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DAVAR MEGILLAH

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3
**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND
JUDAISM AND REFUGEES**



Saturday, April 9, 10:00am
SHULI SHABBAT
See page 3 for details



Saturday, April 9, 12:00pm
LUNCH & LEARN
See page 7 for details



Friday, April 15, 6:15PM
**KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH OHR
SHALOM CHOIR**
See page 3 for details



Sunday, April 17, 10:00am
READINGS WITH THE RABBI
See page 7 for details



Saturday, April 23, 5:30pm
SECOND SEDER
See box this page for details

Pesach Service Schedule



Fast of First Born, Siyum:

Fri., Apr. 22, 8:15am

Erev Pesach - 1st Seder:

Fri., Apr. 22 (NO SHABBAT SERVICE)

Pesach I Morning Service:

Sat., Apr. 23, 9:30am

Community 2nd Seder:

Sat., Apr. 23, 5:30pm

Pesach II Morning Service:

Sun., Apr. 24, 9:30am

Candlelighting:

Thu., Apr. 28, 7:10pm

Pesach VII Morning Service:

Fri., Apr. 29, 9:00am

Pesach Kabbalat Shabbat Service:

Fri., Apr. 29, 6:15pm

Pesach VIII Morning Service/Yizkor:

Sat., Apr. 30, 9:30am

In every generation, every person is obligated to see herself or himself as if she or he personally went out from Egypt.
– *Mishnah Pesachim 10:5*

– *A Message from Rabbi Scott Meltzer*

“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.” - Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, the Vice-President of Community Affairs for HIAS

As Pesach approaches, we should all be busy with preparations – cleaning, shopping, cooking, Haggadah editing...

As much as our Pesach memories are beautifully filled with family, food and *sedarim* (“seders”), all of those wonderful traditions are the observances of the holiday, but at the core of the holiday is its significance. Pesach is about our being liberated from slavery. Our story begins with wandering, followed by oppression, and ultimately freedom and homecoming. At the seder table, we recline to the side, eat a slow leisurely meal filled with symbolic foods, and tell the story of our people’s epic journey.

The ritual of Pesach is more than the telling of the story. It is an annual opportunity for the ritual to motivate us to become agents of liberation for all the world’s oppressed. We sing “let all who are hungry come and eat . . . this year we are slaves, next year may we be free.” We invite Elijah the Prophet to arrive this year to announce a world liberated from oppression.

Of course, Pesach isn’t only special dinners on two nights. It is eight days. Tradition teaches us that it took seven days to make a complete world, to bring us to the day of rest and peace, Shabbat. So Pesach is not just what we do for two nights, it is about what we can be accomplished in seven days. Eight for those of us who live outside of Israel. In that week, we create a new world, a world of freedom, a world free from oppression.

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**April 1-3, 2016
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
Judaism and Refugees**

with Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, Vice-President, Community Engagement of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)

Celebrate Pesach at Ohr Shalom’s

Second Seder

Saturday Evening, April 23 at 5:30pm

You are invited to join us for our traditional Second Seder led by Rabbi Scott Meltzer.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 13.

Members: Adults - \$40 Children - \$20 (5-12yrs.)

Non-Members: Adults - \$50 Children - \$30 (5-12yrs.)





WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Sachs
President

IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME!

Dear Congregants,

As I write this article in the early part of March, Marcia and I have been home less than two weeks. We had a wonderful month-long trip to Hong Kong, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore.

I hurried over to the synagogue the day after we returned, anxious to see the artwork and also the progress on beautifying the ark. I was so happy to see how splendidly everything had turned out. We still have a bit to do in terms of optimizing the lighting, but it's already so beautiful. Kudos to Karyn Sklar, Lynn Mendelsohn, and Raulf Polichar for all their work in pulling this project together. And, of course, nothing would have been possible without the generous contribution of Estelle and Lou Dunst z"l and the incredible talent of our artist, Amy Reichert.

From Purim fun on to the major event of the year: The Lights of Ohr Shalom fundraising

dinner, this year honoring José Galicot. Our chairperson, Melissa Galicot, and our Vice President of Programming, Lynn Mendelsohn, are once again weaving their magic for what promises to be another unique and exciting evening. Our fundraising this year will be extra special because all donated money will benefit both Israel and Ohr Shalom through a program of Israel Bonds.

On the horizon: For the next fiscal year, we will almost certainly be starting an early childhood education program at Ohr Shalom focusing on activities for the very young from 1-5 years of age. In the somewhat more distant future, we hope to be able to do some remodeling in order to create an infant care center serving newborns from 6 weeks to 18 months. The future continues to be exciting and I can't wait, once again, to get started!

Until next month.



MEMBERSHIP CARE - NEW GROUP FORMING

Rachel Millstone
VP Membership

Seeking Volunteers for Ohr Shalom Caring Community

Join our list of volunteers who are willing to receive "mealtrain" emails that let you know when a congregant/family needs our help with meals – *in times of need* (eg, during illness or after surgery), as well as *in times of celebration* (eg, after a birth). Each email will include information about how to sign up online for a specified date to prepare or buy meals and/or deliver them to that congregant. Requirements, such as dietary likes/dislikes or restrictions, will be listed online. *Note:* Having a kosher kitchen is not necessarily a requirement when you participate.

There are NO meetings to attend!

Signing up to receive emails does NOT commit you to participate when

contacted! When you receive an email, you decide if you are available to provide a meal on any of the dates listed.

Although some of our congregants will require/request kosher meals, you do NOT need to have a kosher kitchen to volunteer. We will suggest ways you can still provide kosher food.

To sign up to receive Caring Community "mealtrain" emails, please contact Rachel Millstone at rdmillstone@gmail.com or Marilyn Shelden at marilyn.shelden@gmail.com.



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Readers are welcome to submit articles, photos, event notices to the Davar. Please e-mail all submissions to: davar@ohrshalom.org

Deadline:

- April 5 for May issue
- May 5 for June issue

Ohr Shalom's Publicity Liaison: Jane Zeer

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, April 1st - 7:30pm (Scholar-in-Residence)
 Friday, April 8th - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat with Religious School)
 Friday, April 15th - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat with Ohr Shalom Choir)
 Friday, April 22nd - 6:15pm (No Service)
 Friday, April 29th - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat)



Shuli Shabbat

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 9 at 10:00am**.
 Shuli Shabbat for ages 0-8. Arts and Crafts, story and lunch.



Shabbat Morning Babysitting

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



Rabbi Meltzer's Friday Night

Sermon Series

Friday, May 6, 7:30pm

ZAMRU "Sing Out" Shabbat

Friday, May 13, 6:15pm (Note new date)

6:15pm ~ Kabbalat Shabbat Services

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



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING

April 2016



PARSHAT SHMINI

Fri: April 1 6:51PM – 22 Adar II

Sat: April 2



Torah: Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

Haft: Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

PARSHAT TAZRIA

Fri: April 8 6:56PM – 29 Adar II

Sat: April 9



Torah: Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

Haft: Exodus 12:1 - 12:20

PARSHAT METZORA

Fri: April 15 7:01PM – 7 Nisan

Sat: April 16



Torah: Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

Haft: Malachi 3:4 - 3:24

SHABBAT PESACH

Fri: April 22 7:07PM – 14 Nisan

Sat: April 23



SHABBAT PESACH

Fri: April 29 7:11PM – 21 Nisan

Sat: April 30



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!



April Dates:

April 11

April 18

Follow us on Facebook for the weekly e-Kol, details of upcoming events and pictures of past events.

Go to: www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kabbalat Shabbat with Ohr Shalom Choir

Friday April 15, 6:15pm



2016 Community Holocaust Commemoration



REMEMBRANCE
HOPE
 FREEDOM

Save the Date!
Sunday, May 1, 2016
 1:30 - 3:00pm

Community Holocaust
 Commemoration
 at the
 Lawrence Family JCC

Ohr Shalom at
CAMP MOUNTAIN CHAI
Weekend of May 20-22.
Register now.





ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

Will Pluralist Prayer at the Kotel Build Bridges for Jews in Israel and the Diaspora?

Conservative and Reform Jews are celebrating the recent Israeli government's decision to create a mixed-gender space for prayer at the southern section of the Kotel, a first step toward official Israeli recognition of the non-Orthodox branches of Judaism.

The negotiations for this historical action were spearheaded by Prime Minister Netanyahu at the urging of the Jewish Federations of North America, the Conservative and Reform movements in the U.S., and the feminist prayer group Women of the Wall. The government ruling, led by former Cabinet member Natan Sharansky, ended more than two years of negotiations. And the outpouring of excitement is inspiring.

Response from non-Orthodox Jewish leaders was swift, "The new space is a dramatic, unprecedented and critical acknowledgment by the State of Israel that Judaism's holiest site, the Kotel, should incorporate the traditions of the Conservative and Reform streams in which men and women pray together."

For the Women of the Wall, it's a victory after a 27-year battle to advance women's prayer at the site. In a statement they wrote, "In approving this plan, the State

acknowledges women's full equality at the Kotel and the imperative of freedom of choice in Judaism in Israel. The creation of a third section of the Kotel sets a strong precedent in women's status in Israel: women as administrators of a holy site, women as leaders, women as an influential force not to be ignored or silenced."

Last November Netanyahu told Diaspora leaders, "You are Israel's partners, you are my partners in building the Jewish future... There is only one Jewish people. There is only one Jewish state. And now, more than ever, we must work together to unite the Jewish people and secure the Jewish state."

What has changed? What will change? Certainly, as an American Conservative Jew, in the not too distant future my family and friends, and millions of non-Orthodox Jewish men and women around the world, will be able to travel to Israel and visit the Kotel to pray together. And the hope is that this is just an initial step for Israel in recognizing Jews of non-Orthodox traditions.



MOVIE NIGHT

Al Shelden
Imm. Past President/
Administration

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT MAY 22



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Please join Ohr Shalom at the JNF 5th Annual San Diego Love of Israel Brunch.

Rabbi Meltzer will be leading the Hamotzi. No cost to attend. RSVP to Susie Meltzer at susiemeltz@gmail.com or the synagogue office at office@ohrshalom.org.



May 1, 2016 9:30-11:30am
Del Mar Marriott
11966 El Camino Real San Diego, CA 92130

Featuring Special Guest Speaker: **Ido Aharoni**, *Israeli Consulate General in New York* Ambassador Aharoni had previously served as head of Israel's Brand Management Team, focusing on bringing about a paradigm shift in the perception of Israel's public image. He has also held various positions in the Israeli government including Senior Advisor to Israel's Foreign Minister, Vice Prime Minister for Media and Public Affairs and policy advisor to the Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem for five Directors-General. He has been a member of Israel's Foreign Service since 1991, and is a sought-after speaker on all topics related to Israel.

Complimentary Event • Israeli-style Breakfast Buffet • Dietary Laws Observed



SOCIAL ACTION

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair

Social Action Corner

"I would say to young people a number of things....I would say let them remember that there is meaning beyond absurdity. Let them be sure that every little deed counts, that every word has power, and that we can, everyone, do our share to redeem the world in spite of all absurdities and all the frustrations and all disappointments." *Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel*

San Diego Habitat for Humanity Home-Building Project.

Tentatively schedule in June. Please contact brad.eisenberg@att.net if you would like to be put on the interest list. We need at least 12 committed volunteers.

I have worked both as a volunteer and professionally with San Diego Habitat for Humanity, and it has always been a positive and rewarding experience. Building low-cost housing for vulnerable communities, such as military veteran families and low-income families is no small feat in San Diego County. There's a lot of cost, time, and red tape involved in building anything at all in the San Diego area, but through it all SDHFH keeps on delivering high quality homes for low-income families. The people who run this organization in San Diego are top-notch professionals as well as some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. I hope you will give of your time to this event. You won't be disappointed. It

truly is a joy to build shelter and learn new skills alongside your team. Team Ohr Shalom!

Beach Cleanup. Date TBD.

Seeking Coordinators and Volunteers

•Hunger Project at St. Vincent de Paul
– coordinator needed!

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

Keep Those Donations Coming!

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

•Non-perishable food for Jewish Family Service Hands Up Youth Food Pantry

...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.

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.



RABBI'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

Now if this year is like in years past, then our celebration of the festival, our invoking Elijah, and our avoiding chameitz, may not usher in a new era of era of peace and freedom. Assuming that's true again this year, then the eight day festival is not about completing the world transformation; rather, it is about transforming ourselves – our awareness and our commitment – to become agents of change, to help foster a new world order, inspired by our own history as freed slaves and immigrants to new places.

It is in that spirit, that we are so excited for the Ohr Shalom Refugee Weekend, April 1 -3. Those days will be preparation for Pesach – educating, inspiring and motivating us for the festival, and for the world we want to create.

We are honored to partner with so many organizations involved in this sacred work – HIAS, JFS, ADL, UJF, Casa Cornelia Law Center. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships with them, and thereby, strengthening our collective work towards this vision.

I look forward to being with you throughout that weekend, sharing stories, and learning with and from our partners, and helping to prepare ourselves for the sacred festival of Pesach!

Chag Sameach!



MEN'S CLUB POKER GAME

Wednesday, April 27at 7:00pm.
Contact Joe Hartman:
(619) 851-2303.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, June 5, 11:30am





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Ellen Statman
Religious School Principal

As April is a month of renewal and celebration of freedom for the Jewish people, the Religious School is incorporating these themes into its study of Passover. Not only are we familiarizing the children with the order of the Passover Seder and traditional Passover songs, but we also discuss Jewish respect for the circle of life and are laying groundwork for generations to come. The Madrichim are busy bees, working on an upcoming Passover interactive program. More information on this to follow.

We hope that many Religious School families will join us at Ohr Shalom's Seder on the second night of Passover.

The children were treated to a viewing of the new artwork in the sanctuary, followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Meltzer and Amy Reichart, the talented artist. The children were inspired by the beauty and symbolism of the sculptures and made intelligent contributions to the discussion. This inspired our outstanding teachers, Vanina and Steffi, to take their classes on a tour of the Sanctuary and the Synagogue building itself where they pointed out all the beloved objects and furniture that are housed in Ohr Shalom and in virtually any Jewish house of worship.

Best wishes for a joyous Passover.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Jessica Lemoine
Youth Programs

Beginning Friday, March 11, four intrepid Ohr Shalom Youth Group members attended their first Regional USY *Kinnus*. A *Kinnus* is a weekend-long *Shabbaton* for teens, led by teens. Youth come from all over the Far West Region – from as far as Las Vegas, Utah, and Arizona. The weekend, held at Congregation Beth El in La Jolla, was named for the popular 80's movie *The Breakfast Club*. Youth ran breakout discussion groups on identity and loving oneself. The keynote speaker was a local transgender girl who shared her moving journey. Saturday night featured an 80's tribute band, video games, snacks, and a lock-in sleep over in Beth El's social hall. Finally, the weekend finished with a social action project providing cheery, decorated cereal-filled bowls to the homeless. Our Ohr Shalom teens had a blast and know that next time even more of our kids will be there to represent our synagogue! – *Submitted by Justina Nemoy*

For more information about upcoming youth activities contact Jessica Lemoine at jessicasontag.lemoine@gmail.com



Left to right: Alexis Smith, Ohr Shalom USY representative Justina Nemoy, Amanda Kucinski, Alex Morales and Alan Morales



KITCHEN BITES

Barbara Haislip
Kitchen Volunteer

Honey Mustard-Glazed Chicken Bake

Here by request is the chicken recipe we made for the February Kehillatit. So glad it was so well-liked by so many of you. We served it with roasted potatoes, carrots, and parsnips, which with proper timing can all be made in the same oven. (*Big Lots* has the mustards for one dollar each and they worked really well. Kosher, of course.)

Honey Mustard-Glazed Chicken Bake

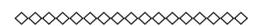
- 1 chicken, cut up into 8 pieces
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1 T Olive oil
- 3 T Dijon mustard
- 2 T whole-grain mustard
- 2 T honey
- 1 T brown sugar

Put the chicken in a bowl and rub the pieces with salt, pepper, and olive oil. You can add an herb such as thyme, if you'd like. Cover with plastic wrap and let set for a few hours to overnight.

Preheat oven to to 425°F. Place chicken on a foil- or parchment paper-lined baking pan for easy clean-up. I put breasts and thighs in the middle and wings and legs around them near the edges. Roast 15 minutes.

While chicken is roasting, whisk Dijon mustard, whole-grain mustard, honey and brown sugar. Drizzle all over the chicken. I actually brushed it all over the chicken. Roast 30 to 40 minutes more or til the chicken is cooked (to 165°F). I always use a kitchen thermometer when making chicken. Check at the thickest part of a breast piece.

Serve with roasted veggies and a salad. Enjoy!



"Engage in strenuous work before the meal, but relax after eating."

– *Maimonides*



LOIS GELB
Adult Education Chair

This season’s final Sunday Morning Talk Show on March 13 explored the dilemma: *Latkes vs. Hamentashen*: Which represents Judaism better? We didn’t solve the issue, but we were treated to a delightful program and tasty treats.

Great credit goes to toastmaster Mark Smith who ran a strictly kosher debate interspersed with clever humor. Setting the tone and to determine who goes first, he flipped a matza box – latkes won.

Two attorneys, **Al Shelden** and **Ivan Mendelsohn**, advocated for the latkes. Demonstrating his expertise in immigration law, Ivan explained how several rulings defined the preference for latkes. For instance, he found no limitation on workers in the potato industry. Turning to consumer law, Al alluded to the possibility of lemons to be found in some hamentashen, then added arguments from big bang and string theory, an Einstein quote and Debbie Friedman’s *The Latke Song*. He also noted that everything tastes better fried! Together, these gentlemen offered powerful, preposterous and outright funny arguments for the Latkes.

Becky Zipp and **Linda Kucinski** countered that Hamentashen are the better representatives of Judaism. Using her well-honed prosecutor tone, attorney Becky posited that visiting the sick is a major value in Judaism, then asked, “When taking treats to a patient in the hospital, which would you include – a tasty hamentashen or a greasy latke?” Linda, with a master’s degree in nursing, called on her deep knowledge of health issues to address the advantages of hamentashen in keeping Judaism’s commandments for good health and happiness. Both women found the odors of frying that pervade the home after cooking latkes particularly obnoxious. Together, these women offered powerful, preposterous and outright funny arguments for the hamentashen.

Accordingly, the debate ended in a draw, a big round of applause and additional noshing on latkes and hamentaschen.

The Adult Education Committee welcomes comments and suggestions for future programs. Please send your ideas c/o Debbie at office@ohrhalom.org.

ONGOING STUDY SESSIONS

iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

April 6 - Compromise (10)
April 13 - A Light Unto the Nations: The Idea of Exceptionalism (11)
April 20- Concluding Conversation with the iEngage Team - Living with Competing Values (12)

BIBLE: Ezekiel.

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

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.

NEW COURSE!
History of Zionism and Zionist Thought.

11:00am - 12:30pm
Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 25,
and June 1

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, April 17, 10:00am - *After Abel and Other Stories*, Michal Lemberger

Date TBD: *Marriage of Opposites*, Alice Hoffman

LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, April 2nd & 9th
May 7th & 21st
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.



Team Hamentashen: Linda Kucinski and Becky Zipp. Moderator: Mark Smith. Team Latkes: Al Shelden and Ivan Mendelsohn.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Linda Kucinski
Past President

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 12, 4:30-6:15pm, Rosh Chodesh and Israeli Dancing

Sunday, May 15, 12-4pm, House of Israel

Please submit your ideas for fun, meaningful activities to do next year to sisterhood@ohrshalom.org



Gift Shop News:

We will be open every Sunday 9:30-12:00. Future hours will be announced when available.

Looking for something special? Check us out. If we don't have it, we will look to get items requested.

Contact giftshop@ohrshalom.org for more details



SPECIAL PROGRAM

Special Ohr Shalom Yom Hashoah Presentation

Sunday May 1, 2016
6:45 p.m.
Ohr Shalom Social Hall



An original film

I Had to Clean My Heart:
Lou Dunst, a Survivor's Story

This original effort, by professional filmmakers Robert Schneider and Alberto Lau, presents Lou's final interview, and places his story within the overall frame of the Holocaust.

Light dinner and panel discussion to follow



SISTERHOOD

Susanne Lisker
Past President

Simone Signoret



I have sometimes written about women who, having been born in one country, became citizens of another – whether because of having been expelled from their place of birth, because they were looking for better opportunities, or because they felt they needed to move.

One of these women was **Simone Kaminker**, who was born on March 21, 1921 in Wiesbaden, Germany. Her father, born to a Polish father and an Austrian mother in France, had been stationed in Germany after World War I. Her mother was a non-Jewish French woman. After some time, the family moved back to France, settling in Neuilly-Sur-Seine, a Parisian suburb, where Simone spent her childhood.

As a young woman, Simone wanted to become a film actress. After the Nazis invaded France, her father fled from France

to England while she became afraid because of her Jewish descent. To avoid Nazi scrutiny, she took her mother's family name **Signoret**.

Simone first became aware of the fate of Jews in Europe because of her mother's (not her father's) concern with Jewish refugee children fleeing Hitler's Germany in the 1930s.

Simone joined a group of politically conscious intellectuals, who remained her friends for the rest of her life. It was then that she started her film career.

In the 1940s, while working as an extra, she was noticed by director Yves Allégret. They were married in 1948 but divorced one year later when she became involved with the man she called the "love of her life" – Yves Montand. She married him and remaining married until her death. They were engaged in causes of social justice and human liberation, campaigning publicly against the execution of the Rosenbergs, the Vietnam War, and the Algerian War, while refusing to obey Kruschew regarding their opinion on the 1956 Hungary invasion.

Usually, Simone played the role of the "prostitute with a heart of gold" in many films, including *Dédée d'Anvers*, *Manège*,

La Ronde, *Thérèse Raquin*, *Diabolique*, *Casque d'Or*, and *Room at the Top*, for which she was awarded an Oscar.

As Simone matured, she created new and memorable roles in films like *Ship of Fools*, *The Sleeping Car Murders*, *Is Paris Burning?* and her famous *Madame Rosa*, among others.

Her Jewish consciousness emerged with her writing. Her autobiography reveals the atmosphere of wartime France. Ten years later, she became involved in the production of the documentary *Terrorists in Retirement* and was the narrator of the film. The documentary introduced a whole new dimension to studies of French historical memory and was banned from French Television until 1985, the year of her death.

After her experience with the documentary, Simone wrote her novel *Adieu Volodia*, which the French paper *Le Figaro* called "an enormous, massive, monumental novel." Perhaps, her talent would have led her to be one of the greatest writers of France in the late 1980s. However, her career as a writer was, sadly, cut short by her death on September 30, 1985. What a great Jewish woman.



Lynn Mendelsohn
Programs/Events Chair

Purim, Lights and the Shoah

April always is “Thank You Month.” Purim has passed, and the Carnival – which this year had a birds and birdcage theme – provided us with a most enjoyable afternoon on March 20th. So, thank you to everyone who participated in any way: by keeping children in line, serving food, and cleaning up. I am particularly grateful to those who setup, stocked and worked the booths: Jessica Lemoine at Haman-bird’s Hair Shoppe; Rachel Lipowsky at Mor-DUCK-hai’s Face Painting; and Rick Lemoine and Avi Sternlieb at the Ha-NASA Flying Object Company, the hands-on paper airplane factory.

Thanks as well to Lisa Mandel for helping with balloons and set-up, and to Sharon Myers of Sefi Day School for staffing the Shoo-SWAN Arts & Crafts booth. Allyson Darroch deserves a special “Thank You” for tirelessly working the T-Shirt Spin Art machine. Thanks to Joy Heitzmann – our Cash Lady, and we particularly are grateful to Miriam Bergman, who single-handedly staffed the hot-dog, egg salad and drinks stand!

Home Sweet Hamentaschen bake-them-yourself was magnificently coordinated by Steffi Retin and staffed by Aleyda Hoskins, Lisa Mandel, Rebecca Zipp, Carolina Court, Sylvie Sternlieb, Alexis Smith, Vanina Bunton, and Barry, Bonnie and Lauren Mantel. Thank you, Gail Kalker, for preparing that fabulous Hamentaschen dough!

Also, we appreciate the hard work of our invited vendors: Tony Melendez, the “Rad Hatter,” was a big hit. And Jason Mueller put up the ever-popular jumpies. As always, thanks for setup to Rene Beiza.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: The invitations to Lights of Ohr Shalom, our major annual fundraising event on April 10th at 5 pm, have been received by all. Thanks to Melissa Galicot, Chairperson, for her excellent work on making the event such a beautiful one. This splendid evening will honor José Galicot, but it will be memorable for everyone who attends.

ALSO: Please note the ad in this issue of the Davar announcing the showing of the film *I Had to Clean My Heart: Lou Dunst, a Survivor’s Story*, on May 1st at 6:45 pm, following minyan, in the Ohr Shalom social hall. This original effort, by professional filmmakers Robert Schneider and Alberto Lau, presents Lou’s final interview, and places his story within the overall frame of the Holocaust. The event is to commemorate Yom Hashoah.



TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

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and family** on the birth of their
Grandson, Ariel Joseph, Son of
Shelly and Oz Laniado, Great
Grandson of Jose and Ana
Galicot.

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.

Condolences to:



**The family of Irene
Adler**, former Ohr
Shalom member, on
her recent passing.

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

LeAnne Adams
Vanina Bunton
Joe Hartman
Koba
Morris Lazard

Jessica Lemoine
Jennifer Meltzer
Shayna Meltzer
Ivan Mendelsohn
Bill Morris

Ruben Rosental
Brian Ross
Naima Solomon
Rabbi Mimi Wiesel

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

Todah Rabah to our office volunteers for March: Alan Berlin, Steve Bernstein, Bill
Morris, Ruth Levy and Zipi Shvartz.

Todah Rabah to our March Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner Volunteers:
Barbara Haislip, Marci Prag and Matt Razinsky.

Benjamin Koistinen	Remembered by Tricia Pummil.....	1-Apr/Adar-II 22
Eleanor Braun	Gary Brown's Mother.....	2-Apr/Adar-II 23
Judy Davis	Bonnie Tabak's Sister.....	3-Apr/Adar-II 24
*Rabbi Aaron Gottesman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	4-Apr/Adar-II 25
*Maurice Polichar	Raulf Polichar's Father.....	4-Apr/Adar-II 25
Carlos Sefchovich	Sharon Myers and Leye Sefchovich's Father.....	8-Apr/Adar-II 29
*Gloria French	Remembered by Reyna Forman.....	9-Apr/Nissan 1
*Laura Casuto	Morris Casuto's Mother.....	12-Apr/Nissan 4
*Yuriy Glozman	Golda Slutskaya's Father.....	12-Apr/Nissan 4
Jenny Stepensky	Teshy Wellman's Sister.....	12-Apr/Nissan 4
*Ethel Strauss	Mark Strauss' Mother.....	12-Apr/Nissan 4
Anna Golden	Ralph Golden's Mother.....	13-Apr/Nissan 5
Herbert Kay	Koba's Father.....	14-Apr/Nissan 6
Riquette Klarman	Haim Mizrahi's Sister.....	14-Apr/Nissan 6
Hayim Levine	Ana Galicot's Father.....	14-Apr/Nissan 6
Ruth Okin	Michael Okin's Mother.....	14-Apr/Nissan 6
Jaime Tacher	Salomon Tacher's Father.....	14-Apr/Nissan 6
Yosef Govezensky	Berta, Szmuiowicz's Father.....	15-Apr/Nissan 7
Rafael Groswirt	Cecilia Deitz's Father.....	15-Apr/Nissan 7
Annette Greene	Richard Greene's Mother.....	16-Apr/Nissan 8
Mildred Nudelman	Joshua Nudelman's Grandmother.....	16-Apr/Nissan 8
Chana Rosental	Ruben Rosental's Mother.....	16-Apr/Nissan 8
Theodore Schiffman	Judie Dresser's Father, Samantha Hardy's Grandfather.....	16-Apr/Nissan 8
Sara Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Grandmother.....	17-Apr/Nissan 9
Min R. Tarlov	Norman Greene's Aunt.....	17-Apr/Nissan 9
Raquel Grinberg	Ruben Rosental's Grandmother.....	18-Apr/Nissan 10
*Caroline Ornstein	Remembered by Ohr Shalom Sisterhood.....	19-Apr/Nissan 11
Gertrude Weinstein	Sheldon Wolpoff's mother.....	19-Apr/Nissan 11
*Nandor Bernstein	Batya Bernstein's Father.....	20-Apr/Nissan 12
Henry Green	Barbara Haislip's Father.....	20-Apr/Nissan 12
*Rosa Antokolsky de Maya	Wolf Bielas, Simon Bielaz and Mina Cohen's Grandmother.....	21-Apr/Nissan 13
Mildred Green	Barbara Haslip's Mother.....	21-Apr/Nissan 13
*Ruth Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Mother.....	21-Apr/Nissan 13
Graciela Kantorovich	Remembered by Sara Zands.....	22-Apr/Nissan 14
Jack Linsk	Amy Morris' Father.....	22-Apr/Nissan 14
Enrique Margolis	Abraham Margolis' Father.....	23-Apr/Nissan 15
Saul Masri	Remembered by Abraham Hanono.....	23-Apr/Nissan 15
Isaac Veinbergs	Miguel Veinbergs' Father.....	23-Apr/Nissan 15
Isaac Veinbergs	Remembered by Aida Veinberg.....	23-Apr/Nissan 15
Henry Austin	Remembered by Shelley and Roz Berman.....	25-Apr/Nissan 17
Juno Becky	Remembered by Becky Reznik.....	25-Apr/Nissan 17
Matilda Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother.....	25-Apr/Nissan 17
Leo Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Father.....	26-Apr/Nissan 18
Rose Slovis	Lisa Slovis Mandel's Grandmother.....	26-Apr/Nissan 18
*Irving Krantz	Remembered by Richard Scholten.....	27-Apr/Nissan 19
Manuel Rechtman	Sara Fainstein's Uncle.....	27-Apr/Nissan 19
Samuel Cohen	Santiago Cohen's Father.....	28-Apr/Nissan 20
Raquel Stepensky	Teshy Wellman's Mother.....	28-Apr/Nissan 20
Nat P. Blumovicz	Remembered by Rafael Sloatizki.....	29-Apr/Nissan 21
Raquel Melnik	Remembered by Silvia Gold.....	29-Apr/Nissan 21
*Samuel Szmuiowicz	Bertha Szmuiowicz' Husband, Isaac Szmuiowicz and Eva Zagursky's Father.....	29-Apr/Nissan 21
*Samuel Wasserman	Jacquelin Ander's Father.....	29-Apr/Nissan 21
Abraham Berman	Shelley Berman's Father.....	30-Apr/Nissan 22
Gert Thaler	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	30-Apr/Nissan 22
Harry Tomaroff	Remembered by Ethel Friedman.....	30-Apr/Nissan 22
*Arthur Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Father.....	30-Apr/Nissan 22

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2016

Adar II 5776 / Nisan 5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 1st Special Ohr Shalom Yom Hashoah Presentation "I Had to Clean My Heart" Lou Dunst, a Survivor's Story <i>see page 8 for more details</i>			Ohr Shalom at CAMP MOUNTAIN CHAI Weekend of May 20-22. Register now.		1 22 Adar II Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:51pm	2 23 Adar II Parshat Shmini Shabbat Parah Shabbat Service 9:30am
3 24 Adar II S.I.R Weekend Religious School 9:30am Minyan 6:15pm	4 25 Adar II Minyan 6:15pm	5 26 Adar II Ad Ed.: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm			6 27 Adar II Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Ezekiel 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	7 28 Adar II Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm
10 2 Nisan Religious School 9:30am Minyan 6:15pm	11 3 Nisan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm	12 4 Nisan Ad Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	13 5 Nisan Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Ezekiel 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	14 6 Nisan Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	15 7 Nisan Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat Kehillatit 6:15pm No Community Dinner 7:01pm	16 8 Nisan Parshat Metzora Shabbat HaGadol Shabbat Service 9:30am
17 9 Nisan Religious School 9:30am Readings with the Rabbi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm	18 10 Nisan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm	19 11 Nisan Ad Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	20 12 Nisan Ad Ed: Jewish Values 11:00am Ad Ed: Ezekiel 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	21 13 Nisan No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm	22 14 Nisan Erev Pesach Fast of the Firstborn Siyum for Pesach 8:15am Office Closes 2:00pm No Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:07pm	23 15 Nisan Pesach I Shabbat Pesach 9:30am Community 2nd Seder 5:30pm
24 16 Nisan Pesach II Omer Day 1 No Religious School No Minyan Service 9:30am	25 17 Nisan Pesach III Omer Day 2 Minyan 6:15pm	26 18 Nisan Pesach IV Omer Day 3 Minyan 6:15pm	27 19 Nisan Pesach V Omer Day 4 Minyan 6:15pm Men's Club Poker Game 7:00pm	28 20 Nisan Pesach Pesach VI Omer Day 5 No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm 7:10pm	29 21 Nisan Pesach VII Omer Day 6 Office Closed Morning Service 9:00am Pesach Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 pm 7:11pm	30 22 Nisan Pesach VIII Omer Day 7 Shabbat Pesach and Yizkor 9:30am
1 23 Nisan Omer Day 8 No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm Movie 6:45pm	2 24 Nisan Omer Day 9 Minyan 6:15pm Choir Meeting 6:30pm	3 25 Nisan Omer Day 10 Ad Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	4 26 Nisan Omer Day 11 Ad Ed: Ezekiel 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	5 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah Omer Day 12 Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	6 28 Nisan Omer Day 13 Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Rabbi's Sermon Series 7:30pm	7 29 Nisan Parshat Achrei Mot Omer Day 14 Shabbat Service 9:30am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm