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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



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**ASK THE RABBINIC INTERN**  
See page 3 for details



Sunday, August 6 & 20, 10:00am  
**ADULT ED:  
LET MY TEACHING FLOW LIKE RAIN:  
VISIONS OF TORAH STUDY  
FROM MIDRASH**  
See page 5 for details



Sundays, Augst 6 & 20, 11:30am  
**ADULT ED:  
LEARNING TO LEYN**  
See page 5 for details



Friday, August 18, 6:45pm  
**SHABBAT AT THE BAY**  
See page 3 for details

## It's Membership Renewal Time!

Your Membership Renewal forms have been mailed.

We thank you for your continued membership and encourage you to return your Membership Renewal Forms promptly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any questions.



Thank you!



**Selichot Service**  
**Saturday, September 16, 8:00pm**

Selichot Service  
with the Ohr Shalom Choir.

## Tzedakah Tatzil Mimavet – Tzedakah Saves from Death

(Proverbs 10:2 & 4)

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

During the night following Father's Day, my father, Ronald Meltzer (ב"ר), breathed his last breath in this world and his *neshamah* began its journey of return to the world beyond.

As I sat down to write this month's Davar article, I expected to write a tribute to my father. I can't begin to estimate the number of stories that we as a family have shared over the past month – we have cried, laughed, smiled and revisited countless moments over the decades we were blessed to share with him.

It is clear to me as I begin writing that I would prefer to pay tribute to our tradition and community, and the importance of the experience of these past thirty-plus days.

I spend every day, try to spend every moment, living in dialogue with Judaism – it is the way I understand our world, and the path I try to walk. It is a mindfulness, a direction, a *kavanah*. This achieves a crescendo at life's pinnacle moments – our wedding, the birth and first week of life of each of our children, in the past years a Bat Mitzvah and a Bar Mitzvah. This has been the experience of mourning my father.

Innumerable times I have stood at the bedside of the body of the deceased, chanted Psalms and *El Maleh Rachamim* at the

cemetery, participated in the burial with inverted shovel, and shared *tefilot* and words of comfort in houses of mourning. In June, I fulfilled all of those traditions – not as a rabbi, but as a mourner, a son.

I am always deeply moved by experiencing the power of the tradition to shape sacred time – each moment of our lives, and especially those filled with the purest of energy. To stand in that place, not as a *madrikh* (guide), but rather as a *nose'a* (traveler) allowed me to experience the magnitude of the power of the tradition to carry me, to teach me, to protect me, to comfort me and to accompany me during the first days and weeks traveling in a world different from the world I knew while my father still lived.

And I was never alone. Throughout that first week, and often since, I have been in the presence of Jennifer, my children, my mother, my siblings and others within my family who shared the loss of my father.

Most astoundingly, I have been in the presence of many of you – a deeply moving presence of this community that has meant so much to me every single day of the past fourteen years. This community, so much more than simply a

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## Sunday Hunger Project

at St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday August 27th,  
8:30-11:30am

Ohr Shalom volunteers will serve lunch to hundreds of San Diego's homeless and hungry at St. Vincent de Paul Village downtown as part of the Beth Israel Hunger Project.

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**Rabbi Meltzer** is on Sabbatical and will be returning to Ohr Shalom at the end of August.

**Rabbinic Intern Sydni Adler** will be with us weekends through August 20 (*except* August 11-13).

## RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

congregation or an assemblage of people, has become for me, like our tradition, the context in which I live my daily life, and the milieu through which I understand this world.

Over this period of *aveilut* (mourning) I have been wrapped in the loving, nurturing embrace of our Ohr Shalom community, and I am deeply affected by the experience. Within the tradition, there are people who have been called "*Nasi*." In different contexts, the word could be translated as "head," "leader," "prince," even "president." The word literally refers to one who carries something or someone. Our leaders are those who carry, or support, the community and its obligations.

There are always those within our community who step forward to shoulder the responsibility. Over these days and weeks many within our community have stepped forward to help support or carry me. For this I will forever be grateful. From this I will continue to learn viscerally what it means to draw strength from the support of others.

The tradition teaches that *tzedakah* saves from death. Through *tzedakah* we are able to overcome our own mortality, and to perpetuate the life of those who have died. In a community in which almost nobody knew my father, and in which my father never lived his life, the *tzedakah* done and given as his *neshamah* journeyed on has created life for him and his memory, and done immeasurable good for his family. In the simplest sense, all the money that was given during the *shivah* has been donated to the Akron Jewish Center – a beautiful institution with which my father had an association his entire life. In the broader sense of all of the giving to support those in pain, including me and my family, that *tzedakah* has helped further my father's legacy, his presence in this world.

To all who have stepped forward over these days, may we be blessed with long life, of goodness, love and peace. And may my father's memory forever be a blessing.



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Ray Sachs**  
President

Dear Congregants,

It was another wonderful year at Ohr Shalom. As always, there are the things that go on continuously behind the scenes during the year that make Ohr Shalom the congregation and the community we are. In addition, a lot of the improvements that have occurred already and that will occur in the near future are things that you may not notice. Here are some highlights:

Last year, we installed all new LED lighting in our school building, replacing all of our aging "energy-sapping" fixtures. Next, we will be installing all new central heating and air-conditioning. As part of this project, we intend to tie in the air conditioning of the Beit Midrash. Later in the year, if fundraising permits, we hope to build a bathroom on the second floor of our building.

New this year was the highly successful and well-attended series of events called "Ohr Shalom On the Town," the brainchild of our Vice President Lynn Mendelsohn. Plays, concerts and tours were all part of this exciting program.

New for next year will be the addition of weekly programs offered for preschool children and their moms, dads and grandparents. These will be on the order of the well-known "Mommy and Me" programs. Additionally, we will focus on the expansion of programming for our Kadima-aged children.

We are also pleased to announce that Ohr Shalom will become the site of an internship program for aspiring Rabbis in their fourth year of study. Our first intern will be Sydni Adler. She is serving as our Rabbi over the summer while Rabbi Meltzer is on Sabbatical and will also be with us two weekends per month during the year.



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### Bulletin Deadlines

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

#### Deadline:

- August 5 for September issue
- September 5 for October issue

### Ohr Shalom's Publicity Liaison:

#### Jane Zeer

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

## OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Kabbalat Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, August 4th - 7:15pm (Ask the Rabbinic Intern)  
Friday, August 11th - 6:15pm  
Friday, August 18th - 6:15pm (Shabbat at the Bay)  
Friday, August 25th - 6:15pm

### Zimmun and Zemirot (“Singing”)

**Saturday, August 5, 12:45pm**

After Shabbat lunch, we'll sing *Birkat HaMazon* to begin an afternoon of song and celebration. We'll sing *zemirot* (songs) from the traditional *bentcher* and learn some new ones from Rabbi Adler and fellow community members. If you have any Jewish songs or *niggunim* (melodies) to share, please be sure to bring them along!



### Kabbalat Shabbat Service “Ask the Rabbinic Intern”

**Friday, August 4th, 7:15pm**

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



### Shabbat at the Bay

**Friday, August 18th**

**Come early and bring your own dairy/pareve dinner  
6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Services**

PLAYA PACIFICA - MISSION BAY PARK

Playa Pacifica Park in Mission Bay Park: I-5 to Exit 22: Clairemont Drive / Mission Bay Drive. Drive west towards the bay. Turn left (south) on East Mission Bay Drive. Drive 0.2 miles and turn right into parking lot. We will be near the blue-roofed gazebo. (The Hilton Hotel is south of our gathering.)

*Don't forget your folding chairs & blankets!*



### Shabbat Morning Babysitting

Babysitting available. Reservations are strongly recommended.  
E-mail your reservation to: [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org).

## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING August 2017

### PARSHAT VAETCHANAN

Fri: August 4  7:25PM – 12 Av

Sat: August 5 

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Haft: Isaiah 40:1 - 40:26

### PARSHAT EIKEV

Fri: August 11  7:18PM – 19 Av

Sat: August 12 

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Haft: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

### PARSHAT RE'EH

Fri: August 18  7:11PM – 26 Av

Sat: August 19 

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

Haft: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

### PARSHAT SHOFTIM

Fri: August 25  7:03PM – 3 Elul

Sat: August 26 

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Haft: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

### Ohr Shalom's Choir!

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!**

**August Dates:  
August 7  
August 28**



### Did you know...?

You can find the latest copy of the Davar on the Ohr Shalom website – usually before you receive your copy in the mail!

Click on  
<http://ohrshalom.org/davar/>.

**DAVAR  
MEGILLAH**

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## RABBINIC INTERN

**Sydni Adler**  
Rabbinic Intern

### Mishnah Maasrot - Finding Stability in Completion and Home

Over the past month, I have been craving feeling “done” and feeling “home.” I spent the school year in Israel, and by springtime, I was humming Joni Mitchell’s “California, I’m coming home!” over and over in my head. I was ready to take root again. Once I came “home” and stayed with my parents for a few weeks, I started looking for a new apartment. Now that I have moved into that apartment, my weeks have been divided between unpacking boxes in Los Angeles and preparing to learn and teach in San Diego. While this lifestyle is dynamic and exhilarating, I find myself struggling with an answer to the question: Where is home? And further, between packing and unpacking and settling with the idea that I will never finish everything I set out to prepare for the weekend by the time Shabbat starts, I find myself hoping for some sort of sign that I have completed something, anything.

Recently, I completed my learning of *Mishnah Maasrot*, and it has provided me with some insights into the ideas of home and finality. In this tractate, we learn that produce is obligated for the *Ma’aser* tithe once it is either a finished product or has entered one’s home. Straightforward finished products include fruits that have been piled into a heap, onions that have been peeled, figs that have been dried and packed, anything once it is sold at the market, and so on. Of course, a person can always do more with this produce after it has been “finished.” One can transport it, sell it, and more, but at some point, the Rabbis have to define what “finished” means. Similarly, the Rabbis define what “home” is and is not – my favorite example is a courtyard in which, if a random stranger were to enter, the homeowner would come out and ask, “What are you

doing here?” Although neither a watchtower nor a building for shelter in the field is home, certain parts of an artist’s shed are home. A sukkah on Sukkot may or may not be home, depending on which Rabbi you ask. The bottom line is that even if a person spends time in a series of locations, “home” has a concrete definition. For the Rabbis, a person has enough ownership over produce to be obligated in tithes once there is stability in both the state of the produce and the place it is in.

In my somewhat frantic travels, I have found that neither of these states – “done” nor “home” – will ever occur completely. Each time I unpack a box, I will be packing a suitcase. Each time I finish learning to *leyn* a difficult *aliyah*, I will need to continue studying next week’s Torah portion so that I can teach about it. However, if I create markers, like the Rabbis did for *Ma’aser*, I might find myself to be more “home” or “done.” If I have the same evening ritual, no matter where I rest my head at night, wherever I am that evening is home. If I take a breath each Friday afternoon at 5:00pm and say that whatever I have done to prepare for the weekend is good and complete, then I am finished for the week. Whenever I consciously set my intention as “home” or “done,” I feel just a bit more stable and just a bit more ready to tithe a bit of myself for those I love and for the community around me. Just as the Rabbis set definitions for a legal stability that can never truly occur, we each have the ability to achieve personal groundedness by setting conscious, encouraging definitions for how we perceive completeness and comfort.



## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT’S CORNER

**Naima Solomon**  
Sisterhood President

Connect with us! Email is best: [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org)

### Annual Membership: \$36

Sisterhood Members can access Women’s League Website for wonderful articles, seminars, conferences, and more. Enter your email and sign on as you wish. <http://wlcj.org/>

### Sisterhood Gift Shop News

*Gift Shop Hours* – By appointment at [giftshop@ohrshalom.org](mailto:giftshop@ohrshalom.org).

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### August Sisterhood Birthdays

- 8/16 – Vanina Bunton
- 8/21 – Miriam Plotkin
- 8/22 – Stella Salzman
- 8/24 – Anita Nemoy
- 8/28 – Koba



## ADULT EDUCATION



Classes this summer are taught by Rabbinic Intern Sydney Adler ([rabiadler@ohrshalom.org](mailto:rabiadler@ohrshalom.org)). We welcome both women and men to attend these classes



### Let My Teaching Flow Like Rain: Visions of Torah Study from Midrash

**Sundays at 10:00am**  
**August 6, August 20\***  
 (\*no class August 13)

Just as rain provides for sustenance and destruction, joy and sadness, the Rabbis of Midrash see Torah as a powerful source of multifaceted experience. In this class, we will closely read a *midrash* from *Sifrei Devarim* that explores connections between water and Torah. Together, we will ask personal questions about the range of emotions that we experience when we learn and teach our ancient Jewish writings.



### Learning to Leyn

**Sundays at 11:30am**  
**August 6, August 20\***  
 (\*no class August 13)

Interested in learning to chant Torah? In this class, you'll learn the *trope* – the special symbols (cantillation marks) and associated music – that are used to *leyn* Torah. The class is geared towards those who are already comfortable with reading vocalized Hebrew. Attendance at all class sessions is highly recommended. *Registration is closed.*



### Save The Date: Readings with the Rabbi

**Sunday, September 10 at 10:00am**

## HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION

### OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

2017 ✨ HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES ✨ 5777-5778

#### SELICHOT

- Selichot Service with Choir.....Saturday, September 16, 8:00pm

#### ROSH HASHANAH

- Erev Rosh Hashanah.....Wednesday, September 20, 7:00pm
- Rosh Hashanah 1st Day.....Thursday, September 21, 8:30am  
 Tashlich.....4:30pm  
 (at Playa Pacifica, Mission Bay)
- Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day.....Friday, September 22, 8:30am

#### YOM KIPPUR

- Erev Yom Kippur.....Friday, September 29
- Family Kol Nidre Service.....3:00pm  
 Kol Nidre .....6:00pm
- Yom Kippur.....Saturday, September 30  
 Service with Yizkor ..... 9:30am  
 Mincha & Ne'ilah .....4:15pm  
 Break the Fast.....7:15pm

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Ellen Statman**  
Religious School Principal

As you read this article, **Vanina Bunton, Sue Brown, Steffi Retin, and I** will be in the Bay Area attending an Annual New CAJE Conference (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education.). The workshops that we will attend sound spot-on relevant for Jewish children of 2017. We look forward to returning to Ohr Shalom Religious School inspired and prepared as teachers of cutting-edge Jewish Education.

**Ronit Sprung** and **Rabbi Sydni Adler** will be joining the Ohr Shalom faculty this year. Ronit will be teaching the *Aleph* class and Rabbi Adler will join us bi-monthly to work with the *Madrichim* and also to give us inspiring d'vars after Sunday morning *tefillah* (prayers). We are excited to welcome both of these fine educators to our school.

### Important Religious School Dates

**Thursday, September 7th, 4:30pm:**  
Religious School will resume.



**Sunday morning, September 10:** *Parent Orientation*

More information to follow.

If you have a child of pre-school age to grade 7 who has never attended our school, I hope you will consider joining us this year.

### Ohr Shalom Religious School

Registration is now open!



**Hebrew - Tradition - History - Prayer**

Ages 3-13 years

Our Religious School prides itself on a multi-grade, cooperative environment where all children feel welcome.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 vs. NATIONALS AT 1:40PM**



To purchase tickets, visit [padres.com/jewish](http://padres.com/jewish) and enter the password: JCD17



## KITCHEN BITES

**Barbara Haislip**  
Kitchen Volunteer

### Mezzaluna Iced Tea

I keep telling myself I will not buy another cookbook. Then I go to a library sale where all the cookbooks are \$1.00. So my newest cookbook bargain is *The Mezzaluna Cookbook* with 100 seasonal Italian recipes. If you are wondering, it is the same Mezzaluna Restaurant (now closed) of Ron Goldman / Nicole Simpson fame. It is a delightful cookbook and I'm going to share their signature iced tea, perfect for a summer's day. The recipe calls for black currant tea and I used English black currant from a jar that I bought at Shakespeare's Corner tea shop on India Street. I hope you enjoy this. Oh yeah, I bought the other teas there too.

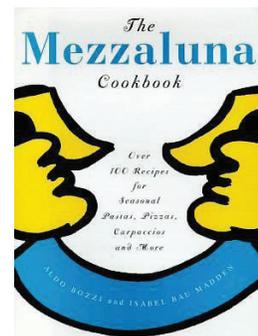
#### Mezzaluna Iced Tea

- 3 tsp Earl Grey tea
- 2 tsp Darjeeling tea
- 1 tsp black current (cassis) tea
- 1/2 C sugar
- Juice of one orange
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- 4 large strawberries
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish
- Orange slices for garnish

Boil 1/2 gallon of water. Add the tea and let it brew for 5 to 6 minutes. Do not let it stand too long or it will become bitter.

Strain the tea and transfer to a large carafe. Add the sugar, orange juice, lemon zest, and strawberries. Stir and allow to cool for an hour at room temperature.

Discard the strawberries and lemon zest, transfer to a glass pitcher, and refrigerate. Serve with mint leaves and an orange slice in a tall glass. Enjoy your Mediterranean touch to iced tea!





## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

**Lynn Mendelsohn**  
Programs/Events Chair

Enormous thanks to the many members of Ohr Shalom (and their friends) who participated in **Ohr Shalom on the Town** during the past year! For our second season, the program of live theater performances and concerts again will focus on events with Jewish themes or associations.

Theaters, names and dates of events for the *first five months* of the 2017-2018 season follow. The San Diego area will be so replete with wonderful entertainment over the coming year that it has been difficult to choose!

### Ohr Shalom on the Town, Second Season



**An American in Paris**, Thursday, September 7th at 8pm.  
Broadway San Diego (Civic Theater).

A touring production of the Broadway hit that won the 2015 Tony for best choreography, this show is packed with Gershwin tunes, including *I Got Rhythm*, *S'Wonderful* and *Love is Here to Stay*, not to mention that classic ballet suite!



**Roz + Roy**, Sunday matinee September 17th at 2pm.  
San Diego Repertory Theater.

This is a story about love and parenthood set in San Diego at the height of the AIDS crisis. The playwright, Karen Hartman, is the granddaughter of Harry Hartman, a Jewish immigrant who became the Cincinnati Reds' radio announcer. She is a Senior Artist in Residence at the University of Washington.



**The Diary of Anne Frank**, Saturday, December 2nd at 8pm. Moxie Theater.

This was adapted by Wendy Kesselman from the original play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett.



**Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin**, Saturday, December 23rd at 8pm.  
San Diego Repertory Theater.

Hershey Felder's concerts meld biography with exceptional musicality. Imagine spending an intimate evening with Mr. Berlin himself!



**Les Misérables**, Saturday, January 27th at 8pm.  
J\*Company Youth Theater, Garfield Theater, La Jolla JCC.

Our own extraordinary Jewish thespians (lead roles likely to be filled by kids you know) will treat us to one of the greatest musicals ever written!

Post-January concerts and plays will be announced later. We will endeavor to obtain a group discount for all **Ohr Shalom on the Town** performances. While each venue has its own discount and seating policies, a group of 10 usually is considered the minimum for a discount. Please note that tickets for some shows – notably **An American in Paris** and **Hershey Felder** – will be more costly than others, even with the discount.

We will send out an email announcing theater policies and prices for each event as the season progresses. Expect to receive a heads-up very soon via email regarding the two events in September, at Broadway San Diego (Civic Theater) and the San Diego Rep. As has been the case in the past, I will handle ticket purchases. You can reach me via email at any time (mendasst@n2.net) or send me a text (619-980-1801). I am looking forward to seeing you again at **Ohr Shalom on the Town!**



## MOVIE NIGHT



Next Movie Night:  
Sunday, September 10th,  
6:45pm

### MEN'S CLUB POKER GAME

Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00pm.  
Contact Joe Hartman:  
(619) 851-2303.



### OHR SHALOM TREE OF LIFE



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### Ohr Shalom Lawn Home of Peace Cemetery

Members of Ohr Shalom Synagogue may purchase graves, either pre-need or at the time of need, if they wish to be interred in the Ohr Shalom Lawn.

If you wish information regarding cost, terms of purchase, specific location, or any other matter, please contact the Synagogue office.



## SOCIAL ACTION

**Brad Eisenberg**  
Social Action Chair

**Ohr Shalom offers many opportunities to give back. Our members have set up beach cleanups, blood drives, fundraising walks, and feeding the hungry.**

### TAY Academy Lunch Project

In the coming months, Ohr Shalom volunteers will continue to provide lunches to the clients of TAY Academy, ages 14-25. This project continues to need your support. It has been highly successful thus far. At the TAY Academy, homeless teens have a safe place to gather during the day and receive a variety of support services. Ohr Shalom volunteers have prepared and served hot lunches to these youth (approximately 18 on any given day) many times since we launched our lunch program with them earlier this year. Please contact Marilyn Shelden (marilyn.shelden@gmail.com) or Marcia Sachs (marciasachs@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

### Sunday Hunger Project at St. Vincent de Paul

**On Sunday, August 27, from 8:30-11:30am**

Ohr Shalom volunteers will serve lunch to hundreds of San Diego's homeless and hungry at St. Vincent de Paul Village downtown as part of the Beth Israel Hunger Project.

Your help is needed to set up, serve and clean up. Volunteers over the age of 12 are welcome (accompanied by an adult). Beth Israel provides food, funding and additional volunteers for this program. Ohr Shalom will provide 15 volunteers for the morning. Cash donations are also needed for the continuing support of this project.

To volunteer to serve with other Ohr Shalom volunteers on August 27, please email Jane Zeer at janezeer@gmail.com with the first and last names of each participant. 15 volunteer spots have been reserved for Ohr Shalom. If any volunteer is 12-18 years of age, please let Jane know their age and make sure there is an adult over 18 to accompany them. Jane will email you additional information, including parking directions.

The Beth Israel Hunger Project, founded by Beth Israel member Joan Kutner more than 25 years ago, has fed hundreds of thousands in need. All volunteers agree to adhere to "Joan's Rule," the guiding principle of the Hunger Project's founder:

"Please greet everyone you serve with a smile and 'Good Morning.'" You just may be the first person who has greeted them warmly in days, and you just might be getting their new week off to a better start.



Stay connected to Ohr Shalom Social Action Committee by joining our Friends of Social Action email list. Please contact Brad or contact the office if you would like to join.



Please remember to bring non-perishable food for the Jewish Family Service *Hand Up* Youth Food Pantry whenever you come to Ohr Shalom. Look for the blue bin in the Lobby.



Please contact Brad Eisenberg at brad.eisenberg@att.net if you have a social action project you'd like our help accomplishing.



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## SISTERHOOD

**Susanne Lisker**  
Past President

This month, I would like to tell you about a remarkable woman who revolutionized literature in the United States and the world.

**Gertrude Stein** was born on February 13, 1874 in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the youngest daughter of Daniel Stein and Amelia Keyser. She grew up in Vienna, Paris and East Oakland, where few Jewish families lived. Her contact with Judaism was Sunday School.

She attended Radcliffe College from 1893 to 1897 and studied psychology with famous William James. From 1897 to 1902 she studied neurology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. She never adapted to school discipline. In 1903, having failed her exams, she was offered the opportunity to make up the work during summer sessions. However, she decided to drop out and went to Europe to spend time with her brother Leo, an arts student, and his friends. She spent the summer in Paris and then went to London, for one year, to study Elizabethan prose. After that she moved to Paris, where she and Leo made their home, opening the famous Stein salon, where “obscure” artists like Picasso, Braque and Matisse,

and aspiring writers like Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald gathered. But after a few years, Leo moved out of the apartment and Gertrude stayed with her companion and secretary Alice Toklas, with whom she developed a romantic relationship. She came to the United States in 1934-1935 for a brief stay before returning to Europe, where she spent the rest of her life.

In 1909, Gertrude wrote her first book *Three Lives*, a collection of three stories of lower class women, the most famous of which was “Melanctha,” a study of a black woman. Her sympathetic portrayal of black characters was considered remarkable for the time. Her later writing, however, was called increasingly incoherent by her critics. Some called it writing in “Steinese,” often termed a precursor of American literature’s stream of consciousness style. Her best known line was “A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose.” Her second book, *Tender Buttons*, was published in 1914.

In the United States, she wrote “there is more space where nobody is than where anybody is. That is what makes America what it is.”

During World War II, Gertrude left Paris and lived in the French countryside with Alice Toklas, shielded by French villagers from the Nazi occupiers. After the war, she and Alice returned to Paris.



Gertrude Stein

Gertrude wrote two books describing her wartime experiences: *Wars I have Seen* (published in 1945) and *Brewside and Wilie* (published in 1946).

She also wrote about writing, claiming “punctuation interferes with what is going on” in her book *Narration*, and wrote “A sentence is not emotional, a paragraph is” in her book *How to Write*.

Gertrude died on July 27, 1946 in the American Hospital in Paris. She left an amazing literary legacy that influences, even today, other writers, all over the world.



## ISRAEL DESK

**Susie Meltzer**  
Israel Desk

### World-Class Olympics Held in Israel

Jerusalem was the site in July for the 20th Maccabiah Games that brought 30,000 Jews together from all across the globe. The Maccabiah Games are an international Jewish and Israeli multi-sport event held quadrennially in Israel. It is the third-largest international sporting event in the world (after the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup). Among the attendees were 10,000 athletes competing on behalf of 85 countries, including 2,500 from Israel and over 1,000 from the USA. The athletes competed in four categories: Open, Masters, Juniors and Paralympians.

The official slogan for these games was “80 countries, one heart” and was meant to represent the unity of the worldwide Maccabi community. The Maccabiah Games were first held in 1932, when 390 Jewish athletes from eighteen countries – including sixty from Arab lands – participated. The Games continued to flourish and in 1961 were declared a Regional Sports Event by and under the supervision of the International Olympic Committee. Today the Games are held every four years, in the year following the Olympics.

Athletes at the Maccabiah Games compete in a broader range of sports than those recognized by the Olympics. In addition to all 28 current Olympic sports, other events include chess, cricket, futsal

and taekwondo. Karate, not yet on the Olympic schedule, made its debut in 1977 at the 10th Maccabiah Games. Also, in contrast with the Olympic Games and other major international sporting events, the Maccabiah rules regarding accepting new sports are very lenient. New sports are accepted into the Maccabiah Games provided that there are competitors from at least four separate countries, or three in female sport categories.

The Maccabiah Games are open to Jewish athletes from around the world, as well as to all Israeli athletes regardless of religion. Conversely, eligibility rules for Maccabiah athletes vary from country to country. Some delegations require athletes to be Jewish according to strict interpretation of religious law, while others have more liberal rules. For example, Brazil sent the son of legendary soccer player Ronaldo to compete this year. Though not Jewish, he has been a member of Sao Paulo’s Hebraica for years. Soccer is the largest contest in the Maccabiah Games, with more than 1,400 athletes from 20 countries participating. In addition to the athletes, as many as 20,000 international fans were expected to watch the games.

Besides the thrills that competition provides to those who attend, the Maccabiah Games support respect for athleticism, Judaism and Zionism. This year athletes from Cayman Island to Singapore were in Israel, celebrating their Jewish pride and uniting the world’s Jews. The Maccabiah Games have played an important role in affirming the solidarity that Jews worldwide have with Israel.



# YAHREZEITS

Paul Bergman	Miriam Jane Bergman's Father.....	5-Aug/Av 13
*Teodoro Constantiner	Remembered by the Goldstein Family.....	5-Aug/Av 13
*Freda Kucinski	Robert Kucinski and Jacques Kucinski's Mother.....	5-Aug/Av 13
*Monica Veinbergs	Remembered by the Galicot and Veinbergs Families.....	6-Aug/Av 14
*Ezekiel Burger	Susie and Eli Meltzer's Grandson.....	7-Aug/Av 15
Keila Nusinovich	Remembered by Nora Taratuta.....	8-Aug/Av 16
Haim Hersh Rozen	Remembered by Fay Rozen.....	8-Aug/Av 16
Sidney Stein	Jane Zeer's Uncle.....	8-Aug/Av 16
Jean Weeks	Laurel Corona's Mother.....	8-Aug/Av 16
*Charlotte Rubin	Maxine Weseley's Mother.....	9-Aug/Av 17
Judy Geiger	Remembered by Jonathan Geiger.....	10-Aug/Av 18
Benjamin Goldman	Elizabeth Goldman's Son, Joshua Goldman's Brother.....	10-Aug/Av 18
Sam Ehrenwerth	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Grandfather.....	11-Aug/Av 19
Zelig Chaim Grinberg	Ruben Rosental's Grandfather.....	11-Aug/Av 19
Pearl Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Mother.....	12-Aug/Av 20
Ignac Mandel	Andres Marek's Uncle.....	12-Aug/Av 20
Gisa Schiffman	Judie Dresser's Mother.....	12-Aug/Av 20
Charles Darrow	Allyson Darroch's Father.....	13-Aug/Av 21
*Harvey Goldberg	Susie Meltzer and Karen Rund's Father, Rabbi Scott and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather.....	13-Aug/Av 21
Sara Portnoy Bergenfeld	Aaron Bergenfeld's Mother.....	13-Aug/Av 21
Joyce Zeff	Dana Zeff's Mother.....	13-Aug/Av 21
Sidney Heller	Remembered by Allan Wolf.....	14-Aug/Av 22
Betty Shteremberg	David Shteremberg and Sonia Zyman's Mother.....	14-Aug/Av 22
Alberto Alvo	Rosie Veinbergs' Father.....	16-Aug/Av 24
Eva Gojman	Esther Tishman's Sister.....	16-Aug/Av 24
Jenny Penhas	Sally Maizel and Esther Modiano's Mother.....	16-Aug/Av 24
*Abe Smith	Mark Smith's Father.....	16-Aug/Av 24
*Hilda Veinbergs	Jacobo Veinbergs and Sylvia Galicot's Mother.....	16-Aug/Av 24
*Jacob Rubin	Fanny Hanono's Father.....	18-Aug/Av 26
*Rubin Zeer	Jane Zeer's Father.....	18-Aug/Av 26
Oskar Goldschmied	Ruth Sax's Father.....	19-Aug/Av 27
*Irving Horowitz	Debby Hyatt's Grandfather.....	19-Aug/Av 27
*Herb Sevel	Evie Sevel's Husband.....	19-Aug/Av 27
Horace Escoffery	Yvonne Scarlett's Uncle.....	20-Aug/Av 28
Bea Slipock	Love Zubiller's Grandmother.....	20-Aug/Av 28
Liby Chazan	Silvia Gold's Daughter.....	21-Aug/Av 29
*Sam Cohen	Susan Kaplan's Stepfather.....	21-Aug/Av 29
Ana Dryjansky	Celia Chazan's Mother.....	21-Aug/Av 29
Gertrude Jagorda	Aaron Hoskins' Grandmother.....	21-Aug/Av 29
Ellen Bergman	Miriam Jane Bergman's Mother.....	22-Aug/Av 30
Benito Govezensky	Bertha Szmuilowicz' Brother.....	22-Aug/Av 30
Sarah Selikowitz	Remembered by Ralph Golden.....	22-Aug/Av 30
Pablo Fastag	Ruth Fastag's Husband.....	23-Aug/Elul 1
Ruth Fuld	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	23-Aug/Elul 1
David Goldman	Elizabeth Goldman's Husband, Joshua Goldman's Father.....	23-Aug/Elul 1
Nancy Lynn Schwartz	Elizabeth Schwartz's Sister.....	23-Aug/Elul 1
Myer Epstein	Honey Mark's Father.....	24-Aug/Elul 2
*Judy Masri	Remembered by Abraham Hanono.....	24-Aug/Elul 2
Sophia Zimlich Diehl	Allyson Darroch's Grandmother.....	24-Aug/Elul 2
Estefania Barrenechea	Lucia Domville's Mother.....	25-Aug/Elul 3
*Rabbi Glenn Gelman	Elana Gelman's Father.....	25-Aug/Elul 3
Moshe Lisker	Ruben Lisker's Brother.....	25-Aug/Elul 3
Bill Mintzer	Bonnie Tabak's Father, Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandfather.....	25-Aug/Elul 3
*Joanne Scholten	Richard Scholten's Wife.....	26-Aug/Elul 4
Mildred Sindler	Rita Cohen's Mother.....	26-Aug/Elul 4
Miriam Dantus	Celia Chazan's Sister.....	27-Aug/Elul 5
David Fainstein	Jaime Fainstein's Father.....	27-Aug/Elul 5
Eugenia Handelman	Sara Fainstein's Mother.....	27-Aug/Elul 5
Philip M. Phillips	Andres Marek's Uncle.....	27-Aug/Elul 5
Jack Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Uncle.....	27-Aug/Elul 5
Boaz Talerman	Diane Talerman's Husband, Abraham Talerman, Sharon Talerman and Masha Lipner's Father, Myer Talerman's Brother.....	28-Aug/Elul 6
*Tillie Weisman	Remembered by Joe Rubin.....	28-Aug/Elul 6
Ninette Karsenty	Rene Sportes' Aunt.....	29-Aug/Elul 7
Harold Rose	Marda Rose's Grandfather.....	29-Aug/Elul 7
Bessie Emert	Richard Emert's Mother.....	30-Aug/Elul 8
Anna Hollender	Jonathan Geiger's Grandmother.....	30-Aug/Elul 8
Adolf Braun	Gary Brown's Grandfather.....	31-Aug/Elul 9
Maureen Burke	Beth Vann's Mother.....	31-Aug/Elul 9
Raquel Milstein	Remembered by Enrique Milstein.....	31-Aug/Elul 9

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**August 2017**

**Av/Elul 5777**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>Torah Study from Midrash</b> Sundays at 10:00am	 <b>Shabbat at The Bay</b> Friday, August 18th at 6:45pm	1 9 Av <b>Tisha B'Av</b> Minyan 6:15pm	2 10 Av Minyan 6:15pm Board Meeting 7:00pm	3 11 Av Minyan 6:15pm	4 12 Av Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbinic Intern" 7:15pm 7:25pm	5 13 Av <b>Parshat Vaetchanan</b> <i>Shabbat Nachamu</i> Shabbat Service 9:30am
6 14 Av Adult Ed: Torah Study from Midrash 10:00am Adult Ed: Learning to Leyn 11:30am Minyan 6:15pm	7 15 Av Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	8 16 Av 6:15pm Minyan	9 17 Av Minyan 6:15pm	10 18 Av <b>Bar Mitzvah:</b> Manuel Waisbord Minyan 6:15pm	11 19 Av Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 7:18pm	12 20 Av <b>Parshat Eikev</b> Shabbat Service 9:30am <b>Bar Mitzvah:</b> Nathan Schlossberg (Mincha service)
13 21 Av Minyan 6:15pm	14 22 Av Minyan 6:15pm	15 23 Av Minyan 6:15pm	16 24 Av Minyan 6:15pm	17 25 Av Minyan 6:15pm	18 26 Av Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat at the Bay 6:45pm 7:11pm	19 27 Av <b>Parshat Re'eh</b> <b>B'nai Mitzvah:</b> Max and Ariela Stone Shabbat Service 9:30am
20 28 Av Adult Ed: Torah Study from Midrash 10:00am Adult Ed: Learning to Leyn 11:30am Minyan 6:15pm	21 29 Av Minyan 6:15pm	22 30 Av <i>Rosh Chodesh Elul</i> Minyan 6:15pm	23 1 Elul <i>Rosh Chodesh Elul</i> Minyan 6:15pm	24 2 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	25 3 Elul Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Service 6:15pm 7:03pm	26 4 Elul <b>Parshat Shoftim</b> Shabbat Service 9:30am
27 5 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	28 6 Elul Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	29 7 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	30 8 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	31 9 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	1 10 Elul Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm 6:54pm	2 11 Elul <b>Parshat Ki Teitzei</b> <b>Bar Mitzvah:</b> Aidin Weissler Shabbat Service 9:30am
3 12 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	4 13 Elul <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	5 14 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	6 15 Elul Minyan 6:15pm	7 16 Elul First Day of Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	8 17 Elul Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat Kehilatit Welcoming Rabbinic Intern Sydney Adler Service 6:15pm Community Dinner 7:15pm 6:44pm	9 18 Elul <b>Parshat Ki Tavo</b> Shabbat Service 9:30am