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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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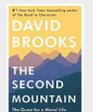
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Saturday, December 21/28, 12:45pm  
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Sunday, December 22, 5:00pm  
**CHANUKAH PARTY**  
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## SEVEN BRIDGES ROAD

*By Rabbi Scott Meltzer*

We did it! Thirty-one of us set off together on Sunday, November 3, shortly after noon. Actually, thirty-one of us set off together, and two unnamed stragglers caught up to us on 1st Avenue shortly before the first bridge.

It would be a bit of overstatement to claim that completing the Seven Bridges Walk with Ohr Shalom was the fulfillment of a lifelong ambition, but we have been scheduling and rescheduling this walk for a few years and it does feel like an achievement to have finally accomplished it.

I would like to share ten brief insights from our 5.6 mile Sunday stroll.

1. We are a strong community – from the youngest (Aviva W.) to the oldest (I'm not speculating).
2. Sometimes the difference between success and failure is a well-timed ice cream stop.
3. We can all walk together, even if some arrive a little late, some leave early, and everybody walks at their own pace.
4. Bridges do more than span a distance to cross, they are part of the road that change one's perspective and offer beautiful views.

5. There are gems hidden all around us that are worth discovering and exploring.
6. In a community, anybody can talk to anybody and everybody can talk to everybody.
7. Some like bridges that sway, some like bridges that appear rickety, some like bridges with quotations on the sides and definitions in the concrete, but crossing the bridges with other people teaches us to appreciate each step from new perspectives.
8. Some DON'T like bridges that sway, some DON'T like bridges that are rickety, but together we can make it across all of them (though sometimes holding hands helps a lot!).

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## 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
- Music, Dancing, Games, Arts and Crafts, Donut Decorating
- All ages invited
- Dreidel game **for adults**

**Suggested contribution \$5/\$10 for a Family**





## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Lynn Mendelsohn**  
President

### Welcome to Łódź

Shirin Kaye, the 16-year-old daughter of my friends who live in Philadelphia, is studying this semester at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel. Via email, Shirin's mom shares with me periodic student activity reports issued by Mordechai Cohen, the Head-of-School at Muss. In late October, Cohen and about 40 students, including Shirin, took a tour of Poland. They started out at Łódź. What they found there is worth sharing.

Łódź is at the geographic center of Poland, about 75 miles southwest of Warsaw, the capital. For 114 years, from 1825 until 1939, Łódź was the Cupertino, California, of Poland – the core of a commercial region made prosperous by newly developing technologies. At Łódź, there were a multitude of mills, filled with weaving looms powered by steam and electricity, mass-produced textiles from cotton, wool, and linen for consumption throughout Europe. As has been the case with our Silicon Valley high-tech industry, the textiles revolution in Łódź was propelled forward by daring individual entrepreneurs, many of whom were Jewish.

From the 11th to the 16th centuries, Poland was a haven for Jews, such that, by the 1560s, approximately three-quarters of the world's Jewish population lived there. With the religious strife of the Protestant Reformation, the era of tolerance was over. However, in 1815, at the end of the Napoleonic wars, Poland came under Russian domination. Immediately, the Russian Czar declared Łódź to be a "factory town" and gave tax-free deeds to German immigrants. Later, egged on by Polish economists, the Russian government dropped customs barriers between the two countries and abolished laws restricting Jews from settling, and owning property, in Polish cities.

From its incorporation in 1423 until the early 1800's, Łódź was a minor farming town. However, the convergence of small rivers nearby rendered the site ideal for barge transport of raw materials and manufactured goods.



Poznański mausoleum

The industrial revolution at Łódź brought immigrants from all of Europe, especially Prussians, Russians and Jews, such that, for much of the 19th century, only about half of the city's inhabitants were Polish. Between 1823 and 1873, the population of Łódź doubled every 10 years. By 1900, 300,000 people lived in Łódź, approximately one-third of whom were Jews. The city was well-known as a melting-pot, where Yiddish, German, Polish and Russian were equally likely to be heard on the streets.

The Jewish community of 19th century Łódź was fond of European culture and progressive ideas, supporting a large Reform synagogue and multiple art and music institutions. Completed in 1887 and financed by the city's textile entrepreneurs, the Great Synagogue, also known as "The German Temple," housed one of the first Reform congregations in Poland. Born in 1887, Arthur Rubenstein, the world-renowned pianist, was the child of a Łódź family.

One of the great Jewish industrialists of 19th century Łódź was Izrael Kalman Poznański. Born in northern Poland in 1833, Poznański, with his father, established a cotton fabric manufacturing business in Łódź in 1860. After his father died, Poznański continued to build red brick mills, as well as workers' housing, bleaching and dyeing plants, and textile printing facilities, until his real estate holdings comprised a significant part of Łódź. Poznański commissioned gargantuan palaces for his family at the city's center. By 1890, Poznański was the richest man in Europe.

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### Deadline:

- December 5 for January issue
- January 5 for February issue



# OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

## KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 6 - 7:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service, "Ask the Rabbi")  
 Friday, December 13 - 6:15pm (Shabbat Kehillatit Service)  
 Friday, December 20 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service ZAMRU)  
 Friday, December 27 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)



**TOTS IN PJs** Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
**Friday, December 6 at 6:00pm**  
 Bring your infants and toddlers in their pajamas to welcome Shabbat in song.



**KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE "ASK THE RABBI"**  
**Friday, December 6 at 7:15pm**  
 Your opportunity to ask the questions you have always wanted to.

*Shabbat Kehillatit Religious School Service & Community Dinner*

**Friday, December 13**  
 Family-friendly service: 6:15pm  
 Community Dinner: 7:15pm  
 RSVP for dinner by December 9

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

*Shabbat Morning Learners Shacharit*

**Saturday, December 14 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, December 14 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.



**ZAMRU "SING OUT" SHABBAT**  
**Friday, December 20, 6:15pm**  
 6:15pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
 Join Yale Strom & Elizabeth Schwartz and celebrate Shabbat through vibrant, musical prayer



**TOT SHABBAT**  
**Saturday, December 21 at 10:30am**  
 Tots, parents and grandparents celebrating Shabbat morning together. (Newborns to 5-year-olds)



**LUNCH & LEARN**  
**Saturdays, December 21 and 28 at 12:45pm**  
 Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch and discussion

**PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING**  
**December 2019**

**PARSHAT VAYEITZEI**  4:24pm  
 Fri: December 6 | 8 Kislev  
 Sat: December 7 | 9 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3  
 Haft: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

**PARSHAT VAYISHLACH**  4:25pm  
 Fri: December 13 | 15 Kislev  
 Sat: December 14 | 16 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 32:4 - 36:43  
 Haft: Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

**PARSHAT VAYESHEV**  4:28pm  
 Fri: December 20 | 22 Kislev  
 Sat: December 21 | 23 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23  
 Haft: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

**PARSHAT MIKEITZ**  4:32pm  
 Fri: December 27 | 29 Kislev  
 Sat: December 28 | 30 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 41:1 - 44:17  
**Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Chanukah**  
 Haft: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

**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!**

**December Dates**  
 December 2  
 December 9  
 December 16



**SHABBAT MORNING BABYSITTING**

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





## SISTERHOOD CORNER

**Marda Rose**  
Sisterhood President

### Build-a-Bar Night at Eclipse Chocolate



**December 12, 7:00 to 8:00pm**  
2145 Fern Street



Join us for “Build-a-Bar Night.” Treat your taste buds and craft custom chocolate bars! Select from more than 30 ingredients to create your own unique chocolate bars.

The cost is \$25 and includes two large chocolate bars of your own design and your choice of a drink. You can pre-purchase your tickets here: <https://store.eclipsechocolate.com/products/build-a-bar-nights-ticket> and make sure to choose December 12 and Single Ticket.

**Come early at 6:30pm for some appetizers before the event**

*You do not need to be a member of Sisterhood to participate in this event.*

### Sisterhood Table

**Friday, December 13 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](mailto:giftshop@ohrshalom.org)

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

Special Requests? Email us.



**Chanukah Gifts for All Ages!**

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

**We are now on instagram!**  
**Follow us @ohrshalom**



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### RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

9. Sometimes perseverance brings us to places we would never know otherwise – whether it is the perseverance to schedule and reschedule, or the perseverance to continue to put one foot in front of the other.
10. Everybody has a story, and if you walk next to them for a couple of minutes they just might share it with you.



Crossing the First Ave. Bridge.

And an eleventh insight: sometimes puzzles about lighthouses take a long time to figure out!

For those who missed the playlist from the walk, a few highlights, all well-represented on YouTube: “Gesher Tzar Meod,” “Bridge Over Troubled Waters,” “59th Street Bridge Song,” “Under the Bridge,” “One More Bridge to Cross,” and of course, “London Bridge is Falling Down.”

Thank you to everybody who crossed the divide with us – whether you did so once, twice, or seven times! I look forward to walking down this road together again.



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.

### NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH

**Sunday, January 5, 2020, 10:00am**

If you are new to Ohr Shalom, please watch your email for your invitation!

### MINYAN APPRECIATION\* SHABBAT

**January 10, 2020**

The January Kehillatit dinner will honor the many Ohr Shalom members who have kept our 6:15pm daily minyan running, every day, for more than 5 years.

If you consider yourself to be a regular daily minyan attendee, then you are an honoree! Please RSVP to the synagogue office. Dinner for you is on the house!

Here's a preview of the January dinner menu: matzo ball soup, brisket, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, winter citrus salad, citrus olive oil cake.

\*Although it is not appropriate to thank a person for performing a mitzvah, such as reciting daily prayers, we nonetheless greatly appreciate those who support our Minyan.

### Save the Date



## Ohr Shalom Shabbaton in Shreveport, LA

**March 20-22, 2020**



Visit Rabbi Sydney 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.

**Please see the flier in this issue for more information.**

**If you are interested, contact Gillian (office@ohrshalom.org) to add your name to the list.**

### SAVE THE DATE

## 15th Annual LIGHTS OF OHR SHALOM

**May 3, 2020 at 5:00pm**



### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Cheryl Katz**

Director of Education & Youth Programs

### USY AND KADIMA

The teens (7th-12th Grades) had a great time at Tater Tot Shabbat in November. We started with a nosh of fresh-from-the-oven tots, celebrated a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Ya'ara Oren, and finished with an impromptu game night! Any 7th-12th Graders and/or USYers interested in planning the next Teen Shabbat, let Cheryl Katz know ([principal@ohrshalom.org](mailto:principal@ohrshalom.org)).



Kadima Day was a sold-out success on Sunday, November 17! The students went all-out playing Laser Tag in the social hall, competed in speed-rotations of board game tournaments, and completed a SATO (Social Action/Tikkun Olam) project to benefit the residents of the JFS Safe Parking Program.

#### Upcoming Events:

- December 8** – Sunday, Kadima Lounge Day 12:00-2:00pm
- December 13** – Friday, Teen Shabbat 6:00pm
- December 15** – Sunday, USY Board Meeting 12:30-2:00pm
- December 22-26** – USY International Convention
- December 22** – Sunday, Kadima Chanukah Gift Exchange 4:00-5:00pm (before the Congregation Chanukah Celebration)
- December 26** – Thursday, Jr. and Sr. USY Chanukah Gift Exchange 6:30-8:30pm
- January 5** – Sunday, Kadima Lounge Day 12:00-2:00pm
- January 11** – Saturday, San Diego Sr. USY Winter Formal Time TBD
- January 17** – Friday, Teen Shabbat 6:00pm
- January 18** – Saturday, Jr. and Sr. USY see Mama Mia (JCompany at JCC) Time TBD
- January 24-26** – Kadima Kinnus at Camp Ramah

**USYers:** Follow USY on Instagram@ohrshalom\_usy

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

We are looking for students, teens and their families to participate in a **Chanukah display at Noah Homes' Enchanted Village** (for adults with disabilities) **December 15, 4:30-8:00pm** Anyone interested in participating should contact Cheryl Katz [principal@ohrshalom.org](mailto:principal@ohrshalom.org) or Shoshanah Sternlieb.

### The USY Holiday Service Project

We will be collecting non-perishable sweet treats (cocoa, tea, cookies, etc) up until **December 25**. USYers will assemble care packages that we'll distribute to fire stations, ERs, police stations, etc. to thank them for their service through the holidays



## ADULT EDUCATION

**Allyson Darroch**  
Adult Education Chair

### Sunday Morning **TALK SHOW**

**Sunday, December 8, 10:00am**

#### **The Secret Jewish History of the Helicopter**

**Speaker: Chip Lancaster, USN (retired)**



Since the birth of powered flight, aviation designers and engineers have been fascinated by the mysteries of vertical flight. The presentation covers U.S. helicopter pioneers Igor Sikorsky, Frank Piasecki, Stanley Hiller, Charlie Kaman, Arthur Young and Frank



Robinson from their aviation beginnings through their careers. Using pictures and audio and video clips, Lancaster follows each pioneer in stages through their inventive process – from their humble beginnings to their aircraft production and company formation and into the future of helicopter engineering and technology, including the helicopters used by the Israeli Air Force.

Chip Lancaster is a retired Naval Aviator with over 24 years of active service flying both fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. His duty stations saw service from South East Asia to the Indian Ocean to Korea, flying from aircraft carriers, surface combatants and supply ships in the time frame from Vietnam to the first Persian Gulf War. Since his military retirement, he has worked as a ground school and flight simulator instructor for the Navy and Marines at North Island and Miramar as well as a Math teacher at Mesa College for over 28 years.

### Wednesday Evening **TALK SHOW**

**Wednesday, December 18, 7:00pm**

#### **The Secrets of Cooking for a Jewish Crowd**

**Speakers: Vanina Bunton and Marci Prag, Ohr Shalom Kitchen Mavens**

If you've ever been in the care of a Jewish mother – whether yours or someone else's – then surely you're familiar with the words "eat something!"

So with that in mind, in time for Chanukah no less, the Talk Show will bring together two great chefs, Vanina Bunton and Marci Prag, to help us through the holiday with recipes, grocery recommendations and maybe a nosh or two? Be there so you shouldn't starve!



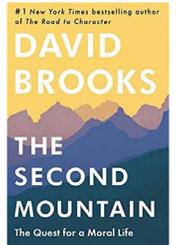
### **READINGS WITH THE RABBI**

**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



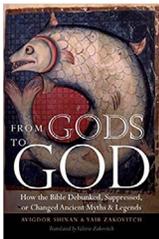
### **From gods to God: A New Way of Looking at the TaNaKh**

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.



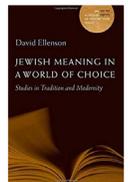
### **UPCOMING READING**

**Sunday, January 26, 10:30am**

#### **Jewish Meaning In A World of Choice**

by David Ellenson

[From JPS]: Internationally recognized scholar David Ellenson shares 23 of his most representative essays that center on a description and examination of the complex push and pull between Jewish tradition and Western culture. Ellenson addresses gender equality, women's rights, conversion, issues relating to who is a Jew, the future of the rabbinate, Jewish day schools, and other emerging trends in American Jewish life. As an outspoken advocate for a strong Israel that is faithful to the democratic and Jewish values that informed its founders, he also writes about religious tolerance and pluralism in the Jewish state.



## ADULT EDUCATION CONT.



### CHANUKAH, AMERICA AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*with Rabbi Meltzer*

**Wednesdays at 10:00am**

- December 4:** Chanukah & Public Displays of Religious Symbols I
- December 11:** Chanukah & Public Displays of Religious Symbols II
- December 18:** Preparing to Celebrate

### NEW CLASS

### Basic Hebrew and Synagogue Skills

*Taught by Sue Brown*

**Starting in January, Date/Time TBA**

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.

### OHR SHALOM GOES TO THE JCC

Once again will be purchasing discounted group tickets to an event sponsored by the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center:

### JEW'S ON THE CHOCOLATE TRAIL

With Rabbi Deborah Prinz

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Beloved by all, and elevated to ritual status at Ohr Shalom's Shabbat morning Torah services, chocolate has a complicated history – a history with surprising Jewish connections! Rabbi Prinz will report the results of years of research and travel, which have culminated in her story of how Jews brought chocolate to the world.

Also, we will be able to visit an exhibit curated by Rabbi Prinz at the JCC's Gotthelf Gallery, entitled *Semi(te) Sweet: On Jews and Chocolate*. Rabbi Prinz's book *On the Chocolate Trail* will be available for purchase and signing.

The discounted price per ticket will be \$14. If you are interested in attending Jews on the Chocolate Trail, please email Lynn Mendelsohn at [mendelynn0511@gmail.com](mailto:mendelynn0511@gmail.com) or text her (619-980-1801). Please RSVP by December 31.

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

### JEWISH LITERATURE COURSE *with Tricia Pummill*

During February and March, by popular demand, Tricia will offer another 6-week Jewish Literature course.



**Classes will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am.**

*Watch the January Davar for more details.*

### NEW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM:

### DAF YOMI *with Rabbi Meltzer*

**Organizing and information meeting, Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 5:00pm**

**Daf Yomi** is the name of a program, a regimen, whereby a person reads or learns about the *Babylonian Talmud*. *Daf Yomi* means "page a day," where a "daf" is both sides of the page. Pursuing *Daf Yomi* means going through the Talmud, daf-by-daf, one each day. Covering all 2,711 pages in this way takes seven and a half years.



Tens of thousands of Jews worldwide study in the *Daf Yomi* program, which is organized as a cycle so that everyone is on the same page each day.

As the new *Daf Yomi* cycle will begin on January 5, 2020, **Rabbi Meltzer plans to offer a weekly class to discuss the pages of Talmud most recently covered.**

If you think you might be interested in starting *Daf Yomi* at the beginning of its new cycle – or if you are just inquisitive about the practice – please plan to attend the informational session with Rabbi Meltzer. If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please contact the synagogue office.

*Some facts about Daf Yomi:*

The *Daf Yomi* program has been credited with making Talmud study accessible to Jews who are not Torah Scholars, contributing to Jewish continuity after the Holocaust and having a unifying factor among Jews.

In our hi-tech age, *Daf Yomi* can be pursued in dozens of ways, in Hebrew and in English, from listening to 5-minute podcasts to reading Talmud from the text.

The Steinsaltz Talmud English translation is available online for free at [www.sefaria.org/texts/Talmud](http://www.sefaria.org/texts/Talmud)

Adam Kirsch has been blogging his way through his self-study of the Talmud over the last 7 years on Tablet: [www.tabletmag.com/tag/daf-yomi](http://www.tabletmag.com/tag/daf-yomi)

The first *Daf Yomi* cycle began at Rosh Hashanah in 1923; the thirteenth cycle is due to conclude on January 4, 2020. Large celebrations are scheduled, including a *Siyum HaShas* at MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey, on January first, where attendance is expected to exceed 90,000.

## Marpheh Meditation



**Sundays at 3:00pm**  
**December 8**  
**December 29**

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

Funds generously granted through





Ohr Shalom 3rd Annual  
**Sing-Along  
Funny Girl**

starring Barbra Streisand



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

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



**Deli. We'll be serving Deli.  
From the Kosher-est deli  
in the world.  
Join our sing-along, our very special  
sing-along.  
Place some corned beef upon  
your plate,  
That's the way to participate.  
Plus there's pickles and  
mustard and Streisand!**



The price of this event is **\$12**. Please contact the office for reservations.

**WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.**

When Poznański died in April 1900, his family built for him, at the New Jewish Cemetery, perhaps the largest Jewish mausoleum in the world. This currently is open to visitors, as are many other Poznański buildings, which still stand. The neo-Baroque palace that was his home now is the Museum of the City of Łódź. The mansion he gave to his daughter as a wedding gift houses part of the Łódź Medical University. A large complex of Poznański mills, on a 170-acre site, has been renovated into a mixed-use shopping mall, restaurant, museum and cinema complex, the Manufaktura, which is the hub of the city's nightlife.

Much of Łódź was destroyed in World War I, but the Jewish community remained intact, reaching a total of 230,000 Jews by 1939. As we know, the Second World War ended the story. Nonetheless, abundant evidence remains that the Jews of Łódź enjoyed a prosperous, sophisticated golden age. This should remind us that 21st century America is not the only time and place in which Jews have felt safe and empowered.

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

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

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

While women have the option of wearing a hat, kippah, or other head covering when attending services, **women should cover their heads when they are on the bimah.** To make it easier to do that, we have a supply of kippot and lace head "doilies" available in a basket on the bimah.



**MOVIE NIGHT**



**Al Shelden**  
VP Administration

**Sunday Night December 15 at 6:45pm**

**TEL AVIV ON FIRE**

Time for a different kind of movie. The Boston Globe says: "Laugh-out-loud funny!" *The New York Times* says: "Sharp-eyed and funny." *The LA Times* says: "A complete treat to experience; droll and delightful." *The Washington Post* asks: "Can anyone make a sweet and silly comedy out of a subject as grim and intractable as the Israeli-Palestinian situation?" Come and see for yourself as we show this award-winning Israeli movie.



"Tel Aviv on Fire" is the name of a passionately pro-Palestinian TV soap opera filmed in Ramallah, which becomes very popular with Palestinians and Israelis (particularly with female viewers, who find the story romantic). The TV show is set in the three months before the 1967 Six Day War. It is the story of a Palestinian spy who is supposed to seduce an Israeli army officer so that she can get Israeli army secrets that will help the Arabs in the war to come.

The movie itself takes place in present-day Israel. The story it tells is of the soap opera's TV producer (Uncle Bassam), his nephew (Salam, who lives in Jerusalem), his former girlfriend (Mariam) with whom he's still in love, the Israeli border guard (Assi) at the checkpoint between Ramallah and Jerusalem which Salam must cross daily to work on the soap opera, and Assi's wife who is devoted to the soap opera. Bassam hired Salam to review the soap opera's scripts because he is fluent in Hebrew and the show is in Arabic and Hebrew. When stopped at the border crossing, Salem leads Assi to believe that he is a writer on the show. Assi, seeking to impress his wife, uses his position to become Salem's secret writing partner.

The character who links the two worlds together is the show's lead actress (Tala), who has returned from a glamorous expatriate life in Paris to take the role. But she also adds a further complication to Salam's life. He now has to write episodes that satisfy Tala's narcissism, win Mariam's heart, satisfy Assi's fragile ego and meet the ideological agenda of Uncle Bassam and his unseen foreign backers.

The film, directed by Palestinian-Israeli Sameh Zoabi, with co-writer Dan Kleinman, won the 2018 Israeli Academy Award for Best Writer. At the 2018 Venice Film Festival the film won Best Film and Kais Nashif (Salam) won Best Actor. The film is in Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. Come, enjoy!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Cheryl Katz**  
Director of Education & Youth Programs

### HAPPY NOTHING SPECIAL DAY!

Anyone who's watched me take notes has seen my little notebooks with tiny graph grids on bible-thin paper. They're my favorite notebooks and I have one or two in which I capture calendar items, to-do's and notes for all purposes.



The notebooks are completely in Japanese, and so are many of the company's marketing materials. Their tag line is translated into English as "Happy Nothing Special Day!" and there is an emphasis on recording the everyday moments that add up to a storied and colorful life.

I think "Happy Nothing Special Day" is a great motto for these days stretching between Simchat Torah and Chanukah. We have finished more than half of the celebratory days of the entire Jewish calendar just one month in, and are free from the obligations and preparations that come along with celebration.

We have time to focus on what's in our everyday lives.

It's nice to know that Chanukah is on the horizon – counting the days with candles to light is warm and satisfying in these cold months of early sunset. The break from celebrating might feel pretty nice, too.

Check out [@ohrshalom\\_school](#) on Instagram and the Religious School Facebook page to share: What makes you happy on your "nothing special days?"

### OHR SHALOM CAMP RAMAH PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS



We are excited to announce the second year of our Ramah Partnership Scholarship Program, which will send Ohr Shalom children to summer Camp Ramah in Ojai. This program continues to be supported primarily by donations from congregants who attend Daily Minyan, and from scholarships from Camp Ramah itself.

Last summer, four of our children attended Camp Ramah's two-week *Gesher* program.

This year, two, and possibly more, additional Ohr Shalom children will be selected to receive scholarships that will underwrite a considerable portion of tuition for either (two weeks or four weeks) of Ramah's summer camp programs.

To be eligible for a scholarship the child must be a current 2nd grader, or older.

If you are interested in applying for your child, please send an email to [ramahscholarship@ohrshalom.org](mailto:ramahscholarship@ohrshalom.org) by **January 17, 2020**.

*Mishnah teaches that one mitzvah leads to another. The only way to contribute to the Ohr Shalom Camp Ramah Scholarship fund is to fulfill the mitzvah of attending our Daily Minyan and, while there, fulfill the mitzvah of giving tzedakah. Thank you to those who have attended and will attend Daily Minyan for making this scholarship program possible.*

## EMBRACE A FAMILY

by *Love Zubiller*

A big thanks to the congregation for contributing to this year's Embrace-a-Family project. More than 25 individuals and families gave generous donations of clothes, toys, gift cards, housewares, and more. There were seven bags in total – and each bag was overflowing with gifts! They barely fit into my giant SUV. With so much love, kindness, and generosity at Ohr Shalom, I guess this only means one thing: next year we need to be assigned a bigger family!

Many thanks to these individuals and their families for contributing to our 2019 Embrace-a-Family project at Ohr Shalom:

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Eva Brzezinski    | Amy Kahan        | Sharon Talerman    |
| Laura Castillo    | Lisa Mandel      | Cynthia Tatalovich |
| Mina Cohen        | Amy Melden       | Elizabeth Vann     |
| Judith Gaines     | Lynn Mendelsohn  | Cristy Veinbergs   |
| Sara Glick        | Amy Morris       | Rebecca Wollner    |
| I. Nadia Gumbayan | Marcia Sachs     | Jane Zeer          |
| Alberto Hamui     | Star Slipock     | Rebecca Zipp       |
| Rebecca Iden      | Sternlieb Family | Love Zubiller      |

Together we made a difference in the lives of a special local family.



Ohr Shalom Madrichim loaded up the car.



Seven bags barely fit into this SUV!



## SOCIAL ACTION

Rachel Millstone  
Social Action Chair



### “ET HASHAMAYIM V’ET HA’ARETZ...”

It is truly special. Shabbat mornings, after services, our hamishe group gathers for kiddush lunch and joyously sings “V’shamru.” Adults grab their small children and toss them in the air at “*et ha Shabbat*,” and we point to the skies and down at the earth with “*et hashamayim v’et ha’aretz...*” And then, my very favorite part. Rabbi Meltzer holds the kiddush cup high in his hand, and rotates in an arc from left to right, looking each and every congregant in the eyes as we sing the *bracha* over the wine.

The Creator made the heavens and the earth, but don’t we **each** have a part in re-creating it anew with our actions?

#### Todah Rabah to Shira and Joshua Cohen



Joshua and Shira Cohen

A year ago, Shira Cohen approached me about enlarging Social Action’s arm of *tikkun olam* to include a stewardship of the earth. She offered to write a monthly column to educate and challenge us to remember this role we hold as co-creators of the earth we share – “*et hashamayim*

*v’et ha’aretz.*” And her husband would do the monthly illustrations. In this edition of the Davar is their final piece of the series. **Thank you, Shira and Joshua for a year of inspiration!**

### IN NOVEMBER, SOCIAL ACTION:

- Delivered 25 turkeys to Christie’s Place for Thanksgiving (serving women and children affected by HIV/AIDS) – **Thank you to Brad Eisenberg** for coordinating!
- Participated in JFS Embrace-a-Family to adopt families for the winter holidays (in conjunction with the Religious School) – **Thank you to Love Zubiller** for coordinating!
- Prepared and served dinner at another Safe Parking Program Dinner at the Balboa Lot, JFS – November 11.

### Thank You TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 11 SAFE PARKING PROGRAM DINNER



From left to right: **Mina Cohen, Amy Morris, Vique Chavez, Barbara Haislip, Debbie Suissa, Rachel Millstone, Melanie Spitzberg, Fran Preisman, Jenna Spitzberg, Jane Zeer, and Judy Gaines.** Not Pictured: **Janice Boner, Raulf Polichar, Rebecca Iden and Cody Schneider.**

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

Wednesday, December 25, 4:00-6:00pm

We will serve dinner at the Balboa Ave site to the clients of multiple Safe Parking Program Lots.

*This event is being catered and is generously underwritten by Daniel Pick in honor of his beloved mother of blessed memory, Catherine Gracia Molina Pick.*

What a great way for a group of Jewish *menschkeit* to spend Christmas Day! Please contact Rachel Millstone at [rdmillstone@gmail.com](mailto:rdmillstone@gmail.com) to sign up.

Future dates: Monday, February 24; Wednesday, April 22; Tuesday, June 9.

### COLLECTIONS

#### Warm Clothing and Blankets:

During December, January and February) we will be collecting winter-weight blankets and sleeping bags, and warm clothing – especially jackets, sweaters, scarves, hats, gloves and new socks.



**Food Drive:** Bring your non-perishable food items for the Jewish Family Service Hand Up Pantry whenever you come to synagogue. Look for the big blue barrel in the Lobby.

**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**

### 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](mailto:marilyn.shelden@gmail.com) to join this dynamic group of volunteers. And thank you to Souplantation in Point Loma for their ongoing support.

**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](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)

Questions? Ideas? Want to help?

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



# 11th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Interfaith Service

**Monday, January 20, 2020**

**When: 8:45am to approx. 12:00pm.** In case of rain, call (619) 297-4366 ext. 500 for cancellation and re-scheduling information.

**Where:** Meet in Balboa Park at the end of President's Way on the lawn between the Automotive Museum and the International Cottages.

**Program:** Registration is same day on-site only. Participants under 18 must sign a waiver (available on-site). Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**9:15am – Opening Ceremony** celebrating the 11th Anniversary of the Interfaith MLK Jr. Day of Service.

**9:30am – Cleanup in Palm Canyon and the Old Desert Garden.** Come dressed and prepared for physical work.

**11:30am – Musical Entertainment and Lunch.** Join the Ohr Shalom group for lunch – bring your own lunch or enjoy the complimentary picnic lunch of hot dogs and chips.

**What to Bring:** Work gloves, pruning tools (if possible, but tools will also be provided), any additional picnic food or beverages you may want (complimentary hot dogs and chips will be provided), blanket or chairs for the picnic.

**What to wear:** Long-sleeved shirt, long pants, closed-toe work shoes, goggles



**Coordinator: Allison Wollpoff.**

For more information, email **Rachel Millstone** at

[rdmillstone@gmail.com](mailto:rdmillstone@gmail.com)

or visit the website at:

<https://www.fumcsd.org/11th-annual-mlk-day/>

## Become Stewards of the Earth

by Shira Cohen

**Facts:** *"We had no power in creating the systems that are destroying our world and futures — and yet we are and will be paying the biggest price for the older generations' recklessness."*

– Jamie Saraí Margolin (A 17-year-old writer, activist, organizer, rebel and high schooler. Jamie's identity as a queer mixed-race Latina and daughter of a Colombian immigrant and an Ashkenazi Jew influences her activism and passion to fight for those who are marginalized.)

*"Adults keep saying, 'We owe it to the young people to give them hope.' But I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel everyday. And then I want you to act... I want you to act as if your house is on fire. Because it is."*

– Greta Thunberg (A Swedish climate youth activist who has received worldwide recognition for her efforts to fight climate change.)

**Challenge:** Believe it or not I have been writing these articles for a year. My goal has been to provide information about how our choices affect our environment, both locally and globally. Without all of us making a commitment to live a "greener" lifestyle, the outlook for Earth is bleak. My hope is that everyone picks at least one challenge, does that action routinely until it becomes a habit, and repeats this process until we are all living lives that have the least impact on Earth. God has instructed the Jews to be stewards of the Earth, and we owe it to ourselves and to future generations to be the best stewards we can be. Here is a list of the past year's topics:

1. Reuse – everything from water bottles, to cloth produce bags.
2. Pick up trash everywhere you go – be sure to bring a reusable bag and reusable gloves
3. Reduce plastic use – especially single-use plastics

like food packaging, toothbrushes, and dental floss, and the microplastics that are in synthetic fibers in clothes.

4. Save species – Use sunscreens that are oxybenzone-free to help protect coral reefs, and protect chimpanzees by buying chocolate from sustainable sources, NOT from the west coast of Africa.
5. Go palm oil free, or only buy from companies that source sustainably – research your products, and watch out for hidden derivatives as there are over 200 alternate names for palm oil.
6. Eat a plant-based diet – especially transition away from cow-based products, including dairy.
7. Reduce consumerism – if you don't NEED it, don't buy it. Be mindful of what you really need.
8. Travel responsibly – especially minimizing waste and pollution.
9. Conserve on water and electricity.
10. Buy local – from produce, to clothing and beauty products.
11. Go outside and volunteer!

I hope this helps, and that I have inspired you to make small changes that evolve into big differences. Todah rabah for reading my articles, with accompanying artwork by my husband, this past year.



Joshua E. Cohen



## ISRAEL DESK

**Susie Meltzer**  
Israel Desk

### HOW TO SHOP FOR CHANUKAH AND SUPPORT ISRAEL TOO

December is here, and like many American Jews my focus has shifted to Chanukah and what gifts to buy for family and other special people in my life. I could easily shop at the malls or use Amazon to make my purchases from home. This year I have come up with an additional option that will let me select from wonderful Chanukah gifts and at the same time help Israel.

Throughout the year I respond to many non-profit organizations in Israel that depend on World Jewry for financial aid. That is very important to me. Currently, there is a growing threat to the economy of Israel due to the consequences of the BDS movement. Boycotts of Israeli goods impact all levels of business from agriculture and manufacturing to retail. When I buy Israeli goods, I am supporting the Israeli economy and helping ensure jobs with Israeli producers and local vendors.

I have recently explored just some of the high-quality online businesses in Israel that are ready for Chanukah shoppers like me. I am providing below a list of websites so you can Shop Israel this holiday as well. I will be your Personal Israel Shopper. Whether you purchase sandals from Naot or moisturizing cream from Ahava you will be doing a mitzvah. You will be helping Israelis.

You can start with *Israeli Products.com*. First, they are focused on encouraging U.S. consumers to buy Made-In-Israel items in an effort to help counter the damage from the BDS movement. They offer high-quality Israeli products and promote Israeli exports to help workers keep their jobs and feed their families. You will find gifts for the home, Judaica and wonderful toys for the children and grandchildren. Plus,

100% of the net profits from their Internet sales are donated to Israeli charities for food and medical services. [www.israelproducts.com](http://www.israelproducts.com)

If you are looking for the popular Israeli exports, *Judaic Webstore* has them. It offers a beautiful selection of gifts from Israel – fine jewelry, a host of wines, Dead Sea cosmetics and much more. It is a fun place to browse. [www.judaicawebstore.com](http://www.judaicawebstore.com)

*Friends of Yad Sarah*, the Israeli all-volunteer nonprofit that helps provide medical equipment to residents and visitors in need offers lovely gifts on their website. Shopping there would be a double mitzvah.

[www.shopyadsarah.org/hand-embroidered-pillow.html](http://www.shopyadsarah.org/hand-embroidered-pillow.html)

Yes, you can even find the perfect item for your dog! Here is the place to shop for your Jewish pet. This site of traditional gifts for everyone also has a section for Jewish dog toys.

[www.traditionsjewishgifts.com/jewish-dog-toys](http://www.traditionsjewishgifts.com/jewish-dog-toys)

One of the best online shopping places in Israel is *Marmalade Market*, an online shopping complex for independent design and creative areas. It connects buyers looking for products with independent creators and entrepreneurs who want to sell their products, selling quality and surprising items. For website, Google *market marmelada*. English option is available.

Lastly, you can always go to [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), which can lead you to Made-in-Israel merchandise. Just search for “Israel gifts.” It is that easy. I recommend you make your shopping list, start early and explore these and other possible sites, and remember your support of Israel is a mitzvah. *Chag Sameach*.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

*Chula Vista Heritage Museum - Southbay Historical Society*  
*present*

#### **PROJECT RUTH: Remember Us The Holocaust**

**Brunch with Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas and Exhibit Opening**

**January 12, 2020 11:00am**

**Special Guest: Stephen D. Smith**

*Executive Director of the USC Shoah Foundation*

Learn about and hear the stories of Holocaust survivors who settled in the South Bay.

**Chula Vista Public Library**  
**365 F Street, Chula Vista**

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

[chulavistaheritagemuseum.org/ruth-exhibit/](http://chulavistaheritagemuseum.org/ruth-exhibit/)

### **Maccabi 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](http://sdmaccabi2020.org/host-family-information)



**THE HUMANS**

*by Stephen Karam*

**Saturday, January 18, 2020, 8:00pm**

San Diego Repertory Theater, Lyceum Stage  
Horton Plaza, Downtown

**FLY**

*Score and lyrics by Bill Sherman,  
Rajiv Joseph and Kirsten Childs*

**Thursday, February 20, 2020, 8:00pm**

Mandell Weiss Theater, La Jolla Playhouse

**THE HUMANS** 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.



Full of action and acrobatics, this new musical is a completely new take on Peter Pan, focusing on the unexpected adventures encountered while getting to Neverland in the first place. It is suitable for kids of all ages, 9 to 100. The discounted price per ticket is \$47.60. We have been able to purchase only 20 tickets at that price, so reserve early!

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

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Jews, Roma, Countrymen Lend Me Your Ears: The Relationship Between the Jewish and Roma Musicians in Eastern Europe**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 10:30-11:30am**

Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado

The Jews and Roma musicians profoundly influenced each other, borrowing melodies, instrumental techniques and often playing in each other's bands. This lecture by **Yale Strom** will examine the fascinating symbiotic relationship between these musicians as they coexisted in Eastern Europe.

*Program of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information on this lecture or future lectures in the series, contact the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at 858-362-1327 or [www.sdcjc.org](http://www.sdcjc.org).*

**Winter Schminter Concert**

Lyceum Space at the San Diego Rep

**Monday, December 23rd, 7:30pm**

Yale Strom (violin), Elizabeth Schwartz (vocals), Fred Benedetti (guitar) and Mark Dresser (contrabass) reprise their popular concert series celebrating the seasonal holidays. For tickets and more information, [www.sdrep.org](http://www.sdrep.org) or (619) 544-1000.

*Dirty Dancing*

Film Screening and Kosher Chinese Dinner

**Wednesday, December 25 at 5:00pm**

Lawrence Family JCC

For more information and to register for the event: [my.lfjcc.org/8392](http://my.lfjcc.org/8392)

**UJF Men's Event**

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00pm

at Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines

**Featuring: Modi**, Comedian and Entertainer

Enjoy a Kosher buffet and open bar

For more information and to register

for the event: [jewishinsandiego.org/mens-event](http://jewishinsandiego.org/mens-event)

**Kol Tefilla 2020**  **USCJ**

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](http://uscj.org/connect/kol-tefilla-2020).

**Jewish Poets – Jewish Voices**

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00-8:30 pm

Astor Judaica Library, Lawrence Family JCC

**Adam Greenfield, Lucy Lehman and Anna Abraham Gasaway** are the three local poets to be featured. Following the featured poets, there will be a half hour of open mic.

The evening will conclude with a reception.

*There is no charge for this program, donations are welcome.*

**UJF Women's OPTIONS**

February 2 at 10:00am

Hilton La Jolla, Torrey Pines

**Keynote Speaker:** Carol Leifer – award-winning comedy writer, best-selling author, stand-up comedian, and proud Lion of Judah.

Cost: \$50. Dietary Laws observed. Registration and more information at [jewishinsandiego.org/options](http://jewishinsandiego.org/options).

## TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in November:

### SYNAGOGUE FUND

**In honor of Rosalie Ulrich's  
95th Birthday**

Mark and Carol Breier

**In memory of**

**Rivkah bat Naftali**

**In memory of**

**Chaya bat David**

**In memory of**

**Malka bat Shlomo Bonim**

Aaron Rubinstein

**In memory of Mindel Green**

**In memory of Sosya Berman**

Raisa Green

**In memory of Arnold Okin**

Michael Okin

**In memory of Dora Tishman**

Eli and Susie Meltzer

Eileen Wingard

**In honor of Dorothy Canter's  
100th Birthday**

Sam and Marilyn Linder

Eli and Susie Meltzer

**In memory of**

**David and Zena Mendelsohn**

**In memory of Dora Tishman**

**In memory of Ana Kalinka**

**In memory of Flora Kuritsky**

Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Thank you for the Bris of Jonah Zipp**

Dan and Rebecca Zipp

**In honor of the Bris of Jonah Zipp**

Stuart Rubenstein

**In honor of Sarah Springer's**

**Conversion**

Al and Naomi R. Eisman

### TURKEYS FOR CHRISTIE'S PLACE

M. Frank Darbe and Eva Brzezinski

Rocky and Debbie Reid

Eileen Wingard

Samy and Sara Zands

### TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Eva Brzezinski and M. Frank Darbe

Vanina Bunton

Stephen Blum

Eddie Mendelsohn

### KOL NIDRE DONATIONS

Zachary Levin

Melanie Rubin

Peter and Elaine Shaw

Cynthia Tatalovich

Mark and Hedi Wolpoff

Sheldon and Harriet Wolpoff

*We apologize for any omissions*

### **Mazal Tov to:**

**Rebecca and Dan Zipp** on the birth and brit milah of their son, **Jonah**, and to big brothers **Abraham** and **Benjamin**.

**Shayna Meltzer** for her "Leadership Fellow Spotlight" in the November newsletter of the *Jewish Teen Initiative*.

**Dan Weiss** on the publication of his scholarly writing which appears as a featured article in the online December edition of *Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing*.

**Rocky Reid** for filling out our survey and winning the drawing for Padres Tickets.

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

LeAnne Adams

Hillel Angel

Ilan Awerbuch

Vanina Bunton

Allan Brzezinski

Szymon Brzezinski

Louise Chandler

Jonathan Geiger

Joe Hartman

Shira Jones

David Kahan

Morris Lazard

Natan Lemoine

Susanne Lisker

Eli Meltzer

Ivan Mendelsohn

Rachel Millstone

Bill Morris

Rocky Reid

Ruben Rosental

Randi Rothman

Aaron Rubinstein

Brian Stannard

Dan Weiss

Marvin Yudkovitz

*Todah Rabah to our November office volunteer: Alice Broudy Cupples.*

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

### **Todah Rabah to:**

**Esther Siegel** for her work on the Memorial Book



### **Reminder:**

There is still time to make a year-end tax-deductible donation to Ohr Shalom or take care of your membership dues by December 31, 2019. Call the office to make a payment or send a check by year-end. **Todah Rabah!**

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

## Yahrzeits

|                       |   |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| Annette Schottland    | Debbie Pienknagura's Mother .....   | 1-Dec/3 Kislev |
| Sonia Broid           | Libe Marek's Grandmother .....  | 2-Dec/4 Kislev |
| Jordan Ressler        | Jeffrey and Vivien Ressler's Son .....                                    | 2-Dec/4 Kislev |
| *Abraham Tishman      | Esther Tishman's Husband, Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Father ..... | 2-Dec/4 Kislev |
| Concepcion Zachs      | Reina Shteremberg's Mother.....   | 2-Dec/4 Kislev |
| Miriam Zagursky       | Enrique Zagursky's Mother.....  | 2-Dec/4 Kislev |
| Jorge Distel          | Fanny Rosental's Father .....   | 3-Dec/5 Kislev |
| Marcos Modiano Reytan | Salvador Modiano's Father.....  | 3-Dec/5 Kislev |
| *Robert Palash        | Sallie Palash's Husband.....  | 3-Dec/5 Kislev |
| Lester Rosenzweig     | Sherry Berlin's Uncle .....   | 4-Dec/6 Kislev |
| Linda Scher           | Laura Castillo's Mother .....   | 4-Dec/6 Kislev |
| *Bea Hyman            | Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....   | 5-Dec/7 Kislev |
| Moises Rosenfeld      | Sara Limenes' Brother.....  | 5-Dec/7 Kislev |
| *Regina Rubinstein    | Susanne Lisker's Mother.....  | 5-Dec/7 Kislev |

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|------------------------|--|------------------|
| *Abraham Ressler       | Jeffrey Ressler's Uncle.....   | 6-Dec/8 Kislev   |
| Haim Sack Goldstein    | Fay Rozen's Father.....  | 6-Dec/8 Kislev   |
| Martin Meltzer         | Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather.....                     | 7-Dec/9 Kislev   |
| Abraham Benatar        | Deborah Suissa's Uncle.....  | 8-Dec/10 Kislev  |
| Jaim Isaac Blumovicz   | Remembered by Rafael Slovatizki.....   | 8-Dec/10 Kislev  |
| Max Brzezinski         | Eva Brzezinski's Brother.....  | 8-Dec/10 Kislev  |
| George Feher           | Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb's Father.....                                      | 8-Dec/10 Kislev  |
| David Gritzewsky       | Eva Chayet's Father.....   | 8-Dec/10 Kislev  |
| Miriam Tauber          | Susanne Lisker's Grandmother.....  | 8-Dec/10 Kislev  |
| Eliezer Arazi          | Remembered by Bertha Szmuilowicz.....  | 9-Dec/11 Kislev  |
| Abraham Hochman        | Sara Zands' Father.....  | 9-Dec/11 Kislev  |
| Luisa Margolis         | Abraham Margolis' Mother.....  | 9-Dec/11 Kislev  |
| Isidore Rosenzweig     | Sherry Berlin's Grandfather.....   | 9-Dec/11 Kislev  |
| *Marcell Evan Scarlett | Yvonne Scarlett's Son.....   | 9-Dec/11 Kislev  |
| Mary Bernstein         | Ilene Galler's Mother.....   | 10-Dec/12 Kislev |
| Matilda Bookbinder     | Sue Brown's Mother.....  | 10-Dec/12 Kislev |
| Ida Fischer            | Honey Mark's Sister.....   | 11-Dec/13 Kislev |
| Frieda Goldstein       | Frankie Sorrentino's Mother.....   | 11-Dec/13 Kislev |
| Lea Melden             | Mark Melden's Mother.....  | 11-Dec/13 Kislev |
| Rafael Najmias         | Sara Artenstein's Father.....  | 11-Dec/13 Kislev |
| Ethel Friedman         | Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....  | 12-Dec/14 Kislev |
| *Majlech Kucinski      | Robert Kucinski's Father.....  | 12-Dec/14 Kislev |
| *Luisa Levy            | Vicky Cohen's Mother.....  | 12-Dec/14 Kislev |
| *Hannah Shoman         | Marty Shoman's Mother.....   | 13-Dec/15 Kislev |
| Abraham Zyman          | Jose Zyman's Father.....   | 14-Dec/16 Kislev |
| Jacov Shimon Awerbuch  | Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather.....   | 15-Dec/17 Kislev |
| Isabel Cannizzaro      | Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro.....                                    | 15-Dec/17 Kislev |
| Paca Reznik            | Remembered by Becky Reznik.....  | 15-Dec/17 Kislev |
| Rose Zipp              | Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt.....                          | 15-Dec/17 Kislev |
| *Lev Angel             | Aviva Angel's Son.....   | 16-Dec/18 Kislev |
| Harry Peltz            | Jodie Graber's Grandfather.....  | 16-Dec/18 Kislev |
| *Pauline Cohen         | Eddy Cohen's Mother, Remembered by Gertrude Cohen.....                       | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| Sarah Epstein          | Honey Mark's Mother.....   | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| Sydney Pick            | Daniel Pick's Grandfather.....   | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| Shana Rubin            | Joe Rubin's Daughter.....  | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| *David Rubinstein      | Susanne Lisker's Father.....   | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| *Bertha Smith          | Mark Smith's Mother.....   | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| *Marvin Smith          | Mark Smith's Brother.....  | 17-Dec/19 Kislev |
| Sophie Gorad           | Koba's Grandmother.....  | 18-Dec/20 Kislev |
| Tinok Iden Hamilton    | Rebecca Iden's Son.....  | 18-Dec/20 Kislev |
| Fannie Zipp            | Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt.....                          | 18-Dec/20 Kislev |
| Zion Soffer            | Fortune Milstein's Father.....   | 19-Dec/21 Kislev |
| Bella Green            | Elizabeth Green's Step Grandmother.....                                      | 20-Dec/22 Kislev |
| *Benjamin Kalinka      | Brenda Bielas' Father.....   | 20-Dec/22 Kislev |
| Yojeved Rosenfeld      | Sara Limenes' Mother.....  | 22-Dec/24 Kislev |
| *Minnie Witz           | Evelyn Sevel's Mother.....   | 22-Dec/24 Kislev |
| Joseph Reitsky         | Dorothy Canter's Father, Marilyn Shelden's Grandfather.....                  | 23-Dec/25 Kislev |
| David Himelfarb        | Steve Fox's Grandfather.....   | 24-Dec/26 Kislev |
| Rebeca Levy            | Alberto Levy and Beatriz-Levy Israel's Mother.....                           | 25-Dec/27 Kislev |
| Haya Abramovic         | Faye Levy's Mother.....  | 26-Dec/28 Kislev |
| Jack Hartman           | Joe Hartman's Father.....  | 26-Dec/28 Kislev |
| *Alberto Levy          | Vicky Cohen's Father, Beto Cohen's Grandfather.....                          | 27-Dec/29 Kislev |
| Elaine Green           | Marda Rose's Aunt.....   | 28-Dec/30 Kislev |
| Guillermo Ramirez      | Julia Stone's Father.....  | 28-Dec/30 Kislev |
| Betty Stopnik          | Roz Berman's Mother.....   | 28-Dec/30 Kislev |
| Sidney Feldmar         | Toni Goldstein's Father, Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather.....                 | 29-Dec/1 Tevet   |
| Pola Gitler            | Sara Fainstein's Aunt.....   | 29-Dec/1 Tevet   |
| Gil Liberberg          | Liza Tacher's Father.....  | 29-Dec/1 Tevet   |
| *Rabbi Yacob Goldberg  | Esther Tishman's Father, Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather..... | 30-Dec/2 Tevet   |
| Ruth Himelfarb         | Steve Fox's Grandmother.....   | 30-Dec/2 Tevet   |
| Anna Paget Lacher      | Roberta Shoman's Grandmother.....  | 31-Dec/3 Tevet   |
| Rose E. Rose           | Marda Rose's Grandmother.....  | 31-Dec/3 Tevet   |

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



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**December 2019**

**Kislev 5780/Tevet 5780**

**Sunday Morning TALK SHOW**  
**Sunday, December 8,**  
**10:00am**  
**The Secret Jewish History of the Helicopter**  
  
*See page 6 for details*

**Movie Night**  
**Sunday, December 15**  
**at 6:45pm**  
**TEL AVIV ON FIRE**  
  
*See page 8 for details*

**Wednesday Evening TALK SHOW**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 7:00pm**  
**The Secrets of Cooking for a Jewish Crowd**  
  
*See page 6 for details*

| SUNDAY |  | MONDAY |   | TUESDAY |   | WEDNESDAY |   | THURSDAY |   | FRIDAY |   | SATURDAY |  |
|--------|--|--------|---|---------|---|-----------|---|----------|---|--------|---|----------|--|
| 1      | 3 Kislev<br>No Religious School<br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 2      | 4 Kislev<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30pm  | 3       | 5 Kislev<br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 4         | 6 Kislev<br>Adult Ed: Chanukah,<br>America & Religious<br>Freedom 10:00am<br>Adult Ed: TaNaKh<br>12:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 5        | 7 Kislev<br>Religious School 4:30pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm  | 6      | 8 Kislev<br>Office Closes 2:00pm<br>Tots in PJs 6:00pm<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>Service "Ask the Rabbi"<br>7:15pm<br> 4:24pm                      | 7        | 9 Kislev<br><b>Parshat Vayeitzei</b><br>Shabbat Service 9:30am<br><b>Afternoon Bar Mitzvah:</b><br>Isaac Galicot<br> 5:24pm                                |
| 8      | 10 Kislev<br>Religious School 9:30am<br>Adult Ed: Sunday Morning<br>Talk Show 10:00am<br>Marpeh 3:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm  | 9      | 11 Kislev<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30pm   | 10      | 12 Kislev<br>Minyan 6:15pm  | 11        | 13 Kislev<br>Adult Ed: Chanukah,<br>America & Religious<br>Freedom 10:00am<br>Adult Ed: TaNaKh<br>12:00pm<br>Daf Yomi Meeting 5:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br>Board Meeting 7:00pm | 12       | 14 Kislev<br>Religious School 4:30pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 13     | 15 Kislev<br>Office Closes 2:00pm<br>Shabbat Kehillatit Service<br>Religious School Shabbat<br>6:15pm<br>Community Dinner<br>7:15pm<br> 4:25pm | 14       | 16 Kislev<br><b>Parshat Vayishlach</b><br>Learners Shacharit<br>9:30am<br>Shabbat Torah Service &<br>Musaf 10:15am<br>Jr. Congregation 10:30am<br> 5:25pm |
| 15     | 17 Kislev<br>Religious School 9:30am<br>Readings with the Rabbi<br>10:30am<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br>Movie Night 6:45pm  | 16     | 18 Kislev<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30pm   | 17      | 19 Kislev<br>Minyan 6:15pm  | 18        | 20 Kislev<br>Adult Ed: Chanukah,<br>America & Religious<br>Freedom 10:00am<br>Adult Ed: TaNaKh 12:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br>Talk Show: Cooking for a<br>Crowd 7:00pm           | 19       | 21 Kislev<br>Religious School 4:30pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 20     | 22 Kislev<br>Office Closes 2:00pm<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>Service ZAMRU 6:15pm<br> 4:28pm   | 21       | 23 Kislev<br><b>Parshat Vayeshev</b><br>Shabbat Service 9:30am<br>Tot Shabbat 10:30am<br>Lunch & Learn 12:45pm<br> 5:28pm                                 |
| 22     | 24 Kislev<br><b>Erev Chanukah</b><br>No Religious School<br>Chanukah Party 5:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br> 5:29pm                     | 23     | 25 Kislev<br><b>Chanukah Day 1</b><br>Minyan 6:15pm<br> 5:29pm | 24      | 26 Kislev<br><b>Chanukah Day 2</b><br>Minyan 6:15pm<br> 5:30pm | 25        | 27 Kislev<br><b>Chanukah Day 3</b><br>Minyan 6:15pm<br> 5:31pm                             | 26       | 28 Kislev<br><b>Chanukah Day 4</b><br>Minyan 6:15pm<br> 5:31pm | 27     | 29 Kislev<br><b>Chanukah Day 5</b><br>Office Closes 2:00pm<br>Kabbalat Shabbat Service<br>6:15pm<br> 4:32pm                                    | 28       | 30 Kislev<br><b>Parshat Mikeitz</b><br><b>Chanukah Day 6</b><br><b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b><br>Shabbat Service 9:30am<br>Lunch & Learn 12:45pm<br> 5:33pm   |
| 29     | 1 Tevet<br><b>Chanukah Day 7</b><br><b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b><br>No Religious School<br>Marpeh 3:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm<br> 5:33pm | 30     | 2 Tevet<br><b>Chanukah Day 8</b><br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 31      | 3 Tevet<br>Office Closes 2:00pm<br>Minyan 6:15pm  | 1         | 4 Tevet<br><b>New Year's Day</b><br>Office Closed<br>No Minyan  | 2        | 5 Tevet<br>No Religious School<br>Minyan 6:15pm   | 3      | 6 Tevet<br>Office Closes 2:00pm<br>Tots in PJs 6:00pm<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>Service "Ask the Rabbi"<br>7:15pm<br> 4:37pm                      | 4        | 7 Tevet<br><b>Parshat Vayigash</b><br>Shabbat Service 9:30am<br> 5:38pm   |