici | Evelyn Schwimmer's Daughter | 27-Feb/Adar-I 18 |
| Mira Milstein | Enrique Milstein's Mother | 27-Feb/Adar-I 18 |
| Bernice Tiger | Stan Tiger's Mother | 27-Feb/Adar-I 18 |
| *Hy Zipp | Mrs. Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Father | 27-Feb/Adar-I 18 |
| *Sheine Masha Goldberg | Esther Tishman's Mother, Lilly Deicas and Rosa Ratniewski's Grandmother | 28-Feb/Adar-I 19 |
| Szali Grun | Elizabeth Green's Great Grandmother | 28-Feb/Adar-I 19 |
| *Isaac Zachs | Reina Shteremberg's Father | 28-Feb/Adar-I 19 |

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 7 28 Shevat Religious School 9:30am Ad Ed: Sunday Morning Talk Show 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm | 8 29 Shevat Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm | 9 30 Shevat <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</i> Ad Ed.: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 10 1 Adar I <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</i> Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Post Exilic Prophets 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 11 2 Adar I Bar Mitzvah: Ari Lombrozo Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm | 12 3 Adar I Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 5:31pm | 13 4 Adar I Parshat Terumah Shabbat Service 9:30am |
| 14 5 Adar I No Religious School No Minyan | 15 6 Adar I Presidents Day Office Closed No Minyan | 16 7 Adar I Ad Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 17 8 Adar I Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Post Exilic Prophets 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 18 9 Adar I Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm | 19 10 Adar I Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat Kehillatit 6:15pm Community Dinner 7:15pm 5:19pm | 20 11 Adar I Parshat Tetzvah Shabbat Service 9:30am Shuli Shabbat 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm |
| 21 12 Adar I Religious School 9:30am Sisterhood Club Event 9:30am Minyan 6:15pm | 22 13 Adar I Monarch School Dinner 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm | 23 14 Adar I <i>Purim Katan</i> Ad Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 24 15 Adar I Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Post Exilic Prophets 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 25 16 Adar I Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm | 26 17 Adar I Office Closes 2:00pm ZAMRU Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 5:25pm | 27 18 Adar I Parshat Ki Tisa Shabbat Service 9:30am |
| 28 19 Adar I Religious School 9:30am Readings with the Rabbi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 7:00pm | 29 20 Adar I Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm | 1 21 Adar I Ad Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 2 22 Adar I Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Post Exilic Prophets 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm | 3 23 Adar I Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm | 4 24 Adar I Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Rabbi's Sermon Series 7:30pm 5:31pm | 5 25 Adar I Parshat Vayakel Shabbat Service 9:30am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm |
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