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"ASK THE RABBI"



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WITH THE OHR SHALOM CHOIR



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Religious School Graduation, Teacher Appreciation, Debbie Send-Off and Ellen Retirement



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Wednesday, May 23, 7:00pm
MEN'S CLUB POKER

A Month of Great Transition

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

May 2018 will be remembered as a month of great importance for our community. I am very excited on behalf of the community to welcome our new **Executive Director, Gillian Argoff-Treseder**, who will officially join our professional team in the middle of May (see **Meet Gillian**, page 4).

I am also very excited, though also sad, to welcome **Deborah Suissa, as our very first Director Emeritus and Lifetime Member of Ohr Shalom**, this community she worked so hard for so long to help shape. Debbie's last day in the office will be Friday, May 25 (see **Words from Debbie**, page 2).

Please join with me for Shabbat Kehillatit Service and Dinner on Friday, May 18, when we will honor, thank, celebrate and definitely not say "Goodbye" to Debbie. Make your reservations and in order to show our appreciation and love, let's have so many people attend that we fill the Social Hall and the Patio with tables!

Gillian – welcome. Debbie – thank you. Everybody – I look forward to seeing you on Friday, May 18.

Welcome Gillian Argoff-Treseder as our New Executive Director

To our entire community, I want to share my sense of joy that Gillian will be our new Executive Director. She comes to us after almost 13 years as the Director of Membership at the Jewish Community Center in La Jolla, and many of us have known her in that capacity. If you haven't already met Gillian, when you do you will instantly discover the intelligence, sincerity and warmth that is integral to who she is.

Gillian was raised in the Pacific Northwest, attended the University of Oregon (Go Ducks!) graduating with a degree in Religious Studies, and pursued her graduate studies in Nonprofit Management and Fundraising at the University of Judaism (now American Jewish University).

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Shavuot Services Schedule

Erev Shavuot:

Saturday, May 19, 8:00pm

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot:

Please join Rabbi Meltzer and Rabbi Adler for a night of study and receiving Torah.

Shavuot I:

Sunday, May 20, 9:30am
Morning Service

Shavuot II:

Monday, May 21, 9:30am
Morning Service and Yizkor



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Sachs
President

BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER OF OHR SHALOM!

Dear Congregants,

It's my job to ensure the financial well-being of Ohr Shalom and, thankfully, we are in great shape. We also have an ideal location, and, with all the building downtown and in Bankers Hill, I have no doubt that, ultimately, our membership is going to increase.

However, I have short-term concerns about our revenue stream and, for that reason, have created a program to ensure our financial stability during the next three years. It's called the **Sustaining Membership Program**.

I will be asking those who are able to make a pledge covering the next three years. This one-time pledge will be tax deductible (I'm not a tax professional so please check this statement with your accountant) and cover every aspect of life in Ohr Shalom. One payment will include:

- ✧ Your dues
- ✧ Your Kol Nidre Pledge
- ✧ Your "Lights of Ohr Shalom" Paddle Raiser Pledge
- ✧ Religious School tuition, if applicable

In addition, **Sustaining Members receive the following benefits:**

- ✧ No dues increases for the next three years

- ✧ A \$5000 branch on the Tree of Life
- ✧ An \$1800 Gold Page in the Tribute Journal for the next three years
- ✧ 2 tickets to all plays and concerts in our "On the Town" series for three years
- ✧ Reserved garage parking on the High Holy Days for three years
- ✧ Second Seder tickets for three years
- ✧ Table of 8 at all Shabbat Kehilattit dinners for three years
- ✧ Two tickets to all "Lights of Ohr Shalom" events for three years
- ✧ For children, free San Diego events with OSYG or Kadima for three years

This program will be very affordable and can be customized according to individual needs. The above package will be sold at a steep discount to its retail value and is intended to be a win-win opportunity for both the individual and the synagogue.

I look forward to explaining it to you in detail.

Best wishes,
Ray

What an extraordinary and inspiring journey!

From working as a part-time office assistant with Adat Ami Synagogue (back then) in May of 1992 — in a tiny office with services held in a shared space — to venturing into the land of retirement as the very first Director Emeritus out of this beautiful Ohr Shalom family and building in May of 2018..... I feel honored, proud, excited and emotional!

It has been my privilege to have served you all these years. So many of you have touched my life in so many special and meaningful ways. Thank you for the opportunity. I am truly blessed and will forever have deeply rooted memories of this journey.

I am thankful for those of you with whom I worked most closely for the past 26 years: fellow staff, board members, volunteers and especially Rabbi Meltzer.

I am also very pleased to be passing on the baton to Gillian. She is going to be wonderful. Not only is she very qualified, she's also a hugger!!

I am excited for the future of Ohr Shalom and excited to continue to be a part of this special Ohr Shalom family... as a congregant!

With deep gratitude and much love,
Debbie



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- May 5 for June issue
- June 5 for July 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, May 4 - 7:15pm ("Ask the Rabbi")
 Friday, May 11 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Choir)
 Friday, May 18 - 6:15pm (Shabbat Kehillatit)
 Friday, May 25 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)

TOTS IN PJ's KABBALAT SHABBAT

with Rabbi Scott Meltzer
and Rabbi Sydni Adler



Friday, May 4, 6:00pm

Bring your infants
and toddlers in their
PAJAMAS to welcome
Shabbat in song.

Jr. Congregation

For ages 7-12

With Rabbi Sydni Adler



Saturday, May 5
11:00am to 12:00pm

An interactive, hands-on service for
pre-B'nai Mitzvah kids. We'll sing, discuss, laugh,
and find ways to make the Shabbat morning
service accessible and enjoyable for each one of us.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

with the Ohr Shalom Choir

Friday, May 11, 6:15pm



Shabbat Kehillatit

With Religious School Graduation
and Teacher Appreciation



We will say
"Thank you
and Goodbye"
to **Ellen**, who
is retiring
from the
Religious
School

Friday, May 18

Family-friendly service: 6:15pm
Community Dinner: 7:15pm
RSVP for dinner by May 14

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

We will
honor, thank,
celebrate and
definitely
not say
"Goodbye" to
Debbie

TOT SHABBAT

With Rabbi Sydni Adler
and Jennifer Meltzer

Tots, parents and
grandparents
celebrating Shabbat
morning together.



Saturday, May 19, 10:00am to 11:30am

(Newborns to 5-year-olds)

PARSHIYOT AND CANDLELIGHTING May 2018



PARSHAT EMOR

OMER DAY 35

Fri. May 4 | 19 Iyar

Sat. May 5 | 20 Iyar

Torah: Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Haft: Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31



7:15pm

PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

OMER DAY 42

Fri. May 11 | 26 Iyar

Sat. May 12 | 27 Iyar

Torah: Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Haft: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14



7:21pm

PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

OMER DAY 49

EREV SHAVUOT
Fri. May 18 | 4 Sivan Iyar

Sat. May 19 | 4 Sivan Iyar

Torah: Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

Haft: Hosea 2:1 - 2:22



7:26pm

PARSHAT NASSO

Fri. May 25 | 11 Sivan

Sat. May 26 | 12 Sivan

Torah: Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

Haft: Judges 13:2 - 13:25



7:30pm

Ohr Shalom's Choir!

Come join us on Mondays at
6:30pm

May 7
May 14

No practice
May 21
May 28



Shabbat Morning Babysitting



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



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Lynn Mendelsohn
Programs/Events Chair

LIGHTS EVENT THANK YOU'S

Ohr Shalom's annual *Lights of Ohr Shalom* is a significant source of financial support for the synagogue, ensuring funds for our day-to-day operation. Fortunately, our April 29th event shows evidence of being an excellent success, and we have a great honoree: Ray Sachs!

Truly, our *Lights* event is a community effort, and every congregant who attends, places a congratulatory message in the *Tribute Journal*, donates a prize for the drawing, or helps in any other way, should be proud. The *Lights* committee planned a beautiful party at the Hilton Bayside, a gorgeous venue.

Not enough can be said about the ginormous contributions – of time, wisdom and effort – made by this year's *Lights* Committee: Aviva Angel, Alan Berlin, Rita Cohen, Lita Kleger, Koba, Fanny Rosental, Anita Szmulowicz, Evette Weiss and Sarita Zands. As has become a tradition, Zeji Ozeri and Susie Meltzer have prepared a touching video detailing Ray's humanitarian engagements, not only with Ohr Shalom, but also as a traveling orthopedic surgeon who organizes, leads and finds funding for medical missions to Third World countries.

Warmest thanks, of course, are due to Debbie Suissa, Andrea Luck and Rene Beiza, who put 200% of effort into everything they do. Thanks to Andrea, as well, for the stunning graphic designs she has produced for the invitation and the *Tribute Journal*.



Our **On the Town** program will NOT be taking a vacation over the summer months this year. There are so many things going on in San Diego that we don't want to miss!

Usually we select plays, concerts and shows with Jewish themes, of Jewish interest, or with Jewish authors. For Summer 2018, however, we have chosen events whose Jewish associations might be a bit obscure.

Early in July, we will attend a production of Monty Python's highly-irreverent *Spamalot* at the Cygnet Theater in Old Town. That show's original production included a song called "You Won't Succeed on Broadway if You Don't Have any Jews." Subsequent iterations have replaced "Jews" with "Stars," so we shall see what happens at the Cygnet.



In late July, *On the Town* will visit the North Coast Repertory Theater to see and hear *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, the classic musical by Stephen Sondheim and Larry Gelbart.

On Saturday evening, August 11th, we are planning to attend the San Diego Symphony's Bayside Concert *Hooray for Hollywood*, with fireworks.



Watch for additional details about *On the Town, Summer 2018*, coming soon!

MEET GILLIAN ARGOFF-TRESEDER, OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Shalom! My name is Gillian Argoff-Treseder and I am so honored and excited to join the Ohr Shalom family. Ohr Shalom brings together two of my passions – working in the Jewish Community and providing a welcoming environment for families to worship, learn and to enhance their involvement with Judaism.

I grew up in Northern Virginia and became active in my synagogue at a young age, eventually becoming president of our USY chapter. In college as a Religious Studies major at the University of Oregon (GO DUCKS!), I was an active part of the student group that revitalized our Hillel, and I helped plan and implement the "Ethics After the Holocaust Conference." After graduation, I moved to Portland and worked at the JCC and taught religious school for the local conservative synagogue.

In 1999, I moved to LA to attend graduate school at the University of Judaism and spend time with my grandparents and great grandfather. Then, I was lucky to work for the Los Angeles Philharmonic during the opening of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, but I missed working for Jewish organizations.

In 2005, my husband (then fiancé) and I moved to San Diego for his job. I took this opportunity to get back into the Jewish community and found a home at the JCC as the Director of Membership for over 12 years. Throughout that time, our two children Josh (10) and Rachel (8) attended preschool and camp there. Now we are delighted to bring our family to Ohr Shalom.

I have had the pleasure of working with Jennifer Meltzer at the JCC and now I am eager to work with Rabbi Meltzer and everyone in the congregation. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Men's Club Poker Game

Wednesday, May 23
at 7:00pm
Contact Joe Hartman:
(619) 851-2303.



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Support Ohr Shalom by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com and selecting **Ohr Shalom Synagogue** as your charity.





ADULT EDUCATION

Lita Kleger
Adult Education Chair

LEARNING TO LEYN WITH RABBI SYDNI ADLER

Fridays at 1:00pm, May 4, 18

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.

Please Note: At this time, registration for the course is closed.



CLASSES WITH RABBI MELTZER

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.

LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, May 5 and June 2, 12:45pm

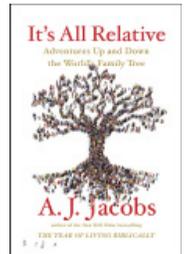
Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion.

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, June 10 at 5:00pm

It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree

A J Jacobs



New York Times bestselling author of *The Know-It-All* and *The Year of Living Biblically*, A.J. Jacobs undergoes a hilarious, heartfelt quest to understand what constitutes family—where it begins and how far it goes—and attempts to untangle the true meaning of the “Family of Humankind.”

A.J. Jacobs has received some strange emails over the years, but this note was perhaps the strangest: “You don’t know me, but I’m your eighth cousin. And we have over 80,000 relatives of yours in our database.”

That’s enough family members to fill Madison Square Garden four times over. Who are these people, A.J. wondered, and how do I find them? So began Jacobs’s three-year adventure to help build the biggest family tree in history.

Jacobs’s journey would take him to all seven continents. He drank beer with a US president, found himself singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and unearthed genetic links to Hollywood actresses and real-life scoundrels. After all, we can choose our friends, but not our family.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

MAY – THE MONTH OF LEARNING AT “THE HIVE”*

Shavuot commemorates the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. The night of *Shavuot* is often spent celebrating Jewish learning by staying up to learn Torah throughout the night, but the Hive is spreading this tradition through the month of May! They will be hosting a variety of experiences to captivate your mind, soul, and taste buds. Please let Lita know if you are interested in these events sponsored by **The Hive at Leichtag Commons** and taught by **Yavilah McCoy**. For those who wish to travel together, we can carpool. Please contact her at lita.kleger@gmail.com to indicate your interest in one or more of these events:

Gospel Brunch at the Hive

Sunday May 6, 10:00am-noon

Yavilah shares a legacy of Jewish music. Similar to the songs that fueled the Civil Rights movement, Jewish Gospel introduces audiences to African-American-Jewish melodies that were sung across generations, at times of love, at times of protest, in times of faith, and despair.

Navigating Intersectionality Between Racism and Anti-Semitism

Sunday May 6, 12:30-4:00pm

As an intersectional, multi-racial, multi-ethnic, cross-class, multi-gendered, differently observant, and intergenerational community

of Jews, how might we engage in interconnected struggles in service of justice for all people? We'll share stories of resilience and celebration to take us beyond a history of being targeted. *Lunch is included.*

Outreach Strategies for Building Relationships Across Difference

Monday May 7, 9:00am-1:00pm

How can we make our institutions more welcoming and create coalitions in service of equity and justice? This session is specifically targeted to Jewish community professionals to make our community spaces more inviting, understanding, and engaging. *Lunch is included.*

**The Hive (Leichtag Foundation)* is a home for coworking, professional growth, and Jewish cultural events in Encinitas, California. Their goal is to build a more connected community for nonprofits and to provide creative Jewish experiences for all to enjoy. For more information, visit thehivesd.org



SOCIAL ACTION

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair



VOLUNTEER FOR DINNER FOR Dreams for Change Safe Parking Program

Tuesday, May 8 at 5:30pm

Ohr Shalom is organizing our first dinner at Dreams for Change at the JFS campus on Balboa Ave. To volunteer to cook, purchase items, and/or serve dinner for about 60-70 adults and children, contact dinner coordinator Jane Zeer at janezeer@cox.net.



Dreams for Change provides a safe place to park overnight for those homeless individuals and families who are living in their cars and working toward self-sufficiency. Learn more at dreamsforchange.org.

TAY Academy Lunch Project

The at-risk, homeless youth who spend up to several hours a day at the TAY (Transition Age Youth) Academy experience food insecurity daily. The TAY is very appreciative of the help our Congregants and local restaurants give them by providing lunch for their clients on an ongoing basis. If you can help by providing a meal for 18 (home-made or store bought), please contact Marilyn Shelden at 619-368-2047.



Todah Rabah for their ongoing support to:



The Embargo Grill and Souplantation
Located at 3960 West Point Loma Blvd. in the Midway Towne Center



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 barrel 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 or to be put on the Friends of Social Action email list.



Monetary donations to "Social Action Fund" to be used for special projects are always appreciated.

SISTERHOOD CORNER

Thank you to all the Sisterhood members who helped the Social Action committee with the Passover Baskets. Your efforts are much appreciated!

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday May 12, 9:30am

Join us for a special **Sisterhood Shabbat** on Saturday, May 12 during Mother's Day Weekend. This last Sisterhood Shabbat of the year gives us an opportunity to celebrate the power of women. Our previous Sisterhood-led Shabbat service was a huge success – let's make this one even bigger!! Please show your support by attending and/or participating in the service. Enjoy this special day with your Sisterhood friends.

Please contact Vanina Bunton at Vaninabunton@yahoo.com if you are interested in participating – opening the ark, reading Torah or Haftarah, giving the drash and more (*Sisterhood members only*).



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 24

End-of-Year

Sisterhood member meeting and afternoon tea...

More details and information will be sent to members via email.



MAY SISTERHOOD BIRTHDAYS

Louise Chandler
Lois Gelb
Roberta Shoman
Miryam Slovatitzki



If you are a Sisterhood member and would like us to acknowledge your birthday in the monthly Davar, please email your birthday month to Traceyraz1@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP NEWS

Looking for Sisterhood Member Volunteers

to help with opening the gift shop. If you are interested please contact giftshop@ohrshalom.org. Gift shop table is open for business and will be displaying some of our latest Judaica during movie night on **Sunday, May 6**.

Gift Shop Hours – By appointment at giftshop@ohrshalom.org.

Jewelry, Candlesticks, Kiddush Cups, Mezuzot, Scrolls, and More!

Visit our virtual shop at ohrshalom.org/sisterhood. Special Requests? Email us.





ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

Celebrating Seventy Years of Change in Israel: The Evolution of The Kibbutz Movement

Israel is celebrating its 70th anniversary of independence. Enormous changes have occurred in the society while the country has grown from 600,000 to 8 million people. Among these is the kibbutz movement, a unique institution that helped develop the land of Israel.

The kibbutz founders were young Jewish pioneers, mainly from Eastern Europe, who came not only to reclaim the soil of their ancient homeland, but also to forge a new way of life. They set out to form a utopian community based on socialist principles. Their path was not easy. Among the difficulties confronting them were a hostile environment, inexperience with physical labor, a lack of agricultural know-how, desolate land neglected for centuries, scarcity of water and a shortage of funds. Overcoming many hardships, they succeeded in developing thriving communities that have played a dominant role in the establishment and building of the state.



The word *kibbutz* in Hebrew means *gathering*. These communes began sprouting up throughout Israel starting in 1909. Their aim was equality, where everyone shared everything, earned equal wages and made decisions collectively as a group. The kibbutz was a self-contained entity that provided everything to their members in return for maintaining the commune through hard work.

The kibbutz movement shattered the institutions of home and family by stressing the ideals of equality throughout. Children were raised together in children's houses, away from their parents. Adults lived in homes without kitchens, taking their meals in the communal dining hall. Yet as a supportive community, family life there remained very strong without subtracting from the social group.

A common thread of kibbutz life were their volunteers. Beginning in 1967, after the Six Day War, the kibbutzim were flooded with volunteers from all over the world. The peak of this phenomenon was somewhere between the 1970s and mid-'80s, with some 12,000 Jewish and non-Jewish volunteers flocking to Israel to work the land. This was when the kibbutz was still communal and socialist.

Crisis hit the kibbutzim in the '80s. Privatization began, which brought both individual opportunities for members

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAN DIEGO SCREENINGS OF AMERICAN SOCIALIST

Members Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz's film *American Socialist: The Life & Times of Eugene Victor Debs* will have its San Diego theatrical opening **May 11-16** at the **Digital Gym Cinema** located at 2921 El Cajon Blvd. in North Park (www.digitalgym.org).



The San Diego bookings follow runs at New York's Cinema Village (4/27-5/3) and the Laemmle Theatres in Santa Monica and Pasadena (5/4-10). (The Laemmle Playhouse in Pasadena is also mounting a solo photo exhibit by Strom - "Fragments" - that opens May 1).

The Digital Gym schedule:

May 11 at 6:00pm *The filmmakers will attend the screenings for a Q&A after the film.*
May 12 at 6:00pm
May 13 at 1:00pm
May 15 at 3:00pm
May 16 at 7:00pm



JEWISH POETS OF THE PAST

Astor Judaica Library, Lawrence Family JCC
Wednesday, May 23, 7:00pm

Join Ohr Shalom members Joy Heizmann, Elisheva Edelson, Yiftach Levy and Eileen Wingard for an evening of poetry written by Yehuda Amichai and Hannah Senesh, to be recited in English and in Hebrew. Ohr Shalom Choir Director Elisheva Edelson will perform songs written by Amichai and Senesh.

Reception and refreshments to follow.

and an overall desire for a higher quality of life. With a shift to a more privatized and less idealistic communal lifestyle, there followed a long decline of the kibbutz movement. The volunteer program declined. Parents demanded that their children sleep at home and the last kibbutz ended communal daycare in 1991. Equally important, differential wages replaced "the one-for-all-and-all-for one" economy. The kibbutz movement endured many changes.

This experiment has evolved over the last century. Today kibbutzim in Israel seem to be experiencing some sort of a revival. Once built on radical ideals, Israel's roughly 260 kibbutzim, representing 2% of the population, have emerged from a century-long journey and crippling economic downturns. Yet they have emerged as strong institutions balancing collectivism and capitalism, as well as family and community. They remain as a durable symbol of Israeli's early beginnings.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Ellen Statman
Religious School
Principal

April and May are very busy months at Ohr Shalom Religious School. Last week the children took part in a somber but beautiful *Yom HaShoah* program. Our beloved teacher Vanina Bunton read two poignant poems to us that her daughter Shoshannah wrote after visiting Auschwitz last year while participating in The March of the Living. Then the children were read an allegory that explained how terrible things can happen when we become bystanders rather than upstanders, when we allow evil to prevail because we have walked away when it doesn't concern us. Each participant was then given a card to read with the name and age of a child who perished in the Holocaust. This was followed by affixing a ceramic butterfly to the wall in the Beit Midrash. Our school has become a participant in a world-wide display of handpainted butterflies commemorating the one million children who perished in the Shoah.

Next week we will be celebrating Israel's 70th Birthday with fun activities, Israeli snacks, and songs. In class the children have been learning about modern day Israel. We are also looking forward to a *Lag B'Omer* picnic and barbeque this month.

Congratulations to Hillel Angel, Jacob Mandel, and Asia Goudeau, who will be graduating from Religious School this month.

I would like to recognize the hard work and effort put in each Thursday and Sunday by our stellar teachers – Sue Brown, Vanina Bunton, Bracha Crayk, Steffi Retin, and Ronyt Sprung. These accomplished women make the Religious School a warm, caring, and stimulating place of Jewish learning.



Religious School Seder



KITCHEN BITES

Vanina Bunton
Guest Chef

Zucchini Aajlounk

Aajlounk is a purée of cooked vegetables originating from Tunisia. It can be served warm or cold. It can be served as hors d'œuvres or accompanying a main dish. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs peeled zucchini, cut in large cubes
- Olive oil
- 6 to 8 Garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 lemons
- 3 Tbsp coriander



1. In a large pot, cook the zucchini with just a little bit of olive oil at the bottom, about 2 Tbsp. When soft, remove all liquid from the zucchini.

2. Mash the zucchini with a fork with: 4 Tbsp of olive oil, crushed garlic, lemon juice, coriander, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix all ingredients together. Et voilà!

Tips: Cook the zucchini on low heat. It is also better to prepare this dish in advance so the aromas blend together to give all the flavor. It can be stored in the refrigerator for a few days. You can also sprinkle some paprika on top of the purée to decorate.

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

Gillian's professional talents and expertise, together with who she is as a person, make me very excited personally and professionally to welcome her as our new Executive Director.

I am also excited to welcome Gillian's husband Michael, and her children Joshua and Rachel, to our community.

Gillian's first day in the office will be Monday, May 14. Though she will be incredibly busy from her very first moments, I encourage everybody over the course of the Spring and Summer to take some time to introduce yourself and welcome Gillian to Ohr Shalom – by phone, email or stopping by the office. Of course, make sure to introduce yourself to Michael as well when you see him around the synagogue.

Debbie Suissa is Retiring, but Not Leaving Ohr Shalom!

Debbie has stated repeatedly that nobody is allowed to say goodbye because she is not going anywhere. She is retiring, not leaving. She promises, and we look forward to seeing Debbie at lots of programs and events here at Ohr Shalom – only know, she will look a lot more relaxed!

Even trusting that to be true, on behalf of the entire Ohr Shalom community, I want to thank Debbie for her decades of service and love to this community. Certainly, since its inception, every good thing that has happened at Ohr Shalom has Debbie's fingerprints on it. Every single good thing.

Debbie, no words can be commensurate to the gifts you have given, and as a community we will be eternally grateful.

Personally, and I want to state this publicly, sharing the leadership of Ohr Shalom with you these past fifteen years will forever be numbered among the greatest blessings of my professional life. You have taught me so much, stood with me each day, and truly been my partner. *Thank you.*



RABBINIC INTERN

Sydni Adler
Rabbinic Intern

Ohr Shalom at Kol Tefilla

Last month, four of our Ohr Shalom community members and I attended *Kol Tefilla*, a conference on synagogue prayer hosted by the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) and Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles. We sang tunes that were familiar and stepped out of our comfort zones with tunes that were new and different. We prayed in concentric circles, so those present could see each other in all of our strength and vulnerability. We experienced a playful, soul-filled Shabbat afternoon service, led by infectiously enthusiastic teenagers. After each prayer experience, we engaged in some time for reflection – What worked for us? Which melodies and techniques might we explore bringing back to Ohr Shalom and how?

Beyond discussion about each service we attended, we had ample opportunity to learn about prayer and liturgy in general. We learned about how to speak about God using language that is welcoming to all who enter our doors, and we explored forms of movement as prayer. Rabbi Elliot Dorff taught us his methodology for reading the *siddur* more intimately. When we read a prayer, he explained, we can ask who wrote the prayer, what she was going through, why she chose to address her words to God, and whether her experience and words to God have relevance to us, now. As we celebrated Rosh Chodesh Iyar together, we closed our weekend by exploring concrete methodologies for evaluating and expanding our prayer experience at Ohr Shalom. And of course, throughout the weekend, we met rabbis, cantors, and lay leaders from communities throughout the country, all passionate about their respective prayer communities and eager to share their successes and challenges.

Personally, I know that I gained incredible insight on both personal and communal prayer and liturgy from my *Kol Tefilla* experience. Beyond that, I was reminded yet again of my gratitude for being a part of the Ohr Shalom *tefilla* experience, an experience that consistently highlights community as a true home.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Jessica Lemoine
Youth Programs



Ohr Shalom and United Synagogue Youth

For monthly announcements and to sign up for activities, contact Jessica Lemoine: by text: 860-416-2473; by email: jessicasontag.lemoine@gmail.com

Kadima (with Rabbi Adler):

Sunday, May 6, 1:00pm, Kadima at JCompany, JCC (*Hairspray*)



MOVIE NIGHT



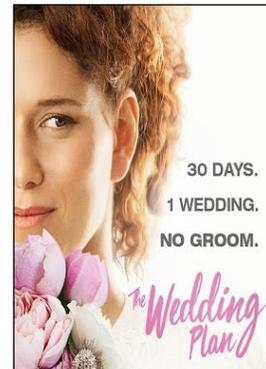
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The Wedding Plan

Sunday May 6 at 6:45pm

It's time for a story with soul, heart and messages about faith and love – a comedy that is so much more. This month we're showing an Israeli movie that won accolades at film festivals around the world and the Israeli equivalent of three Oscars – for best actress, best screenplay and best director.

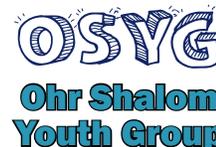
The movie is shot in and around Jerusalem, with a side trip to Ukraine to the grave of Breslov Hasidism founder Rabbi Nachman. Michal (Noa Koler) is 32, old for an Orthodox Jewish woman to still be unmarried. After over a decade of unsuccessful matches, Michal goes to a fortune teller (Odelia Moreh-Matalon) and admits she wants to love and be loved. The woman tells Michal that her dreams will come true. Not long thereafter, a match is made and marriage is in sight – just 22 days away. Then the unexpected happens – her fiancé decides to call off the wedding.



Michal decides she will still get married on the previously selected date – the second candle of Chanukah. And so, even though she has faith that God will provide, she sets her plan into action to find Mr. Right. As the day of the ceremony grows closer and no suitor appears, Michal puts everything on the line to find happiness. The night before her wedding date Michal is filled with conflicting emotions as her mother (Irit Sheleg) doubts her completely, yet her sister and friends begin to have faith. The wedding party travels to the wedding hall where the guests wait in discomfort for something to happen.

Join us to see what happens!

The movie is in Hebrew with English subtitles.



OSYG:

Saturday, May 12, 7:30pm, Teen Night at JCompany, meet at the JCC (*Hairspray*)

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Thank you for your generous donations in April

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Michael and Lina Martinico and family on the birth of their Son, **Daniel Martinico**, Grandson of **Jacobo and Cristy Veinbergs**.

Asia Goudeau and family on her Bat Mitzvah.

Mark and Elaine Smith and family on the birth of their Grandson, **Justin Oh**, Son of **Mollee and Daniel Oh**.

Condolences to:

Fredel Cohen and family on the passing of her beloved Father, **Abraham Neiman Cemaj**.



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



Our sincere appreciation and gratitude for everyone's sympathy and support, as well as for the generous donations made after the passing of our beloved daughter-in-law Rachel.

With love and thanks,
Enrique and Eva Zagursky.

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

LeAnne Adams
Ilan Awerbuch
Vanina Bunton
Hudi Eshel
Asia Goudeau
Alberto Hamui
Joe Hartman
Rebecca Iden
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Todah Rabah to Rocky Reid for his weekly Maise in the Kol.

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

Friday Oneg or Shabbat Morning Kiddush Sponsorship: \$72



Yahrzeits

Harry Forman	Remembered by Reyna Forman	1-May/Iyar 16
A.R. Hollender	Jonathan Geiger's Grandfather	1-May/Iyar 16
Majlej Kucinski	Jacques Kucinski's Father	1-May/Iyar 16
*Luis Zachs	Reina Shteremberg's Brother	1-May/Iyar 16
*Fela Groszwirt	Miguel Veinbergs' Mother, Remembered by Aida Veinbergs	3-May/Iyar 18
Cecilia Artenstein de Katz	Becky Margolis' Mother, Remembered by Sarah Artenstein	4-May/Iyar 19
*Dr. Albert Auerbach	Steven Auerbach's Father	4-May/Iyar 19
Kurt Sax	Ruth Sax's Husband	4-May/Iyar 19
Sidney Siegel	Edward Siegel's Father	4-May/Iyar 19

Yahrzeits

Yankel Stavchansky	Daniel Kucinski's Grandfather	4-May/Iyar 19
David Altalef	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein.....	5-May/Iyar 20
*Cydelle Blum	Stephen Blum's Mother	5-May/Iyar 20
*Alexander Capelluto	Stella Salzmans's Nephew.....	5-May/Iyar 20
Arthur Karns	Remembered by Marda Rose	5-May/Iyar 20
Elene Solomon	Naima Solomon's Grandmother	5-May/Iyar 20
Jose Feferman	Elena Waisbord's Father	6-May/Iyar 21
Nehemias Heyman	Stan Heyman's Father.....	6-May/Iyar 21
*Raquel Levy	Vicky Cohen's Sister.....	6-May/Iyar 21
Robert Samuel Chall	Jayson Chall's Father	7-May/Iyar 22
Alan Vann	Lewis Vann's Father	7-May/Iyar 22
Jennie Goldberg	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandmother.....	8-May/Iyar 23
Manuel Waisbord	Silvia Waisbord's Husband, Daniel Waisbord's Father.....	8-May/Iyar 23
Elizabeth Wisinski	Esther Siegel's Mother	8-May/Iyar 23
Jerry Hirsch	Remembered by Evelyn Schwimmer	9-May/Iyar 24
Joseph Razinsky	Elias Razinsky's Father, Matthew Razinsky's Grandfather.....	9-May/Iyar 24
Fay Siegel	Edward Siegel's Mother.....	9-May/Iyar 24
Isidor Spellman	Roberta Greene's Grandfather	9-May/Iyar 24
Marcia Vann	Lewis Vann's Mother.....	9-May/Iyar 24
Esther Berman Levy	Alberto Levy's Mother.....	10-May/Iyar 25
Claire Cohen	Tricia Pummil's Grandmother	11-May/Iyar 26
Jalla Zyman	Pepe Zyman's Mother	11-May/Iyar 26
Albert Goodman	Alice Broudy Cupples' Uncle	12-May/Iyar 27
*Morris Rossen	Janice Boner's Father.....	12-May/Iyar 27
Joseph Zouari	Vanina Bunton's Grandfather	12-May/Iyar 27
Jose Chayet	Zack Chayet's Brother	13-May/Iyar 28
*Sam Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Father.....	13-May/Iyar 28
Zelda Berman	Remembered by Roz Berman.....	14-May/Iyar 29
Pablo Saavedra	Sara Limenes' Husband	14-May/Iyar 29
Julio Slovatizki	Miguel Slovatizki and Rafael Slovatizki's Father	15-May/Sivan 1
Roger Van Vloten	Alex Van Frank's Father	15-May/Sivan 1
Matty Behar Cohen	Esther Modiano's Mother.....	16-May/Sivan 2
Rita Kublin	Remembered by Roz Berman.....	16-May/Sivan 2
Helmut May	Miriam Burakoff's Father.....	16-May/Sivan 2
Richard Schriger	Geoffrey Sternlieb's Father.....	16-May/Sivan 2
*Hal Wingard	Eileen Wingard's Husband	16-May/Sivan 2
Dawn Escoffery	Yvonne Scarlett's Aunt.....	17-May/Sivan 3
Jennie Kohen	Marda Rose's Grandmother	17-May/Sivan 3
Ofelia Palmer	Sara Zands' Mother	18-May/Sivan 4
Boleslaw Ratniewski	Alfredo Ratniewski's Father.....	18-May/Sivan 4
*Corinne Bunton	Vanina Bunton's Sister.....	19-May/Sivan 5
Eve Parker	Pamela Auerbach's Mother	19-May/Sivan 5
Bella Schwimmer	Remembered by Evelyn Schwimmer	19-May/Sivan 5
Rose Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Grandmother	20-May/Sivan 6
Szymon Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Father	20-May/Sivan 6
Carole Eisenberg	Brad Eisenberg's Mother	20-May/Sivan 6
Hermosa Farka	Fortune Milstein's Sister	22-May/Sivan 8
Gloria Girdali	Bethann Girdali's Mother	22-May/Sivan 8
Gary Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Uncle.....	22-May/Sivan 8
Lois Roberts	Bill Morris' Sister.....	22-May/Sivan 8
Jakov Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Great Grandfather	23-May/Sivan 9
Lilian Shertov	Michal Hamui's Mother	23-May/Sivan 9
Steve Conway	Remembered by Roberta Shoman.....	24-May/Sivan 10
Adela Sack Rener	Fay Rozen's Mother	24-May/Sivan 10
Salomon Gurvich	Remembered by the Veinbergs Family	27-May/Sivan 13
*Joseph Wright	Donald Wright's Father.....	27-May/Sivan 13
Joseph Bernstein	Steven Bernstein's Father	28-May/Sivan 14
Irene Turner	Remembered by Roz Berman.....	28-May/Sivan 14
Lillian Zeidler	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt.....	28-May/Sivan 14
Vidal Bemerguy	Nora Taratuta's Father.....	29-May/Sivan 15
Bess Maxwell	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandmother	29-May/Sivan 15
*Frida Modiano	Mario Modiano's Mother.....	30-May/Sivan 16
Rebeca Nortén	Sara Limenes' Sister	30-May/Sivan 16
Menachem Conorte Maya	Emma Bielaz's Father, Wolf Bielaz, Mina Cohen and Simon Bielaz's Grandfather.....	31-May/Sivan 17

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Iyar/Sivan 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Friday, May 18, 6:15pm						Saturday, May 19, 8:00pm
<p>We will say "Thank you and Goodbye" to Ellen, who is retiring from the Religious School</p>		<p><i>Shabbat Kehillatit</i> With Religious School Graduation and Teacher Appreciation</p>			<p>We will honor, thank, celebrate and definitely not say "Goodbye" to Debbie</p>	
<p>EREV SHAVUOT / TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT</p> 						
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT Saturday May 12 9:30am		1 16 Iyar Omer Day 31 Minyan 6:15pm	2 17 Iyar Omer Day 32 Minyan 6:15pm	3 18 Iyar Omer Day 33 Lag BaOmer Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	4 19 Nisan Omer Day 34 Learning to Leyn 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Tots in PJs Shabbat 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm 7:15pm	5 20 Nisan Parshat Emor Omer Day 35 Shabbat Service 9:30am Jr Congregation 11:00am Lunch & Learn 12:45pm 8:15pm
6 21 Iyar Omer Day 36 Religious School 9:30am Kadima at Hairspray 1:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm	7 22 Iyar Omer Day 37 Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	8 23 Iyar Omer Day 38 Adult Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	9 24 Iyar Omer Day 39 Minyan 6:15pm Board Meeting 7:00pm	10 25 Iyar Omer Day 40 Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	11 26 Iyar Omer Day 41 Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Choir 6:15pm 7:21pm	12 27 Iyar Parshat Behar-Bechukotai Omer Day 42 Sisterhood Shabbat Service 9:30am OSYG Hairspray Teen Night 7:30pm 8:20pm
13 28 Iyar Omer Day 43 Yom Yerushalayim Mother's Day Minyan 6:15pm	14 29 Iyar Omer Day 44 Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	15 1 Sivan Omer Day 45 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Adult Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	16 2 Sivan Omer Day 46 Minyan 6:15pm	17 3 Sivan Omer Day 47 Last Day Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	18 4 Sivan Omer Day 48 Learning to Leyn 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat Kehillatit with Religious School Graduation & Teacher Appreciation 6:15pm Community Dinner 7:15pm 7:26pm	19 5 Sivan Parshat Bamidbar Omer Day 49 Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 10:00am Erev Shavuot/Tikkun Leyl Shavuot 8:00pm 8:26pm
20 6 Sivan Shavuot I Shavuot Service 9:30am	21 7 Sivan Shavuot II Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor 9:30am 8:27pm	22 8 Sivan Adult Ed: Talmud 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	23 9 Sivan Minyan 6:15pm Men's Club Poker 7:00pm	24 10 Sivan Minyan 6:15pm	25 11 Sivan Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 7:30pm	26 12 Sivan Parshat Nasso Shabbat Service 9:30am 8:30pm
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