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UPCOMING EVENTS



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CUPPING AND POUR OVERS**
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ALIVE, AWAKE, ALERT, ENTHUSIASTIC AS 5780 CONTINUES

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

I hope your holidays were meaningful, at times enjoyable, and shared with beloved family, friends and community. For me, this past month of holidays has been especially enlightening, challenging, and fulfilling. Thank you to everybody who helped make the holidays so impactful for the entire community.

Here we are, just shortly past the “Chagim,” this very special twenty-three day period filled with Holy Days – Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. I am more aware this year than ever of the large number of people who have, in conversation, said things like: “Have you rested up?” or “You must be exhausted!” or “I bet you are glad they are over!”

I want to say, actually I want to scream: No! I have no need to rest up, I am not exhausted and I am sad the holidays only last for these three weeks!

In fairness, these twenty-three represent more than half of the total Yom Tov days for the whole year, and I can understand why some people might, lovingly, worry that I would be exhausted or happy they are over.

But no way! Truthfully, if we could start over and do them again next week, or next month – count me in!

This is by far the most exciting Jewish time of the year. People live up to their own Jewish commitments far more now than the rest of the year. Those of us who are in shul every Shabbat realize that there are a lot more people who recognize the value of being in shul, in community, in Jewish time, in the month of Tishrei than at any other time of the year.

Need to rest? No way. Exhausted? Just the opposite, I am energized – exhilarated by the experience of sharing these sacred days with so many beautiful, sacred people!

Glad they are over? I am working towards a reality in which they didn't really end. I am striving to help people live out their Jewish commitments, connect with the community, enter and embrace the space of the synagogue with the same commitment, energy, sense of belonging, throughout the year.

We are just getting started! 5780 is

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Join Rabbi Meltzer
Seven Bridges Walk
Sunday, November 3
12:30pm
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Sunday Morning
TALK SHOW
**Righteous
Among
Nations**
Sunday, November 10,
10:00am
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**VOLUNTEER FOR OUR
DINNER FOR THE
SAFE PARKING
PROGRAM AT JFS**

Monday, November 11,
5:30pm
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

Porgy and Bess and George Gershwin

This fall, New York’s Metropolitan Opera is staging *Porgy and Bess*, the Gershwin operetta that poignantly relates the love story of two star-crossed African Americans – he, a disabled beggar, and she, a cocaine addict – who live on Catfish Row, a port-side ghetto in South Carolina. Its songs, including “Summertime,” “It Ain’t Necessarily So” and “I Got Plenty o’ Nottin’,” are beloved standards.



Gershwin

With performances through February 1st, the Met is mounting *Porgy* for the first time in 30 years. Although practically no one questions its artistry, the work has been controversial since its first performance in September 1935. Full of rhythmic dance numbers, songs bemoaning the condition of poor blacks, and Southern “gullah” dialect, *Porgy and Bess* was created by four white people: the Jewish-American composer George Gershwin and his lyricist brother Ira, and DuBose and Dorothy Heyward, who scripted the operetta from their previous book and play. For more than 80 years, critics have been unable to decide whether the Gershwins and Heywards, who insisted that the work flowed from their deep respect for black culture, actually might have been exploiting it. The playwright Loraine Hansberry deplored *Porgy and Bess* as stereotypical. James Baldwin called it “a white man’s vision of Negro life.”

How did George Gershwin, born Yakov Gershovitz in Brooklyn in 1898, come to construct a work such as *Porgy and Bess*? His parents, Morris and Rose, immigrated to the U.S. from Russia in 1890 and 1892. The Gershwins were relatively prosperous, as Morris operated a chain of bakeries in Manhattan. They were not religiously observant, and they were not musical. George seems to have exercised his innate gift for music on his own, befriending a boy who studied violin, and “fooling around” on a neighbor’s piano. When Morris bought a piano in 1912, George shocked the family by

sitting down and playing tunes from vaudeville and the Yiddish theater.

Once George began to take piano lessons he quickly outpaced the capabilities of successive teachers. From 1914 to 1918, George studied piano with Charles Hambitzer. In letters to friends, Hambitzer described George as “a genius without a doubt,” but interested primarily in “modern stuff, jazz and what not.” He also noted that he did not discourage George when he “played the classics with much rhythmic extemporizing.” Following Hambitzer’s death in 1918, George, determined to compose serious music, launched a lifelong study of classical harmony, counterpoint and orchestration.

George spent the early years of his professional career as a rehearsal musician and piano roll recorder, and then moved on to composing songs for musicals. Determined that he would write uniquely American music, George cited as a major influence Irving Berlin’s “Alexander’s Ragtime Band” (1917), which incorporated syncopated tempo, rhythmic energy and minor key “blue notes.” Ragtime originated in minstrel shows and vaudeville, both of which had their roots in Southern black music. As the principal songwriters (e.g., Berlin, Gershwin, Kern) and singers (e.g., Jolson, Cantor) of the early jazz age were Jewish, that music came to be considered, according to one commentator: “Negro minstrel music as interpreted by ‘Tin-Pan-Alley’ New Yorkers of Hebrew origin.”

Gershwin’s first hit song, “Swanee,” written with lyricist Irving Caesar in 1919 when George was 21, amply illustrates his interest in building on minstrel themes and phraseology.

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

Deadline:

- November 5 for December issue
- December 5 for January issue



OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 1 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service, "Ask the Rabbi")
 Friday, November 8 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)
 Friday, November 15 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Choir)
 Friday, November 22 - 6:15pm (Shabbat Kehillatit Service)
 Friday, November 29 - Office Closed, No Services



TOTS IN PJs

Friday, November 1 at 6:00pm

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Service



KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE "ASK THE RABBI"

Friday, November 1 at 7:15pm

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



LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, November 2 at 12:45pm

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion

Shabbat Morning Learners Shacharit

Saturday, November 9 at 9:30am (Torah Service 10:15am)

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




JR. CONGREGATION

Saturday, November 9 at 10:30am

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.



Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir

Friday, November 15, 7:15pm

Shabbat Kehillatit Service Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner



Friday, November 22		
Family-friendly service: 6:15pm	Members	Non-members
Community Dinner: 7:15pm	Adults: \$12	Adults: \$15
RSVP for dinner by November 18	Children (5-12yrs): \$5	Children (5-12yrs): \$8

PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING November 2019

PARSHAT NOACH

Fri: November 1 | 3 Cheshvan 5:39pm
 Sat: November 2 | 4 Cheshvan
 Torah: Genesis 6:9 - 11:32
 Haft: Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

PARSHAT LECH-LECHA

Fri: November 8 | 10 Cheshvan 4:33pm
 Sat: November 9 | 11 Cheshvan
 Torah: Genesis 12:1 - 17:27
 Haft: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

PARSHAT VAYEIRA

Fri: November 15 | 17 Cheshvan 4:29pm
 Sat: November 16 | 18 Cheshvan
 Torah: Genesis 18:1 - 22:24
 Haft: II Kings 4:1 - 4:37

PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH

Fri: November 22 | 24 Cheshvan 4:26pm
 Sat: November 23 | 25 Cheshvan
 Torah: Genesis 23:1 - 25:18
 Haft: I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

PARSHAT TOLDOT

Fri: November 29 | 1 Kislev 4:24pm
 Sat: November 30 | 2 Kislev
 Torah: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
 Haft: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

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!

November Dates
 November 4
 November 18
 November 25



SHABBAT MORNING BABYSITTING

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

Ohr Shalom Synagogue and the Ohr Shalom Sisterhood invite you to join us for:

Seven Bridges Walk

Sunday, November 3

Leave from Ohr Shalom promptly at 12:30pm

Walk Leader: Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Please join us for a walk through San Diego, visiting **7 historic bridges** around Bankers Hill, Hillcrest and Balboa Park. We'll walk through the streets of these neighborhoods. As we explore each bridge we will share a brief Jewish teaching, apropos of that bridge, and sing a "Bridge Song."

Invite all your friends. Children are welcome to participate, but must come with a responsible adult.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring a veggie/dairy sack lunch or snacks and water. After about 3 miles (1-1.5 hours), we'll stop at a coffee shop to recharge.

Distance: 5.6 miles

Approximate walk duration for entire walk: 3 hours*

*We will cross three bridges in the first mile. Those interested in a shorter walk can turn around and return to Ohr Shalom at that point. Also, for those who would like to participate but feel that a 5.6 mile walk is beyond their, or their children's, abilities, participants can leave the group and walk or Lyft/Uber back to the synagogue anytime.

For more information about the walk, and a video by Rabbi Meltzer, see ohrshalom.org/programs/7-bridges-walk.



DOROTHY CANTER IS 100!

Best wishes to Dorothy Canter, and to her family, as she enters her 101st year. On her special day, October 10, Dorothy was presented with the BIG greeting card (shown in the photo) signed by many Ohr Shalom members.

Dorothy commented: *"I want to say 'Thank You' to every person who signed. It means a lot to me. I would thank each of you myself, but I don't think I could manage that at 100."*



SISTERHOOD CORNER

Marda Rose
Sisterhood President

Before the 7 Bridges Hike: Coffee Cupping and Pour Overs



Join Sisterhood for some coffee at
WestBean Coffee Roasters
2550 5th Avenue

Sunday, November 3 at 11:00am

We will learn to make the perfect pour over, have a small cupping, and have time to kibbitz and grab a snack or lunch before the seven bridges hike.

All coffee enthusiasts are invited to attend regardless of affiliation with the Sisterhood. All are welcome.

Then join fellow members of the Sisterhood for the hike and see the seven bridges.

Sisterhood Table

Friday, November 22 at 7:15pm

Please join us for dinner and conversation at the Sisterhood Table during Kehillatit dinner.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

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

- Jewelry
- Candlesticks
- Kiddush Cups
- Mezuzot
- Phone Covers and More!



Special Requests? Email us.

Visit our virtual shop at
ohrshalom.org/sisterhood.

OHR SHALOM TREE OF LIFE



Celebrate a special moment in your life!

Leaves are available for purchase.

Contact the office for more information.

(619) 231-1456 / office@ohrshalom.org

Kol Nidre Appeal 5780

Todah Rabah to our generous congregants. Thank you for your Kol Nidre pledges!

With deep gratitude, Ohr Shalom has listed below the names of individuals and couples who submitted Kol Nidre pledges on Yom Kippur, or who, as "Guarantors," are continuing last year's pledge for a second year.

If you do not see your name on the list below, please rest assured that it is not too late to turn in a pledge card – through the mail, in person, or via an email – to the Ohr Shalom office.

Also, it is not too late to become a "Guarantor." To do so, a family or individual member must commit to a donation that will move them up "one notch" on the Kol Nidre pledge card, adding (in the lower categories) \$216 to the amount they pledged last year. The Guarantor agrees to remain at that pledge level for three years. Guarantors receive benefits: Their names are placed on leaves in the Guarantor Section of the Tree of Life in the synagogue lobby, and each is entitled to two tickets to an *Ohr Shalom on the Town* event, complements of Ohr Shalom.

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 Marvin Yudkovitz and Judy Gaines
 Aaron and Esther Zaidman
 Jane Zeer
 Julie and Dana Zeff
 Alex and Stella Zyman
 Mark Zyman

And a Todah Rabah to our Sustaining Members for their continued support:

Ilan and Lynn Awerbuch
 Rafael and Karla Galicot
 Gregorio and Melissa Galicot
 Morris Lazard and Elizabeth Green
 Joy Heitzmann and Jack Cohen
 Rich and Jessica Lemoine
 Eli and Susie Meltzer
 Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn
 Rachel Millstone
 Ray and Marcia Sachs
 Al and Marilyn Shelden
 Jose and Sonia Zyman
 Anonymous (4)

As of October 25, 2019

We apologize for any omissions.

Todah Rabah

to all our volunteers who helped make this year's High Holy Days Special:

Service Leaders:

LeAnne Adams
 Ilan Averbach
 Vanina Bunton
 Joe Hartman
 Morris Lazard
 Eli Meltzer
 Rachel Millstone

Torah Readers:

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 Vanina Bunton
 Loren Casuto
 Katriela Cox
 Eli Dujovich
 Jonathan Geiger
 Joe Hartman
 Daniel Hoskins
 Koba
 Susan Lisker
 Rachel Millstone
 Shayna Meltzer
 Eli Meltzer
 Susie Meltzer
 Amy Morris
 William Morris
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 Eileen Shelden
 Max Singer
 Naima Solomon Bercovitch
 Yosi Zagursky
 Jane Zeer

Haftarah Readers:

Sue Brown
 Joe Hartman
 Morris Lazard
 Valerie Polichar

Drashot:

Eli Meltzer
 Marvin Yudkovitz

Poetry Reading:

Jose Galicot

Shofar Blower:

Joshua Goldman
 Mikel Lemoine
 Eli Meltzer
 Raulf Polichar

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Jessica Lemoine
 Susie Meltzer
 Lynn Mendelsohn
 Ruben Rosental
 Sharon Polichar
 Ray Sachs

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Cassandra Stroud

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Jan and Rashel Galicot
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A huge thank you to all who donated to our Tzedakah Helping Hands project.

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 David Argoff
 Jeanne Argoff
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For Their Hard Work:

Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb, Ritual
 LeAnne Adams, Ritual
 Jennifer Meltzer, Youth
 Programming/Family Services

We apologize for any omissions.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the JFS Hand Up Food Pantry.

SAVE THE DATE



Ohr Shalom Shabbaton

in Shreveport, LA

March 20-22, 2020

**Visit Rabbi Sydni Adler Rubinstein
and her new congregation –
Agudath Achim**



Celebrate Shabbat in LA and learn the history of Jewish Louisiana.

Travel with Rabbi Scott and Jennifer Meltzer, Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn and more of your Ohr Shalom friends.

If you are interested, please contact Gillian (office@ohrshalom.org) for more information and to add your name to the list!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Cheryl Katz
Director of Education & Youth Programs

USY AND KADIMA EVENTS



Kadima and USY are youth groups open to any Ohr Shalom members from 4th through 12th grades! We look forward to working together to build a great social experience that reflects our Jewish identity and values. Please don't hesitate to contact Cheryl Katz with any questions! 619-231-1456 or principal@ohrshalom.org

Upcoming Events for November/December:

- November 3** – Sunday, USY Board Meeting 12:30-2:00pm
- November 3** – Sunday, Kadima Goes to JCompany (*My Son Pinocchio*) 2:30pm
- November 8-10** – Encampment (USY 9-12th Grades) at Camp Ramah (Registration and Payment due by 10/26)
- November 9** – Jr. Congregation 10:30am
- November 9** – Saturday, Jr. and Sr. USY (7th-12th Grades) Go to JCompany (*My Son Pinocchio*) 8:00pm
- November 15** – Friday, Teen Shabbat (7th-12th Grades) 6:15pm
- November 17** – Sunday, Kadima Day (4th-6th Grades from all over San Diego) at Ohr Shalom 1:00pm
- November 21** – Thursday, Jr. and Sr. USY Lounge Night (7-12th Grades) 6:30-8:30 pm
- November 27** – Wednesday, All-USY (4th-12th Grades) Erev Thanksgiving Bowling 6:30-9:00pm
- December 8** – Sunday, Kadima Lounge Day 12:00-2:00pm
- December 15** – Sunday, USY Board Meeting 12:30-2:00pm
- December 22-26** – USY International Convention
- December 22** – Sunday, Kadima Chanukah Gift Exchange 4:00pm (followed by Congregation-wide Chanukah Celebration)
- December 26** – Thursday, Jr. and Sr. USY Chanukah Gift Exchange 6:30-8:30pm

USYers: Follow USY on Instagram@ohrshalom_usy

Parents: Like the Ohr Shalom USY Facebook page to keep up to date!



COMMUNITY
JEWISH HIGH
SAN DIEGO

Community Jewish High San Diego

Grades 8-12

Tuesday Evenings

Check out their website at:

teesd.org/community-jewish-high

To register, or for more information, contact Beth Klareich at (619) 697-6001 ext. 108 or email her at beth.cjhsd@gmail.com.



This photo appeared in the *Shreveport Times* to announce **Rabbi Sydni Adler Rubinstein's** installation on September 15, 2019 as the rabbi of Congregation Agudath Achim.

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 a physical address. Send to office@ohrshalom.org.

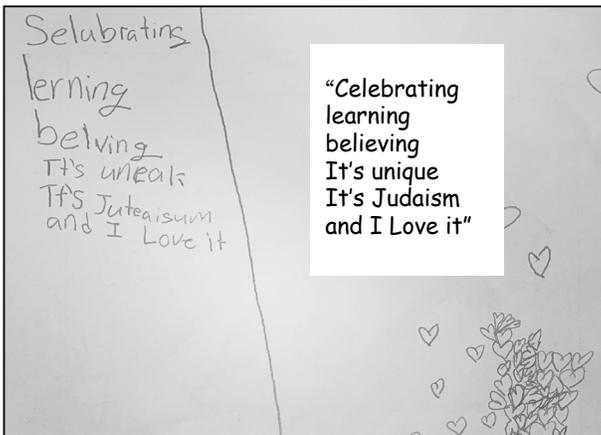


RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Cheryl Katz
Director of Education & Youth Programs

When called to explain exactly why I am an educator, it comes down to one essential reason. I love to see a spark of learning ignite in a student, and I love watching where it will take them. I want them to emerge from our Religious School with more questions than answers, with openness to learn with and share with others, and without preconceived notions about what exactly they are expected to be or what exactly Judaism is. (Judaism is many things, some very personal, some very contextual, and all of it subject to reflection and interpretation.)

So when I see work like the photo below come from one of our classrooms, I am beyond thrilled! This young learner takes joy in Judaism and joy in the process of learning.



Has your student surprised you with insight or shown off something they learned when you weren't expecting it? Please share it with us on Instagram (@ohrshalom_school) or on the Ohr Shalom Religious School Facebook page!

Religious School Parents Breakfast

Sunday, November 10, 10:00am
At Hob Nob Hill

Join us for good food and conversation.

We will meet at school at 9:45 and walk to the restaurant or you can meet us there at 10:00am



Help Ohr Shalom Religious School **EMBRACE A FAMILY** this holiday season!

EMBRACE-A-FAMILY 2019

Ohr Shalom is committed to making the 2019 holiday season one to remember for a special family in need. Working with Jewish Family Service (JFS), the Religious School and Social Action Committee have teamed up to donate clothes, household items, toys, and a variety of other items to a family in desperate need of assistance. They will not have a Chanukah or Christmas celebration without the support of our community. While we have adopted families in the JFS Embrace-A-Family program for many years, this is the first time that the Religious School and the Social Action Committee are joining together to lead the congregation in this beautiful mitzvah.

This year our assigned family includes two deaf parents and two hearing kids. The family cannot afford to rent or buy a home so they are living in the JFS housing program. They have recently secured income and have begun to experience stability in their life. They love spending time together and enjoy cooking meals and taking long walks whenever possible. They are looking into a service animal that will assist them with their everyday life. Reminding this resilient family that they are loved and supported on this journey towards a better future and life would bring them tremendous joy this holiday season.

The students have been introduced to the idea at Religious School and have been asked if their family could contribute an item to the gift bag. They know that this is a great way to make the holidays brighter for a family in need. Please visit the link below and sign up for an item or two. No donation is too small or too large! Thank you for making this holiday a great one for this family!

All items must be new, unused and unwrapped and be brought to the Synagogue office by Sunday, November 10.

How to Donate: Go to www.ohrshalom.org and click on the link on the front page.

Contact: Love Zubiller lovelyz@gmail.com for more information.



Ohr Shalom
ON THE TOWN
 Winter 2020

The Humans
 by **Stephen Karam**
Saturday, January 18, 2020, 8:00pm
 San Diego Repertory Theater, Lyceum Stage
 Horton Plaza, Downtown



Eavesdrop on a funny-but-sobering Thanksgiving dinner with the Blake family: Mom, Dad, Grandma, daughters Brigid and Aimee, and Brigid's fiancé. A typical American family, with typical American family problems. *The Humans* won the 2016 Tony

Award for Best Play and was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in Drama. The discounted group ticket price is \$44 each.

Watch for more On the Town events in 2020 in the December Davar.

Lynn Mendelsohn continues to handle ticket purchases for Ohr Shalom on the Town. Her email address is mendelynn0511@gmail.com. Or text her at 619-980-1801.

SAVE THE DATE!

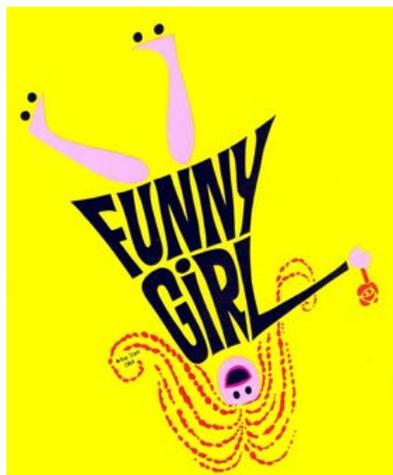
Ohr Shalom Annual Sing-Along Movie

Funny Girl

starring Barbra Streisand

Sunday evening, January 26, 2020 at 5:00pm

Accompanied by a deli dinner from Pico Kosher Deli, Los Angeles.



Small entrance fee.
 More details in the
 December Davar.



MOVIE NIGHT



Al Shelden
 VP Administration

Sunday Night November 17 at 6:45pm

BOMBSHELL:
The Hedy Lamarr Story

Join us for a very special movie about a very special individual who was called the most beautiful woman of all time. She was an actress who escaped to Paris from Vienna as the Nazis were about to invade, and then went to London, and finally to Hollywood, where



she became world famous. Learn all about her when we show the award winning documentary *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*.

The movie not only shows us the Viennese Jewish world Lamarr grew up in, but gives credence to the notion that she was also the most brilliant star to ever work in Hollywood. Her face was also thought to be the inspiration for what Snow White looks like in Walt Disney's classic masterpiece. But she was so much more.

As one reviewer pointed out, "A few years ago on Jeopardy, there was a category called 'Hedy Lamarr.' Alex Trebeck had to answer every question in the category himself, and asked, 'Have none of you ever heard of Hedy Lamarr?' 'Well,' piped up one woman, 'I know Hedy Lamarr from *Blazing Saddles*.'"

The English paper, The Guardian, wrote about this movie as follows: "Alexandra Dean's excellent and important documentary about [Hedy Lamarr] is very instructive – a parable of modern sexual politics and assumptions about science. Even now, many can't believe in their hearts that movie star Hedy Lamarr really was a scientist, or scientist *manqué*. The accomplishment simply doesn't square with the accepted female star biography narrative into which Lamarr otherwise fits: movies, husbands, poignant reclusive decline etc. Many film encyclopedias and reference books simply omit what was important about Hedy Lamarr."

Come see *Bombshell* and learn how much more than a pretty face Hedy Lamarr was. Her story is one everyone should know more about. Just one teaser, among other things that you'll learn in this movie: she was an amateur inventor who with her friend, avant-garde composer George Antheil, obtained a patent on a frequency-hopping radio guidance system whose utility was only fully recognized in the age of smartphones and wi-fi.

Among other awards the film was named the Best Documentary of 2017 by the New York Film Critics. It has a 95% rating on Rotten Tomatoes.



ADULT EDUCATION

Allyson Darroch
Adult Education Chair

Take a look at the upcoming Adult Education programs and classes – Sunday Morning Talk Shows, classes with the Rabbi, Readings with the Rabbi. And we have more events and classes. If you have an idea for a Talk Show topic or a speaker please email me at greenparrotgraphics@cox.net.

Sunday Morning **TALK SHOW**

Sunday, November 10, 10:00am

Righteous Among Nations

Mike Shaw collects commemorative medals, specializing in those that have been issued by Yad Vashem to non-Jews who protected Jewish people during the Holocaust. Mike has researched the stories behind the medals in his collection. His talk will focus on those stories.

The medal of the Righteous bears the Jewish saying: **“Whosoever saves a single life, saves an entire universe”** (Sanhedrin 37, 71). The full meaning of this saying is demonstrated when survivors’ families – with children, grandchildren and nowadays even great-grandchildren – come together for the honoring of a rescuer. Often, they represent a sole surviving branch of an extended family that perished.



Sunday Morning **TALK SHOWS** *Winter 2019*

Who Doesn't Love a Mystery? OK, so maybe some people don't, but there are a great many who do. Perhaps it means curling up with a paperback thriller before bed, reading a page-turner on your tablet, Kindle, Nook or cellphone on a plane, or binge-watching a crime series on your favorite streaming channel. Maybe it's researching your immigrant ancestor's hometown history. Remember opening the Cracker Jack box just to discover the surprise inside? This year, we are putting together a series of **Sunday Morning Talk Shows** following the theme “The Secret Jewish History of...” With this in mind, we are planning a variety of speakers and events. Here are the next few:

NEW DATE: Sunday, December 8, 10:00am **The Secret Jewish History of the Helicopter**



We will hear from LCDR Chip Lancaster, USN (Ret.), who put on his Wings of Gold in 1971 and has been flying and instructing ever since. He will discuss the history of helicopters as well as the helicopter's role in the Israeli Defense Forces.

Wednesday, December 18, 7:00pm *(NOTE: not a Sunday!)* **The Secret Jewish History of Cooking for a Crowd**



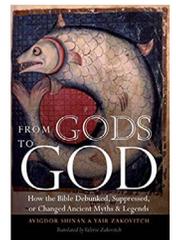
Our own Kitchen Managers Marci Prag and Vanina Bunton will demonstrate, hands-on, how to cook a vegetarian ramen for a large group. They also will share secrets about buying food economically and in-season.

From gods to God: A New Way of Looking at the TaNaKh

with Rabbi Meltzer

Wednesdays at 12:00pm

Following Israeli scholars Avigdor Shinan and Yair Zakovitch, we will study and discuss various tales of the Tanakh in the historical, mythological context from which they come. We will also look at classical rabbinic readings of these tales. Our conversation will be informed by Shinan and Zakovitch's book **From gods to God: How the Bible Debunked, Suppressed or Changed Ancient Myths & Legends**. You are encouraged to obtain the book.



ADULT EDUCATION CONT.



CHANUKAH, AMERICA AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

with Rabbi Meltzer

Wednesdays at 10:00am

- November 13:** Chanukah & Christmas - Jewish Syncretism II
- December 4:** Chanukah & Public Displays of Religious Symbols I
- December 11:** Chanukah & Public Displays of Religious Symbols II
- December 18:** Preparing to Celebrate

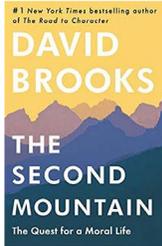
READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, December 15, 10:30am

The Second Mountain

by David Brooks

What does it take to lead a meaningful life in a self-centered world? What can happen when we put commitment-making at the center of our lives? The author explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community

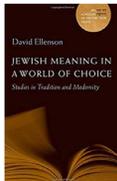


UPCOMING READINGS

Sunday, January 26, 10:30am

Jewish Meaning In A World of Choice

by David Ellenson



NEW CLASS!

Basic Hebrew and Synagogue Skills

Starting in January

Date/time TBA

Taught by Sue Brown



If you are interested in studying the basics of Hebrew and synagogue prayer in a friendly, non-pressured way, here is your chance.

The class still is forming, so please contact the Ohr Shalom office to let us know that you are interested, and tell us your preference as to days and times for the once-a-week class: Sunday mornings? Or Tuesday or Thursday afternoons? Or Tuesday or Thursday evenings?

The course will require a small fee, and you will need to buy a textbook. More course details will appear in the December Davar.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BLUEISH: Jews & the Blues

Thursday, November 7, 7:00-9:00pm
Smith Recital Hall, SDSU

An all-star concert in celebration of the intersection of Jews and Blues. The concert features music in English and Yiddish. Performers include Yale Strom and members of Hot Pstromi: Tripp Sprague (tenor saxophone), Duncan Moore (percussion), Gunnar Biggs (bass), Fred Benedetti (guitar), Elizabeth Schwartz (vocals) and Yale Strom (violin). Special guests Tomcat Courtney (guitar), Sue Palmer (piano), and Robin Henkel (dobro guitar).

Free and open to the public.
Presented by the SDSU Jewish Studies Program.

Marpheh Meditation Movement



Sundays at 3:00pm

November 2019:

November 10
November 24

To register, please contact the Ohr Shalom Office (619) 231-1456 or office@ohrshalom.org

"My body doesn't hurt anymore!"
Andi L., Marpeh Member since September, 2018

Funds generously granted through Jewish Women's FOUNDATION OF SAN DIEGO

WIZO San Diego-Tijuana



Gift Bazaar

Thursday, November 21, 10:00am to 2:00pm
at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

Large variety of items for sale.

Just in time to buy your Chanukah gifts!

Lots of surprises! Fruit, Dessert and Refreshments will be served.



SOCIAL ACTION

Rachel Millstone
Social Action Chair



‘MEH’ (FROM), ‘EL’ (TO)...WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS YEAR?

Every year, after the High Holy Days, my sister and I share insights we learned over these holy days across the miles from Cleveland to San Diego from our respective synagogue communities and leaders. The story of the Akeda, read on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, is especially challenging to read from year to year. But, if we listen carefully, there is the echo of a phrase in the Hebrew that calls out to us at this time of year: the echo of “*lech l’cha*” – go! Leave!

In Chapter 5 of Pirke Avot, a list of many special appearances of the number 10 are enumerated. Among them, our father Abraham is tested 10 times. The first test we will read this month in Parshah “*Lech l’cha*” in which God tells Abraham: “*Lech l’cha m’arzecha...*” to go forth from his birthplace, from his father’s house. But, in the Hebrew, “*lech*” comes from the root “*halach*” – ‘to walk, to live’ – it quite literally speaks to *how one lives* – an active expression of one’s life. Abraham hears God tell him to move from all that is familiar to him, and to a land that God will show him. At the High Holy Days, we too move from so many ways of being and doing in our lives.

The last of the ten trials, we read on Rosh Hashanah “*v’lech l’cha el erez hamoriah*” – the echo of the “*lech l’cha*”

of the Hebrew reverberates, but this time Abraham is told to go to the Land of Moriah.

At the start of the new year, we make ardent promises to move away from complacency, from bad habits, from actions and words we don’t want to repeat. And, we are reminded with this echoing of “*lech l’cha*” at the start of the year that we are also to move towards something. “*Meh*” – from. “*El*” – to. Where will we go, now that we have promised to move away from all the ways we lived poorly. Where will we progress?

I hope this new year includes travel for you, to places you have never been. I just renewed my passport and hope to travel this year – maybe with Ohr Shalom to Israel! But I also hope this new year includes a journey further along your own personal path of *tikkun olam*. I hope we turn away from the ways of life we don’t want to repeat, and I pray that we all find meaningful destinations to move towards, including, quite literally beautiful new places to visit, but also new contexts in which to further the work of *tikkun olam*.

The Ohr Shalom Social Action Committee has put together a list of projects that we hope you will take part in this year. Come journey with us in these mitzvot!

ONGOING:

TAY ACADEMY

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 to join this dynamic group of volunteers.



THIRD THURSDAY

On the third Thursday of each month, Jewish Family Service runs their food distribution line at Ohr Shalom for over 200 individuals experiencing food insecurity. They need 2 parking spaces on Third Avenue in front of our synagogue that can be freed up for them to pull their food van in to do their good work. So, we are looking for two individuals who are willing to park their cars overnight on the third Wednesday of each month and leave them there until 1:00pm on Thursday. You would need to prearrange with Gillian and leave your keys in the Office. If you are able to help, please contact Gillian at (619) 231-1456 or office@ohrshalom.org

Questions? Ideas? Want to help?
Please contact: Rachel Millstone,
Social Action Chair at rdmillstone@gmail.com



COLLECTIONS

Monetary donations are now being accepted for all of the following projects (*please designate your funds to the Social Action Fund and for the specific project you would like to support below*):



Thanksgiving Turkeys for Christie’s Place:

Brad Eisenberg will be using donations from the Social Action Fund to purchase 25 turkeys for this organization that services women and children affected by HIV/AIDS (cost of 1 turkey is ~ \$25)



JFS Embrace-a-Family: In conjunction with the Ohr Shalom Religious School families, **Love Zubiller** and **Rachel Millstone** will be coordinating the purchasing of gifts for anonymous families flagged by JFS as families who would not otherwise enjoy a holiday celebration during December. See page 8 for information on how to donate.



Safe Parking Program Dinners: We have several dates planned to prepare and serve dinner to clients using the parking lots at the JFS, Aero and Stadium lots. We are always in need of funds to help supplement these events. Coordinator: **Rachel Millstone**

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR DINNER FOR THE SAFE PARKING PROGRAM AT JFS

Monday, November 11, 5:30-8:00pm

We will cook/serve dinner for the clients – adults and children – who sleep in their cars at the parking site at Jewish Family Service on Balboa Ave. This is a kid-friendly social action event that you can do alongside your children (age 7 and up accompanied by adult). We hope you will join us.



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

Contact Rachel Millstone at rdmillstone@gmail.com to provide food and supplies and/or serve dinner.

SAVE THE DATES!

November 11 (Monday): Safe Parking Program (5:30-8:00pm – set up pre-prepared dinner, serve and clean up) - for houseless clients living in their cars @ Balboa Lot, JFS.

December 25 (Wednesday, time TBD) – serve holiday Christmas dinner to clients of multiple Safe Parking Program Lots @ Balboa Lot location. Will be coordinated with Ruth Henricks from Special Delivery San Diego. We need volunteers to warm-up food in their ovens, as well as volunteers to serve the dinner. Please contact Rachel Millstone.

January 20 (Monday): Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Coordinator: **Allison Wollpoff**

February 24 (Monday): Safe Parking Program (5:30-8:00pm – set up pre-prepared dinner, serve and clean up) - for houseless clients living in their cars @ Balboa Lot, JFS.

March 9 (Monday): Delivery of Matanot Levyonim (gift for the poor) to Special Delivery San Diego, non-profit organization serving terminally ill community neighbors. Coordinator: **Ruth Levy**

March (date and time TBA): Pesach Basket assembly for JFS families

April 22 (Wednesday): Safe Parking Program (5:30-8:00pm – set up pre-prepared dinner, serve and clean up) - for houseless clients living in their cars @ Balboa Lot, JFS.

June 9 (Tuesday): Safe Parking Program (5:30-8:00pm – set up pre-prepared dinner, serve and clean up) - for houseless clients living in their cars @ Balboa Lot, JFS.

August 2 (Sunday), 10:00am-12 noon: Beach Clean up! Details to come!

“Go Outside!”

by Shira Cohen

“In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught.”

– Baba Dioum



Joshua E. Cohen

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” – Jane Goodall

Challenge: Go outside! The more time you spend in nature, the more you appreciate it and share that appreciation with others. Plus, the more time you spend outside, the less energy is being used on electronics, like watching TV, playing video games, using air conditioning or being on the phone. An added bonus is that many studies have shown that the more time we spend in nature, the healthier we are mentally and physically. In fact, in Finland, public health officials now recommend that citizens get 5 hours a month, minimum, in the woods, in order to stave off depression (National Geographic). You can forest bathe, go to the beach, or even spend time in a home or community garden. If you can work in the garden, even better! Nothing tastes better than food grown with your own hands, and then you have less to buy from the grocery store!

Get involved and volunteer! How will you spread the word about the impact of climate change and our role in stopping it? Talk to others, starting with your family and friends. Find out what they know and convince them to live more environmentally-friendly. There are SO many wonderful organizations you can volunteer with in San Diego: Project Wildlife, SD Coastkeeper, SD River Park Association, Sierra Club, I Love a Clean San Diego, US Fish and Wildlife, SD Humane Society, and Tree San Diego are just a few.



Next month will be my last article. If there is any subject in particular you would like to learn about, please let me know by e-mailing me: ShiraRoniCohen@gmail.com.



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

COLLEGE BOUND: A LOOK AT ISRAEL'S HIGHER EDUCATION

Education is a core value in our Jewish culture and in Israel it is certainly a precious living legacy. Advanced education is recognized there as a fundamental necessity and is accepted as the key to the country's future. Starting with a foundation on Jewish values, their universities incorporate a high standard of knowledge, with an emphasis on scientific and technological skills essential for the country's continued development.



From the beginning, higher education has played a pivotal role in the economic and social development of Israel. Long before the State of Israel, excellent institutions of higher learning were established there to attract Jewish students and scholars from abroad. Technion-Israel Institute of Technology opened in Haifa in 1912 and Hebrew University was founded in Jerusalem in 1925.

Israel today has one of the most acclaimed higher education systems worldwide. There are nine universities in Israel, some ranked internationally, including: Technion-ITT, which graduates a high proportion of the country's engineers and architects, and Hebrew University, with a Jewish Studies department ranked among the most comprehensive in the world. Others include: Weizmann Institute of Science (est. 1934), a recognized post-graduate center of research in physics, chemistry and the life sciences, and Tel Aviv University (est. 1956), worldwide top 100 for archaeology and the top 150 for computer science and economics.

Universities in Israel, like in the United States, are competitive, generally requiring a high grade average and a superior score in their entrance exam. And most students begin their studies later than in other countries due to compulsory military service, making Israeli students the oldest in the entire world, with a median age of 27 for attaining an undergraduate degree.

Higher education is the only big-ticket item that is still consistently and dramatically cheaper in Israel. The annual cost of tuition at an Israeli university today, of which the government subsidizes 70%, is \$3000. However, tuition at some of the country's private colleges can cost up to three times that amount.

There are fine alternative forms of higher education as well. Israel has several dozen Regional Colleges that offer academic courses under the umbrella of the universities, allowing students to first begin studying for a degree close to home and then transfer to a major university's main campus.

Israel's Open University system accepts all applicants regardless of their academic history. It offers distinctive, non-traditional higher education opportunities towards a bachelor's degree that also requires high academic standards, based primarily on self-study with tutorials and final examinations.

Based on Israel's expansive education system, well over half of Israelis in the 20-24 age range are enrolled in one of the country's institutions of higher education and over 46% of Israeli Jews hold post-secondary education degrees. In fact, Israel boasts being ranked third in the entire world in the number of university degrees per capita, making it one of the most educated countries on Earth.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

9th Annual San Diego Gala

Honoring Sydney & Denise Selati

A NIGHT OF HEROES

Saturday, November 9, 2019 - Hilton Bayfront

For more information and to purchase tickets visit:
www.fidf.org/sd gala19



Shabbat San Diego November 14-17, 2019

Register at: www.shabbatsandiego.org

Thursday, November 14 (please check registration page for timing of the bake closest to you)

Community Mega Challah Bake

Challah Bakes will be held in: Oceanside (Chabad); Coastal (JCC); College area (Beth Jacob, women and girls only); East County (Tifereth Israel, with special invitation to LGBTQ community); and South County (Beth Eliyahu, Bonita); Tijuana (Israelita Centro Social).
Registration is required.

Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16

Select your inspirational event. Community and Private Home Shabbat dinners; Saturday Services, lunches, lectures, Seu'dah Shlishit.

Saturday, November 16, 7:00pm Unity Havdalah Concert and Celebration.

Registration is required.

Sunday, November 17, 9:30am to 1:00pm

Tapestry at the JCC. A community day of learning.

TAPESTRY

Sunday, November 17, 9:30am to 1:00pm

Tapestry, A Community Celebration of Jewish Learning

Includes a light lunch. More information at:
www.sdcjc.org/jewishlearning/tapestry

Chula Vista Heritage Museum - Southbay Historical Society

presents

PROJECT RUTH: REMEMBER US THE HOLOCAUST

and Brunch With Mayor Casillas Salas

January 12, 2020 11:00am

*Honoring South Bay Holocaust Survivors
and the Opening of the Project Ruth Exhibit*

Chula Vista Public Library

365 F St

For more information about the exhibit and
to register for the luncheon:

chulavistaheritagemuseum.org/ruth-exhibit/

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

barely a month old and we haven't yet hit our stride. Let's keep racing together as a community. Let's keep the commitment high and the energy even higher.

Having just been at the synagogue for so many hours in the beginning of the New Year, how ready are you to keep being here – for Shabbat? Shabbat Kehillatit dinners? Daily minyan? Classes? Social action opportunities? Sunday morning Talk Shows? Out On the Town? Movie nights? And so much more.

Are you ready to help make sure the energy from these Holy Days propels each of us, as a community all together, forward, making this year the brightest, most festive, filled with learning and *ma'asim tovim* (good deeds) of any year we have shared together?

I hope so. I'm ready. See ya' soon.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

Following productive years of writing songs for Broadway shows, in 1923 George took a commission to compose an instrumental work for Paul Whiteman's Orchestra, one of the first Big Bands. Entitled "Rhapsody in Blue," the piece is a conversation between piano and orchestra, evoking, according to Gershwin, "a musical kaleidoscope of America." Debuted at Aeolian Hall, New York, on February 12, 1924, with George at the piano, the Rhapsody demonstrated, as he had intended, that jazz could inform serious music.

In 1932, George decided to compose an opera. He had read the Heywards' best-selling novel Porgy (1925), and had seen its 1927 adaptation for the stage. The Gershwins having contracted with them to create a musical version, the four collaborators worked together and separately and completed a script, libretto and score by January 1935. George handled auditions, and set a requirement, still enforced today, that the cast would be 100% African American.

George saw himself as America's melting-pot composer. Porgy and Bess was his "folk opera," a realization of his ambition to write music that derives from, and celebrates, the diversity of this country.

Ohr Shalom's Annual Chanukah Party

December 22, 2019 at 5:00pm

- Dinner with Latkes
- Lighting of the candles
- Entertainment and Piñata
- Free Drawings for Adults and Kids
- Games, Dancing, Fun!
- All ages invited



Plan to attend Shabbat morning services on Saturday, **December 28**, the Shabbat during Chanukah. Join **Eileen Wingard** in celebrating a very special birthday. Following a birthday luncheon, there will be a Lunch & Learn in Eileen's honor.



SAVE THE DATE

15th Annual LIGHTS OF OHR SHALOM

May 3, 2020 at 5:00pm

MEN'S CLUB POKER

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00pm

Contact Joe Hartman: (619) 851-2303



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Kol Tefilla 2020 USCJ Seek meaning together

January 31-February 2, 2020

At Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles

Join USCJ and Temple Beth Am for the third iteration of the conference and Shabbaton that focuses on elevating prayer through spirituality, innovation and creativity. The Saturday night concert features Rabbi Yosef Goldman & Chava Mirel.

For more information:
uscj.org/connect/kol-tefilla-2020.

Host Families Needed

August 2-7, 2020



The host family experience is an exceptional and rewarding aspect of the JCC Maccabi Games®, ArtsFest®, and Access®, for teens, host families, and the entire community. Host families are an integral part of the Maccabi experience as they offer teens a Jewish "home away from home," unforgettable memories, and lasting friendships. It is truly a special way to experience Maccabi and all the Jewish community has to offer. Host families will also have a rewarding experience during the JCC Maccabi® events as they connect with their friends and neighbors, and build a special bond with their visiting teens that will extend even after Maccabi.

For more information and to sign up as a host family:
sdmaccabi2020.org/host-family-information

TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in October:

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In memory of

Chanah bat Avraham HaCohen

In memory of

Michael Ben Yehuda

Aaron Rubinstein

In memory of Bernard Shapiro

In memory of Vina Rust

Lynn Shapiro

Refuah Shleimah to Morris Casuto

Al and Marilyn Shelden

Gillian Argoff-Treseder

In honor of Dorothy Canter's

100th Birthday

Mark and Carol Breier

Harvey and Lois Gelb

Rosalie Ulrich

In honor of the birth of Jaime and

Denisse Brener's Grandson

Eli and Susie Meltzer

High Holy Day Donation

Parviz and Nasrin Yeroushalmi

Yizkor for Yom Kippur

Sarah Reservitz

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Al and Marilyn Sheldon

In memory of Mimi Sisk

Karen Rund

High Holy Day Donation

Herb and Wendy Bloom

In honor of the bris of

Alejandro Ginsburg

In honor of the bris of Noah Brener

Stuart Rubenstein

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In honor of the birth of Pepe and

Sonia Zyman's Granddaughter

Ilan and Lynn Awerbuch

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Robert Berns and Nancy Sutta-Berns

TODAH RABAH TO OUR ONEG

SPONSORS:

Stephen Blum

Alice Broudy Cupples

Dr. Dan and Cantor Cheri Weiss

TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT

KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn

Jane Zeer

Ruth Levy

Bonnie and Mel Tabak

Marilyn Lindsay and Avi Levy

TODAH RABAH TO LUNCH &

LEARN SPONSORS:

Aaron and Aleyda Hoskins

TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT

KEHILLATIT SUKKOT DINNER

SPONSORS:

Julie and Dana Zeff

We apologize for any omissions

Mazal Tov to:

Sherry and Alan Berlin on the birth of their grandson, **Harrison Berlin.**

Jennifer and Yiftach Levy on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Hadarya Levy.** Mazal Tov to Hadarya's grandparents, **Ruth Levy, Bonnie and Mel Tabak, Marilyn Lindsay and Avi Levy.**

October Davar Corrections

Alex and Stella Zyman on the naming of their daughter, **Aria Alicia**, granddaughter of **Jose and Sonia Zyman.**

Morris and Doreen Casuto on the birth of their granddaughter.

Todah Rabah

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

LeAnne Adams

Hillel Angel

Ilan Awerbuch

Vanina Bunton

Joe Hartman

Beto Hamui

Rebecca Iden

Shira Jones

David Kahan

Koba

Morris Lazard

Jessica Lemoine

Natan Lemoine

Hadarya Levy

Yiftach Levy

Susanne Lisker

Eli Meltzer

Ivan Mendelsohn

Rachel Millstone

Amy Morris

Bill Morris

Rocky Reid

Ruben Rosental

Aaron Rubinstein

Brian Stannard

Dan Weiss

Marvin Yudkovitz

Todah Rabah to our October office volunteer: Alice Broudy Cupples,

Todah Rabah to our Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner Volunteers in October:

Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky,

Vanina Bunton, and Miriam Bergman.

Condolences to:

Lloyd Kuritsky on the passing of his beloved mother, **Flora Kuritsky**, grandmother to **Emory Pullen.**

Elaine Shaw on the passing of her beloved mother, **Silvia Seligman.**

Brenda Bielas on the passing of her beloved mother, **Ana Kalinka**, grandmother of **Ilan and Marc Bielas** and **Michelle Bielas-Stevens.**

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



Yahrzeits

Abraham Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandfather	1-Nov/3 Cheshvan
*Ruth Sclar	Luis Maizel's Sister	1-Nov/3 Cheshvan
Laura B. Friedman	Evette Weiss' Mother.....	2-Nov/4 Cheshvan
Roberto Fux Fischer	Ivan Fux's Father.....	2-Nov/4 Cheshvan
*Bernard Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Uncle.....	2-Nov/4 Cheshvan
*Martha Hartman	Joe Hartman's Mother	2-Nov/4 Cheshvan
Robert Loevinger	Nancy Loevinger's Father	2-Nov/4 Cheshvan
*Albert Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Father, Remembered by Gertrude Cohen.....	3-Nov/5 Cheshvan
Benjamin Emert	Richard Emert's Father.....	3-Nov/5 Cheshvan
Abraham Yehoshua Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Grandfather.....	3-Nov/5 Cheshvan
Barney Shapiro	Melinda Shapiro's Father.....	3-Nov/5 Cheshvan
Dyna Soberon	Sara Zands' Aunt.....	3-Nov/5 Cheshvan
Rebeca Rubinstein	Aaron Rubinstein's Sister	4-Nov/6 Cheshvan

YAHREZITS

Adlyn Pick	Daniel Pick's Grandmother	6-Nov/8 Cheshvan
David Reitsky	Marilyn Shelden's Uncle, Dorothy Canter's Brother	6-Nov/8 Cheshvan
Milton Dickman	Jennifer Tuteur's Grandfather	7-Nov/9 Cheshvan
Albert Limenes	Sara Limenes' Husband	7-Nov/9 Cheshvan
Beverly Schmier	Remembered by Ohr Shalom	7-Nov/9 Cheshvan
Joseph Argoff	Father of David Argoff, Grandfather of Gillian Argoff-Treseder	8-Nov/10 Cheshvan
Menachem Cohen	Tricia Pummill's Grandfather	8-Nov/10 Cheshvan
Edward Israel Goldstein	Frankie Sorrentino's Father	8-Nov/10 Cheshvan
Ruth Rothenberg	Anita Nemoy's Aunt	8-Nov/10 Cheshvan
Fortunee Levy	Lillian Keller's Mother	9-Nov/11 Cheshvan
Bella Braun	Sara Fainstein's Aunt	10-Nov/12 Cheshvan
Abraham Horstein	Harriet Wolpoff and Alma Geiger's Father	10-Nov/12 Cheshvan
Zelig Louis Mandel	David Mandel's Father	10-Nov/12 Cheshvan
*Lonnie Nesseler	Remembered by Allyson Darroch	10-Nov/12 Cheshvan
Alegre Altalef	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein	11-Nov/13 Cheshvan
Aaron Moses Cohen	David Cohen's Father	11-Nov/13 Cheshvan
Zena Mendelsohn	Ivan Mendelsohn's Mother	11-Nov/13 Cheshvan
*Roger Zouari	Vanina Bunton's Father	11-Nov/13 Cheshvan
Bernice Cohen	Anita Nemoy's Mother, Justina Nemoy's Grandmother	12-Nov/14 Cheshvan
*Arnold Okin	Michael Okin's Father	12-Nov/14 Cheshvan
*Sarah Wright	Donald Wright's Mother	12-Nov/14 Cheshvan
Bashe Mirl Rozen	Remembered by Fay Rozen	13-Nov/15 Cheshvan
Flo Semelmaker	Remembered by Ohr Shalom	13-Nov/15 Cheshvan
Jana Soffer	Fortune Milstein's Sister	13-Nov/15 Cheshvan
Jaya Cotic	Ana Levin's Mother	14-Nov/16 Cheshvan
*Igal Gordon	Sore Gordon's Husband	14-Nov/16 Cheshvan
*George Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Uncle	14-Nov/16 Cheshvan
*David Birnbaum	Remembered by Ohr Shalom	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Elliot Epstein	Honey Mark's Brother	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Mindel Green	Remembered by Raisa Green	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Felipe Melnik	Remembered by Silvia Gold	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Esther Penner	Barbara Hartman's Mother	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
*Manuel Shteremberg	David Shteremberg and Sonia Zyman's Father	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
*Benjamin A. Weisman	Remembered by Joe Rubin	15-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Richard Gottfried	Remembered by Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn	16-Nov/18 Cheshvan
Jaya Finkler	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandmother	17-Nov/19 Cheshvan
*Rafael Galicot	Julio Galicot and Jose Galicot's Father	17-Nov/19 Cheshvan
Irene Shapiro	Jodie Graber's Grandmother	17-Nov/19 Cheshvan
Libe Szmuiłowicz	Remembered by Bertha Szmuiłowicz	17-Nov/19 Cheshvan
J. Mark Cruz	Jeffrey Cruz's Brother	18-Nov/20 Cheshvan
*Alex Goldstein	Ellen Statman's Father	18-Nov/20 Cheshvan
Sheldon Robbins	Harrison Robbins' Brother	18-Nov/20 Cheshvan
Meer Lipowsky	Diana Lipowsky's Husband, Salomon Lipowsky's Brother	19-Nov/21 Cheshvan
Linda Helen Levitt	Risa Levitt Kohn and Rayna Levitt's Mother	20-Nov/22 Cheshvan
Charlotte Broudy Wilenken	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples	22-Nov/24 Cheshvan
Malka Rubinstein Broder	Aaron Rubinstein's Mother	22-Nov/24 Cheshvan
Albert Boner	Steve Boner's Father	23-Nov/25 Cheshvan
Esther Stavchansky	Daniel Kucinski's Grandmother	23-Nov/25 Cheshvan
Iris Anderson	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandmother	24-Nov/26 Cheshvan
Sarah Schnell	Sue Brown's Grandmother	24-Nov/26 Cheshvan
*Hattie Zisk	Remembered by Stan Heyman	24-Nov/26 Cheshvan
*Allen Blum	Stephen Blum's Father	25-Nov/27 Cheshvan
*Rebecca Bogan	Ana Galicot's Aunt	25-Nov/27 Cheshvan
Abraham Cotic	Ana Levin's Father	25-Nov/27 Cheshvan
Ron Berens	Zack Chayet's Uncle	26-Nov/28 Cheshvan
Aryeh Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Brother	27-Nov/29 Cheshvan
Daniel Glaser	Kendra Maister's Brother	27-Nov/29 Cheshvan
Edward Seligman	Elaine Shaw's Father	27-Nov/29 Cheshvan
*Joyce Heyman	Stan Heyman's Wife	29-Nov/1 Kislev
Richard Chandler	Mark Chandler's Father	30-Nov/2 Kislev
*Roe Robbins	Harrison Robbins' Mother	30-Nov/2 Kislev

** denotes a memorial plaque was purchased in memory of a loved*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2019

Sunday, November 3
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn Clocks
Back an Hour

Movie Night
 Sunday, November 17 at 6:45pm

BOMBSHELL:
The Hedy Lamarr Story

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Cheshvan 5780/Kislev 5780

FRIDAY 3 Cheshvan	SATURDAY 4 Cheshvan
Office Closes 2:00pm Tots in PJs 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm	Parshat Noach Shabbat Service 9:30am Lunch & Learn 12:45pm
5:39pm	6:38pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 5 Cheshvan Daylight Savings Time Ends Religious School 9:30am Sisterhood Coffee 11:00am 7 Bridges Walk 12:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	4 6 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	5 7 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm	6 8 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm	7 9 Cheshvan Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	8 10 Cheshvan Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm	9 11 Cheshvan Parshat Lech-Lecha Learners Shacharit 9:30am Shabbat Torah Service & Musaf 10:15am Jr. Congregation 10:30am
10 12 Cheshvan Religious School 9:30am Sunday Morning Talk Show 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm	11 13 Cheshvan Veterans Day JFS Safe Parking Dinner 5:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	12 14 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm	13 15 Cheshvan Adult Ed: Chanukah, America & Religious Freedom 10:00am Adult Ed: TaNaKh 12:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	14 16 Cheshvan Shabbat San Diego Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Community Mega Challah Bake (check location for starting time)	15 17 Cheshvan Shabbat San Diego Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir 7:15pm	16 18 Cheshvan Parshat Vayeira Shabbat San Diego Shabbat Service 9:30am Shabbat San Diego Unity Havdalah Program 7:00pm
17 19 Cheshvan Religious School 9:30am Kadima Day 1:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm	18 20 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	19 21 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm	20 22 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm	21 23 Cheshvan Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	22 24 Cheshvan Office Closes 2:00pm Shabbat Kehillatit Service 6:15pm Community Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner 7:15pm	23 25 Cheshvan Parshat Chayei Sarah Shabbat Service 9:30am
24 26 Cheshvan No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm	25 27 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	26 28 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm Poker 7:00pm	27 29 Cheshvan Minyan 6:15pm	28 30 Cheshvan Thanksgiving Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed No Minyan	29 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed No Services	30 2 Kislev Parshat Toldot Shabbat Service 9:30am
1 3 Kislev No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm	2 4 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	3 5 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm	4 6 Kislev Adult Ed: Chanukah, America & Religious Freedom 10:00am Adult Ed: TaNaKh 12:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	5 7 Kislev Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	6 8 Kislev Office Closes 2:00pm Tots in PJs 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm	7 2 Kislev Parshat Vayeitzei Shabbat Service 9:30am Afternoon Bar Mitzvah: Isaac Galicot
					4:24pm	5:24pm