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CHANUKAH PARTY

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Blessed Is the One Who Spoke and the World Came to Be

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Every morning, in our prayers, we praise God who created the world by speech. Hold in your mind the notion that words are so powerful that they are the vehicle through which the world is created. Hear in your mind's ear the sound of words that carry that kind of inherent power – can you hear your grandmother singing to you? Your *besheirt's* first "I love you"? A newborn's first "coo" or cry?

With a word we can be devastated or buttressed. With a word, we too, can destroy or build. How we wield our words is part and parcel of how we reflect the holiness of the Divine Image in which we are created.

Our tradition understands this immense power contained in words. In discussing the famous arguments that transpired between the two great sages Hillel and Shammai, the Talmud teaches that even though they radically disagreed with each other, they both spoke words of the Living God. The Talmud further relates how respectful Hillel was as he disagreed with Shammai.

The Talmud also understands the power of words when it equates embarrassing someone with murder – that is metaphorically slaying somebody with words.

In our Tuesday Talmud class, we studied how wronging somebody with speech is even more serious than financially wronging someone. For if you wrong somebody financially, you can make it up to them financially, but to do so with words does not allow for such simple restitution.

Words matter. Tone matters. How we address each other matters. Honesty, sincerity, respect – there are many values that are reflected in how we speak and what we say.

We live at a moment in which words are abused and abusive – the same words with which the world was created are being used to damage people, erase truth and even harm the world.

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Save the Date!
Sunday, December 25, 5:00pm

Ohr Shalom Chanukah Party
For the entire family

Bring your chanukiah and candles.
Light dinner - and latkes of-course!
Suggested contribution: \$3/\$7 for a family

A festive celebration filled with...

🎁 SURPRISES

🎁 PRIZES

🎁 FUN FOR ALL AGES





ADULT EDUCATION

Ellen Cobb
Adult Education Chair

Adult Education Class Schedule:

TALMUD: Tuesdays at 5:00pm

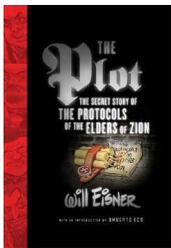
Each week we read excerpts from the Babylonian Talmud. Our studies have taken us from discussions about prayer, dream interpretation, injustice and the world and much more. You need never have studied Talmud before to join us, and all texts are provided in translation.

ISRAEL: The Ideologies of Classical Zionism Wednesdays at 11:00am

With Rabbi Meltzer, we will explore the ideologies and thinkers who shaped Modern Zionism, from the 19th Century through the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

TANAKH: Wednesdays at 2:00pm

Please join us as we read together through the Prophet Ezekiel. Each week we will discuss the history of our people in the 6th century Before the Common Era, analyze the literary content of the book, and discuss its spiritual significance. We welcome all who would like to join in the conversation!



Readings with the Rabbi:

Sunday, December 11, 10:00am

The Plot: The Secret Story of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, Will Eisner

The Plot, which examines the astonishing conspiracy and the fabrication of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, has become a worldwide phenomenon since its hardcover publication, taught in classrooms around the globe. Purported to be the actual blueprints by Jewish leaders to take over the world, the Protocols, first published in 1902, have become gospel truth to international millions. Presenting a pageant of historical figures from nineteenth-century Russia to today's ideologues, including Tsar Nicholas II, Henry Ford, and Adolf Hitler, Will Eisner unravels and dispels one of the most devastating hoaxes of the twentieth century.

Lunch & Learn

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and study the Torah portion.

Saturday, December 10, 12:00pm

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

That is not our way. Whether in prayer or in conversation, in praise of God or communication with our neighbors, we honor the power of words by the way that we share them. We honor our gift of speech, by speaking lovingly, by speaking for justice, by speaking in support of those in need.

As language itself is under attack, let us use the power of language in the name of healing, of peace, of solidarity.

Just as God created the world through language, let us use language to create a world worthy of our Creator. May the words of our mouths . . . be holy and bring blessing to this world!



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Deadline:

- December 5 for January issue
- January 5 for February 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, December 2nd - 7:15pm ("Ask the Rabbi")
 Friday, December 9th - 6:15pm (with Religious School)
 Friday, December 16th - 6:15pm (Shabbat Kehillatit)
 Friday, December 23rd - 6:15pm (ZAMRU)
 Friday, December 30th - 6:15pm



Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"

Friday, December 2, 7:15pm

Your opportunity to ask the questions you have always wanted to.



Shuli Shabbat

Saturday, December 3, 10:00am

Shuli Shabbat for ages 0-8. Arts and Crafts, story and lunch.

Shabbat Lunch & Learn

Saturday, December 10, 12:00pm

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and study the Torah portion.

Shabbat Kehillatit

Friday, December 16

Family-friendly early service - 6:15pm
 Community Dinner- 7:15pm.
 RSVP for dinner by December 9



Members

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

Non-members

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

Shabbat Morning Learners' Shacharit

Saturday, December 17, 9:30am (followed by Torah Service)

A new Shabbat morning experience. Become better acquainted with the morning (*Shacharit*) service, its contents, organization, choreography and meaning. During these 45 minutes we will study the outline of the Morning Service, and highlight the parts of the Morning Service we are "obligated" to say. For those saying Mourners' Kaddish, we will recite Mourners' Kaddish once in the early part of the Learners' Shacharit, and as always, once at the very end of the service.



ZAMRU "Sing Out" Shabbat

Friday, December 23, 6:15pm

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



Shabbat Morning Babysitting

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

MEN'S CLUB POKER GAME

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00pm.
 Contact Joe Hartman:
 (619) 851-2303.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING December 2016



PARSHAT TOLDOT

Fri: December 2 4:24PM – 3 Kislev
 Sat: December 3



Torah: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
 Haft: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

PARSHAT VAYETZEI

Fri: December 9 4:24PM – 10 Kislev
 Sat: December 10



Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3
 Haft: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

PARSHAT VAYISHLACH

Fri: December 16 4:26PM – 17 Kislev
 Sat: December 17



Torah: Genesis 32:4 - 36:43
 Haft: Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

PARSHAT VAYESHEV

Fri: December 23 4:30PM – 24 Kislev
 Sat: December 24



Torah: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23
 Haft: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

PARSHAT MIKETZ

Fri: Decemebr 30 4:34PM – 2 Tevet
 Sat: December 31



Torah: Genesis 41:1 - 44:17
 Haft: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

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!



**December Dates:
 December 5
 December 12**

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



Go to: www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk



Words of Wisdom from Shimon Peres

Israel's last founding father, former Prime Minister and President Shimon Peres ז"ל, passed away recently at the age of 93. He leaves a profound legacy to Israel and the Jewish people that knows no boundaries. Here are a selection of his words and vision for your reflection and inspiration.

- The Jews' greatest contribution to history is dissatisfaction. We're a nation born to be discontented. Whatever exists we believe can be changed for the better.
- There are no hopeless situations, only hopeless people.
- You are as great as the cause you serve and as young as your dreams.
- For me dreaming is only being pragmatic.
- The most important thing in life is to dare. The most complicated thing in life is to be afraid. The smartest thing in the world is to try to be moral.
- If you eat three times a day you'll be fed, but if you read three times a day you'll be wise.
- Optimists and pessimists die the exact same death, but they live very different lives.
- It's better to be controversial for the right reasons, than to be popular for the wrong reasons.
- When you have two alternatives, the first thing you have to do is to look for the third that you didn't think about, that doesn't exist.
- Israel is moving from the realm of poetry to the realm of prose.
- We should use our imagination more than our memory.
- You can kill a thousand; you can bring an end to life; you cannot kill an idea.
- From my earliest youth, I have known that while one is obligated to plan with care the stages of one's journey, one is entitled to dream, and keep dreaming, of its destination.
- Find a cause that's larger than yourself and then give your life to it.
- In Israel, a land lacking in natural resources, we learned to appreciate our greatest national advantage: our minds. Through creativity and innovation, we transformed barren deserts into flourishing fields and pioneered new frontiers in science and technology.
- Look, we have existed for 4,000 years – 2,000 years in diaspora, in exile. Nobody in the Middle East speaks their original language but Israel. When we started 64 years ago, we were 650,000 people. So I know, we are maybe swimming a little bit against the stream, but we continue to swim.
- If a problem has no solution, it may not be a problem, but a fact – not to be solved, but to be coped with over time.
- I don't believe anybody who carries a rifle carries the future. Because I don't believe that you can really change the world by killing and shooting. You have to change it by creating and competing.

May his words and his dreams live on forever to bless Israel.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Lynn Mendelsohn
Programs/Events Chair

Have a Happy Chanukah, and Get Ready for 2017!

Our festive **Chanukah Party** will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday December 25th, the second night of the holiday, at 5 pm. The event will be filled with surprises, prizes, and fun for all ages. Bring along your *chanukiah* so that everyone can light candles and say the *brachot* together. Come hungry and ready to have a good time!

Next year will bring many opportunities for the Ohr Shalom community to celebrate. The annual **Purim Carnival** will be held on Sunday, March 12th. The 2017 annual **Lights of Ohr Shalom** will take place on Sunday April 2nd. Hold that date, and stay tuned for more details. We will be honoring the past presidents of Adat Ami, Beth Tefilah and Ohr Shalom.

And of course we will continue with Ohr Shalom on the Town. We will attend the San Diego Symphony concert *Itzhak Perlman Plays Hollywood* at Copley Symphony Hall on Saturday, January 21st at 8 pm. If you have not yet made a reservation, please contact me via email at mendasst@n2.net or phone (619) 980-1801 to see if tickets are still available.

Also during 2017, we will attend the comedy *Bad Jews* at the Cygnet Theater (Saturday, February 11th) and the San Diego Symphony's performance of Mahler's 3rd Symphony (Sunday matinee May 7th). Look for emails and fliers with ticket prices and sign-up times.

Happy 2017!



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Naima Solomon
Sisterhood President

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Girls Love Mail** event in October!



Jewelry Happy Hour Sunday, December 4, 2:30 to 5:30pm

Come make some exciting jewelry with renowned metalsmith and Ohr Shalom member Lisa Slovis Mandel at her studio. In a three-hour workshop, we will be exploring several different techniques such as etching, texturing, hammering, and forming, to create professional-looking jewelry that you can proudly wear or give away. This is a Jewelry Happy (3) Hour – some snacks and drinks will be provided. Price includes jewelry and copper or brass; an additional cost of \$20 will be added for silver. \$80 per person. Reserve your spot today! Space is limited!

Location: Cogent Studios
4905 Morena Blvd, #1315
www.Lisaslovis.com

RSVP to Steffi Retin at sretin@pacbell.net

Save the dates! Upcoming Sisterhood events in January 2017

- January 8** - Self Defense
- January 15** - Yoga
- January 29** - Rosh Chodesh

Sisterhood Gift Shop NOW OPEN!

Gift Shop Hours:
Sunday 9:30am-12:00pm
Thursday 4:30pm - 6:30pm
and by appointment

Serving your Judaica needs....
Bar/Bat Mitvah, holidays, birthdays.



Visit our virtual shop at ohrshalom.org/sisterhood



SISTERHOOD

Susanne Lisker
Past President

Deborah Esther Lipstadt



This time I would like to tell you about yet another great historian: Deborah Esther Lipstadt.

Deborah was born on March 18, 1947 in New York City to Erwin and Miriam Lipstadt and grew up in an observant Jewish home. She attended the Hebrew Institute of Long Island, a modern orthodox Zionist school, and spent summers in Masad Aleph, a Hebrew speaking camp.

After high school she studied at City College of New York (CCNY), majoring in political science and history. In 1966 she went to Israel to finish her BA studies, but the Six Day War disrupted her plans. She stayed another year, studying literature and history at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She graduated in 1969 from CCNY and was immediately admitted to Brandeis University's Near Eastern and Judaic Studies program. In 1976 she became the 100th person to receive a PhD from Brandeis.

From 1974 to 1979 she had a visiting appointment in history and religion at the

University of Washington. She was the first to teach Jewish Studies, shaping the curriculum and encouraging peripheral faculty to join her program. She then moved to UCLA as Assistant Professor, but left in 1985 when dissension plagued her department and she was denied tenure.

In 1986 she published *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust 1933 - 1945* analyzing journalism on the Holocaust and examining what Americans knew about the Nazi extermination of Europe's Jews.

From 1985 to 1987 she directed the Brandeis-Bardin Institute. She then accepted a research fellowship from the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Anti-semitism at the Hebrew University to explore Holocaust denial and took a part-time teaching position at Occidental College.

In June 1993 she published *Denying the Holocaust*, for which she received the National Jewish Book Honor award in 1994. In 1995 she became aware of David Irving's threat to sue her and her British publisher for calling him a Holocaust denier, which

started the transformation of her academic career. She realized the significance of this threat and decided to fight. Determined to prove the truth of her characterization of Irving, she engaged respected British Jurist A. Julius and a stellar team of historians. The legal battle lasted 5 years with some 3000 pages of testimony, including Adolf Eichman's journals released by the Israeli Government. The trial exposed Irving as a liar, distorter of history and a racist. On April 11, 2000 the British Royal High Court of Justice ruled in her favor and in 2001 rejected an appeal.

In 2005, she published *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*. C-Span sought to broadcast a speech about the book, announcing they would also feature a talk with Irving to "balance" their coverage, but she insisted that C-Span reverse their decision or cancel their programming. C-Span would not do it so she refused to appear on their Book TV program. In 2016, the film *Denial*, based on this book, was released.

We owe a great deal to her courage and honesty.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAIR

Rebecca Zipp
Religious School Chair

Parent Nosh

Mark your calendars for the following Sunday mornings: **December 4*** (book club), **January 8** (book club), **February 5** (Tu B'Shevat activity), **March 5** (book club), **May 21** (Lag B'Omer activity).

At each *book club* event, we will hold a structured discussion centered on Wendy Mogel's book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*. The book guides parents interested in raising self-reliant, compassionate and ethical Jewish children. It's a quick and relevant read and is available at Amazon, bookstores, and the San Diego Public Library. See below for a link to the discussion guide we will follow. Since we only have three sessions to meet and discuss, *please make sure to read the right chapters!*

***Note for December 4:** Before we gather, please read the first **four** chapters of the book. We will only discuss chapters 3 and 4, but the first 2 chapters provide context. I will lead the Dec. 4 discussion. If you'd like to lead a subsequent discussion, feel free to volunteer! All discussions will follow the online guide: www.wendymogel.com/images/uploads/The_Blessing_of_a_Skinned_Knee_Parent_group_guide.pdf (Start with page 6 of the pdf guide)

Parent Nosh Format:

10-10:15am – Gather, eat, caffeinate
10:15-11:00am – Discussion

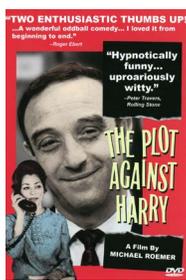


MOVIE NIGHT

Al Shelden
Imm. Past President/ Administration

Movie Night

Sunday, December 18, 6:45pm



The Plot Against Harry

Join us for a this little-remembered 1989 comedy gem that Roger Ebert gave 3 ½ stars out of 4. There is little joy in the life of Harry Plotnick, a low-level hoodlum and banker for a numbers game in a once Jewish New York neighborhood that is now largely Hispanic and African-American. Harry is going through the motions until one day he has a car accident. In the other car are his ex-wife, his ex-brother-in-law and a daughter he has never really known. And he's told there's another daughter he never knew existed. He's invited to join their middle class life: one daughter is expecting; the other is a lingerie model with a fiancée and wedding plans; his brother-in-law owns a catering business and is looking for a partner. But can Harry make the transition? Ebert concluded his review by saying the movie is "one of those comedies with a sprung rhythm, so that the jokes pay off by working against themselves. It's a film that makes its points through its observation of human nature, especially in such scenes as a charity benefit on a subway train, a wedding [and] the inspired scene where Harry passes out on camera at a telethon." Suitable for older teenagers.



KITCHEN BITES

Barbara Haislip
Kitchen Volunteer

California Waldorf

I love this twist on a Waldorf salad. I'm thinking of serving it at Kehillatit or Chanukah this month.

California Waldorf

- 2 ripe avocados
- 1/4 c. lemon juice
- 1/4 c. water
- 1 T. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 8 c. mixed greens
- 2 c. shredded carrots
- 1 large granny smith apple, chopped
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped

In a blender, purée avocados, lemon juice, water, olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. A food processor with S blade would also work.

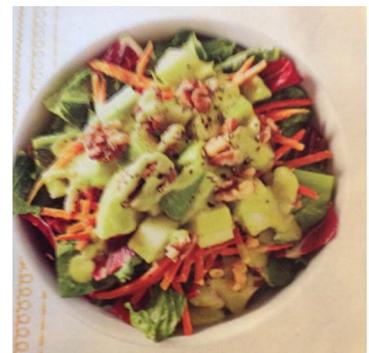
In a large bowl toss mixed greens, carrots, apple and walnuts with the dressing made in the blender. Best served immediately, but the apple and avocado will hold up for awhile because of the lemon juice. Enjoy!

If you'd like to sweeten this salad with candied pecans instead of walnuts, here's an easy recipe:

Candied Pecans

- 1 large egg white
- 2 T. sugar
- 1 c. pecans

Preheat oven to 325°F. Whisk egg white til frothy. Whisk in sugar and pecans. Spread on parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake, tossing every 10 minutes for 25-30 minutes. Store air tight for up to a week.





SOCIAL ACTION

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair

High Holy Days Food Drive

Once again Ohr Shalom filled the lobby with food donations during High Holy Days! It was great to see heaps of food to donate to Jewish Family Service. Thanks to everyone who gave at this time! (See *Todah Rabahs* to those who helped on this project in the November 2016 *Davar*.)

Kids Kahal Yom Kippur Project

Thanks to your generous donations to the Social Action Fund, we were able to purchase supplies for the “Caring Bags” project for young children during Yom Kippur. The idea is that instead of helping someone out with a dollar or loose change you can give them a Ziploc bag filled with a few goodies. The children compiled these goodies on Yom Kippur, and took them home to their families – from there they will be donated to the needy in the community as each family chooses. This was a great project that the youngest congregants could easily participate in. (See *Todah Rabahs* to those who helped on this project in the November 2016 *Davar*.)



Embrace A Family

Each year through the Jewish Family Service **Embrace-a-Family Program**, individuals, families, and groups in our community help ensure local families have a joyous holiday celebration. Many Embrace-a-Family recipients would not receive any Chanukah or Christmas gifts without this program.

Embracers are matched with a family in need and provide toys, clothes, food, gift cards, and more for the holiday season. Embracers are provided with a description of the family, including gender and ages of children, and their holiday wish lists. This is a great way for you, your family, group, and/or business to make the holiday season a little brighter for a family who is struggling to make ends meet.

Even if you can't embrace a family, you can still participate! Donate new, unused toys, other gifts, and/or gift certificates. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated for last minute gift purchases. For more information, contact Vanessa Sher, Embrace-a-Family Coordinator, at (858) 637-3335 or embrace@jfssd.org.

Christie's Place Turkey Drive Thank You's

This year, Ohr Shalom delivered 15 turkeys to Christie's Place to help them provide all of the fixings for a Thanksgiving feast to about 150 families who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. Thank you to the following for your donations to this project:

- Steven Bernstein
- Frank Darbe and Eva Brzezinski
- Jose and Ana Galicot
- Harvey and Lois Gelb
- Eli and Susie Meltzer
- Raulf and Sharon Polichar
- Rocky and Debbie Reid



Monarch School Dinner a Success!

On Monday, November 14, thanks to the efforts and generosity of our volunteers and donors, 15 of our volunteers served dinner to approximately 200 students and some of their family members at the Monarch School in downtown San Diego.

We couldn't have done it without the help of these volunteers at the school, who also supplied some of the food and supplies for the dinner: Miriam Bergman, Janice Boner (and her nephew Noam), Morris Casuto, Lita Kleger, Amy and Bill Morris, Justina Nemoj, Marilyn Shelden, Karla Silver, Anita and Isaac Szmuilowicz, Maxine Wesely and Richard Kanarvogel, and Jane Zeer.



Many thanks also to these friends of the Monarch School project who provided additional food and supplies: Louise Chandler and Joe Rubin, Alice Cupples, Estelle Dunst, Susanne and Ruben Lisker, Daniel Pick, Sharon and Raulf Polichar, Tricia Pummill and Bernie Semel, Marcia and Ray Sachs, Marilyn Singer, Eileen Wingard, Sarita and Samy Zands.

Seeking Coordinators and Volunteers

- JFS Embrace-a-Family** – coordinator needed!
- Hunger Project at St. Vincent de Paul** – coordinator needed!
- JFS's program** to match people to help seniors who are at least 75 years old and find themselves alone –coordinator needed!

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

Keep Those Donations Coming!

There are donation bins in the Synagogue lobby

- Non-perishable food for Jewish Family Service *Hand 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.

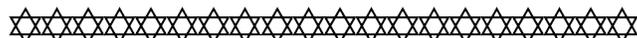
Kol Nidre Appeal 5777

Todah Rabah to the following members for their donation to our Kol Nidre appeal as of November 16. Help us reach our goal of 100% participation from the congregation by sending in your pledge.

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 Faye Levy
 Ruth Levy
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 Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn
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Ohr Shalom's New Members

Being part of a community is one of the trademarks of Judaism. We are thrilled to welcome the the following new members and their families into our *hamishe* congregational family. We look forward to seeing you at our Shabbat services and holidays, our learning opportunities, our social programming events, and also to learning how we may better meet your needs. Welcome to our vibrant, loving community! Welcome to Ohr Shalom!

Aviva Angel

Yossi and Adriana Bouzaglo

Jason Chall and Eti Kodama

Joshua and Shira Cohen

Carol Edlin and Bruno Pasquali

Selma Gardenberg de Klein

Bethann Giraldi

Lita and Jeffrey Kleger

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Vivian Lampell-Olmos

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For Yizkor, In memory of Mindel Green

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TODAH RABAH TO OUR ONEG SPONORS:

Danny and Linda Kucinski

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Frank Darbe and Eva Brzezinski
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Mazal Tov to:

Samy and Sara Zands and family on their Grandson, **Avery Zand's** Bar Mitzvah.

George and Susan Kaplan and family on their Grandson, **Zachary Abramovitz's** Bar Mitzvah.

Mark and Carol Breier and family on the birth of their Grandson, **Jacob Breier**, Great Grandson of **Rosalie Ulrich**.

Richard Scholten and family on the birth of his Granddaughter, **Yoheved Gutierrez**.

Ray and Marcia Sachs and Mark and Elaine Smith and families on their twin Grandchildren, **David Abraham and Alyssa Gabrielle Smith's** B'nai Mitzvah.

Jacob Kucinski and family on his Bar Mitzvah.

Condolences to:



David Burakoff and family on the passing of his beloved Mother, **Elia Burakoff**, Grandmother of **Oscar, Danya and Nathan Burakoff**.

Dorothy Canter and family on the passing of her brother **David Reitsky**, Uncle of **Marilyn Shelden**.

Harriet Wolpoff and Alma Hadash Geiger and families, on the passing of their beloved Father, **Abraham Horstein**, Grandfather of **Aaron and Marc Wolpoff, Eden Brukman and Devra Schwartz**.

Todah Rabah for your kind expressions of sympathy and support at the recent passing of my mother Rachel Gindi, Alav Hashalom in New York City.

You are my San Diego family.
Joy Heitzmann

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

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| Joe Hartman | Ivan Mendelsohn | Sydney Weiser |
| Koba | Bill Morris | |

Todah Rabah to: Rocky Reid for his weekly Maise in the Kol.
Todah Rabah to our November Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner Volunteers: Vanina Bunton, Marci Prag and Matt Razinsky.
Todah Rabah to our office volunteers in November: Alan Berlin.

Yahrzeits

*Joyce Heyman	Stan Heyman's Wife.....	1-Dec/Kislev 1
Richard Chandler	Mark Chandler's Father.....	2-Dec/Kislev 2
*Roe Robbins	Harrison Robbins' Mother.....	2-Dec/Kislev 2
Sonia Broid	Libe Marek's Grandmother.....	4-Dec/Kislev 4
Isaac Hanono	Abraham Hanono's Brother.....	4-Dec/Kislev 4
Jordan Ressler	Jeffrey and Vivian Ressler's Son.....	4-Dec/Kislev 4
*Abraham Tishman	Esther Tishman's Husband, Lilian Deicas and Rosa Ratniewski's Father.....	4-Dec/Kislev 4
Concepcion Zachs	Reina Shteremberg's Mother.....	4-Dec/Kislev 4

YAHREZITS CONT.

Miriam Zagursky	Enrique Zagursky's Mother.....	4-Dec/Kislev 4
Jorge Distel	Fanny Rosental's Father.....	5-Dec/Kislev 5
Marcos Modiano Reytan	Salvador Modiano's Father.....	5-Dec/Kislev 5
*Robert Palash	Sallie Palash's Husband.....	5-Dec/Kislev 5
*David Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandfather.....	6-Dec/Kislev 6
Lester Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Uncle.....	6-Dec/Kislev 6
*Bea Hyman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	7-Dec/Kislev 7
Moises Rosenfeld	Remembered by Sara Limenes.....	7-Dec/Kislev 7
*Regina Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Mother.....	7-Dec/Kislev 7
*Abraham Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Uncle.....	8-Dec/Kislev 8
Haim Sack Goldstein	Fay Rozen's Father.....	8-Dec/Kislev 8
Joshuah Gelman	Elana Gelman's Brother.....	9-Dec/Kislev 9
Martin Meltzer	Rabbi Scott and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather.....	9-Dec/Kislev 9
Alicia Rosenberg	Olga May's Sister.....	9-Dec/Kislev 9
Jaim Isaac Blumovicz	Remembered by Rafael Slovatizki.....	10-Dec/Kislev 10
Max Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Brother.....	10-Dec/Kislev 10
David Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Father.....	10-Dec/Kislev 10
Miriam Tauber	Susanne Lisker's Grandmother.....	10-Dec/Kislev 10
Eliezer Arazi	Remembered by Bertha Szmulowicz.....	11-Dec/Kislev 11
Abraham Hochman	Sara Zands' Father.....	11-Dec/Kislev 11
Luisa Margolis	Abraham Margolis' Mother.....	11-Dec/Kislev 11
Isidore Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather.....	11-Dec/Kislev 11
Marcell Evan Scarlett	Yvonne Scarlett's Son.....	11-Dec/Kislev 11
Matilda Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Mother.....	12-Dec/Kislev 12
Leo Silver	Nathan Silver's Father.....	12-Dec/Kislev 12
Ida Fischer	Honey Mark's Sister.....	13-Dec/Kislev 13
Frieda Goldstein	Frankie Sorrentino's Mother.....	13-Dec/Kislev 13
Lea Melden	Mark Melden's Mother.....	13-Dec/Kislev 13
Rafael Najmias	Sarah Artenstein's Father.....	13-Dec/Kislev 13
*Majlech Kucinski	Robert Kucinski's Father.....	14-Dec/Kislev 14
Maurice Kravitz	Carol Center's Father.....	15-Dec/Kislev 15
*Hannah Shoman	Marty Shoman's Mother.....	15-Dec/Kislev 15
Anna Guiloff	Judy Stolow's Mother.....	16-Dec/Kislev 16
Abraham Zyman	Jose Zyman's Father.....	16-Dec/Kislev 16
Isabel Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro.....	17-Dec/Kislev 17
Paca Reznik	Remembered by Becky Reznik.....	17-Dec/Kislev 17
Rose Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt.....	17-Dec/Kislev 17
*Pauline Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Mother, Remembered by Trudy Cohen.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
Sarah Epstein	Honey Mark's Mother.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
Sydney Pick	Daniel Pick's Grandfather.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
Shana Rubin	Joe Rubin's Daughter.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
*David Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Father.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
*Bertha Smith	Mark Smith's Mother.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
*Marvin Smith	Mark Smith's Brother.....	19-Dec/Kislev 19
Sophie Gorad	Koba Kay's Grandmother.....	20-Dec/Kislev 20
Fannie Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt.....	20-Dec/Kislev 20
Zion Soffer	Fortune Milstein's Father.....	21-Dec/Kislev 21
David Deitz	Cecilia Deitz's Husband, Benny Deitz's Father.....	22-Dec/Kislev 22
Bella Green	Elizabeth Green's Step Grandmother.....	22-Dec/Kislev 22
*Benjamin Kalinka	Brenda Bielas' Father.....	22-Dec/Kislev 22
Yojeved Rosenfeld	Sara Limenes' Mother.....	24-Dec/Kislev 24
*Minnie Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Mother.....	24-Dec/Kislev 24
Joseph Reitsky	Dorothy Canter's Father, Marilyn Shelden's Grandfather.....	25-Dec/Kislev 25
*Walter Schmier	Beverly Schmier's Husband.....	26-Dec/Kislev 26
Rebeca Levy	Alberto Levy and Beatriz-Levy Israel's Mother.....	27-Dec/Kislev 27
Haya Abramovic	Faye Levy's Mother.....	28-Dec/Kislev 28
Jack Hartman	Joe Hartman's Father.....	28-Dec/Kislev 28
*Alberto Levy	Luisa Levy's Husband, Vicky Cohen's Father.....	29-Dec/Kislev 29
Betty Stopnik	Roz Berman's Mother.....	29-Dec/Kislev 29
Sidney Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Father, Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather.....	30-Dec/Tevet 1
Pola Gitler	Sara Fainstein's Aunt.....	30-Dec/Tevet 1
Elaine Green	Marda Rose's Aunt.....	30-Dec/Tevet 1
Gil Liberberg	Liza Tacher's Father.....	30-Dec/Tevet 1
Guillermo Ramirez	Julia Stone's Father.....	30-Dec/Tevet 1
*Rabbi Yacob Goldberg	Esther Tishman's Father, Lilian Decias and Rosa Ratniewski's Grandfather.....	31-Dec/Tevet 2
Ruth Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandmother.....	31-Dec/Tevet 2

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Movie Night Sunday, December 18 at 6:45pm  see page 6 for details	 Save the Date! Sunday, December 25, 5:00pm Ohr Shalom Chanukah Party		 Tapestry Sunday, January 7, 2017 at 6:45pm see page 9 for details	1 1 Kislev <i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</i> Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	2 2 Kislev Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm 4:24pm	3 3 Kislev Parshat Toldot Shabbat Service 9:30am Shuli Shabbat 10:00am
4 4 Kislev Religious School 9:30am Sisterhood Jewelry Happy Hour 2:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	5 5 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	6 6 Kislev Adult Ed:Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	7 7 Kislev Adult Ed: Israel 11:00am Adult Ed: TaNaKh 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	8 8 Kislev Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	9 9 Kislev Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Religious School 6:15pm 4:24pm	10 10 Kislev Parshat Vayetzai Shabbat Service 9:30am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm
11 11 Kislev Religious School 9:30am Readings with the Rabbi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm	12 12 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	13 13 Kislev Adult Ed:Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	14 14 Kislev Adult Ed: Israel 11:00am Adult Ed: TaNaKh 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Board Meeting 7:00pm	15 15 Kislev Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	16 16 Kislev Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat Kehillatit 6:15pm Community Dinner 7:15pm 4:26pm	17 17 Kislev Parshat Vayishlach Learners' Shacharit 9:30am Shabbat Torah Service 10:15am
18 18 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm	19 19 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm	20 20 Kislev Adult Ed:Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	21 21 Kislev Adult Ed: Israel 11:00am Adult Ed: TaNaKh 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Men's Club Poker 7:00pm	22 22 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm	23 23 Kislev Office Closed Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm ZAMRU 4:30pm	24 24 Kislev Parshat Vayeshev Erev Chanukah Shabbat Service 9:30am
25 25 Kislev  Chanukah Day 1 Chanukah Party 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	26 26 Kislev  Chanukah Day 2 Minyan 6:15pm	27 27 Kislev  Chanukah Day 3 Minyan 6:15pm	28 28 Kislev  Chanukah Day 4 Minyan 6:15pm	29 29 Kislev  Chanukah Day 5 Minyan 6:15pm	30 1 Tevet  Chanukah Day 6 <i>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</i> Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 4:34pm	31 2 Tevet  Parshat Miketz Chanukah Day 7 Shabbat Service 9:30am
1 3 Tevet Chanukah Day 8 New Years Day No Minyan	2 4 Tevet Office Closed No Minyan	3 5 Tevet Adult Ed:Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	4 6 Tevet Adult Ed: Israel 11:00am Adult Ed: TaNaKh 2:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	5 7 Tevet Minyan 6:15pm	6 8 Tevet Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm 4:40pm	7 9 Tevet Parshat Vayigash Shabbat Service 9:30am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Tapestry Community Program 6:45pm