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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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## Let it Rain – On Saturday, March 9, Shabbat Pekudei

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

For our ancestors, rain was the proof that the two worlds were connected. Rain begins in the world above, in the heavens, and descends down to earth. Good rains bring God's blessings from above, and nourish life here in the world below.

*If you carefully obey my commandments that I am giving you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve God with all your heart and all your soul, then I will provide rain for your land in season, the autumn and spring rains, that you may gather your grain, new wine, and oil. And I will provide grass in the fields for your livestock, and you will eat and be satisfied.*

(DEUTERONOMY 11:13-15)

In March of 2006, a beautiful, perfect, "dew drop" (Maital in Hebrew) descended from the world above and blessed our lives, Jennifer's and mine, beyond measure. With tears of joy in our eyes, and wearing costumes, we named her, right here at Ohr Shalom on Purim 5766.

We named her "Dew Drop" of the Jordan River – Maital Yardena. For those whose minds work as ours do, you see that her initials M-Y-M (מ-י-מ) spell "water."

For thirteen years we have been blessed and nourished by her presence. Since the day her neshamah arrived to this world, she has been part of our Ohr Shalom community. Her very first visit was on Purim for her naming, and now on Saturday, March 9, Shabbat Pekudei, she will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Please come and celebrate with her. Come as part of the community, the sacred context, in which she came into this world, in which she has lived every day.

You are an important part of her world, of our world, and she and we would like to share our overflowing joy and gratitude at this Drop of Heavenly Dew as she leads us in prayer, chants from the Torah, and teaches us from the inimitable insights and wisdom she funnels from beyond.

That Shabbat, morning services will begin at 9:00am.

Hopefully you will be able to join us for Kiddush lunch too! We look forward to celebrating with you on Shabbat Pekudei and, please God, many more days beyond.

Rabbi Scott & Jennifer Meltzer



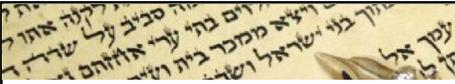
**Sunday, March 17**  
**11:00am-2:00pm at JCC**

**Purim Celebration & Megillah Chanting**



**Wednesday, March 20**  
**6:00pm at Ohr Shalom**

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Rabbi Scott and Jennifer Meltzer cordially invite the members of Ohr Shalom when our daughter,

**Maital Meltzer**

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

**Parshat Pekudei March 9, 2019, 9:00am**

Kiddush Luncheon to follow.

Please RSVP to  
**MaitalBatMitzvah2019@gmail.com**  
with the names of every person attending.



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Lynn Mendelsohn**  
President

### Kaddish for Uncle Lazar

The Ohr Shalom daily minyan often is attended by persons who have *yahrzeits* to commemorate. Not long ago, the minyan instituted a practice of asking individuals reciting *Kaddish* for a *yahrzeit* to say a few words about the deceased. Having heard these stories, I find that everyone benefits from the telling – the mourner, by the opportunity to bring the essentials of the departed individual’s life and personality into the room, and minyan members, by hearing fascinating tales. For, truly, every life has its own story, and most of those told at the minyan display elements of real drama, suggesting humor, tragedy, loyalty, success, dysfunction, courage, love.

Research on family stories has been a huge interest of mine for years. In 2012, I self-published a biography of Zena Weniz Mendelsohn, my husband Ivan’s mother. Zena, who died in 1960, left behind so many artifacts and letters that the story I wrote about her, and her parents Isidor and Sophie Weniz, was substantial and detailed. However, as my research progressed, one family member remained a stubborn mystery: Isidor’s older brother Lazar. The Weniz parents, plus Isidor (aged 18) and four younger sisters, immigrated to Baltimore in 1906 from Kiev, Ukraine. Lazar stayed behind. I knew of him only because his daughter Rose, who had come to the U.S. in 1927, was Zena’s close friend.

A lot of internet time went into a fruitless search for Lazar. However, as I was finishing my book, one of Ivan’s cousins suggested that I contact a Weniz descendent who had a box of papers from the estate of Zena’s brother. As that person lived in Bakersfield, California, Ivan and I drove there. What we found, buried among thousands of cancelled checks, was an English translation of a letter written in 1975 by Lazar’s daughter Sarrah to Rose’s daughter. We learned that Isidor’s “Weniz” brother, Lazar Abramovich Vilitzkovsky, had been a math prodigy who became a Professor of Engineering at a university in Odessa. He and his wife, Revekka Lvovna, had three daughters in addition to Rose, all three physicians.

The letter told us: “In 1941 began the

war terrible for our people especially for Jews whom Hitler did away with.” It

explains that two of the daughters, with husbands and children, “went inland,” but Lazar, Revekka and one daughter with two children “remained on the occupied territory.” Lazar, she writes, “was hanged at the first day of fascists entering the territory of Odessa.” His wife and daughter and her children were put into camps, where Revekka and one of the children starved to death. Lazar and Revekka had been in their early 50’s.

Subsequently we learned that, in October 1941, Germany, aided by its ally Romania, marched into Ukraine and reached Odessa, which fell following a 2-month siege. Prior to its retreat, the Soviet Army placed timed explosives in the City Administration Building. Once those premises had been occupied by the conquerors, the explosives were detonated, killing the Romanian commander and other senior officers. The Romanians thereupon took revenge on the city’s communists and Jews, building gallows in the center of town and hanging hundreds. Probably Lazar was among them.

Yad Vashem in Jerusalem maintains a *Hall of Names* where it is collecting information on individual victims of the Holocaust. Some of the more than 4.5 million names currently there (in a Central Database) have come from wartime lists, but the majority have been submitted by people worldwide on “Pages of Testimony.” When we were unable to find Lazar, his wife, or his granddaughter in the Central Database, Ivan submitted Pages of Testimony for the three of them. Yad Vashem instituted the *Hall of Names* to rescue from oblivion those lost in the *Shoah*, recognizing that pulling the departed into the consciousness of the living does them great honor. To my mind, this is the same good deed as telling one’s family member’s story before reciting a *yahrzeit Kaddish* at daily minyan.



The Hall of Names



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### Bulletin Deadlines

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

### Deadline:

- March 5 for April issue
- April 5 for May issue



## OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 1 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi")  
Friday, March 8 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
Friday, March 15 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
Friday, March 22 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir)  
Friday, March 29 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)



## TOTS IN PJs

### Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, March 1 at 6:00pm

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



## KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

### "ASK THE RABBI"

Friday, March 1, 7:15pm

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



## JR. CONGREGATION

Saturday, March 2 at 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.



## LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, 12:45pm, March 2

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion

## Kabbalat Shabbat Service

with the Ohr Shalom Choir

Friday, March 22 at 7:15pm



## Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 23 at 10:00am

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

## Shiru Shabbat

with Rabbi Adler

Friday, April 5 at 7:15pm

Singing, Prayer, and Reflection



## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING

### March 2019

### PARSHAT VAYAKHEL

Fri: March 1 | 24 Adar I  5:28pm

Sat: March 2 | 25 Adar I

Torah: Exodus 35:1 - 38:20

Haft: II Kings 12:1 - 12:17

### PARSHAT PEKUDEI

Fri: March 8 | 1 Adar II  5:33pm

Sat: March 9 | 2 Adar II

Torah: Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

Haft: I Kings 7:51 - 8:21

### PARSHAT VAYIKRA

Fri: March 15 | 8 Adar II  6:38pm

Sat: March 16 | 9 Adar II

Torah: Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

Haft: I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34

### PARSHAT TZAV

Fri: March 22 | 15 Adar II  6:44pm

Sat: March 23 | 16 Adar II

Torah: Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

Haft: Jeremiah 7:21 - 8:3; 9:22 - 9:23

### PARSHAT SHEMINI

Fri: March 29 | 22 Adar II 6:48pm

Sat: March 30 | 23 Adar II

Torah: Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

Haft: Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

## Ohr Shalom's Choir!

Our Ohr Shalom Choir is fun and refreshing, and we hope you join us! Everyone is invited - Ohr Shalom members, friends and relatives!

Come join us on Mondays at 6:30pm. You'll be happy you did!

March Dates:

March 4

March 11

March 25



## Shabbat Morning Babysitting



Babysitting available. Reservations are strongly recommended.

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



## RITUAL COMMITTEE

**Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb**  
Ritual Chair

### A Look Back at Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month

I marvel at what a success our Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) programming in February was. Together, we sponsored 16 well-received events. We believe we have begun an important dialogue about what we can do to make Jewish life more accessible to all people.

We kicked off the programming at the beginning of the month with **Elana Naftalin-Kelman**, the Tikvah Director at Camp Ramah, in Ojai. She runs the program for campers with disabilities, vocational programming for young adults, and a camp for families with disabled children. We had the honor of hosting **Dr. Suzanne Stolz**, an Assistant Professor of Special Education at USD who spoke about societal norms and helped raise awareness by engaging us in a discussion about disability and it's meaning. Dr. Stolz also spoke to the Madrichim at the religious school and engaged them in thinking about disability. **Noah Homes**, a residential living community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, brought us a program on Alzheimer's that enabled us to virtually experience dementia. **Anastasia Bacigalupo**, a San Francisco-based disability attorney and activist who has devoted her career to advocacy, spoke to us about disability in general, within the Jewish context specifically, and with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). I moderated a lively panel on the ADA that included Anastasia Bacigalupo, our own Jeanne Argoff and Jason Bercovitz from U.S. Congressman Scott Peter's office, and Kevin Beiser from the San Diego Unified School District board. **Tot Shabbat** did a program for toddlers increasing awareness of vision impairment. **Movie Night and Readings with the Rabbi** highlighted a film and a novel, both of which reflected true stories. Two certified **American Sign Language interpreters** volunteered their time and talent translating two Shabbat services.

Special thanks to the event speakers for their invaluable teaching, the ASL interpreters, and Jeanne and David Argoff for underwriting part of the programming.

One of the most impactful moments for me was hearing the mother of a developmentally disabled child talk about how unsupported she feels when her family attends Erev Shabbat services. We owe it to her, and all our families, to change our attitudes, understanding, and our acceptance. Another parent inquired about enrolling their disabled child in the religious school. On a personal note, I have struggled with being the mother of a disabled child at Ohr Shalom, but I am also a mother who has found a supportive community here and a religious school that is making efforts to accommodate him.

At our panel discussion, we were joined by a couple, both little people who are disability activists in our own community, who pointed out that houses of worship are exempt from the ADA and how impressed they were with our synagogue's accessibility.

We are a community that values diversity and inclusion, but there is more to be done. As a result of our programming, several national disability advocates have expressed interest in working with us in the future. We plan to explore grants and other funding for even more JDAIM activities next year. It is our hope that JDAIM will evolve from a once-yearly event to an ongoing dialogue within our entire *kahal*.



**COMMUNITY PURIM Carnival**

JUMPIES • GAME TRUCK • BUMPER CARS • GAMES • FACE PAINTING • SILENT AUCTION • ENTERTAINMENT • ARTS & CRAFTS • FOOD TRUCKS • CAMP FAIR • HAMENTASHEN BAKE  
**COME IN YOUR FAVORITE PURIM COSTUME!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17 • 11:00AM - 2:00PM**  
LAWRENCE FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
4126 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, LA JOLLA, CA 92037

Ages 3+ \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door  
Shabbat San Diego's Hamentashen Bake \$5  
Parent wristbands required for entry- no charge

**REGISTER NOW!**  
[purimsandiego.org](http://purimsandiego.org)

Food available for purchase—dairy/vegetarian and kosher  
Kosher supervision of Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego

Congregation Beth Am, Beth El, Jewish Federation of San Diego County, Ohr Shalom, JFS



**Purim Celebration and Megillah Reading**

**Wednesday, March 20**

**6:00pm – Kid-Friendly Dinner**  
with arts and crafts

**7:00pm – Megillah Reading and Celebration**  
followed by dessert

**9:00pm – Traditional Chanting of Megillah**

*Please bring a non-perishable food item that makes noise when shaken to use as your grogger. These will be donated to the JFS Hand Up Food Pantry after Purim.*

## LIGHTS OF OHR SHALOM

# The Lights of Ohr Shalom You've Always Wished For!



Please Save the Date of Sunday, April 7th for our *14th Annual Lights of Ohr Shalom*. Over the years, our Programming Committee has received regular feedback from the Ohr Shalom community about the sort of event they would like to attend. Typical comments have included:

*"Lights of Ohr Shalom should be held in our beautiful and ample Social Hall, and not off-site."*

*"The price of tickets should be adjusted according to ability-to-pay."*

*"Prizes for the drawing should be substantial, not towels and toasters."*

*"We should have entertainment, and not just speeches."*

Rest assured that you have been heard! This year's event will adhere to all of the above directives. It will be **at Ohr Shalom**, beginning with cocktails at 5:00pm, and moving on to dinner at 6:00pm. Our caterer is Felicia Gipsman, arguably San Diego's finest Kosher chef.

Ticket prices have been adjusted into four levels: \$150 (suggested, if possible), \$120, \$85 and \$60. Payment at any level will merit the exact same treatment at the event. And our prize drawing: Mostly cash prizes, with an additional surprise or two!

There will be entertainment, selected according to the interests of our three deserving honorees:

### **Vanina Bunton, Joe Hartman, Morris Lazard**

Come prepared to celebrate the extraordinary contributions that Vanina, Joe and Morris have made at Ohr Shalom – in so many areas, but particularly in the conduct of our Shabbat and holiday services.

Watch for fliers and email updates about *Lights of Ohr Shalom* throughout the month of March!



## Todah Rabah



Thank You

**Todah rabah** to **Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb**, our Ritual Chair, for motivating, planning, organizing and shepherding the many different events over three February weekends at Ohr Shalom in observance of Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month. Every one was well-attended and informative. **Mazal tov!**

Invitations  
have been  
sent.  
RSVP  
Today!



## 14th Annual Lights of Ohr Shalom

Honoring  
**Vanina Bunton  
Joe Hartman  
Morris Lazard**

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**  
Ohr Shalom Synagogue

## Ohr Shalom Synagogue Participates in OPEN HOUSE SAN DIEGO ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

**Sunday, March 24**  
**from 10:00am to 4:00pm**

Our beautiful and historic synagogue building will be a stop again this year on **Open House! San Diego**, the annual architectural tour sponsored by the *San Diego Architectural Foundation*.



Ohr Shalom will open its doors to welcome visitors, offer some refreshments, and conduct tours.

**OH! San Diego 2019** offers free behind-the-scenes access to buildings located in: Downtown San Diego, Bankers Hill, Balboa Park, Barrio Logan, Point Loma and La Jolla, on both Saturday and Sunday March 23rd and 24th. For more information about OH! San Diego, go to <http://sdarchitecture.org/program/openhouse/>.



If you are interested in being a volunteer docent or greeter, please contact the Ohr Shalom office at (619) 231-1456 or [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org).

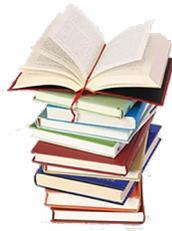


## ADULT EDUCATION

**Lita Kleger**  
Adult Education Chair

### JEWISH AMERICAN LITERATURE

Tuesdays through April 9  
11:00am-12:30pm



**Instructor: Tricia Pummil, Ohr Shalom**  
Congregant and SDSU Professor

Jewish American writers have played a significant role in the construction of American identity. We will consider how a few texts treat immigration, ethnicity, religion, humor, collective memory, and identity. We'll explore how these writers focus on threats to personal freedom and employ a witty dark humor to resist the forces of hegemony in American society while embracing the American values of individual freedom and diversity. *[This class is similar to a literature class offered at the universities.]*

For more information, please contact Tricia Pummil, [tpummil@hotmail.com](mailto:tpummil@hotmail.com).

- March 5 - *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller (1953), Acts 1 & 2
- March 12 - *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller (1953), Acts 3 & 4
- March 19 - *The Stepford Wives* by Ira Levin (1977)
- March 26 - *The Plot Against America* (2004) (chapters 1-3)
- April 2 - *The Plot Against America* (2004) (chapters 4-6)
- April 9 - *The Plot Against America* (2004) (chapters 7-9)

### JUDAISM AND MOURNING with Rabbi Meltzer

**New Class 8 Wednesdays 10:00am**  
Beginning March 13 (No class in April)

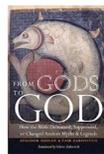
We've been to the cemetery. We've visited the Shivah house. We brought a meal and ate raisins. Why do we Jews do what we do when there is a death in the community? In the family? What are the mitzvot of mourning and the traditions? For whom do we mourn and for how long? What do we do before the funeral? For a week? A month? A year? Join us as we explore these and many other questions.



### FROM GODS TO GOD: A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THE TANAKH with Rabbi Meltzer

Wednesdays, 12:00pm (No class in April)

- March 13 - Chapter 9: "Where in the Wilderness Did Israel Receive the Torah?"
- March 20 - Chapter 10: "Some More Reasons for Eating Matzah"
- March 27 - Chapter 11: "Was Worshipping the Golden Calf a Sin?"



### Sunday Morning TALK SHOW

March 24, 10:00 - 11:30am

### YIDDISH ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY



Join us in welcoming **Jana Jazurkiewicz Meisarosh**, Founder and Director of the **Yiddish Arts and Academics Association of North America (YAAANA)**. YAAANA is dedicated to the promotion of Yiddish language and culture by offering low-cost Yiddish language classes, theater

workshops, song workshops, lectures, and Jewish holiday celebrations to the broader community. Most events take place in the San Diego area and feature Yiddish food and drinks. The organization's mission is to expand awareness of the beauty of Yiddishkeit, as well as to preserve and advance Yiddish language and culture within the United States. Our events are family-friendly. All ages welcome!

The morning will be enlightening, engaging, and immersive. Be prepared for a fun, interactive experience that will delight all your senses and provide a renewed appreciation of Yiddish.



Jana is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan. She is working on her dissertation on Yiddish Theater in Communist Warsaw. Originally from Poland, Jana holds a Master of Arts degree in Polish Philology and Jewish Studies from the University of Warsaw. In addition to professional experience in acting, directing, and playwriting, she has taught Yiddish as a private tutor. Jana is not only a practicing academic, but also an active theater artist and critic. In October 2017, she moved to San Diego and launched YAAANA. (YAAANA is fiscally sponsored by Tarbuton, a California 501(c)(3), through its Startup18 program. <https://yaaana.com/>)

### LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, March 2, 12:45pm

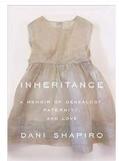


Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion

### READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, May 19, 10:30am

**Inheritance**  
by Dani Shapiro





**Susie Meltzer**  
Israel Desk

## **SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE: CREATING WAYS TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD, IDENTITY, AND PLURALISM**

My first introduction to the Shalom Hartman Institute was in 2007 when Rabbi Meltzer was selected to participate in their prestigious *Rabbinic Leadership Initiative (RLI)*. Our Ohr Shalom Board proudly agreed to send Rabbi Meltzer, knowing the congregation would benefit too. And we certainly have.



Beyond RLI, The Shalom Hartman Institute offers much more. Today, located on a campus in the heart of Jerusalem, it is recognized as a landmark of Jewish scholarship. It opened in 1971 after Rabbi David Hartman left Montreal with a vision to establish an institute in Israel that would bring together Judaic scholars to address critical challenges facing the Jewish people. That is exactly what he did. Over the years, The Shalom Hartman Institute has affected the future of the relationship between Israel and World Jewry.

The Institute focuses on five diverse issues.

1. *Judaism and Modernity* has developed programs like RLI that probe compelling Jewish concepts of identities and thought. This 3-year intensive rabbinical study, now with 1,000 alumni, immerses elite rabbis in the highest levels of Jewish learning, guiding them to tackle contemporary challenges that

will enable them to serve as bridges between Israel and the Diaspora.

2. *Jewish Peoplehood* has looked to strengthen the commitment between World Jewry and Israelis, teaching ways that they can be equal partners in the future of Jewish life. One such successful program is the *iEngage Project*, distributed across the United States and taught, among other places, here at Ohr Shalom by Rabbi Meltzer. *iEngage* produces a new narrative regarding the State of Israel and its relationships to our way of Jewish life. Its goal is to form a different way in which Israel and World Jewry can connect that places the focus on shared Jewish values and ideas. *iEngage* has reached tens of thousands in Jewish communities nationwide.
3. *Religious Pluralism* has as its objective shaping a Jewish people and the State of Israel to respect and celebrate diversity. For example, Hartman's *Be'eri Program for Pluralistic Jewish-Israeli Identity Education* provides a unique learning experience for 10th-grade secular students. They explore their own personal identity and are introduced to a pluralistic worldview that enables them to deal with the challenges of living in a diverse Jewish-Israeli democracy. *Be'eri* has grown to become the largest and most influential Jewish-Israeli identity education program in Israel, helping to bring about significant structural change within the Israeli education system.
4. *Jewish and Democratic Israel* programs are designed to ensure Israel's foundation of equal rights and religious freedom for all. One initiative, *The Lev Aharon* program assists senior Israel Defense Forces (IDF) officers in developing a strong and positive Jewish-Israeli identity that will help guide their military leadership. Through transformative seminars, officers hear different voices in Israeli society, giving some their first opportunity for intimate, unguarded, honest expression within the military framework. More than 1,000 officers, who command thousands of soldiers and will be key leaders in the Israeli society, participate annually in this program.
5. *With Judaism and the World*, The Hartman Institute regularly hosts international conferences for a multidisciplinary group of leading scholars from all faiths to engage with Judaism and Israel. They explore topics of shared understanding, testing new dialogues to address contemporary issues, and finding paths to understanding.

The Shalom Hartman Institute is a gift to Israelis and to Jews around the world. It offers many programs of study in North America and in Israel. <https://hartman.org.il/>



**Sundays  
March 10 & 24,  
3:00pm**

**Inflexible? Anxious?  
Do you find yourself distracted by comparing yourself to others? Focus on your insecurities?  
Not as strong as you'd like to be?  
Feeling frustrated and overwhelmed by life?**

MARPEH is being offered at no cost to qualifying low-income Jewish women in the community and for a suggested donation of \$15 for others in the community.

**Classes are held every 2nd and 4th  
Sunday, 3-5pm until July 2019**

**To register, please contact the  
Ohr Shalom Synagogue Office  
(619) 231-1456 or  
[office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)**

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## RABBINIC INTERN

**Sydni Adler**  
Rabbinic Intern

### Thank You and Happiness in the Month of Adar

*Mi shenichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha.* When the month of Adar enters, we increase our happiness. The Rabbis of the Talmud tell us that during the month of Purim (really, two months on this Jewish leap year), we must get ready for the holiday by intentionally multiplying our joy. A few days before this Adar, Ohr Shalom did an excellent job of preparing Feivel, my family, and me for such a joyous month. Thank you for welcoming my family with open arms and honoring Feivel and me with your comments and insights, in conversation and in study.



Throughout our *aufruf* weekend, you exemplified the communal celebration that is the essential part of a Jewish wedding. Throughout the traditional wedding ceremony, we refer back to that first relationship between Adam and Eve that was present at Creation, and we look forward to the Messianic Age that will come only when we all have the freedom to experience pure joy. We thank God for creating humankind, with two blessings that glorify "Creator of humankind," one blessing that praises "God, for whose honor everything was created," and one that insists the couple's happiness be as wonderful as it was "in the garden of Eden, long ago." Through our blessings, we channel God's recognition that a person cannot exist alone. A wedding cannot happen without others in the room because the cure to loneliness cannot just be about finding a loving other; rather, it must include finding loving community.

In the same breath, the seven wedding blessings refer to a Messianic world in which the previously barren symbolic mother of Zion rejoices with her children and in which, using eight different words for love and happiness, the bride and groom are free to rejoice. Here, too, a new couple's celebration cannot exist in a vacuum. They join

together largely for the sake of producing a sort of joy in the world that radiates outwards, inspiring the larger community's passion for radiating the sort of compassion that brings more love. Between mention of Creation and Redemption, the wedding ceremony emphasizes not only present joy, but also the memory of past joy that lends potential to the future. The wedding ceremony emphasizes not only the love of couple under the chuppah, but also, the pursuit of love in Jewish community and in the wider world.

At this beginning of Adar, you have made Feivel, my family, and me feel that our joy is meaningful both in our little circle and in our global community. Our celebration was not just about games, food, and kind words about us; it was punctuated by words of Torah, calls towards egalitarianism, and Rabbi Meltzer's insistence on our attention to the homeless. It's that joy that gives us the confidence to tackle issues of tangible importance. Throughout my time at Ohr Shalom, with *b'nei mitzvah*, weddings, and holiday celebrations that draw in all generations, interests, and personality types, it's been an honor to experience such a drive towards communal and global joy. And of course, I am already craving the infectious excitement our community will bring with this month's celebrations of Purim and the *b'nei mitzvah* of Maital, Alek, and Paris.

*Mazal tov* to all, and may your month be filled with at least eight different words for happiness!

#### Reminder About Wearing Head Covering by Women at Services

For quite some time, Ohr Shalom has followed a consistent tradition regarding covering your head at synagogue services.

Men are **required** to cover their heads at all times.

While women have the option of wearing a hat, kippah, or other head covering when attending services, women

**should cover their heads when they are on the bimah.** To make it easier to do that, we are replenishing our supply of kippot and lace head "doilies," which will be kept in a basket on the bimah.



### Save the Date

## Celebrate Pesach at Ohr Shalom's Second Seder

**Saturday Evening**

**April 20 at 6:00pm**

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

**RSVP to the office by Monday, April 8**

**Members:**

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

**Non-Members:**

**Adults - \$50 - Children - \$30 (5-12yrs.)**



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Cheryl Katz**  
Religious School Principal

### OUR AMAZING MADRICHIM AND MADRICHOT

I want to take a few moments to acknowledge the great work our teens have been doing this year! Our Religious School schedule features dedicated time for our post-Religious School youth to continue their Jewish learning with Morah Steffi or me. Most recently they have been hard at work helping to plan and execute the Religious School Chanukah and Tu B'Shevat programs. (They were responsible for the *chanukiyah* project all of our students created on December 9!)

I'm proud that our teens feel confident in their learning, and take joy in their memories of learning at Ohr Shalom, so that they want to share their enthusiasm and help build memories for the students following in their footsteps. I am also genuinely awestruck by their dedication and thoughtfulness as they brainstorm, prepare, and teach in our Religious School.

Most importantly, I'm inspired by the choices they model for our younger students. Participation in the *Madrichim* program becomes a motivator for students to learn and grow. I look forward to seeing our future *Madrichot* and *Madrichim* finish 7th grade and return as our amazing teaching assistants!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAIR

**Rebecca Zipp**  
Religious School Chair

### STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH



**Student Name:** Isabella S.  
**Religious School Class:** Dalet/Hey  
**Religious School Teacher:** Steffi  
**Age:** 11  
**Sibling(s) if any:** Charley, Alexis, Jayden  
**Favorite Jewish Holiday:** Passover  
**Favorite Thing about Religious School:** Music and singing

**Favorite activities:** Archery, Gymnastics, Tik Tok

**Favorite foods:** Sushi and edamame

**When I grow up I want to be:** A firefighter and help animals

**If I had one wish I would wish:** To go to the Olympics

### OHR SHALOM KIDS "LIKE TO MOVE IT! MOVE IT!"

Several Ohr Shalom youth will be starring in *JCompany* Youth Theatre's production of *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure*. Come see **Natan Lemoine, Hadarya Levy, Yonatan Levy, Shira Levy, Micah Weissler, and Eliora Weissler** in this fun show!



Show runs March 8-24 at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Showtimes are 8:00pm on Saturdays, and 1:00pm and 4:30pm on Sundays.

Tickets can be purchased online <https://www.sdcjc.org/jc/> or by calling the box office at (858) 362-1157



**FOUR OHR SHALOM  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS  
TO RECEIVE CAMP RAMAH  
PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR SUMMER 2019**

Ohr Shalom is pleased to confirm that we have selected four (that's 4!) of our Religious School students to receive scholarships to attend Camp Ramah, Ojai, California, this coming summer. An announcement asking parents and students to apply for the scholarships appeared in the December issue of the *Davar*.



Our new Ramah campers are:

- Aviva Wolpoff – 2nd grade**
- Milo Wolpoff – 4th grade**
- Judah Vann – 4th grade**
- Mirabelle Vann – 2nd grade**

Ramah Scholarship eligibility has been based on superior school performance, good character, and evidence of a strong desire to attend a Jewish camp. The scholarship award comprises \$1,000 from Ohr Shalom, \$700 from a program for first-timers called “One Happy Camper,” and \$600 from Camp Ramah itself.

All four of our Ohr Shalom kids will attend Camp Ramah’s 2-week “Geshet” program for Jewish students who never before have been to sleep-away camp. All four also will be eligible for an Ohr Shalom-Camp Ramah Partnership scholarship for summer 2020.

Ohr Shalom is grateful to those members who attend its Daily Minyan, and who offer tzedakah during the service. These funds have grown gradually to an amount large enough to cover the scholarships from Ohr Shalom for this year. Hopefully, continued good attendance at Daily Minyan will result in camp scholarships for years to come. Please note that if you are interested in contributing to our Camp Ramah Partnership Scholarship fund, the only way to do so will be to fulfill the mitzvah of attending our Daily Minyan, and while there, to fulfill the mitzvah of giving tzedakah.

If you believe your child might be ready for sleep-away camp during the summer of 2020, watch for information about the Ohr Shalom Camp Ramah Partnership Scholarship in the December 2019 *Davar*.



**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Jessica Lemoine**  
Youth Programs

**KADIMA/JR. USY AND  
OHR SHALOM YOUTH GROUP (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. Or by email: [jessicasontag.lemoine@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasontag.lemoine@gmail.com).

**MARCH IS THE MONTH TO DO YOUR  
“50 GOOD THINGS”**

An article in the February *Davar* announced an opportunity for everyone at Ohr Shalom to take part in a “50 Good Things” project in celebration of Rabbi Scott Meltzer’s special birthday, coming up on April 10th. Well, March is the time to get on with it!



All you need to do to contribute to the 50 Good Things project is to **accomplish 50 of something good**. For example, the Ohr Shalom office has been contacted by a woman who intends to knit 50 caps for homeless people, and a long-time congregant with excellent Hebrew skills has determined that she will *leyn* for 50 *aliyot* at Shabbat morning services.

**What 50 things will you do as your part of our synagogue-wide project?** Please let the synagogue office know as soon as you can.



You might make a charitable donation (\$50 to our Social Action Fund, or 50 boxes of pasta to a community food pantry); or you might pledge to come to *shul* 50 times; or you might go on a healthy diet with the objective of losing 50 pounds; or maybe you could spend 50 hours volunteering for a worthy



cause, such as the public library, a local theater, a museum, the humane society, or a homeless shelter.

Please recall the rules of the project:

- You will not be required to complete your 50 Good Things by April 10th. You only need to pledge to do them this year.
- You can do something simple but excellent, such as buying a bag of 50 Hershey’s chocolates for the baskets passed during the Torah service, or maybe something a little wacky, such as running around the Laurel/Third Avenue/Maple/Second Avenue block 50 times.
- Kids can take part too, and families or pairs of people can do their 50 Good Things as a unit. However, if you want to do a group project, then choose something large or difficult.



Please report about your project to Gillian in the Ohr Shalom office ([office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)). She will collect our project descriptions into a book to be presented to Rabbi Meltzer at the *Lights of Ohr Shalom* event on April 7th. You

might just email Gillian with a short description of your 50 Good Things, or you could write a short essay to explain why you selected the 50 things that comprise your project. Or you might submit a drawing or a collage or a photograph. Please try to keep written statements and artwork to an 8½ by 11-inch page. Please include your name with your report.



During March, we need to do – or at least get started on – our 50 Good Things. This project will be our birthday gift to Rabbi Meltzer, letting him know how very grateful we are for his extraordinary and ongoing dedication to Ohr Shalom.

# Ohr Shalom ON THE TOWN

## An On the Town outing for the whole family!



Prokofiev's Classic **Peter and the Wolf**, Sunday, San Diego Symphony, Copley Symphony Hall. **March 31, 2:00pm**,

Sergei Prokofiev wrote this musical symphony for children in 1936 as a commissioned piece for the Central Children's Theater of Moscow. Its purpose was two-fold: To provide children with an enchanting introduction to the instruments of the orchestra, and to promote the Soviet virtues of vigilance, bravery and resourcefulness. These days, audiences attend simply to be charmed by the music and the narrated story. Adult tickets will cost \$27 and kids, \$12.

## ... And later this spring, On the Town will attend:



**They Promised Her the Moon**, by Laurel Ollstein. Old Globe Theater, **Tuesday, April 9, 7:00pm**. Based on the true story of Jerri Cobb, an extraordinary aviator and record-holding test pilot, the play explores the subtle but powerful forces that kept women out of America's early space program. Contains strong language. Ticket price \$35.50.



**Sweat**, by Lynn Nottage. San Diego Repertory Theater, Lyceum Stage, **Tuesday, May 7, 7:00pm**. Ms. Nottage writes very serious

drama, if one recalls her previous play **Ruined**, about women in the Congo civil war, produced at the La Jolla Playhouse a few years ago. Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, **Sweat** recounts the impact of layoffs on the personal lives of factory workers. The discounted ticket price will be \$44.

Lynn Mendelsohn continues to handle ticket purchases for *Ohr Shalom on the Town*. Her NEW email address is [mendelynn0511@gmail.com](mailto:mendelynn0511@gmail.com) or text (619) 980-1801.

## MEN'S CLUB POKER

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm

Contact Joe Hartman: (619) 851-2303



## MOVIE NIGHT

Al Shelden  
VP Administration

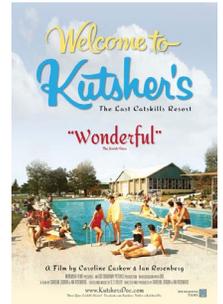


## Sunday Night, March 17 at 6:45pm

Time for a little joyful nostalgia. Some of you know of Mrs. Maisel and her summer stay in the Catskill Mountains. Now it's time for you to learn about the real thing. Join us as we show the award-winning documentary film:

## WELCOME TO KUTSHER'S: THE LAST CATSKILLS RESORT

The *Borscht Belt* (so named because of its association with the Eastern European Jewish immigrants of the early 20th century who often visited) was a world away – for at least part of the summer – from the urban setting where most of its visitors lived. Kutsher's Country Club was the last surviving Jewish resort in the Catskills. During its heyday it was one of the legendary Catskill hotels, family-owned and operated for 107 years. In 2014 it was sold and demolished. A hotel such as this was the setting for the film *Dirty Dancing*. Now you can experience a look at the real thing in this up close and personal look at Kutsher's rise and fall. As one reviewer said, "This award-winning film captures a last glimpse of a lost world as it disappears before our eyes."



It has been estimated that the Catskills contained over 900 such summer establishments. But as one historian said, "And then, after the 1950s, came a change, and the region began a slow-motion decline. The reasons are well known: air-conditioned homes, cruise ships, Las Vegas, the 1960s. ... And a rising middle class descended from Jewish immigrants had begun to discover other ways to celebrate 'making it'."

But there are stories to tell and *Welcome to Kutsher's* tells them all. Most know of the comedians and singers who got their start there (even the fictionalized Mrs. Maisel), and returned year after year to hone new material. But how many know the story of the high school wanna-be basketball player who, between his junior and senior year, worked as a bellhop by day and at night played on Kutsher's basketball team, which was coached by the resort's athletic director, a then unknown Red Auerbach? Come find out who the basketball playing bellhop was so you can learn if his dream was fulfilled.



This film is suitable for all ages.



## SOCIAL ACTION

**Rachel Millstone**  
Social Action Chair

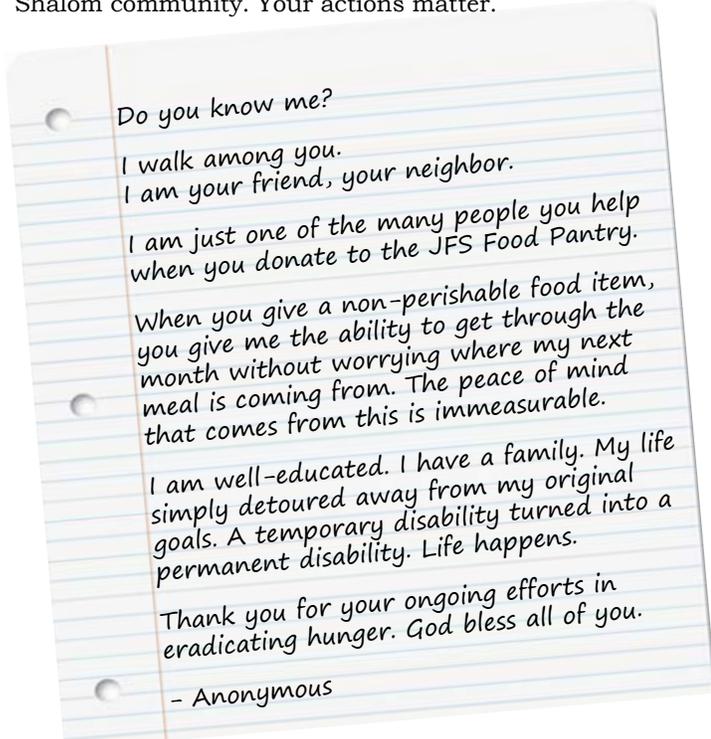


“No Act is Too Small...”

As Social Action Chair, I personally invite you to continue joining us in our ongoing collections and events to make this world a more compassionate one. No act is too small.

When you honor a loved one, consider assigning your donation to the *Ohr Shalom Social Action Fund*, designated specifically for social action purposes.

Here is one of but many thank you’s we receive – a testament to the kindness of our beautiful, giving Ohr Shalom community. Your actions matter.



## Thank You TO THE OHR SHALOM COMMUNITY

Thank you for your donation of **104 pounds** of groceries! Your collective generosity provides 87 meals in our effort to eliminate hunger and food insecurity in San Diego. With support like yours, we are able to reach over 900 families every month. Please contact me for a tour of our pantry, volunteer opportunities or to schedule your next donation.



*Myriam Adel*, Nutrition Logistics Coordinator, Jewish Family Service

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Month of March:** As we prepare for the mitzvah of *matanot la-eyyonim* (gifts to those in need) for Purim this month (March 20th), we will be honoring *Special Delivery San Diego*. This non-profit relies exclusively on volunteers to cook and deliver fresh, homemade, nutritious meals to upwards of 130 medically homebound individuals living with AIDS, cancer and other critical illnesses through the San Diego community. Please donate non-perishable dry goods and canned foods to help stock the pantry they run for those in need (*no glass, please*):



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| Canned vegetables | Mac and cheese | Soups       |
| Canned beans      | Snack packs    | Cereals     |
| Canned tuna       | Pasta          | Rice        |
| Canned fruit      | Dried beans    | Pasta sauce |
|                   | Peanut butter  |             |



**Month of March: Donate** – blankets/sleeping bags; NEW socks/underwear for men; and NEW bras, underwear, socks for women. Especially requested: men’s sweat pants (size small) and women’s leggings (size small). Bring to the synagogue lobby bins.



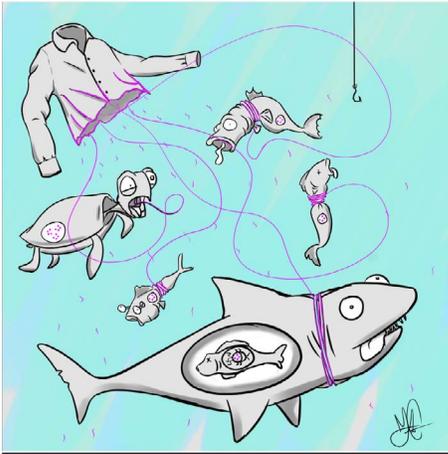
**Ongoing: Participate in the ongoing weekly hot lunch meals to the TAY Academy:** drop-in facility serving homeless teens and young adults. There are over 1,000 homeless teens living in America’s Finest City. Please help us partner with TAY! Contact **Marilyn Shelden** at [marilyn.shelden@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.shelden@gmail.com) to join this dynamic group of volunteers.



Ideas for projects, or to get involved, please contact **Rachel Millstone, Social Action Chair** at [rdmillstone@gmail.com](mailto:rdmillstone@gmail.com)

**“Use Less Plastic!”**

by Shira Cohen



Joshua E. Cohen

**Facts:**

1. By 2015, the world had produced 7.8 billion tons of plastic – more than one ton of plastic per person alive today – and only 19.5% of plastics were recycled, with 55% thrown away in landfills. (<https://ourworldindata.org/plasticpollution>)
2. There are estimated 1.7 million trillion plastic microfibers in the oceans. Close to two thirds of microfibers in the ocean are due to water runoff from doing laundry of synthetic materials (polyester, nylon, spandex, rayon, etc.) and the erosion of tires while driving. (<https://storyofstuff.org/blog/resources-plasticmicrofibers/>)

**Challenge:**

**Use less plastic!** Yes, it’s great to recycle, and unfortunately that is not enough, especially when only half of all recycled materials are actually recycled. So, we need to reduce our use. We already talked about reusable shopping bags, produce bags, and picking up trash, which of course includes plastic. You can also use non-plastic toothbrushes and dental floss (bamboo is my favorite so far). Look for products and food that do not come in single-use plastic packaging. SO many products are wrapped in single-use plastic for no reason! Try to buy products with the least amount of packaging/wrapping, or packaging that comes from sustainable sources like recycled, compostable, or biodegradable materials. Purchase clothes made out of natural materials (cotton, hemp, bamboo), and not synthetic plastic fibers such as polyester. Wash whatever synthetic material clothes you have less often to reduce the microfibers going into the oceans. If you can’t find what you want, write to the company. Companies do what the customers want, so if they hear from enough customers they’ll change!

Join us in healing our planet. Together we can.

P.S. Stay tuned for **Ohr Shalom’s Beach Clean-up Day** - date TBD

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

**Wednesday, April 3, 5:30-8:00pm**

Cook/serve dinner for the clients – adults and children – who sleep in their cars at the parking site at Jewish Family Service on Balboa Avenue.

- 5:30-6:00pm – set up
- 6:00-7:30pm – serve
- 7:30-8:00pm – clean up

Contact Rachel Millstone at [rdmillstone@gmail.com](mailto:rdmillstone@gmail.com).



**PASSOVER FOODS TO JFS FOOD PANTRY**

Once again, we are collecting Kosher-for-Passover foods to donate to the Hand Up Food Pantry of Jewish Family Service. We will be donating the food to be distributed to JFS clients and also providing a monetary donation for additional packages of food that they will send to active-duty military members. Donate Kosher-for-Passover:

- Grape juice (Kedem preferred)
- Gefilte fish
- Horseradish
- Matzo
- Matzo meal
- Matzo ball soup, mix or canned
- Macaroons
- Jelly candy



Please bring your food donation to Ohr Shalom by **March 31**. If you would prefer to donate money specifically for this event, please send your check to the office and indicate the purpose on the check memo.

**Sisterhood Gift Shop**

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

Seder Plates, Jewelry, Candlesticks, Kiddush Cups, Mezuzot, Scrolls, phone cases, holiday products and More!

Visit our virtual shop at [ohrshalom.org/sisterhood](http://ohrshalom.org/sisterhood).

Special Requests? Email us [giftshop@ohrshalom.org](mailto:giftshop@ohrshalom.org)



## TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

### Thank you for your generous donations in February:

#### SYNAGOGUE FUND

Steven and Ruth Shapiro

#### **In honor of of Rabbi Adler and Rabbi Rubinstein's Aufruf and Shower**

Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn  
Mark and Elaine Smith  
Esther Tishman  
Ruth and Michael Adler

#### **In memory of Rowland Pummill**

Al and Marilyn Shelden  
Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn

#### **In memory of Doris Glickman**

Harriet and Shelden Wolpoff

#### **In memory of Moshe Berman**

Raisa Green

#### **In memory of Ahron ben Naftali**

Aaron Rubinstein

#### **In memory of Ken Turest**

Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn  
Tricia Pummill and Bernie Semel

#### **In memory of Esther Faham**

Steven Bernstein  
Jonathan and Alma Joy Geiger  
Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn  
Tricia Pummill and Bernie Semel  
Ray and Marcia Sachs  
Al and Marilyn Shelden  
Marilyn Singer  
Mark and Elaine Smith  
Shoshanah and Geoffrey Sternlieb  
Nathan and Evette Weiss  
Eileen Wingard

#### **In memory of Adi Salzmänn**

#### **In memory of Anna Salzmänn**

#### **In memory of Jonah Salzmänn**

Eriberto and Stella Salzmänn

#### **In memory of Samuel Wasserman**

#### **In memory of Ethel Edyce Wasserman**

#### **In memory of Pearl Strauss**

#### **In memory of Melvin Ander**

#### **In memory of Sybil Harrison**

Jacquelin Ander

#### **In memory of Betty Markin**

#### **In memory of Rose Schiff**

Eileen Wingard

#### **In honor of Mitchell Smith's**

#### **Bat Mitzvah**

George and Susan Kaplan

#### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

#### **In memory of Esther Faham**

#### **In honor of Don and Toni Goldstein's**

#### **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Rachel Millstone

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Adriane Levy

The Dunst Charitable Trust

#### **In memory of Esther Faham**

Karen Rund

#### **In honor of Bris for Charles Schwartz**

Stuart Rubenstein

#### **In honor of Don and Toni Goldstein's**

#### **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Herb and Wendy Bloom

#### **In honor of Rabbi Scott**

#### **and Jennifer Meltzer**

Dan and Becky Zipp

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Mel and Bonnie Taybak

#### TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT

#### ONEG SPONSORS:

Karen Rund

Don and Toni Goldstein

#### TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT

#### KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Vanina Bunton

Ana and Jose Galicot

Ray and Marcia Sachs

Rabbi Shelly and Linda Switkin

*We apologize for any omissions.*

### Mazal Tov to:

To **Judy** and **Seth Schwartz** on the bris of their son, **Charles Samuel Schwartz**. Mazal Tov to grandparents, **Ezra** and **Fanny Hanono**.

### Condolences to:

**Joy Heitzmann** on the passing of her beloved Sister, **Esther Faham**.

**Emilia Goldwasser** on the passing of her beloved Husband, **Jose Goldwasser**.

**Vicki Turest** on the passing of her beloved Husband, **Ken Turest**.

**Janet Tiger** on the passing of her beloved Mother, **Pauline Jaret Schechter**.

To the **Rosenthal Family** and the entire Jewish Community for the passing of **Rabbi Leonard Rosenthal**.

The **Veinbergs** and **Deitz Families** on the passing of **Cecilia Deitz**, beloved Mother of **Gregorio, Bertha, Rafael, Ruben, and Bernardo Deitz**; Grandmother of 11, Great-Grandmother of 6 and beloved Sister of **Miguel Veinbergs**.

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



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

LeAnne Adams  
Aviva Angel  
Anastasia Bacigalupo  
Sue Brown  
Vanina Bunton  
Louise Chandler  
Jonathan Geiger  
Alberto Hamui  
Joe Hartman  
Daniel Hoskins

Cheryl Katz  
Morris Lazard  
Tzitta Levy  
Susanne Lisker  
Eli Meltzer  
Jennifer Meltzer  
Maital Meltzer  
Ivan Mendelsohn  
Rachel Millstone  
Amy Morris  
Bill Morris

Elana Naftalin-Kelman  
Justina Nemoj  
Rocky Reid  
Ruben Rosental  
Aaron Rubinstein  
Feivel Rubinstein  
Alek Singer  
Brian Stannard  
Cantor Cheri Weiss  
Dan Weiss  
Harriet Wolpoff

*Todah Rabah to our February Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner Volunteers: Vanina Bunton, Marci Prag, Matt Razinsky and Miriam Bergman.*

## Yahrzeits

|                        |   |                   |
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| Doris Broudy Goodman   | Alice Broudy Cupples' Aunt .....                    | 1-Mar/24 Adar-I   |
| Iris Moss              | Remembered by Gillian Moss .....                    | 1-Mar/24 Adar-I   |
| David Palmer           | Remembered by Sara Zands .....                      | 1-Mar/24 Adar-I   |
| Aida Heller            | Remembered by Allan Wolf .....                      | 2-Mar/25 Adar-I   |
| *Lea Lazard            | Morris Lazard's Mother .....                        | 2-Mar/25 Adar-I   |
| *Julia Winsberg        | Susan Kaplan's Grandmother .....                    | 2-Mar/24 Adar-I   |
| Lisa Chernove          | Elka Kucinski's Sister .....                        | 3-Mar/26 Adar-I   |
| Leib Ben Aaron Finkler | Aaron Rubinstein's Uncle .....                      | 3-Mar/26 Adar-I   |
| David Goldstein        | Don Goldstein's Father .....                        | 3-Mar/26 Adar-I   |
| David Meyer Goldstein  | Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather .....                | 3-Mar/26 Adar-I   |
| Gladys Marco           | Love Zubiller's Grandmother .....                   | 3-Mar/26 Adar-I   |
| *Blanche Goldstein     | Ellen Statman's Mother .....                        | 4-Mar/27 Adar-I   |
| Sari Rose              | Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elain Smith's Aunt ..... | 4-Mar/27 Adar-I   |
| Tillie Wolf            | Allan Wolf's Mother .....                           | 4-Mar/27 Adar-I   |
| Richard Fordham        | Gillian Argoff-Treseder's Grandfather .....         | 5-Mar/28 Adar-I   |
| Michael Frank          | Jeremy Van Frank's Father .....                     | 5-Mar/28 Adar-I   |
| *Nissim Capelluto      | Stella Salzman's Father .....                       | 6-Mar/29 Adar-I   |
| Nathan Epstein         | Remembered by Marda Rose .....                      | 6-Mar/29 Adar-I   |
| Max Burgman            | Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandfather .....    | 7-Mar/30 Adar-I   |
| Fay Kalker             | Remembered by Gail Kalker .....                     | 8-Mar/1 Adar-II   |
| Leon Stavchansky       | Daniel Kucinski's Uncle .....                       | 8-Mar/1 Adar-II   |
| *Kathleen Winsor       | Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....                      | 8-Mar/1 Adar-II   |
| John Cannizzaro        | Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro .....          | 12-Mar/5 Adar-II  |
| *Linda Gabbai          | Remembered by Albert Algazi .....                   | 12-Mar/5 Adar-II  |
| Chaya Lisker           | Ruben Lisker's Mother .....                         | 12-Mar/5 Adar-II  |
| George Wolf            | Allan Wolf's Father .....                           | 15-Mar/8 Adar-II  |
| *Sandford Ratner       | Laurayne Ratner's Husband .....                     | 16-Mar/9 Adar-II  |
| *Robert Shoman         | Marty Shoman's Father .....                         | 16-Mar/9 Adar-II  |
| John Bunton            | Remembered by Vanina Bunton .....                   | 17-Mar/10 Adar-II |
| Douglas Maister        | Joel Maister's Father .....                         | 18-Mar/11 Adar-II |
| Albert Sportes         | Rene Sportes' Brother .....                         | 19-Mar/12 Adar-II |
| Mary Pollock           | Lynn Awerbuch's Mother .....                        | 20-Mar/13 Adar-II |
| Isidore Golden         | Ralph Golden's Father .....                         | 21-Mar/14 Adar-II |
| Frank Marco            | Love Zubiller's Grandfather .....                   | 21-Mar/14 Adar-II |
| Raquel Abecasis        | Remembered by David Cohen .....                     | 23-Mar/16 Adar-II |
| Eliezer Awerbuch       | Ilan Awerbuch's Father .....                        | 23-Mar/16 Adar-II |
| Benjamin Goldberg      | Lina Gorinstein's Father .....                      | 23-Mar/16 Adar-II |
| Eleanor Straling       | Elizabeth Green's Grandmother .....                 | 23-Mar/16 Adar-II |
| *Lillian Jacobs        | David Jacob's Mother .....                          | 28-Mar/21 Adar-II |
| Benjamin Koistinen     | Remembered by Bernie Semel and Tricia Pummill ..... | 29-Mar/22 Adar-II |
| Eleanor Braun          | Gary Brown's Mother .....                           | 30-Mar/23 Adar-II |
| Judy Davis             | Bonnie Tabak's Sister .....                         | 31-Mar/24 Adar-II |

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 2019**

**Adar I/Adar II 5779**

|  |   | FRIDAY   |   | SATURDAY  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <p><b>Purim Celebration &amp; Megillah Chanting</b><br/> <b>Wednesday, March 20</b><br/> <b>6:00pm</b><br/> <b>at Ohr Shalom</b><br/> <i>See page 5 for details</i></p>                                    |   | <p><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b><br/> <b>Sunday, March 17</b><br/> <b>6:45pm</b><br/> <b>Welcome to Kutsher's</b><br/> <i>See page 11 for Al Shelden's movie review</i></p> |   | <p><b>1</b> 24 Adar I<br/>         Office Closes 2:00pm<br/>         Tots in PJs 6:00pm<br/>         Kabbalat Shabbat Service<br/>         "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm<br/>         5:28pm</p> |  | <p><b>2</b> 25 Adar I<br/> <b>Parshat Vayakhel</b><br/> <b>Shabbat Shekalim</b><br/>         Shabbat Service 9:30am<br/>         Jr. Congregation 11:00am<br/>         Lunch &amp; Learn 12:45pm<br/>         6:29pm</p>                             |  |
| <p><b>3</b> 26 Adar I<br/>         Religious School 9:30am<br/>         7 Bridges Walk 1:00pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>4</b> 27 Adar I<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Choir Practice 6:30pm</p>   | <p><b>5</b> 28 Adar I<br/>         Adult Ed: Jewish American Literature 11:00am<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>6</b> 29 Adar I<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>7</b> 30 Adar I<br/> <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</b><br/>         Religious School 4:30pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>8</b> 1 Adar II<br/> <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</b><br/>         Office Closes 2:00pm<br/>         Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15pm<br/>         5:33pm</p>                          | <p><b>9</b> 2 Adar II<br/> <b>Parshat Pekudei</b><br/> <b>Bat Mitzvah:</b><br/>         Maital Meltzer<br/>         Shabbat Service 9:00am<br/>         6:34pm</p>   |  |
| <p><b>10</b> 3 Adar II<br/> <i>Turn Clocks Forward an Hour</i><br/>         Religious School 9:30am<br/>         Marpeh 3:00pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>11</b> 4 Adar II<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Choir Practice 6:30pm</p>  | <p><b>12</b> 5 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: American Jewish Literature Course 11:00am<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>13</b> 6 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: Judiasm and Mourning 10:00am<br/>         Adult Ed: From Gods to God: TaNaKh Class 12:00pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Board Meeting 7:00pm</p>   | <p><b>14</b> 7 Adar II<br/>         Religious School 4:30pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>15</b> 8 Adar II<br/>         Office Closes 2:00pm<br/>         Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15pm<br/>         6:38pm</p>  | <p><b>16</b> 9 Adar II<br/> <b>Parshat Vayikra</b><br/> <b>Shabbat Zachor</b><br/> <b>Bat Mitzvah:</b><br/>         Paris Goudeau<br/>         Shabbat Service 9:00am<br/>         7:39pm</p>  |  |
| <p><b>17</b> 10 Adar II<br/>         No Religious School<br/>         Community Purim Carnival 11:00am<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Movie Night 6:45pm</p>                                      | <p><b>18</b> 11 Adar II<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>                                    | <p><b>19</b> 12 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: Jewish American Literature 11:00am<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>20</b> 13 Adar II<br/> <b>Fast of Esther/Erev Purim</b><br/>         Adult Ed: Judiasm and Mourning 10:00am<br/>         Adult Ed: From Gods to God: TaNaKh Class 12:00pm<br/>         Purim Meal 6:00pm<br/>         Celebration 7:00pm<br/>         Megillah Reading 9:00pm</p> | <p><b>21</b> 14 Adar II<br/> <b>Purim</b><br/>         Religious School 4:30pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>22</b> 15 Adar II<br/> <b>Shushan Purim</b><br/>         Office Closes 2:00pm<br/>         Kabbalat Shabbat Service with The Ohr Shalom Choir 7:15pm<br/>         6:44pm</p>     | <p><b>23</b> 16 Adar II<br/> <b>Parshat Tzav</b><br/>         Shabbat Service 9:30am<br/>         Tot Shabbat 10:00am<br/>         7:44pm</p>  |  |
| <p><b>24</b> 17 Adar II<br/>         No Religious School<br/>         Sunday Morning Talk Show 10:00am<br/>         Open House San Diego 10:00am<br/>         Marpeh 3:00pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p> | <p><b>25</b> 18 Adar II<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Choir Practice 6:30pm</p> | <p><b>26</b> 19 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: Jewish American Literature 11:00am<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>27</b> 20 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: Judiasm and Mourning 10:00am<br/>         Adult Ed: From Gods to God: TaNaKh Class 12:00pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Men's Club Poker 7:00pm</p>   | <p><b>28</b> 21 Adar II<br/>         No Religious School<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>29</b> 22 Adar II<br/>         Office Closes 2:00pm<br/>         Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm<br/>         5:28pm</p>   | <p><b>30</b> 23 Adar II<br/> <b>Parshat Shemini</b><br/> <b>Shabbat Parah</b><br/> <b>Bar Mitzvah:</b><br/>         Alek Singer<br/>         Shabbat Service 9:00am<br/>         7:49pm</p>  |  |
| <p><b>31</b> 24 Adar II<br/>         No Religious School<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>1</b> 25 Adar II<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm<br/>         Choir Practice 6:30pm</p>  | <p><b>2</b> 26 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: Jewish American Literature 11:00am<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>3</b> 27 Adar II<br/>         Adult Ed: Judiasm and Mourning 10:00am<br/>         Adult Ed: From Gods to God: TaNaKh Class 12:00pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>   | <p><b>4</b> 28 Adar II<br/>         Religious School 4:30pm<br/>         Minyan 6:15pm</p>  | <p><b>5</b> 29 Adar II<br/>         Office Closes 2:00pm<br/>         Tots in PJs 6:00<br/>         Kabbalat Shabbat Service<br/>         Shiru Shabbat 7:15pm<br/>         6:53pm</p> | <p><b>6</b> 1 Nisan<br/> <b>Parshat Tazria</b><br/> <b>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b><br/> <b>Shabbat HaChodesh</b><br/>         Shabbat Service 9:30am<br/>         Jr. Congregation 11:00am<br/>         Lunch &amp; Learn 12:45pm<br/>         7:54pm</p> |  |