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HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY RABBI SCOTT MELTZER!

Who is the person who delights in life? Who loves every day in order to see good? (PSALMS 34:13)

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

As perhaps you have heard, I have a big birthday this month. To be fair, it is only one bigger than last year, but we tend to make a big fuss whenever we complete a decade. And, please God, towards the middle of this month I will complete my fifth.

I have to be honest – I love my birthday. I love it every year. I have never understood people who complain about their birthday, or about getting older. The blessings of life, of being alive, are at the core of our tradition, and each passing year should be celebrated as an immeasurable gift.

I hope everybody has favorite birthday party memories. I can still list some of the LPs I received as gifts at my twelfth birthday party, and I loved the jumpy we had in the backyard at my fortieth.

What I love most about my birthdays lately, more than the parties and more than any presents, is being reflective on the passing of time in a deeply personal and introspective

way, different than at other times of the year. At Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, I reflect on my mistakes, things I have done wrong and people I have hurt. It is, broadly, moral reflection. At various holidays during the year, I reflect on the passage of time. Passover fills me with wonderful memories from the past, and sadness for those who are no longer seated at the seder table.

But my birthday is different. Each year, on and around April 10, I am aware of the passage of time in the most personal of terms. It is the time I reflect on who I am, who I was, and who I am becoming. I look back on the roads I have traveled, where I have been. I am sure in the coming days many people will wish me “*biz hundert un tsvantsig*” – “until one hundred and twenty.” I am not so *chutzpadik* as to put much stock in my chance of living as long as Moshe (120 years), but I have often quipped that I would like to make 100.

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50 Good Things

There's still time to let us know about your 50 Good Things! Please contact the office with a description of your project so that we can include it in the book that will be presented to Rabbi Meltzer at the Lights of Ohr Shalom.



14th Annual Lights of Ohr Shalom

Honoring
**Vanina Bunton
Joe Hartman
Morris Lazard**
Sunday, April 7, 5pm
Ohr Shalom Synagogue
Social Hall

Celebrate Pesach at Ohr Shalom

See pages 4 and 5 for Pesach Service Schedule, information on the community Second Seder, and other Passover-related information.



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

Jewish Partisan

In April, or shortly thereafter, we encounter Yom HaShoah. Technically, the day is *Yom Hazikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah* "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day." I recently came across the astonishing memoir of a true hero, **Frank Blaichman**, who led a band of Jewish partisans in Central Poland. His 2009 book is entitled *Rather Die Fighting*.

The German army entered Blaichman's town, Kamionka, near Lublin, in October 1939, when he was 16. The region was rural, and Blaichman's father was a grain wholesaler, known for his generous extensions of credit to both Jews and gentiles. Helping with the business required that Blaichman speak Polish, so he was fluent.

The Germans, merely abusive at first, grew increasingly murderous. When deportations from nearby towns began, Blaichman determined that he would not let himself be taken. In September 1942, when he was 19, the Jews of Kamionka became next-in-line for transport. The night before he fled, Blaichman entered a room where his parents sat with his six siblings. "I could not embrace them," he writes. "The children would know this meant goodbye." Everyone he left behind was lost.

On the run, Blaichman initially received help from local gentile farmers who had done business with his father. Taking huge risks, they lent him their barns and fed him. Moving about, he occasionally came across small groups of Jews who also had fled prior to roundups. Many of them were seeking to move into ghettos, which they erroneously believed might be safe.

Blaichman's instinct was to avoid any place under the control of the Germans or their allies. Someone told him about a campsite with underground bunkers, in the Bratnik Forest south of Kamionka, occupied by Jewish families who had had the foresight to prepare a haven for themselves. There he found 100 people, most of whom he knew. Concerned that the group had taken insufficient measures to protect themselves, Blaichman organized a defense unit that drilled with pitchforks stolen from nearby farms. One morning, the defense unit, which slept somewhat away from the main camp, was awakened by

explosions and machine-gun fire. The Germans had invaded the campsite, mowed down residents, and blown out the bunkers with grenades. Seventy-five of the campsite Jews were dead. Most likely they had been betrayed by a group of "mushroom hunters" who had come by the day before.

Blaichman and his cohorts buried the bodies, recited Kaddish, and resolved always thereafter to stay "on the move." Now Blaichman learned of a farmer who had a stash of guns. He and a partner went to the farm, telling the farmer that they were Russian paratroopers under orders to establish a resistance unit to fight the Germans. The farmer believed them, and gave them a handgun and 7 rifles. "Finally we could defend ourselves," writes Blaichman. "It was a great moment in our lives – a turning point."

Through 1942 and 1943, Blaichman and his cohorts roamed the countryside near his hometown. Eventually, they located and merged with other ragtag groups of Jewish partisans. His book names 110 partisans, all Jews, whom he knew personally and estimates that about 200 additional armed Jewish fighters also were operating in Central Poland. They stole guns and ammunition. They set themselves the tasks of finding secure hiding places for Jews and assassinating Polish collaborators. They were so efficient at this that they were asked to join the People's Army, the *Armia*

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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.



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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:

- April 5 for May issue
- May 5 for June issue



OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 5 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shiru Shabbat)
Friday, April 12 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service ZAMRU)
Friday, April 19 - (Erev Pesach, No Shabbat Service)
Friday, April 26 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)

Shiru Shabbat with Rabbi Adler

Friday, April 5 at 7:15pm

Singing, Prayer, and Reflection



JR. CONGREGATION

Saturday, April 6 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, April 6

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion



ZAMRU "SING OUT" SHABBAT

Friday, April 12, 6:15pm

6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz and celebrate Shabbat through vibrant, musical prayer

Learners Shacharit

Saturday, April 13 at 9:30am

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.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING April 2019



PARSHAT TAZRIA

Fri: April 5 | 29 ADAR II

Sat: April 6 | 1 NISAN

Torah: Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

Haft: Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18



6:53pm

PARSHAT METZORA

Fri: April 12 | 7 NISAN

Sat: April 13 | 8 NISAN

Torah: Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

Haft: Malachi 3:4 - 3:24



6:58pm

PESACH I

Fri: April 19 | 14 NISAN

Sat: April 20 | 15 NISAN

Torah: Exod. 12:21-51

Haft: Josh. 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27



7:03pm

PESACH VIII

Fri: April 26 | 21 NISAN

Sat: April 27 | 22 NISAN

Torah: Deut. 14:22-16:17

Haft: Isa. 10:32-12:6



7:09pm

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!

April Dates:

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 29



Shabbat Morning Babysitting



Babysitting available. Reservations are strongly recommended.

E-mail your reservation to:
office@ohrshalom.org.

PASSOVER

MECHIRAT CHAMETZ, SELLING YOUR CHAMETZ

Every year our synagogue provides the opportunity to sell your chametz at Passover. What is this all about?

In Exodus 12:19 and 13:7 we are told that no chametz can be found in our homes during the week of Passover. We may not own it, we may not possess it. Originally this meant actually getting rid of all chametz (preferably by burning) but in recent centuries the practice has evolved to collecting all chametz into one place, isolating it (putting it into bags or boxes), sealing it and labeling it. It is then sold to a non-Jew for the duration of Passover.

After the chametz is sold, it is usually kept in one's home, in a place where it can be easily obtained to be transferred to the owner (the non-Jew who purchased it) should he or she decide to collect it.

Our rabbi (and the rabbis of other synagogues) act as agents in selling or chametz to a non-Jew. At the end of Passover our rabbi will repurchase the chametz, and ownership is returned to the original owners.

Rabbinical Assembly's Pesach Guide: visit www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/pesach-guide-5779



Mechirat Chametz (Selling Chametz) 5779/2019

Please complete the information below to sell all of your *chametz* before *Pesach* and return to Ohr Shalom by **Wednesday, April 17**.

Fax: (619) 231-1494
Email: rabbi@ohrshalom.org

The Selling of Chametz

I hereby authorize Rabbi Scott A. Meltzer to serve as my agent in selling all of the *chametz* at the following address(es):

Signature



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb
Ritual Chair

Some Resources for Passover

There are many different resources on the web to help your celebration of Passover this year. Here are just a few.

Rabbinical Assembly



The 5779 *Pesach Guide* and other resources for Passover are available on the Rabbinical Assembly website:

<http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/>

The *Pesach Guide* is intended to help families maintain a kosher for Pesach home in accordance with the principles of Conservative Judaism and its understanding of Jewish Law.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism



The Women's League also has a number of resources for Passover on their website. For a new look at the story of the four children in the Haggadah:

<http://wlcj.org/resources/resources-for-members-and-friends/seasonal-materials/four-for-your-passover-seders/>

This presents four different approaches to telling the story.



PASSOVER

PESACH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19

Erev Pesach – 1st Seder

Candlelighting: 7:03pm

No Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 20

Shabbat Pesach Service: 9:30am

Community 2nd Seder: 5:30pm

Candlelighting: 8:04pm

Sunday, April 21

Pesach II Morning Service: 9:30am

Thursday, April 25

Candlelighting: 7:08pm

Friday, April 26

Pesach VII Morning Service: 9:30am

Candlelighting: 7:09pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 6:15pm

Saturday, April 27

Shabbat Pesach VIII Service with Yizkor: 9:30am

Havdalah and End of Passover: 8:09pm



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Songs of Home and Exile

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm
Smith Recital Hall at SDSU



The Jewish Studies Program at SDSU presents singers Coral McFarland Thuet and Elizabeth Schwartz, joined by guest performer Chloe Pourmorady, a noted Persian-Jewish violinist, vocalist, and composer. The songs will describe the feelings of those who have been exiled and still long for home. Featured musicians are Ava Nahas, percussion, Jiri Svoboda, guitar, Jeff Pekarek, contrabass, and SDSU Artist-in-Residence Yale Strom, violin. Cost: Free.

Join us as we REMEMBER the victims of the Holocaust.
HONOR its survivors and TEACH future generations.

YOM HASHOAH

Community Holocaust Commemoration

FROM REEL TO "REAL"

KEEPING SURVIVORS STORIES ALIVE

Sunday, April 28, 2019

1:30pm - 3:00 pm

JCC, 4125 Executive Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037

This event is free and open to the public

jewishinsandiego.org/yomhashoah



Celebrate Pesach at Ohr Shalom's Community 2nd Seder

Saturday Evening

April 20 at 5:30pm

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.)

Call the office (619) 231-1456 or email
office@ohrshalom.org

Follow us on Facebook for the
weekly e-Kol, details of
upcoming events and pictures
of past events.



Go to: www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue

Yom HaShoah Movie & Panel Discussion

Try To Remember – Never Forget

April 28th, 6:00pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue
6660 Cowles Mountain Blvd.

Tifereth Israel Synagogue's Men's Club will present the premiere screening of *Try To Remember – Never Forget*, a movie about the life of Holocaust survivor **Ruth Goldshmidova Sax, z"l**. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion with the film's creator/director Olena Zernychenko, along with author Sandra Scheller, Ruth's daughter and author of the biography on which the documentary was based, and Lawrence Baron, Professor Emeritus of History at San Diego State whose specialty is Holocaust films. Refreshments served at conclusion of the program.

More information at: (619) 697-6001.



Holocaust Remembrance Day

Yom HaShoah and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00pm

at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

WIZO San Diego – Tijuana and the **Ken Jewish Community** will remember and honor those who died in the Holocaust. Peter Stan Rosenfeld, who is a survivor and successful architect, will talk about his life. Screening of the movie *The Last Coat*.

Donations: \$15 adults; youths 21 and under free.

RSVP to 619-279-4781/619-482-0702 or

wizosandiego@yahoo.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by Ohr Shalom Teens
for **Good Deeds Day**
Sunday, April 7, 9:00-10:30am
\$5 suggested donation

Ohr Shalom's teens are hosting a pancake breakfast to raise for money for **Feeding San Diego**. Join them at the synagogue for breakfast that morning. Open to all members of the congregation.

Donations of non-perishable food will also be accepted/appreciated.

Good Deeds Day is a global day that unites people to do good deeds for the benefit of others and the planet.

Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger relief organization in the county, providing 26 million meals with dignity to San Diego residents facing hunger last year. It provides food and resources to a network of more than 260 neighborhood partners serving 63,000 children, families and seniors each week.

FEEDING
SAN DIEGO



NINE "FOOD HANDLERS" COMPLETE TRAINING TO ASSIST IN OHR SHALOM KITCHEN



During the last two days of February, our Kitchen Managers – Marci Prag and Vanina Bunton – trained nine Ohr

Shalom congregants to be "food handlers"; that is, kitchen assistants. Following guidelines offered by the San Diego County Department of Environmental Safety, they taught a 2-hour course that dealt with principles of personal cleanliness when around food, avoidance of cross-contamination when preparing food, appropriate cooking temperatures, food storage, and clean-up.

Added to all of this was education in maintaining a Kosher kitchen.

Every trainee completed (and passed) a 35-question examination from the Environmental Safety Department, thus qualifying to work under supervision in our kitchen. The new Ohr Shalom Food Handlers are: **Al Shelden, Morris Lazard, Miriam Bergman, Matt Razinsky, Joy Heitzmann, Gillian Argoff-Treseder, Lita Kleger, Andrea Luck, and Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn.**

As several Ohr Shalom congregants expressed interest in taking the Food Handler training but were unable to attend the sessions in February, Marci and Vanina will offer the course again after Pesach.



RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

If that's the aspiration, then I am officially at the midpoint of my time on this planet. In my optimism, you can officially call me middle aged. I like the ring of it. I have lived each day and each year striving to see good, as the Psalm says. I have plans for the future that look a lot like what I have done in the past, but with a different understanding of the sanctity of each day and each person with whom I am blessed to share my life. I give thanks for the wonderful people in my life, none more so than Jennifer, with whom I have shared nearly every day for nearly twenty years. I am also reflective, and filled with love and gratitude, for Shayna, Nadiv, Maital and Yael. I think it is fair to say that you have each aged me, and you each keep me young, and I wouldn't want it any other way.

Finally, I want to thank everybody who is participating in our President, Lynn Mendelsohn's crazy idea for "Fifty Good Things." I have to admit I was skeptical when she shared the idea with me, and I am not thrilled with the idea of it "being about me" so much. Then, one Sunday morning shortly after she announced this idea, I was sitting in the Social Hall when a grandmother in our congregation dropped off her grandkids for Religious School. Carrying a plastic bag, she asked me where was the bin for winter clothing donations. I told her in the lobby, and then acknowledged how lovely to be donating during this cold, wet winter. She then pulled out a beautiful, hand-knitted, winter cap. "Ten done, only forty more to go," she said as she walked towards the donation bin. Sometimes I am a little slow. It took me a little while to do the math and recognize why she was knitting fifty caps. I teared up.

I am deeply touched that she would do something so beautiful in my honor. Even more important and more humbling, there are fifty heads outside on the streets of San Diego that are warmer because of her loving gifts.

Lynn, thank you, deeply. Your idea has been the impetus for many people to make beautiful contributions in all sorts of ways. I am embarrassed, humbled, and very happy to be approaching my fiftieth birthday blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

Thank you to everybody for these gifts beyond measure.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

Ludowa, or AL, a part of the Polish Resistance.

In concert with the AL, Blaichman and company assisted Soviet spies who were operating in the region, destroyed dairies that were supplying the Germans, and blew up freight trains carrying supplies to the Russian front. Ultimately, Blaichman was appointed an AL Platoon Commander, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. On May 11, 1944, he and his Jewish partisan group took part in the Battle of Rablow, the most important battle in World War II between partisan forces and German Army regulars.

Blaichman's war ended when the Soviet Army entered Central Poland in July 1944. He was 21 years old. Eventually, he and his wife Cesia, also a member of a partisan group, immigrated to the U.S. Frank Blaichman became a builder and property developer in New York City and died there on December 27, 2018, at the age of 96.

Determined that the Jewish partisans not be forgotten, Blaichman helped to found the Federation of Former Underground Fighters Against Nazism, which, in 1985, erected the Jewish Fighters Monument at Yad Vashem.



ADULT EDUCATION

Lita Kleger
Adult Education Chair

JUDAISM AND MOURNING *with Rabbi Meltzer*

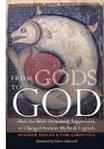
8 Wednesdays 10:00am
Class resumes on May 1

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

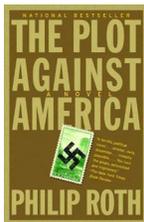
with Rabbi Meltzer
Wednesdays, 12:00pm
Class resumes on May 1



JEWISH AMERICAN LITERATURE

Tuesdays through April 16
11:00am-12:30pm

Instructor: Tricia Pummill, Ohr Shalom
Congregant and SDSU Professor



April 2 - *The Plot Against America* (2004) (chapters 1-3)
April 9 - *The Plot Against America* (2004) (chapters 4-6)
April 16 - *The Plot Against America* (2004) (chapters 7-9)

For more information, please contact Tricia Pummill,
tpummill@hotmail.com



LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, April 6, 12:45pm

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion

Marphe
Meditation

Sundays
April 14 & 28
3:00pm

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

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Sunday Morning TALK SHOW

May 5, 10:00 - 11:30am



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SAN DIEGO

Carole Yellen, Director of Strategic Partnerships at Jewish Family Service (JFS), will join us for a presentation of the more than 25 programs and services provided by JFS as it celebrates its 100 year anniversary. Through their programs they address issues such as food security, mental health, youth development, aging, homelessness, and economic self-sufficiency.



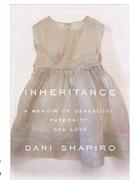
Most recently, **JFS opened a migrant shelter in downtown San Diego** that provides emergency comprehensive services in collaboration with San Diego Rapid Response Network partners. Carole will discuss the many volunteer opportunities available at the shelter as well as the numerous programs throughout the county that make a substantial difference in the lives of people every day.

Please come early for continental breakfast starting at 9:45am.

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, May 19, 10:30am

Inheritance *by Dani Shapiro*



(from Amazon) What makes us who we are? What combination of memory, history, biology, experience, and that ineffable thing called the soul defines us?

In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her father was not her biological father. She woke up one morning and her entire history — the life she had lived — crumbled beneath her.

Inheritance is a book about secrets — secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love. It is the story of a woman's urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that has been scrupulously hidden from her for more than fifty years, years she had spent writing brilliantly, and compulsively, on themes of identity and family history. It is a book about the extraordinary moment we live in — a moment in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics but also the capacities of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover.



Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

ISRAEL BLASTS A ROCKET TO THE MOON

This year on February 21st at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, Israel sent an unmanned spacecraft into orbit. Their goal: to become only the 4th nation to land a spacecraft on the Moon! In an emotional and historic moment for Israel, the nonprofit organization SpaceIL launched their dream and, fortunately, the rocket carrying the *Beresheet* Lunar Lander lifted off flawlessly from Cape Canaveral. This flight was the first nongovernmental mission to the Moon and the first to use a commercial launch. Spectators were seen wrapped in the Israeli flag. As *Beresheet* sped into space, congratulations poured in from viewers from Mexico to New Zealand, Ecuador to India, and New York to Montana. Back in Israel there were parties and events celebrating this historic moment for their country.

This flight is the beginning of a 7-to-8-week journey headed toward a lunar landing. The four-legged *Beresheet*, barely the size of a washing machine, will circle Earth in ever-larger loops until it is captured by lunar gravity and goes into orbit around the Moon. Inscribed on the craft are the words “Am Yisrael Chai,” and inside is a time capsule containing digital files that include a nano Bible, Israeli national symbols, and children’s drawings. Touchdown is expected on approximately April 11th at the Sea of Serenity.

SpaceIL founders Yonatan Winetraub and Kfir Damari were on site at Cape Canaveral along with key personnel from SpaceIL and funders of the \$100 million mission. Their quest to build a lunar rocket started in 2015, originally as part of the Google Lunar X Prize competition for privately funded teams to land a robotic spacecraft on the Moon.



Spectators watch the launch of Israeli Lunar Lander

When the competition was aborted in 2018, SpaceIL and its donors decided to continue anyway.

Their original vision was not only to reach outer space but also to reach the hearts of children. With many volunteers and rich educational materials, over the past several years SpaceIL has interacted directly with more than a million schoolchildren, mainly in Israel but also across the United States, to build enthusiasm for science and engineering. When children ask the SpaceIL team if the craft is coming back, they say no, that it will stay there with the time capsule and all the things inside. They tell the kids that it is their job to get to the Moon and bring it back.

Israel’s focus on space travel started in 1957 when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion expressed interest in space exploration at the time. The Egyptian Air Force had access to advanced technologies from Russia with the potential to build missiles and control the skies overhead. This posed a real threat to Israel that became the impetus for creating Israel’s space program. Their exploration era took off in 1983 when the Israel Space Agency was formed and Israel enjoyed many space advancements leading up to the *Beresheet* lunar mission. This marks the next step in the Israel Space Agency’s stated goal to increase Israel’s standing in this field and to be among the nations leading space research.

Beresheet is expected to transmit panoramic and “selfie” pictures, videos and scientific measurements and, perhaps most importantly, plant a blue-and-white Israeli flag on the Moon.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting, Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00pm

Ohr Shalom will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall on Tuesday evening, June 4th, at 7:00pm following Daily Minyan. Reports will describe the state of the synagogue and its finances.

In addition, the Ohr Shalom Executive Committee, which also became our Security Team following the October attack on Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, will report on changes to our physical plant, and in our operations policies, which have been undertaken to enhance the safety of everyone who uses our facility.





RABBINIC INTERN

Sydni Adler
Rabbinic Intern

God's Ideal Home - From Ohr Shalom to Each of Our Hearts

Throughout the month of March, I've been travelling to different parts of the country, to very different communities, in the process of figuring out my next steps in the rabbinate. By the end of the month, aside from spending time at Ohr Shalom, I'll have visited and taught at a giant synagogue in the Midwest, a tiny synagogue in the South, and a Jewish senior living home in Southern California. Each of these communities is exciting in its own specific ways, and each works hard every day to make the physical and cultural space of its building into the best home for God possible. At the same time that each community is working towards creating a divine space *within* its walls, each is also working towards creating divine space *beyond* its walls, in the hearts of each of its participants, wherever they find themselves.

In our Torah portions throughout March and April, we read about all of the specific rituals performed in the *mishkan* – the Israelites' traveling home for God, as well as all of the ritual objects and uniforms needed for practicing such rituals. As I've been observing the different practices and policies of these different communities, I've been thinking a lot about a commentary of an 18th and 19th century commentator from Lublin, the Divrei Emet. In Parshat Shemini, with the completion of building and the sanctification of the *mishkan*, Moses says to the people Israel, "This is the thing that God commanded you to do, so that the Presence of God will appear to you." According to the Divrei Emet, the "this" that God is commanding is not the building of the *mishkan*, but, rather, the study of Torah and practice of *mitzvot*. The ultimate goal for the people Israel is to bring God to dwell not just in the *mishkan*, but in the heart and soul of each individual. By working on

building the *mishkan* and by practicing the rituals within, the people Israel are forming community and embodying reminders for the sake of constant awareness of the beauty of the experience of relationship with God.



Accordingly, the sanctuary, social hall, and classrooms of Ohr Shalom are incredible places for bringing in the Divine Presence. Within these spaces, we gain the tools necessary – in text, worship, and relationships with others – to bring *mitzvot* into our lives outside of synagogue. As important as this space is, it is mainly a catalyst for inspiring us to think more about Torah and to practice our Jewish values in our everyday lives at home, school, and work. Now, as you're reading this article, I challenge you to look around you at the space in which you sit. How can you bring your Jewish values, the Torah you know and love, into this room, today? And how can we, as the Ohr Shalom community, continue to shape a sacred space that inspires Jewish thought and practice that lingers outside of those walls on Third and Laurel?

Exciting Announcement: New Full-Time Staff Member at Ohr Shalom



We are very excited to welcome Cheryl Katz to the full-time staff of Ohr Shalom Synagogue. For the past year, Cheryl has served as Principal of our Religious School, and she will continue to do so. Beginning July 1, Cheryl will assume an expanded role: Director of Education and Youth Programs.

Within this position, Cheryl will become our first ever professional Youth Director. She will be working

hard to continue the wonderful work of Jessica Lemoine in developing all three of our OSYG Youth Groups – Kadima, Junior USY and USY – and increase Ohr Shalom's engagement in regional USY. Not to worry, Jessica will remain the Board Member responsible for our youth

groups, and still will be working closely with the USY program.

Besides Cheryl's role as Religious School Principal, many of you know of her involvement with Shabbat services. Cheryl is training to be a Cantor, and thus makes significant contributions at services. In her new position, Cheryl will develop opportunities for our post-B'nai Mitzvah teens to continue being involved in Shabbat – including creating a Shabbat Corps of teens who will lead services together.

With the expansion of Cheryl's role, the Board of Directors has made the decision not to bring in a new Rabbinic Student Intern from the Zeigler School for the coming year, but perhaps we will have Rabbinic Interns again in the years ahead.

When you see Cheryl, please congratulate her. And if you don't know her yet, please introduce yourself!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Cheryl Katz
Religious School Principal

As someone who's decided to make Jewish education my career, it may come as little surprise that I have spent many an hour in classrooms and other learning environments over the course of my life so far. I owe a debt of gratitude to my parents for all their years of setting my priorities, bringing me (both literally and figuratively) to meet my commitments, and for stating expectations and patiently waiting for me to fulfill them.

I'm reflecting on this because, even now, I'm aware that I would not have made the same choices for myself that my parents did, and yet in the domino-chain of existence, I could never be who and what I am today without the forces set in motion by choices made so long ago!

Education is different now than it was when I was a kid. Teachers are not one-direction fonts of facts and quizzes; talking to your neighbor and getting out of your chair are not just allowed but are essential parts of learning. The multiple intelligences we find across humankind are honored and engaged in the inclusive classrooms of the future. (We live in the future.) I'm excited to be in a position to foster learning in all kinds of students, through many modalities, and especially through social-emotional engagement and community building.

I have a vision for our students where they are engaged, caring, connected and active learners - and that continues after they complete 7th Grade and graduate from Religious



School. I hope for it to continue throughout their lives. In my vision for Ohr Shalom students, they become active participants in our synagogue Tefilot, planning the kinds of worship they want to see, and developing their davening skills as adults in our community. In my vision, they'll choose to seek out continued Jewish learning, through the affiliation with **Community Jewish High (CJH)** that I am working to establish or through other opportunities in our community. In my vision, our students' learning of Jewish values will lead them to work toward the change they wish to see in our world, becoming people not only of wisdom but of action.

P.S. We recently had Beth Klareich, CJH administrator, and two teen students of the program come and speak to our 7th through 12th graders. Interestingly, the teens spoke about how going to CJH was not something they chose for themselves, but it is now their favorite two hours of the week! I hope all Ohr Shalom parents will consider setting this priority for their teens!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAIR

Rebecca Zipp
Religious School Chair

FRIENDLY NUDGE

By the time you read this, Purim will be but a memory! Hard to believe, but the Religious School year is three-quarters over.

This is a friendly nudge to make sure we are all current on our Religious School tuition payments.

Enrollment is up, but on-time payments are down. If you aren't sure what your balance is, call the office and find out. They will be happy to hear from you! And yes, in advance of writing this article, I contacted the office, found out what I owe, and am now current on my family's tuition.

Whether your family is on a payment plan or pays tuition in a lump sum, please, let's do our best to support our vibrant school, our educators, and most of all, our kids, with on-time (or close to on-time) payments.

Thank you so much for prioritizing the Religious School. We count on and value each of our families!

STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH



Student Name: Samantha K
Religious School Class: Vav/Zayin
Religious School Teacher: Morah Sue
Age: 12
Sibling(s) if any: Nope!
Favorite Jewish Holiday: Chanukah
Favorite Thing about Religious

School: Seeing my Jewish friends
Favorite activities: Dance, photography, theatre and YouTube
Favorite foods: Sushi, poke, pizza and fries
When I grow up I want to be: It's too soon to decide!
If I had one wish I would wish: ...for more wishes!



SISTERHOOD CORNER

Marda Rose
Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Happy Hour

Thursday, April 11 at 5:00pm

Join us for Happy Hour at Cucina Urbana at 505 Laurel Street.



Everyone is welcome. We look forward to spending some time with all of you!

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Gift Shop Hours – By appointment
at 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.

Special Requests? Email us giftshop@ohrshalom.org



MOVIE NIGHT



Al Shelden
VP Administration

Sunday Night, May 5 at 6:45pm

My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes

Time for some serious reflection. Our May movie asks the question: “Would you risk your life to save a stranger?” It’s an important question to ask at this time of the year, with Yom HaShoah occurring on May 2. Join us as we show this award-winning documentary film.



The movie tells the story of Gino Bartali, a charismatic Italian sports idol and two-time Tour de France cycling champion, and the secret underground network he worked with (comprised of thousands of Italians who risked their own lives) to save Jews from capture and death.

As Jewish communities throughout Europe disappeared forever, with 6 million Jews murdered in Nazi-occupied Europe, more than 80% of Italy’s Jews survived. The role of Gino Bartali in this effort was not revealed in his lifetime.

My Italian Secret tells a heroic story that until now was mostly unknown. The film recounts how Bartali, physician Giovanni Borromeo, and other Italians worked with Jewish leaders and a Catholic Bishop to save thousands of Italy’s Jews. Come learn the story of how Bartali time and again smuggled fake identification documents; how Dr. Borromeo invented a fictitious disease to scare the SS away from the hospital where he was hiding Jews; and how the Bishop aided in the saving of countless lives. The movie also tells the story of a number of the survivors and their children who return to Italy to revisit their hiding places and to thank those who were willing risk to their own lives to save strangers without ever seeking recognition or reward for their courage.

One reviewer said that the Oscar-nominated director Oren Jacoby “Carefully crafted [a] film [that] deftly blends archival footage with dramatic re-creations and interviews with surviving family members to illuminating effect.”

The film, narrated in English by actress Isabella Rossellini, is suitable for ages 15 and up.

MEN’S CLUB POKER

Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm

Contact Joe Hartman: (619) 851-2303



Ohr Shalom ON THE TOWN



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 is \$44.



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



SOCIAL ACTION

Rachel Millstone
Social Action Chair



“L’DOR V’DOR” – FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION....

This year, Earth Day falls aptly during Chol HaMoed Pesach.

April 22nd. It’s a Monday. It’s Pesach. It’s a celebration of our redemption from Egypt. It’s a day when both freedom and earth should be on our minds. And the intersection is fascinating.

As a people, we are the inheritors of a tradition that recognizes our responsibility in caring for the environment – to “till and tend” the earth (Genesis 2:15) as part of our covenant with God, but also as part of our covenant with our children – *l’dor v’dor* – from generation to generation – that they, too, may inherit a habitable planet.

We are *shomrei adamah* – guardians of the earth, endowed with great power. We can manipulate nature for the good – with our technological inventions, our buildings, our advancements in civilization. Or, we can use our power to destroy – through war, apathy, waste, and pollution. We have the responsibility to speak out for laws that look out for other species that inhabit our earth.

Please join us next month for our **Beach Clean-up at Shelter Island, May 19th 1:00 pm-3:00 pm!**

And please choose a few of the items from Shira’s inspiring list on the next page!

Happy Earth Day! And, Chag Sameach!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

April 1, Monday, 6:45-8:00pm: Assemble Pesach Bags for JFS clients

April 3, Wednesday: Safe Parking Dinner @ JFS, Balboa Avenue

May 5, Sunday, 10:00-11:30am: Carole Yellen, Director of Strategic Partnerships, JFS- “Sunday Morning Talk Show Speaker” (will share new volunteer opportunities at JFS on the occasion of their 100th birthday!) *See page 7.*

May 19, Sunday, 1:00-3:00pm: Beach Clean-Up, Shelter Island. *See box on next page.*



Month of April: 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 to join this dynamic group of volunteers.



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

Kol HaKavod!

Thank you to all those who donated canned and non-perishable goods for our collective mitzvah of *Matanot La-Evyonim* (“gifts to the poor”) for Purim! Ruth Hendricks used our donations to stock her pantry at her non-profit organization **Special Delivery San Diego**. She was extremely grateful, and was even inspired to learn all about the holiday of Purim and this special mitzvah of giving to the poor. Aside from providing a fully stocked pantry for individuals living in poverty and/or individuals who are houseless, Ruth Hendricks and her completely volunteer staff (including our own **Ruth Levy**) make, pack, and deliver breakfast, lunch, and dinner to 120 individuals in the local community who are terminally ill – using compostable containers for sustainability! Incredible for both humans and the environment!

L to R: Ruth Levy, Ruth Hendricks, Rachel Millstone



BEACH CLEAN-UP AT SHELTER ISLAND **Sunday, May 19, 1:00-3:00pm**

Please join us in this rewarding day as we pick up litter that would otherwise find its way into our ocean waters and sea-life environments.

Meet at Shelter Island, directly across from Humphreys. All clean-up supplies provided! Water and light snacks will be available during the event.

All ages welcome, accompanied by an adult (waivers for youth under 18 must be signed by an adult at the event site).

RSVP appreciated but not required. Coordinator: Rachel Millstone rdmillstone@gmail.com



“Protect Our Species”

by Shira Cohen

“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, they find it connected to the rest of the world.” –John Muir

Facts:

* Humans are driving the extinction of species at 1,000 to 10,000 times the normal rate, with **multiple extinctions daily**. Habitat destruction, trafficking and poaching, deforestation, unsustainable agriculture, pollution, pesticides, and climate change are driving the global destruction of the world’s plant and animal population. Every species, from coral reefs to insects, birds to rhinos, is affected. Learn more at earthday.org!

* Monarch butterfly populations in California have fallen by as much as 95% since the 1980s due to habitat loss, increasing use of pesticides, and loss of milkweed populations – all related to climate change caused by humans. (earthday.org)

Challenge: Celebrate Earth Day all month! There are SO many things you can do to protect our species.

*Most of us do our work digitally, and when you need to use paper, make sure it’s 100% post-consumer recycled paper – this can go for toilet paper, tissue, and paper towels, too!

*Urge your congressional representative to pass the Pollinator Recovery Act and to protect the Endangered Species Act.

*Support a ban on the use of pesticides. Use natural remedies to deal with pests. For example, ladybugs eat unwanted insects, like aphids, and provide an overall benefit to the ecosystem (savetheinsects.com).

*Become a beekeeper. Plant a “bee-butterfly-bird-insect friendly garden”! Plant butterfly host plants (specific butterfly species will lay eggs on their host plant, and caterpillars will then hatch and use the plant as their sole food source) and butterfly nectar plants (food source for all butterflies - sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dmpr/ctn/documents/ButterflyPlants.pdf). For monarch butterflies, their host plant is milkweed and a good nectar plant is a butterfly bush!

*Support sustainable fishing – this helps harm from coming to whales and other sea life by protecting them from bycatch and maintaining their food source (seafoodwatch.org).



Joshua E. Cohen

*Use sunscreens that are oxybenzone-free to help protect coral reefs. Don’t buy coral or home aquarium fish unless you know they were legally and sustainably collected.

*Join the movement to stop the ivory trade. Speak up against trophy hunting and put pressure on U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the current administration to keep the ban on the import of elephant tusks and other animal parts. Protest elephant exhibitions, from the circus to elephant-back rides. Take action to change the Endangered Species Act to stop the import of giraffe parts into the US. (earthdaynetwork.salsalabs.org/giraffeaction/index.html).

*Protect chimpanzees by buying chocolate from sustainable sources, NOT from the west coast of Africa (Ivory Coast - sierraclub.org/sierra/green-life/dark-side-chocolate-industry).

*Participate in volunteer groups as part of National Volunteer Week, April 7-13.

For more ideas go to earthday.org!

TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in March:

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Yonina Creditor

Laurence and Erica Kruger

In memory of Samuel Wasserman

In memory of Ethel Edyce Wasserman

In memory of Pearl Strauss

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In honor of Rabbi Meltzer's 50th Birthday

Jacquelin Ander

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In memory of David Goldstein

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Bat Mitzvah

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Al and Marilyn Shelden

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Samy and Sarita Zands

In honor of Rocky Reid's

80th Birthday

Robert and Lise Adatto

In honor of Morris Lazard being

recognized at Lights of Ohr Shalom

Judith Gottschalk

In memory of Esther Faham

Rocky and Debbie Reid

Evelyn Sevel

In memory of Sharlene Chester

In memory of Mary Landsam

In memory of Gladys Sevel

In memory of Arthur Witz

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In memory of Rowland Pummill

Evelyn Sevel

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50th Birthday

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Mehin Nobel

Rocky and Debbie Reid

Singer Family

Jeff and Julie Rubtchinsky

We apologize for any omissions

Mazal Tov to:

David and Fredel Cohen

on the birth of their baby son, **Abraham**. Mazal Tov to grandparents **Eddy and Vicky Cohen**.

Maital Meltzer and her family for **Maital's** Bat Mitzvah.

Paris Goudeau and her family for **Paris's** Bat Mitzvah.

Alek Singer and his family for **Alek's** Bar Mitzvah.

Condolences to:

The **Nobel, Galicot** and **Abeles Families** on the passing of **John Nobel**, beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather.

Leslie and **Alan Rostenberg** on the passing of passing of their beloved Great-grandmother, **Lolita Befeler Wais**.

Vivien Ressler on the passing of her beloved Mother, **Judith 'Lela' Lindenfeld Gorsd**.

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



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

LeAnne Adams

Aviva Angel

Ilan Awerbuch

Sue Brown

Allan Brzezinski

Eva Brzezinski

Szymon Brzezinski

Vanina Bunton

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Maital Meltzer

Nadiv Meltzer

Shayna Meltzer

Ivan Mendelsohn

Rachel Millstone

Amy Morris

Bill Morris

Rocky Reid

Ruben Rosental

Aaron Rubinstein

Alek Singer

Brian Stannard

Cantor Cheri Weiss

Dan Weiss

Jane Zeer

Todah Rabah to our March office volunteers: Miriam Bergman, Jim Lewis, and Alice Broudy Cupples.

Todah Rabah to our Maise writers: Justina Nemoy, Rachel Millstone, Harriet Wolpoff, Tricia Pummill and Eli Meltzer.

Yahrzeits

*Rabbi Aaron Gottesman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	1-Apr/25 Adar II
*Maurice Polichar	Raulf Polichar Father.....	1-Apr/25 Adar II
Carlos Sefchovich	Leye Sefchovich's Father.....	5-Apr/29 Adar II
*Gloria French	Remembered by Reyna Forman.....	6-Apr/1 Nisan
Iris Moss	Remembered by Gillian Moss.....	6-Apr/1 Nisan
Sandra Golden	Ralph Golden's Wife.....	7-Apr/2 Nisan
*Laura Casuto	Morris Casuto's Mother.....	9-Apr/4 Nisan
*Yuriy Glozman	Golda Slutskaya's Father.....	9-Apr/4 Nisan
Jenny Stepensky	Teshy Wellman's Sister.....	9-Apr/4 Nisan
Anna Golden	Ralph Golden's Mother.....	10-Apr/5 Nisan
Herbert Kay	Koba Kay's Father.....	11-Apr/5 Nisan
Hayim Levine	Ana Galicot's Father.....	11-Apr/5 Nisan
*Ruth Okin	Michael Okin's Mother.....	11-Apr/5 Nisan
Jaime Tacher	Salomon Tacher's Father.....	11-Apr/5 Nisan
Yosef Govezensky	Bertha Szmuiłowicz's Father.....	12-Apr/7 Nisan
Chana Rosental	Ruben Rosental's Mother.....	13-Apr/8 Nisan
Theodore Schiffman	Judie Dresser's Father and Samantha Hardy's Grandfather.....	13-Apr/8 Nisan
Enid Levy	Avigayil Levy-Yochanan's Grandmother.....	14-Apr/9 Nisan
*Joseph Schor	Renee Schor's Grandfather.....	14-Apr/9 Nisan
Sara Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Grandmother.....	14-Apr/9 Nisan
Min R. Tarlov	Norman Greene's Aunt.....	14-Apr/9 Nisan
Raquel Grinberg	Ruben Rosental's Grandmother.....	15-Apr/10 Nisan
*Caroline Ornstein	Remembered by Ohr Shalom Sisterhood.....	16-Apr/11 Nisan
Gertrude Weinstein	Sheldon Wolpoff's Mother.....	16-Apr/11 Nisan
*Nandor Bernstein	Batya Bernstein's Father.....	17-Apr/12 Nisan
Henry Green	Barbara Haislip's Father.....	17-Apr/12 Nisan
*Rosa Antokolsky de Maya	Remembered by The Beliaz/Beilas Families.....	18-Apr/13 Nisan
Mildred Green	Barbara Haslip's Mother.....	18-Apr/13 Nisan
*Ruth Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Mother.....	18-Apr/13 Nisan
Graciela Kantorovich	Remembered by Sarita Zands.....	19-Apr/14 Nisan
Jack Linsk	Amy Morris' Father.....	19-Apr/14 Nisan
Enrique Margolis	Abraham Margolis' Father.....	20-Apr/15 Nisan
Isaac Veinbergs	Miguel Veinbergs' Father.....	20-Apr/15 Nisan
Leo Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Father.....	22-Apr/17 Nisan
Matilda Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother.....	22-Apr/17 Nisan
Juno Reznik	Remembered by Becky Reznik.....	22-Apr/17 Nisan
Rose Slovis	Lisa Slovis Mandel's Grandmother.....	23-Apr/18 Nisan
*Irving Krantz	Remembered by Richard Scholten.....	24-Apr/19 Nisan
Manuel Rechtman	Sara Fainstein's Uncle.....	24-Apr/19 Nisan
Samuel Cohen	Santiago Cohen's Father.....	25-Apr/20 Nisan
Robert Kolkey	Debbie Reid's Father.....	25-Apr/20 Nisan
Raquel Stepensky	Teshy Wellman's Mother.....	25-Apr/20 Nisan
Nate P. Blumovicz	Remembered by Rafael Slovatizki.....	26-Apr/21 Nisan
Raquel Melnik	Remembered by Silvia Gold.....	26-Apr/21 Nisan
*Samuel Szmuiłowicz	Bertha Szmuiłowicz' husband, Isaac Szmuiłowicz and Eva Zagursky's father.....	26-Apr/21 Nisan
*Samuel Wasserman	Jacquelin Ander's Father.....	26-Apr/21 Nisan
Abraham Berman	Remembered by Roz Berman.....	27-Apr/22 Nisan
Gert Thaler	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	27-Apr/22 Nisan
*Arthur Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Father.....	27-Apr/22 Nisan
Sylvia Blank	Alan Blank's Mother.....	28-Apr/23 Nisan
Marcos Handelman-Wolman	Sara Fainstein's Brother.....	28-Apr/23 Nisan
Menashe Rosenfeld	Sara Limenes' Father.....	28-Apr/23 Nisan
Sharlene Chester	Evelyn Sevel's Sister.....	29-Apr/24 Nisan
Betty Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Mother and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandmother.....	29-Apr/24 Nisan
Jimmie Semel	Bernie Semel's Mother.....	29-Apr/24 Nisan
David Sevel	Remembered by Evie Sevel.....	29-Apr/24 Nisan
Esther Cohen	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein.....	30-Apr/25 Nisan
Maurice Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Father.....	30-Apr/25 Nisan

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2019

Adar II/Nisan 5779

Shiru Shabbat

with Rabbi Adler

Friday, April 5 at 7:15pm

Singing, Prayer, and Reflection

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Hosted by Ohr Shalom Teens
 for Good Deeds Day*

Sunday, April 7, 9:00-10:30am



\$5 suggested donation



**Celebrate Pesach at Ohr Shalom's
 Community 2nd Seder**

Saturday Evening

April 20 at 5:30pm

See details on page 5

	1 25 Adar II Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	2 26 Adar II Adult Ed: Jewish American Literature 11:00am Minyan 6:15pm	3 27 Adar II Minyan 6:15pm	4 28 Adar II Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	5 29 Adar II Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shiru Shabbat 7:15pm 6:53pm	6 1 Nisan Parshat Tazria Rosh Chodesh Nisan Shabbat HaChodesh Shabbat Service 9:30am Jr. Congregation 11:00am Lunch & Learn 12:45pm 7:54pm
7 2 Nisan Pancake Breakfast 9:00am Religious School 9:30am Lights of Ohr Shalom Fundraiser 5:00pm	8 3 Nisan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	9 4 Nisan Adult Ed: American Jewish Literature 11:00am Minyan 6:15pm	10 5 Nisan Minyan 6:15pm Board Meeting 7:00pm	11 6 Nisan Religious School 4:30pm Sisterhood Happy Hour 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	12 7 Nisan Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service ZAMRU 6:15pm 6:58pm	13 8 Nisan Parshat Metzora Shabbat HaGadol Learners Shacharit 9:30am Shabbat Torah Service 10:15am 7:59pm
14 9 Nisan Religious School 9:30am Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	15 10 Nisan Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	16 11 Nisan Adult Ed: American Jewish Literature 11:00am Minyan 6:15pm	17 12 Nisan Minyan 6:15pm	18 13 Nisan No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm	19 14 Nisan Fast of the Firstborn Erev Pesach Office Closes 2:00pm 7:03pm	20 15 Nisan Pesach I Shabbat Pesach Service 9:30am Community Seder 5:30pm 8:04pm
21 16 Nisan Pesach II Omer Day 1 Pesach Morning Service 9:30am	22 17 Nisan Pesach III Omer Day 2 Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	23 18 Nisan Pesach IV Omer Day 3 Minyan 6:15pm	24 19 Nisan Pesach V Omer Day 4 Minyan 6:15pm Men's Club Poker 7:00pm	25 20 Nisan Pesach VI Omer Day 5 No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm 7:08pm	26 21 Nisan Pesach VII Omer Day 6 Office Closes 2:00pm Pesach Morning Service 9:30am Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 7:09pm	27 22 Nisan Pesach VIII Omer Day 7 Shabbat Pesach Service with Yizkor 9:30am 8:09pm
28 23 Nisan Omer Day 8 Religious School 9:30am Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration 1:30pm Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	29 24 Nisan Omer Day 9 Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	30 25 Nisan Omer Day 10 Minyan 6:15pm	1 26 Nisan Omer Day 11 Adult Ed: Judaism and Mourning 10:00am Adult Ed: From Gods to God: TaNaKh Class 12:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	2 Yom HaShoah Omer Day 12 Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	3 28 Nisan Omer Day 13 Office Closes 2:00pm Tots in PJs 6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm 7:14pm	4 29 Nisan Parshat Acharei Mot Omer Day 14 Shabbat Service 9:30am Jr. Congregation 11:00am Lunch & Learn 12:45pm 8:14pm