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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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**KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE**  
**SHIRU SHABBAT WITH RABBI ADLER AND LEANNE ADAMS**  
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## Don't Miss The Parties

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

*"And you shall rejoice in your festival ... and be completely happy." (DEUTERONOMY 16:14-15)*

*"This is the day the LORD has made, rejoice and be happy in it." (PSALMS 118:24)*

I am writing this thirty-five thousand feet in the air, flying over Arizona. We are on our way to my cousin's son's Bar Mitzvah in Detroit. The hum of the plane's engine is lulling me into a very restful, meditative space.

The first two sessions of the Wednesday morning class on "Judaism and Aging" have been wonderful. A very deep, sincere "Thank You" to everybody who has attended, and contributed their voice, experience and wisdom to the class. I am very much looking forward to the remaining sessions.

One comment from the second class has been reverberating in my head. One of the participants shared that a motivating principle in her life is to not miss the parties or the celebrations.

It is a life-hack that I share. Generally, we are very good at being present for the crises and sad days. We don't miss the

funerals, the loved ones' surgeries and so forth. This really matters.

Somehow it seems much easier to make excuses and miss the simchas — travel is so challenging ... time away from work is so difficult ... it is so expensive ....

There is something wrong about the logic by which we manage to be present in sadness, but not in joy. We just finished the holiday of Sukkot, during which we are commanded, in the Torah, to rejoice. Rejoicing is a sacred obligation. Life is a gift filled with blessings that are worthy of celebration. Showing up for the festivities matters.

The families who have celebrated Bnai Mitzvah at Ohr Shalom over the past fifteen years have heard my sermon about "the party really matters!" Contrary to the complaint that is sometimes heard about Bnai Mitzvah — "Oy, it was all about the party," I encourage families to think very seriously about the right way to celebrate this important milestone.

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**Pre-Chanukah  
Arts &  
Crafts Fair**

**Sunday, November 18  
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**Saturday,  
November 17, 9:30am**

**Rocky Shabbat**  
Honoring Rocky Reid



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**Shiru  
Shabbat**

With Rabbi Adler and  
LeAnne Adams

**Friday,  
November 30  
7:15pm**



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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Lynn Mendelsohn**  
President

### Undecided Voter

Tuesday November 6th is mid-term Election Day. If, in these polarized times, you are a committed Republican or Democrat, choices among candidates probably won't be too hard to make, except where the race is nonpartisan. But sorting out the 11 California State propositions, and the additional 13 measures on the San Diego City and County ballot (or other propositions for those who live in incorporated cities in the County), will be another story! When it comes to ballot propositions, I have to admit, I am an Undecided Voter.



Most ballot initiatives address topics about which I have no ready opinion. Should state bonds be issued to build children's hospitals? Should we limit the profitability of kidney dialysis centers? Should we impose term limits on School Board members? And how about those two competing proposals for developing the Qualcomm Stadium site? I am particularly wary of those initiatives that have made their way to the ballot via petition signatures. Every time I read one of these propositions, I wonder what interest group got it on there, and who stands to gain from its passage.

How did California get itself into the proposition business? I turns out that the statewide "voter initiative" process in California is 107 years old, having been added to the state's constitution, via special election, on October 10, 1911. In 1914, the initiative process passed a construction bond that developed the UC campus at Berkeley. Over the years, both liberal and conservative interests have achieved victories through ballot propositions. In 1964, voters repealed the state's Fair Housing Law and also, in deference to Hollywood, banned cable TV.

By far the most famous of California's ballot initiatives was "Prop 13." Receiving a victorious 2/3 of the vote in June 1978, it cut property taxes in half statewide, alleviating a tax burden caused by escalating home values. We can thank Prop 13 for the current plethora of ballot propositions. Its

passage, by such a large margin, alerted every sort of special interest group that the voters might back legislation where elected officials could not, or would not, act. Even governors have sent initiatives directly to the people. Jerry Brown's "Prop 30" was a tax initiative designed to help balance the state budget after the Legislature failed to pass a tax law in 2012. The proposition, which was approved by a 56% to 44% margin, combined a 3-year sales tax increase with a 7-year tax on very large incomes.

The success of the ballot initiative process has created a new industry: Petition Circulation. Currently, qualifying a proposition for the California ballot requires a \$2,000 fee, plus the signatures of 365,880 registered voters. Campaigns must collect well in excess of that number to withstand signature validity and duplication inspections. As most grass-roots citizen groups do not have the person-power to solicit so many signatures, hired petition circulation companies do it for them. The largest of these is PCI Consultants Inc., Calabasas. PCI's President, Angelo Paparella, told the *LA Times* in 2016 that, for most petition drives, his company, in turn, subcontracts signature-gathering to local petition coordinator firms that recruit, train and manage teams of signature gatherers. According to the *Times*, in 2016 each gatherer was paid, on average, \$4 per signature.

Sorting through this year's ballot propositions is an onerous—but necessary – task. Someone invested huge effort and money into bringing his or her favorite project, or pet peeve, before the voters, and, as is clear from the media, that person or organization also has sunk cash deep into advertising. Responsible voting obligates us to overcome indecision, ignore hyperbole, and figure out the ballot initiatives. One helpful resource is the *California General Election booklet* distributed by the Secretary of State. Another is the web site of the League of Women Voters. Of course, you also could ask an expert. On Sunday, October 14th, we at Ohr Shalom delved into the 2018 propositions with our own Jason Berkovitch. There is nothing like knowing someone who knows the score!



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# OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

## KABALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 2 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi")  
 Friday, November 9 - 6:15pm (Kehillatit)  
 Friday, November 16 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
 Friday, November 23 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
 Friday, November 30 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shiru Shabbat)

### TOTS IN PJS

KABALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

**Fridays, November 2 and 30, 6:00pm**



Bring your infants & toddlers in their PJs to welcome Shabbat in song.



### KABALAT SHABBAT SERVICE "ASK THE RABBI"

**Friday, November 2, 7:15pm**

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



### Jr. Congregation

**Saturday, November 3, 11:00am**

An interactive, hands-on service for pre-B'nai Mitzvah kids (5-12). We'll sing, discuss, laugh, and find ways to make the Shabbat morning service accessible and enjoyable for each one of us.

## Shabbat Kehillatit

**Friday, November 9**

Family-friendly service: 6:15pm  
 Community Dinner: 7:15pm  
*Please RSVP for dinner by November 5*



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

### SHABBAT MORNING LEARNER'S SHACHARIT

**Saturday November 10, 9:30am**

A new shabbat morning experience. Become better acquainted with the morning service, its contents, organization, choreography and meaning. Discuss and practice modalities of Jewish spirituality as related to praying within the community.



## Rocky Shabbat



Ohr Shalom cannot let Rocky leave his post without properly recognizing him for his wisdom, wit, and dedication to the congregation. Thus, Shabbat services on Saturday, November 17th, *Parshat Vayetzei*, will have a distinctively Rocky flavor. He will be honored during the Torah reading and will deliver the *drasha*. Ohr Shalom's Board of Directors will sponsor a celebratory kiddush lunch in Rocky's honor, and Rabbi Meltzer's Lunch and Learn study session, following lunch, will address a topic of his choosing.

### COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 17

## Tot Shabbat

**Saturday, November 17**  
**10:00am to 11:30am**

Tots, parents and grandparents celebrating Shabbat morning together. (Newborns to 5-year-olds)



## Shiru Shabbat

*With Rabbi Adler and LeAnne Adams*



**Friday, November 30 7:15pm**

## PARSHIYOT AND CANDLELIGHTING

**November 2018**

### PARSHAT CHAYEI SARA

Fri. November 2 | 24 Cheshvan 5:38pm  
 Sat: November 3 | 25 Cheshvan  
 Torah: Genesis 23:1 - 25:18  
 Haft: I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

### PARSHAT TOLDOT

Fri. November 9 | 1 Kislev 4:32pm  
 Sat: November 10 | 2 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9  
 Haft: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

### PARSHAT VAYETZEI

Fri. November 16 | 8 Kislev 4:28pm  
 Sat: November 17 | 9 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3  
 Haft: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

### PARSHAT VAYISHLACH

Fri. November 23 | 15 Kislev 4:25pm  
 Sat: November 24 | 16 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 32:4 - 36:43  
 Haft: Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

### PARSHAT VAYESHEV

Fri. November 30 | 22 Kislev 4:25pm  
 Sat: December 1 | 23 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23  
 Haft: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

## Ohr Shalom's Choir!

**Come join us on Mondays at 6:30pm**

**November 5**  
**November 12**  
**November 26**



### Shabbat Morning Babysitting

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



## RITUAL COMMITTEE

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### You're Missing Something Special If.....

by **Morris Lazard**



I hope that was enough to get your attention. To put it plainly, *you're missing something special* if you are not attending any of the many different prayer services at Ohr Shalom. For this month's Davar column, I'd like to share with you my personal journey at Ohr Shalom.

After my Mother, Lea Lazard (of blessed memory) passed, I began to attend the Ohr Shalom Daily Minyan. I was not a regular daily minyan attendee prior to my mother's passing and I did not expect that I would observe the full year-long ritual of saying Mourner's Kaddish. I planned to attend minyan for the first thirty days – the *shloshim* period – and then transition from saying Kaddish daily to saying it when attending an occasional Shabbat service or when a holiday came around. However, I was surprised to find that I really enjoyed my experience at minyan and decided to go regularly for the remainder of that year. In fact, I continue to attend regularly to this day.

In preparing for this article, I found myself asking, "What do I find so rewarding about the daily minyan that would inspire me to attend with such regularity?" My usual weekday consists of going to work from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. I have a somewhat stressful job working for the County of San Diego, evaluating residents of the County who are applying for Public Welfare Services. This involves handling the many issues and complaints that arise from that type of work. On my best day, after work I drive over to Ohr Shalom, put on my walking shoes, take a brisk walk and then attend minyan. On most days I don't have enough time to include a walk. For quite some time I believed that it was the exercise that helped create a break from the work day to the rest of the evening and caused me to be more relaxed when I arrived home to Elizabeth. I realize now that it is not only my walk that gives me peace of mind (although it does, and I don't want to discount its positive effects), it is the impact minyan has on me that I find intriguing. Every time I attend a minyan at Ohr Shalom, I leave feeling better than when I arrived. And who wouldn't? When I arrive at minyan I'm greeted with smiles and cheerful greetings. In most cases I'm treated to a hug, a kiss or at a minimum a warm handshake. Often it's all three! Then as more people arrive, this ritual is repeated over and over until we have enough people to begin prayers together. Then, as a group of between 10 and 20 people we share a unique intimacy.

I view prayer as a communication to a power greater than myself. It is humbling and at the same time comforting to sense that kind of special connection. That is a very personal "communication." I am hard pressed to think of a more personal time than the time one spends "praying." And yet, I am unusually comfortable sharing that time with these other minyan attendees. It does not matter if I know them well or if it's their first time in our Beit Midrash. That is the amazing part of all of this. We share a common thread that allows us to be comfortable with each other in a moment of extreme intimate conversation.

*It's a gift like no other.*

This is the poem that Rabbi Meltzer taught and Jennifer Meltzer sang during the High Holy Days.

### Poems/Songs of the End of the Path

by Leah Goldberg

*The path is so lovely – said the boy.  
The path is so hard – said the lad.  
The path is so long – said the man.  
The grandfather sat on the side of the path to rest.  
Sunset paints his grey head gold and red,  
the grass glows at his feet in the evening dew,  
above him the day's last bird sings  
—Will you remember how lovely, how hard, how  
long was the path?*

*You said: Day chases day and night – night.  
In your heart you said: Now the time has come.  
You see evenings and mornings visit your window,  
and you say: There is nothing new under the sun.  
Now you are aged, become old and whitened,  
your days numbered and the preciousness of their  
number has increased sevenfold,  
and you know: Every day is the last under the sun,  
and you know: Every day is new under the sun.*

*Teach me, my God, to bless and to pray  
over the withered leaf's secret, the ripe fruits' grace,  
over this freedom: to see, to feel, to breath,  
to know, to hope, to fail.*

*Teach my lips blessing and song of praise  
when your days are renewed morning and night,  
lest my day be today like all the yesterdays,  
lest my day be for me an  
unthinking haze.*



### RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

Did you ever hear anybody say about a wedding: "Oy, it was all about the party"? Of course not, and weddings are 30-minute ceremonies and hours worth of party. At a Bat/Bar Mitzvah the service is hours long, and the thirteen year old has been working incredibly hard to prepare for a number of years — learning Hebrew, prayers, Torah and Haftarah chanting, studying the parashah, and more.

Parties matter. They don't have to be expensive. They should reflect the event being celebrated and the people doing the celebrating.

And you should be there. If you are invited to a simchah — attend. Attend joyfully. Make it a priority to show up, to be present in order to share in, and contribute to, the joyful event.

It is true every day, but it is especially true at a simchah: "This is the day the LORD has made rejoice and be happy in it." And if you get the opportunity to attend a festive occasion ... I hope I get to see you there!

(Let me use this opportunity to ask you to save the date: Our daughter Maital's Bat Mitzvah will be this coming year March 9, 2019, and you are invited!)

# Kol Nidre Appeal 5779

*Todah Rabah for your Kol Nidre pledges! Thanks to our Guarantors!  
With considerable gratitude and joy, Ohr Shalom has listed the names of the couples and individuals who submitted Kol Nidre pledges at Yom Kippur. Thank you!*

*Among those listed are our new "Guarantors." Members of that donor category already have received letters in the mail, expressing Ohr Shalom's gratitude for their generosity, and naming the benefits they will receive. The names of the Guarantors are to be placed on leaves in the Guarantor Section of the Tree of Life in the Lobby, and each is entitled to select an Ohr Shalom on the Town event to attend, compliments of the synagogue.*

*Persons interested in becoming Guarantors should contact the synagogue office. To do so, a family or an individual member must commit to a donation that will move them up "one notch" on the Kol Nidre pledge card, adding \$216 to the amount they pledged last year. The Guarantor agrees to remain at that pledge level for three years.*

*Please watch the December Davar for further information regarding the Guarantors.*



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*We apologize for any omissions.*

# Todah Rabah *to all our volunteers who helped make this year's High Holy Days special:*

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*A heartfelt thank you to  
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 JFS Hand Up Food Pantry.*



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Jessica Lemoine  
Youth Programs



## KADIMA/JR. USY AND

## OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE YOUTH (OSYG)

Welcomes all 4th-7th grade students (Kadima/Jr. USY) and 8th-12th grade students (OSYG) to monthly events and activities.

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

### Ohr Shalom Kadima/Jr. USY Events – Grades 4-7 (Rabbi Sydni Adler)

**Sunday, November 4, 1:00pm** – *Hunchback of Notre Dame* at the JCC. Carpool from Ohr Shalom Hebrew School. **\$20**



**Sunday, November 18, 2:00pm** – Laser Tag, 3146 Sports Arena Blvd. **\$25**



### OSYG Events – Grades 8-12 (Jessica Lemoine)

**Saturday, October 27, 7:30pm** – Teen Night at *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Meet at the JCC. **\$20**



**Saturday, November 10, 6:45pm** – FIDF - Celebrating Israel's Heroes (11th, 12 grades and college teens). At Hilton Bayfront (see event info on page 11 of the Davar). **\$54** (scholarships available)



**Saturday, November 24, 7:30pm** – Dave and Busters Game Night. 2931 Camino Del Rio N, Mission Valley. **\$35**



**Saturday, December 8, 7:30pm** – Teen Chanukah Party at the Lemoines. **Free.**



## KIDS IN COLLEGE?



We want to be in contact with your kids in college.

Let us send them a Chanukah gift, hamantaschen and other tchotchkes during the year.



Please send us their email address and physical address.  
Send to [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)



## Shiru Shabbat

Friday  
November 30  
7:15pm

With Rabbi Adler and  
LeAnne Adams



Join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and reflection! We'll journey through our traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service, while singing some new melodies and sharing stories and poems that bring us into the reflective spirit of Shabbat. Seated in a circle, this service will emphasize our mutual participation in the celebration of another week of Creation. Please let Rabbi Adler ([rabbiaadler@ohrshalom.org](mailto:rabbiaadler@ohrshalom.org)) know if you'd like to learn some of our tunes beforehand or if you'd like to share any poetry or narrative with us to emphasize the spirit of our Shabbat prayer.



## MOVIE NIGHT



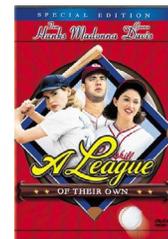
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### Sunday Night, November 18 at 6:45 p.m.

It's approaching holiday time. Time for a movie that gives us something to think about and something to laugh with. Time for a movie about baseball as you've possibly never seen baseball before. Readings with the Rabbi book group just finished reading a book by Rabbi Herbert J. Cohen titled "Kosher Movies: A Film Critic Discovers Life Lessons at the Cinema." One of the movies he describes and deems "kosher" is our November movie selection. Join us as we show:

## A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

Rabbi Cohen, an Orthodox Rabbi, takes the position that one can partake of the secular world and world of Torah at the same time. He also believes one can do this at the movies. In his book he describes scores of movies that teach important Torah lessons even though one might not think of the movies he describes as being "Jewish." *A League of Their Own*, is one of them. Come see if you agree. Even if you don't, you'll laugh, you'll cheer, and you'll be rewarded by seeing an excellent movie that has stood the test of time (the movie was made in 1992).



The movie, among other familiar faces, stars Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna, Rosie O'Donnell, Jon Lovitz, Garry Marshall, and Bill Pulman.

The movie is based on Chicago Cubs owner and chewing gum magnate P.K. Wrigley's desire to keep baseball alive in 1943 and beyond. He was worried that major league baseball might have to shut down because a large number of major leaguers were fighting in WW II. To keep baseball alive, Wrigley started the All American Girls Professional Baseball League. *A League of their Own* tells part of their story. The League lasted until 1954 and some say, "the adventurous women who [played] confounded the era's stereotypes by playing ball with as much spirit and skill as the men." Come see their story and learn a few things about baseball and Torah you may not have known before.

The movie is appropriate for teens.



## ADULT EDUCATION

**Lita Kleger**  
Adult Education Chair

### CLASSES WITH *with Rabbi Meltzer*



**TALMUD: Tuesdays at 4:30pm**

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.

### REFLECTIONS ON THIS MOMENT IN MY LIFE: JUDAISM & AGING

*with Rabbi Meltzer*

**What Do I Want to Do When I Grow Old?**

Wednesday, November 7, 10:00am-11:30am

**Where Will I Go From Here?**

Wednesday, November 14, 10:00am-11:30am



### LUNCH & LEARN

**Saturday, November 3 and 17, 12:45pm**

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch

### *Sunday Morning* TALK SHOWS

**December 16 at 10:00am New Speaker: TBA**

*Postponed until a later date*

**RIGHTEOUS AMONG NATIONS**

**Speaker: Mike Shaw**

### SAVE THE DATE

**Annual Tu B'Shvat Festival**

Leichtag Foundation's  
Coastal Roots Farm, Encinitas

**January 20, 2019**

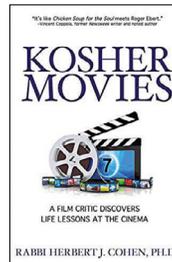
### READINGS WITH THE RABBI

**Sunday, November 11, at 10:30am**

***Kosher Movies: A Film Critic Discovers Life Lessons at the Cinema***

*by Rabbi Herbert J. Cohen*

Film critic, author and Orthodox Rabbi Herbert J. Cohen believes movies offer a unique insight into the human condition. From "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" to "Mrs. Doubtfire" to the Batman trilogy, Rabbi Cohen finds lessons in all of them. He combines his educational insights and personal warmth and knowledge of Jewish values with an obvious affection for great Hollywood films. Rabbi Cohen started a blog called Kosher Movies a few years ago and now has close to 300 reviews there. In his book, Cohen presents films as tools for self-discovery and for navigating the challenges of life. What do romantic comedies really say about love? What can Tom Hanks and "Castaway" teach us about the value of time? What parenting lessons can we learn from "Dead Poets Society"? Exploring 120 stand-out movies from the past 30 years, Cohen shares inspiring personal anecdotes about self-growth, relationships, parenting, aging, dealing with adversity, and more.

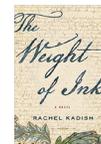


### UPCOMING READINGS WITH THE RABBI

**Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 10:30am**

***The Weight of Ink***

*by Rachel Kadish*



**OHR SHALOM WELLNESS PROGRAM**

**Yoga! Meditation! Nutrition! No fee!\***

**Sundays, November 11 and 25 from 3:00 to 5:00pm**

**November 11 and 25**

**December 9 and 23**

*Dates of Spring 2019 classes will be announced soon*

**Registration required, please contact the  
Ohr Shalom Synagogue office  
619-231-1456 or [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org) or  
Alex Van Frank at [alex@alexvyogi.com](mailto:alex@alexvyogi.com)**

*\*Limited to 15 participants.  
Special Restrictions Apply.*

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Pre-Chanukah



# Arts & Crafts Fair



Sunday, November 18, 10:00am to 1:30pm

Featuring jewelry, textiles, paintings and pottery to appreciate and/or to purchase – unique items that will surprise and delight folks of all ages.

Also art talks, demonstrations and food!

Ohr Shalom will be abuzz. Artisans will discuss their crafts – and demonstrate how they do it! There will be a latke making opportunity, donuts, and other culinary surprises.

Whether you are hoping to score some unique gifts for Chanukah or you would like just to browse and enjoy the camaraderie, this event is sure to please.



## Sisterhood Gift Shop



Visit the Ohr Shalom Sisterhood's booth at the Fair to purchase Gift Shop Chanukah things – dreidels, candles, gift wraps and other items to ensure a fabulous holiday!

We will continue to accept requests for artisans to participate through November 9. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged! Please contact Lita Kleger at [lita.kleger@gmail.com](mailto:lita.kleger@gmail.com).

## Ohr Shalom ON THE TOWN Fall 2018



San Diego Symphony, **Bernstein and His World**, part of this year's international Bernstein@100 celebration. Featuring American-Israeli pianist **Orli Shaham** in a performance of Bernstein's *2nd Symphony*, the concert also includes Aaron Copeland's *Appalachian Spring*. **Saturday, November 17, 8:00pm**. Tickets cost \$33 each.



San Diego Symphony, **Vivaldi and Bach with Avi Avital**. Renowned Israeli mandolin artist Avital plays Bach concertos as you never have heard them before. The program also includes works by Vivaldi and Stravinsky. **Saturday, December 8, 8:00pm**. Tickets cost \$33 each.

Deadline to order tickets: Bernstein concert: **Tuesday, November 6th** for the Avital concert, **Tuesday, November 27th**

Contact Lynn Mendelsohn, **via email or text**, at [mendasst@n2.net](mailto:mendasst@n2.net) or at 619-980-1801. Please write checks for tickets to Lynn Mendelsohn and mail them to her at: 4057 First Avenue, Unit 112, San Diego, CA 92103.

## Ohr Shalom Keychains/Tallis Bag Tags are here!



Thank you to **Jaysun Chall** and his company, **Most Amazing**, for donating these beautiful wooden keychains/tags. You can use them as a keychain or write your name on the back and attach it to the zipper of your tallis bag for identification. **We have one FREE per family**. Please stop by the Ohr Shalom office and pick up your free keychain/tag.

*If you would like more, they will be available for \$5 each*



## SISTERHOOD

**Susanne Lisker**  
Past President

We all have heard about the famous Yiddish writers Israel Joshua Singer and Nobel laureate brother Isaac Bashevis Singer. Sadly, few of us have heard about their sister Esther, who was never as recognized as her famous brothers. Intellectually capable, her literary aspirations were frustrated by the limitations imposed on women by the Hasidic world she lived in.



Esther Singer

Esther was born on March 3, 1891 in Bilgora, Poland to Pinchos Menachem Singer and Batsheva Zylberman. Hers was a very unhappy childhood with a mother who barely saw her once a week and a father banning her from being able to study so she would take care of her younger brothers. In doing so, however, she was able to see how they were studying and took every opportunity to learn from them.

In 1912, she was married to Morris Kreitman, a diamond cutter who lived in Antwerp, where her son was born. By that time she had already written an impressive collection of short stories, being the first to begin a literary career among her siblings. On the train to Antwerp, where she would be married, however, she threw out the notebooks with her literary work after her mother suggested that Yiddish writing might be wrongly identified as "socialist revolutionary writings" by the czarist train officials.

At the beginning of the First World War, the Kreitmans fled to London, but Morris was conscripted by the czar's army and deported from England. For most of her life, Esther lived in London, except for two long periods of time during which she went to Warsaw intending to become independent and support herself as a writer. She always went back to London.

While in Warsaw, Esther supported herself by translating works by Dickens and Shaw into Yiddish. She also wrote short stories that were published in Yiddish dailies and literary journals around the world.

In 1936, she published her first novel *Der Sheydim Tantz (The Devil's Dance)* to favorable reviews, albeit no literary critic gave her the proper recognition as the first Yiddish novel written by a woman "in support of the *Haskalah* (Jewish Enlightenment)." In 1946, her son translated the novel into English and published it. In 1983, Virago Press, a feminist press, republished the novel as *Deborah*.

Her second novel *Brilyantn* (Diamonds) and a collection of short stories *Yikhes* (Status) received good reviews in the Yiddish Press.

Esther and her brothers were not close in spite of their literary interests. Both were being published by the Yiddish daily *Forward*, but Israel Joshua never spoke to her and in 1947, when she tried to immigrate to the United States, Isaac Bashevis didn't help her, although he used her personal life as a model for his book *Yentl*.

Being diagnosed with several mental problems, particularly paranoia, Esther died in London on June 13, 1954. She clearly deserved better but sadly became a victim of a world where only men could truly thrive.

I still think she deserves our admiration for not giving up on her aspirations.



## SISTERHOOD CORNER

**Marda Rose**  
Sisterhood President

October was a busy month! Thanks to everyone that made all of our activities possible. We enjoyed talking with several of you at the Sisterhood Table at Shabbat Sukkot Kehillatit, at the brunch for new members, at the gift shop during movie night, and for our first ever Happy Hour at the synagogue before minyan. We will be planning more events in the coming months. Stay tuned!

### Sisterhood Table

Our next Sisterhood Table will be during the kehillatit dinner on **Friday, November 9**.

Join us at the table to enjoy dinner and conversation. We will have a Sisterhood table reserved for dinner following the service. Seating at the table is limited to women only so that we can bond with other Sisterhood members. Please RSVP to the office and mention that you would like to be seated at the Sisterhood table.

### Sisterhood Happy Hour

**Tuesday, November 13, 5:30-7:30pm**



STONE  
BREWING CO.

**Stone Brewery at Liberty Station**  
**2816 Historic Decatur Rd**

Please join us for a Happy Hour at Stone Brewery. Feel free to come at any time. RSVP to [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org) to let us know if you are coming, and we will save a place for you.

### Gift Shop News

Sisterhood will have gift shop items available at the Arts & Crafts Fair on **Sunday, November 18**. We are also working on a plan to make the gift shop more available.

### Sisterhood Gift Shop

**Looking for Sisterhood Member Volunteers** to help with opening the gift shop. If you are interested please contact [giftshop@ohrshalom.org](mailto:giftshop@ohrshalom.org).

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

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

Visit our virtual shop at [ohrshalom.org/sisterhood](http://ohrshalom.org/sisterhood).  
Special Requests? Email us.





**Susie Meltzer**  
Israel Desk

## United Hatzalah – Saving Time, Saving Lives

I recently saw a captivating PBS documentary detailing a group of orthodox women in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York who started, organized and delivered their own emergency medical services (EMS) – Ezras Nashim. Living in San Diego I don't think about these vital services in a religious fashion. That same week I received an email from our president Lynn Mendelshon telling about her niece in Israel Liora Mendelsohn-Tannenbaum's involvement with the EMS group there called United Hatzalah.

This extraordinary team was founded in 2006, and has grown to become the largest independent, non-profit, nationally recognized and all-volunteer EMS organization in Israel. Their services are free and available to all people regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Responding to over 900 emergency calls a day, United Hatzalah has a first-responders team of 5,000 volunteer civilian medics, paramedics, and doctors that have successfully combined a GPS dispatch system with their own innovative transportation solutions and are providing lifesaving aid faster than any other EMS organization in the world. United Hatzalah saves thousands of lives each year across Israel with their ability to administer medical treatment in an average response time of three minutes or less.



Ambucycle

United Hatzalah gets first responders to the scene of an emergency three times faster than an ambulance. Their volunteers, spotted at every medical emergency, have been dubbed "Angels in Orange" after their trademark orange vests. *How do they do it?* The answer is that they have designed a medically equipped motorcycle ambulance, the "ambucycle." It is United Hatzalah's greatest contribution

to emergency first response. These vehicles, equipped just like an ambulance, can avoid traffic jams or road closures and navigate where cars cannot and have become a critical part of their success.

That's not all. Their innovations for helping those in need go even further. Many places in Israel outside urban areas are difficult to reach in an emergency, including desert and mountainous areas. United Hatzalah has "ambutractors" around Israel used for rescue operations requiring a 4-wheel drive vehicle. They also have a fleet of rescue boats with trained personnel stationed on the Kinneret, a lake known to have dangerous eruptions of tidal waves. Furthermore, in the fleet there is an "ambuboot" and two jet skis in Tiberias where volunteer rescue divers are prepared to save lives.

There is another critical arm of United Hatzalah, the Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit. Their team addresses the emotional needs of family members, witnesses and bystanders during and after traumatic situations. The



Members of United Hatzalah's Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit gather in Jerusalem. (photo credit: UNITED HATZALAH)

volunteers in this unit provide emotional support for any civilian who needs it across the country as well as for United Hatzalah medics after being exposed to traumatic calls. The unit trains mental health professionals who volunteer when called upon alongside United Hatzalah medics in the field.

The extraordinary team of United Hatzalah is demonstrating Tikkun Olam every time they respond to an emergency. They now have set a new goal to grow to 6,000 volunteer medics in Israel by 2020 and further reduce the average response time to just 90 seconds nationwide. They are funded exclusively through private charitable support. Here is their website: <https://israelrescue.org>.



### Men's Club Poker Game

Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00pm  
Contact Joe Hartman: (619) 851-2303.



### OHR SHALOM TREE OF LIFE



Celebrate a special moment in your life!  
Leaves are available for purchase.  
Call the office for more information.  
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## SOCIAL ACTION

Rachel Millstone  
Social Action Chair



### Pray with your hands and your feet!

*in a world  
where you can  
be anything,  
BE KIND.*

It's catchy. It's cute. It's true. "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." But let's be honest. It's really not enough.

The world is fraught with political angst and division. I feel it. You feel it. We need **to act**. We are partners with our Creator in **tikkun olam**,

repairing the brokenness of the world.

Abraham Joshua Heschel once wrote that "when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain... its message becomes meaningless." He also taught that our goal should be to live "in radical amazement" – that we should get up each morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted, where everything is phenomenal, and where "to be spiritual is **to be amazed**."

I like to think we can apply this "sense of amazement" to the many causes around us. I am truly humbled and amazed at the many opportunities there are all around us that call for **our attention, our care, our energies, our resources**. You are too. I know you are.

Many different events will fall very close to one another very soon – opportunities to "pray with your feet and with your hands." Please select one or two of our events. Make it a point to act out your Judaism. Join us in "being amazed" at the power we can have to do good in this world. Participate in the mitzvah of **tikkun olam**. I look forward to praying with you – not just with our words in synagogue, but with our hands and with our feet in action.

### Planning Committee *Thank You*

A huge thank you to the planning committee who helped envision new ideas, projects, and organizations with which to partner for the coming year.



Left to right: Miriam Bergman, Ellen Haber, Rachel Millstone, Ruth Levy, Miriam Plotkin, Jane Zeer (and not pictured, Amy Kahan)

## VOLUNTEER FOR OUR DINNER FOR THE SAFE PARKING PROGRAM AT JFS

**Tuesday, December 11, 5:30-8:00pm**

Volunteers will bring a hot, home-cooked meal for the clients – adults and children – who sleep in their cars at the parking site at Jewish Family Service on Balboa Ave. In addition to the dinner, the evening is an important opportunity for them to socialize with each other and with us.

We will all work from the same basic menu. Even if you are not a cook, there are ways to participate, since some items are purchased. We will need 12 volunteers to provide food for and serve about 60–70 people. If you would like to sign up for the December 11 dinner or would like to be on the email list for future dinners, we want to hear from you.



To volunteer to cook, purchase items, and/or serve for the December 11 dinner, or if you have any questions about the program, please contact dinner coordinators Jane Zeer, [janezeer@cox.net](mailto:janezeer@cox.net). The menu, meeting time and location, and other information will be sent to those who sign up to help.

The Safe Parking Program serves unsheltered families and individuals living in their cars – most of whom have recently found themselves homeless for the first time. A vehicle is often a critical asset, allowing individuals and families access to resources, ability to look for employment (or get to and from a job), and/or to get to and from school. The Safe Parking Program provides more than a dependable place to park at night. It also provides supportive services to help individuals and families stabilize and transition back into permanent housing.



High Holy Days Food Drive donations ready to be delivered to HandUp Food Pantry at JFS. This year Ohr Shalom congregants donated **1732 pounds** of food!

**2018 San Diego Run/Walk for the Hungry**

Thanksgiving Morning on Thursday, November 22

Downtown San Diego - Broadway Circle Outside Horton Plaza

**10K @ 7 a.m. | 5K @ 8:15 a.m.**



Join the Ohr Shalom Team for the San Diego Walk/Run for the Hungry on Thanksgiving morning and burn off your Thanksgiving feast before you eat it! Proceeds from this race benefit the San Diego Food Bank.

Register at [www.sdrunforthehungry.org/race-info](http://www.sdrunforthehungry.org/race-info) as a member of "Team Ohr Shalom" and sign up for either the 5K or the 10K (you can walk or run, and you can even register your dog!). Participants will receive a T-shirt. Register early to receive a Team T-Shirt. For more information, contact this year's team captain Tricia Pummill, [tpummill@hotmail.com](mailto:tpummill@hotmail.com).

**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. If you can help provide lunch to the youth at the center in Golden Hill (approximately 18 on any given day), please contact Marilyn Shelden at 619-368-2047 or email [Marilyn.shelden@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.shelden@gmail.com).



*How You Can Help:*

- Prepare and deliver a hot lunch to the center in Golden Hill
- Deliver store-bought prepared food
- Prepare or buy food and request that an available volunteer deliver it
- Volunteer to deliver food prepared by another volunteer

If you can prepare and deliver lunch, **but need help with the cost of buying ingredients**, please let Marilyn know.

**Todah Rabah** to Souplantation in Point Loma for providing meals one day a month to the TAY. Please let them know you appreciate their support.



**Souplantation** features salads, soups and more.

**MONETARY DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR**

**Turkeys for Christie's Place:**

Our goal is to purchase **25 turkeys** for women and children who would otherwise not have a Thanksgiving dinner. Turkeys will be delivered on November 19.



**Embrace-a-Family Holiday Gifts:**

Each year through the JFS Embrace-a-Family Program, individuals, families, and groups in the community help ensure families in need have a joyous holiday celebration. Ohr Shalom will be adopting one or more families for the holidays. Using the money you donate for "Embrace-a-Family," we will purchase the items on their "wish lists."



**Monthly Collection (November/December) WINTER BLANKETS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

*(donation drop-off in the synagogue lobby):*

Please donate warm sleeping bags and new or clean used blankets for homeless veterans (Veterans' Village of San Diego – VVSD).



Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for the **Jewish Family Service Hand Up Pantry** whenever you come to synagogue. Look for the blue barrel in the Lobby.



Monetary donations to the **Social Action Fund** go a long way towards making our projects successful and robust. Consider allocating your next donation to this fund when you honor a loved one or mark a celebration!



We welcome you to participate in the **Ohr Shalom Social Action Committee**. Please contact the Chair, Rachel Millstone, at [rdmillstone@gmail.com](mailto:rdmillstone@gmail.com) for more information, or with any questions you might have. We would love your input and welcome you whole-heartedly to this wonderful group in any way you feel you can participate! This is the year! Come join us!



**Questions? Ideas?**

Please contact: Rachel Millstone, Social Action Chair at [rdmillstone@gmail.com](mailto:rdmillstone@gmail.com)



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Cheryl Katz**  
Religious School Principal

*Shalom Families!*

I don't know if it's true for everyone, but to me it seems that time speeds up through the Jewish fall. We spend Elul reflecting on what we've accomplished, both good and bad, to prepare for the High Holy Days. We spend those ten days from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur in suspended animation, hoping to set everything right that we may have wronged. We celebrate upon command during Sukkot, *z'man simchateinu* (the time of our celebrating!). Each of our unique relationships with God comes into sharp focus at this time, and for many the refracted timeline of Elul and Tishrei shapes discourse with God for the entire year.

While we adults were busy with all of this, our children began a new year of Judaic learning, and their experience of the same time was not filled with the same obligations. Some of our students are just beginning to learn about God and about what that relationship can look like.

**Morah Vanina Bunton** guided *Kitah Bet/Gimel* (2nd and 3rd graders) and *Kitah Dalet/Hey* (4th and 5th graders) in writing their own prayers. The students wish to share their prayers with our community, and I especially want to recognize the *chesed* (loving kindness) and *todah* (gratitude) of our students!

### Bet/Gimel

Dear God,  
I like to be nice.  
Thank You for having us here every day.  
Thank You for my family.  
Be with me and protect me and my family.  
Thank You for bringing me into this world.  
Help me with being respectful and kind.  
Thank You, God, for food.  
Thank You for everything You have created.  
You will always be the stronger leader.

### Dalet/Hey

My Prayer to God:  
Please give the world more books.  
Please give peace to our world.  
Please give me luck for this year.  
Thank You for my dog.  
Please grant me a wish.  
Bring back the people we love.  
Thank You for my family.  
Thank You for letting me be a dancer.  
Thank You for giving me time for music.  
Thank You for my education.  
Give all the poor homes and jobs.  
Give everyone equal rights.  
Thank You for creating the Universe.  
Protect our world from natural disaster.  
*Amen.*



## RABBINIC INTERN

**Sydni Adler**  
Rabbinic Intern

## Why Pray?

For the Religious School and for future versions of Junior Congregation, the Religious School will soon begin to create our own *siddur*. I am so excited to explore prayers with the students and teachers of the Religious School, to create art and poetry, and to figure out what kind of design would help us all learn and pray most effectively.

In October, in an introduction to our project, I asked the simple question of “Why pray?”, and I heard, from all ages, much more beautiful answers than any sermon I could give or Davar article I could write.



We pray, they said, to remember our ancestors, both the ones we have loved and lost and the ones we never knew. We pray to talk to God, and we pray to talk to our friends. We pray to feel better, to feel more focused, and to get rid of all of that unimportant stuff running around our brains. We pray to learn Torah so that we can be better friends and family. We pray to ask for things, and we pray to say thank you.

Why pray with a book?, I asked the older kids. We use a *siddur* for inspiration, they said. Sometimes, even if we want to talk to God, we don't quite know the words to say. This book helps us to form those words. We pray with a book so that our community can, quite literally, stay on the same page. And when I asked for ways that we could make this book more accessible, they responded with ideas for pictures, font size, coloring, and personal touches.

Over the next few months, I challenge you to answer these questions for yourself — Why pray? Why (or why not) with a book? And how could we make prayer more accessible in this community? If our kids, some as young as five years old, can answer these questions with glee and certainty, I hope that we can too. When we come to synagogue on Shabbatot or holidays, let's think about how we can best fulfill our answers to the question — “Why pray?”

# Sunday, December 9, 5:00pm

## Ohr Shalom CHANUKAH PARTY for the Entire Family

Food  
Piñata  
Donut Decorating  
Hora Dancing  
Prizes  
and Latkes, of course!



**FUN FOR  
ALL AGES**

Remember to bring your  
chanukiah and candles

Suggested contribution:  
\$5/\$10 for a family



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



FIDF SAN DIEGO 8TH ANNUAL GALA  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2018**  
 CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF ISRAEL'S HEROES  
 HILTON BAYFRONT | 6:45PM

**Join Ohr Shalom at the FIDF Gala**

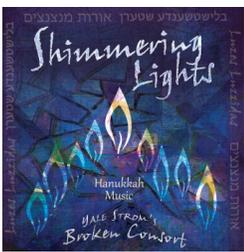
Ohr Shalom is sponsoring at least two tables at the **Friends of Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) Gala**: a table of 10 adults at \$200 per ticket, and a table of young adults (age 17 through college), at a price of \$54 per ticket.

If you want to join either Ohr Shalom group for this important event, please contact the synagogue office.

**THE MEN'S EVENT**   
 POWERED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
 Underwritten by Jean and Gary Shekhter

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
 HILTON LA JOLLA TORREY PINES  
[jewishinsandiego.org/mensevent](http://jewishinsandiego.org/mensevent)

Guest Speaker: **Ethan Zohn**  
 Former professional soccer player, cancer survivor, winner Survivor Africa and co-founder of Grassroot Soccer

**World CD Release Concert**  
**Yale Strom's Broken Consort:**  
**"Shimmering Lights"**  
**Tuesday, December 4, 7:00pm**  
**Smith Recital Hall, Music Building, SDSU**  
**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

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### Condolences to:

**Sara Artenstein** on the passing of her beloved sister, **Susana Pro**.

*May her memory be for a blessing to all those who knew her and loved her.*



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Charlotte Broudy Wilenken	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples .....	2-Nov/Cheshvan 24
Malka Rubinstein Broder	Aaron Rubinstein's Mother .....	2-Nov/Cheshvan 24
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*Hattie Zisk	Remembered by Stan Heyman .....	4-Nov/Cheshvan 26
*Allen Blum	Stephen Blum's Father .....	5-Nov/Cheshvan 27
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Aryeh Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Brother .....	7-Nov/Cheshvan 29
*Joyce Heyman	Stan Heyman's Wife .....	9-Nov/Kislev 1
Richard Chandler	Mark Chandler's Father .....	10-Nov/Kislev 2
*Roe Robbins	Harrison Robbins' Mother .....	10-Nov/Kislev 2
Sonia Broid	Libe Marek's Grandmother .....	12-Nov/Kislev 4
Jordan Ressler	Jeffrey and Vivian Ressler's Son .....	12-Nov/Kislev 4
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Jorge Distel	Fanny Rosental's Father .....	13-Nov/Kislev 5
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*David Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandfather .....	14-Nov/Kislev 6
Lester Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Uncle .....	14-Nov/Kislev 6
Linda Scher	Laura Castillo's Mother .....	14-Nov/Kislev 6
*Bea Hyman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....	15-Nov/Kislev 7
Moises Rosenfeld	Sara Limenes' Brother .....	15-Nov/Kislev 7
*Regina Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Mother .....	15-Nov/Kislev 7
*Abraham Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Uncle .....	16-Nov/Kislev 8
Haim Sack Goldstein	Fay Rozen's Father .....	16-Nov/Kislev 8
Martin Meltzer	Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather .....	17-Nov/Kislev 9
Abraham Benatar	Remembered by Deborah Suissa .....	18-Nov/Kislev 10
Jaim Isaac Blumovicz	Remembered by Rafael Slovatizki .....	18-Nov/Kislev 10
Max Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Brother .....	18-Nov/Kislev 10
David Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Father .....	18-Nov/Kislev 10
Miriam Tauber	Susanne Lisker's Grandmother .....	18-Nov/Kislev 10
Eliezer Arazi	Remembered by Bertha Szmilowicz .....	19-Nov/Kislev 11
Abraham Hochman	Sara Zands' Father .....	19-Nov/Kislev 11
Luisa Margolis	Abraham Margolis' Mother .....	19-Nov/Kislev 11
Isidore Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather .....	19-Nov/Kislev 11
Marcell Evan Scarlett	Yvonne Scarlett's Son .....	19-Nov/Kislev 11
Matilda Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Mother .....	20-Nov/Kislev 12
Ida Fischer	Honey Mark's Sister .....	21-Nov/Kislev 13
Frieda Goldstein	Frankie Sorrentino's Mother .....	21-Nov/Kislev 13
Lea Melden	Mark Melden's Mother .....	21-Nov/Kislev 13
Rafael Najmias	Sarah Arntstein's Father .....	21-Nov/Kislev 13
Ethel Friedman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....	22-Nov/Kislev 14
*Majlech Kucinski	Robert Kucinski's Father .....	22-Nov/Kislev 14
*Luisa Levy	Vicky Cohen's Mother .....	22-Nov/Kislev 14
Maurice Kravitz	Carol Center's Father .....	23-Nov/Kislev 15
*Hannah Shoman	Marty Shoman's Mother .....	23-Nov/Kislev 15
Abraham Zyman	Jose Zyman's Father .....	24-Nov/Kislev 16
Jacov Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather .....	25-Nov/Kislev 16
Isabel Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro .....	25-Nov/Kislev 16
Paca Reznik	Remembered by Becky Reznik .....	25-Nov/Kislev 16
Rose Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt .....	25-Nov/Kislev 16
Lev Angel	Aviva Angel's Son .....	26-Nov/Kislev 18
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Pauline Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Mother, Remembered by Gertrude Cohen .....	27-Nov/Kislev 19
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Shana Rubin	Joe Rubin's Daughter .....	27-Nov/Kislev 19
*David Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Father .....	27-Nov/Kislev 19
*Bertha Smith	Mark Smith's Mother .....	27-Nov/Kislev 19
*Marvin Smith	Mark Smith's Brother .....	27-Nov/Kislev 19
Sophie Gorad	Koba's Grandmother .....	28-Nov/Kislev 20
Tinok Iden Hamilton	Rebecca Iden's Son .....	28-Nov/Kislev 20
Fannie Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt .....	28-Nov/Kislev 20
Zion Soffer	Fortune Milstein's Father .....	29-Nov/Kislev 21
Bella Green	Remembered by Elizabeth Green .....	30-Nov/Kislev 22
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**NOVEMBER 2018**

Cheshvan 5779/Kislev 5779

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

**Jr. Congregation**

**Saturday  
 November 3  
 11:00am**  
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**READINGS WITH  
 THE RABBI**

**Sunday  
 November 11, 10:30am**  
**Kosher Movies**  
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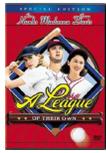
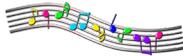
**Arts & Crafts Fair**

**Sunday, November 18, 10:00am**



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<p><b>Movie Night</b>  <b>A LEAGUE OF          THEIR OWN</b>  <b>Sunday Night          November 18, 6:45pm</b>          See page 7 for details</p> 	<p><b>Shiru Shabbat</b>  <i>With Rabbi Adler and          LeAnne Adams</i>  <b>Friday,          November 30,          7:15pm</b></p> 	<p>1 23 Cheshvan          Religious School 4:30pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>2 24 Cheshvan          Office Closes 2:00pm          Tots in PJs 6:00pm          Kabbalat Shabbat Service          "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm          5:38pm</p>	<p>3 25 Cheshvan  <b>Parshat Chayei Sara</b>          Shabbat Service 9:30am          Jr Congregation 11:00am          Lunch &amp; Learn 12:45pm          6:37pm</p>		
<p>4 26 Cheshvan  <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends,          Turn Clocks Back an Hour</b>            Religious School 9:30am          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>5 27 Cheshvan          Minyan 6:15pm          Choir Practice 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 28 Cheshvan          No Classes          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>7 29 Cheshvan          Adult Ed: Aging 10:00am          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>8 30 Cheshvan  <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b>          Religious School 4:30pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>9 1 Kislev  <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b>          Office Closes 2:00pm          Shabbat Kehillatit 6:15pm          Community Dinner 7:15pm          4:32pm</p>	<p>10 2 Kislev  <b>Parshat Toldot</b>          Learners Shacharit 9:30am          Shabbat Torah Service          10:15am          5:32pm</p>
<p>11 3 Kislev  <b>Veterans Day</b>          Readings with the Rabbi          10:30am          Marpeh 3:00pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>12 4 Kislev          Minyan 6:15pm          Choir Practice 6:30pm</p>	<p>13 5 Kislev          Adult Ed: Talmud 4:30pm          Sisterhood Happy Hour at          Stone Brewery 5:30pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>14 6 Kislev          Adult Ed: Aging 10:00am          Minyan 6:15pm          Board Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>15 7 Kislev          Religious School 4:30pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>16 8 Kislev          Office Closes 2:00pm          Kabbalat Shabbat Service          6:15pm          4:28pm</p>	<p>17 9 Kislev  <b>Parshat Vayetzei</b>          Shabbat Service 9:30am          Rocky Shabbat 9:30am          Tot Shabbat 10:00am          Lunch &amp; Learn 12:45pm          5:28pm</p>
<p>18 10 Kislev          Religious School 9:30am          Arts &amp; Crafts Fair 10:00am          Minyan 6:15pm          Movie Night 6:45pm</p>	<p>19 11 Kislev          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>20 12 Kislev          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>21 13 Kislev          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>22 14 Kislev  <b>Thanksgiving</b>          Office Closed</p>	<p>23 15 Kislev          Office Closed          Kabbalat Shabbat Service          7:15pm          4:25pm</p>	<p>24 16 Kislev  <b>Parshat Vayishlach          Bar Mitzvah:</b>          Daniel Hoskins          Shabbat Service 9:00am  <b>Please Note New Time</b>          5:25pm</p>
<p>25 17 Kislev          Marpeh 3:00pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>26 18 Kislev          Minyan 6:15pm          Choir Practice 6:30pm</p>	<p>27 19 Kislev          Adult Ed: Talmud 4:30pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>28 20 Kislev          Minyan 6:15pm          Men's Club Poker 7:00pm</p>	<p>29 21 Kislev          Religious School 4:30pm          Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>30 22 Kislev          Office Closes 2:00pm          Tots in PJs 6:00pm          Shiru Shabbat 7:15pm          4:25pm</p>	<p>1 23 Kislev  <b>Parshat Vayeshev</b>          Shabbat Service 9:30am          Jr Congregation 11:00am          5:24pm</p>