

OHR SHALOM VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Until further notice, all Ohr Shalom programming – including Shabbat Services, Daily Minyan, adult and youth group programming – will continue to take place via Zoom. For the most up-to-date scheduling information, please watch your email or check the online schedule on the Ohr Shalom website (www.ohrshalom.org) or by direct link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16PaSWsw7MlbGEshEQy4afPzoronGpANB5AWnv3eD2ql/edit?usp=sharing>.

To join us online for services and most adult programs, click the link: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/825725847>

It will automatically add you to the ZOOM conference with your video off. If you would like to be seen by the other participants, click "Start Video."

If you would prefer to join the group by telephone, dial: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 825 725 847. You will participate without video.

If you need help using Zoom, please let us know. At this time of physical distancing, this is one way we can continue to connect with each other.



Summer Movie Night Snack Packs still available!

Send a smile to a friend or loved one with our **Summer Movie Night Snack Pack!** We are all spending a bit more time watching movies these days, why not send some fun to friends for your next watch party. Popcorn, fruit, granola bars, candy and more will be delivered to your friend's house. Each gift is \$36 and can be sent to friends or you can donate one to someone in need.



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS – 5781

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Now is the summer of Covid(19) turning towards autumn. Now is the time of year when we begin to prepare for the New Year and the High Holy Days. Every year this preparation should happen for the individual, for the family and for the community.

Every year brings new challenges, new opportunities, new insights and, hopefully, new wisdom.

Standing here, looking forward to the end of 5780, and ahead to 5781, is very different than years past, and at the same time, is no different at all.

Some of the differences are obvious – a lot more than simply another year has passed. As you read this we are still struggling collectively to contain this horrible outbreak that has sickened millions and killed hundreds of thousands. We are adjusting to a world in which wearing a mask is becoming the new norm, and "contact-less" delivery is now a "thing."

As Jews, just like every year, this time leading up to the New Year should be filled with introspection, repentance, forgiveness seeking and working for change.

On the most personal level, who am I in the context of this global health crisis? What does *Teshuvah* mean in this

changed reality? Who have I wronged? What sins have I repeated from years past? What new failings have I committed in this current year? What new bad habits have I created in these months of staying at home? How have I become insulated? Insensitive? Detached? How have my anxieties, frustrations and disappointments caused me to ignore those closest to me? Or worse yet, contribute to their pain?

As I look outside of my immediate circle of loved ones, where have I failed to take seriously my obligation to care for others? Wearing a mask is the easy part. Have I reached out to all those I know who could use an extra phone call? Have I shared what I have, recognizing that illness and unemployment have greatly increased the needs of others. Have I struggled to open my heart not only to those near to me, but all those who are suffering around the world? Have I found compassion, and commitment to change my actions, for the betterment of all who are ill? Am I doing everything I can to pursue justice for all of God's creatures by fighting antisemitism, sexism, racism and other forms of discrimination?

As part of the Ohr Shalom community, we are looking forward to High Holy Days that will be different, but will hopefully

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Borrowing a Machzor for the High Holy Days



This year's High Holy Days services will take place entirely online. Please contact the Ohr Shalom office to arrange to borrow one or more copies of the *Machzor* (High Holy Days Prayerbook) to use during our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services. If you are not able to come to the office to pick it up, please let us know and we can arrange to have a volunteer deliver it to you.



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

JEWES HAVE BEEN STRONG PARTNERS IN THE BLACK QUEST FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Many Ohr Shalom members who regularly attend Shabbat morning services remember Celia Fine, a lady with a charming South African accent who sat on the "Pillar of Fire" side of the sanctuary, about half-way back. Due to eye trouble, Celia was not attending so regularly when the COVID pandemic struck, but she still is engaged with our community.

One Shabbat afternoon, at lunch following services, Celia related some stories about growing up in Johannesburg, including one, from 1963, about learning to drive a car with a manual transmission. Her teacher was her future husband David.

"David said that I needed to practice backing up," she recalled. "He said that his cousin Hazel and her husband Arthur lived on a farm called Liliesleaf, in Rivonia, about 30 miles north. He felt that their driveway would be a perfect place for me to practice. So one Sunday, July 7, 1963, we went there. As we pulled in, an aggressive gaggle of geese came honking at us. Terrified, I refused to get out of the car. Hazel came out of the house and managed to get rid of the geese. Hazel, David and I had tea, Arthur being absent. I forgot about my driving lesson."

"Later, we walked about the farm. Noticing a thatch-roofed cottage across a field of grass, David wanted to walk that way. But I was afraid of African snakes, such as the deadly Black Mamba, which lurk in grassy places. I declined, and we returned to Johannesburg."

"I would have forgotten this," Celia said, "except that shortly thereafter, on July 11th, the South African Police raided Liliesleaf and Arthur, Hazel and some others were arrested for conspiracy. The farm had been a secret meeting place of the African National Congress (ANC), and that thatched cottage had been Nelson Mandela's safe house. The geese, always honking at strangers, were for security."

Mandela had been captured elsewhere before the Liliesleaf raid, and at the time of Celia's visit he was in jail, awaiting the trial that famously would send him to Robben Island Prison.

Cousin Hazel's husband was **Arthur Goldreich**, a Jewish artist and

humanitarian, who, as a leader of the ANC's military wing, the *Umkhonto we Sizwe* (MK), played a key role in the early struggle for equal rights among



Arthur Goldreich

black South Africans. In partnership with an attorney, Harold Wolpe, Goldreich had purchased Liliesleaf for the ANC in 1961 using funds from the South African Communist Party. Almost all the white members of the small ANC cell arrested on July 11th were Jewish: Goldreich and Wolpe, Robert Hepple, Hilliard Festenstein, Lionel Bernstein and Denis Goldberg. Bernstein and Goldberg went on trial with Mandela in late 1963. Bernstein was acquitted but Goldberg was found guilty of conspiracy to overthrow the state and served 22 years in the Pretoria Penitentiary.

After 6 months in jail without charge, kept in solitary confinement and harassed daily, Hazel Goldreich was released. Arthur escaped within a few days of arrest, along with Wolpe and two others, by bribing a guard at the Johannesburg police station. They were secreted across the Botswana border and then, disguised as Catholic priests, they crossed into Swaziland. The Goldreichs reunited in Israel, where they became citizens. From there, along with Martin Buber, they led an international campaign to ensure that those convicted at Rivonia did not receive death sentences.

The child of a Zionist family, Arthur Goldreich had been born in 1929 in Johannesburg. At age 19, anticipating that trouble would ensue when the Jewish State was established, he went to Palestine. He joined a kibbutz, enlisted in the Palmach, and saw action in the 1948 war. Nelson Mandela, in his 1994 autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, discussed Goldreich's value to the ANC: "Arthur had fought with the Palmach... He was knowledgeable about guerilla warfare and helped fill in many gaps in my understanding."

Goldreich spent the last 47 years of his life in Israel, well known as a painter, architect



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and designer. He and his second wife Tamar de Shalit, also an artist, worked as partners, designing galleries, monuments, theaters and public spaces. Arthur taught for years at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem, where he influenced many of Israel's notable architects and designers. Arthur died in Tel Aviv on May 24, 2011.

Following her divorce from Arthur, Hazel Goldreich moved to London, where she brought up the couple's two sons. She still is there, alive and well.

OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

KABBALAT SHABBAT ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

<https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/825725847>

Friday, August 7 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service, "Ask the Rabbi")

Friday, August 14 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)

Friday, August 21 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)

Friday, August 28 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)

Daily Poetry Minute Sign-ups Wanted

Prior to the start of our Sunday-Thursday afternoon minyan services on Zoom, an added feature that has become very popular is the Daily Poetry Reading, given by one of our members from 6:05-6:10pm.

It can be a reading, poem, music, joke, or a piece of Torah insight.

If you would like to deliver one of these readings, please contact **Marvin Yudkovitz** to schedule a date.

You can reach him at mayudkovitz@gmail.com or send him a text to (240) 506-3042.



Selichot Service

Saturday, September 12, 7:30pm

✧ Changing of our daily Torah Covers to the white festival Torah Covers in preparation for the High Holy Days.

✧ Dedication of Memorial Plaques installed during the past year.



LULAV AND ETROG: The Four Species

To order your own Lulav and Etrog set at \$45/set, call the office (619) 231-1456.

ORDER DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 8

The Torah commands us to gather four species during Sukkot: We are asked to take the etrog (a citron), the lulav (branches of palm trees), hadas (myrtle) and aravah (willow) and rejoice with them for seven days. Except for the Sabbath, these four symbols are held together during portions of the morning worship service throughout the seven days of Sukkot. They are waved in all directions in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over all of nature. The four plants are to be held in the way they grow – upward, not downward. This has been understood as a hint that the Torah does not wish to thwart human growth, but to encourage us to reach our full potential.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING August 2020

PARSHAT VAETCHANAN SHABBAT NACHAMU

Fri: July 31 | 10 Av  7:28pm

Sat: August 1 | 11 Av

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Haft: Isaiah 40:1 - 40:26

PARSHAT EIKEV

Fri: August 7 | 17 Av  7:22pm

Sat: August 8 | 18 Av

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Haft: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

PARSHAT RE'EH

Fri: August 14 | 24 Av  7:15pm

Sat: August 15 | 25 Av

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

Haft: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

PARSHAT SHOFTIM

Fri: August 21 | 1 Elul  7:07pm

Sat: August 22 | 2 Elul

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Haft: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Fri: August 28 | 8 Elul  6:58pm

Sat: August 29 | 9 Elul

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Haft: Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10

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 on on Mondays at 7:00pm on Zoom. You'll be happy you did!

August Dates

August 3

August 10

August 17

August 24

August 31



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

Go to: www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue



JFS Back-to-School Supplies Drive

Teachers, parents, and kids are struggling to prepare for what will be an uncertain and unpredictable school year. Many families are facing financial challenges and young students will be in stressful learning environments. Whether kids end up going back to the classroom this fall or learning virtually at home, it's critical that they have the school supplies to succeed.

There are two ways you can get involved: **Sponsor A Student** or **Build a Back-to-School Kit**. JFS hopes to be able to provide 200 students with essential school supplies by **August 15**. *With your help, we can ensure San Diego students have the supplies they need to thrive!*

Learn more and donate at:
www.jfssd.org/backpackdrive.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

by Sue Brown

When I was growing up, most girls were not given the opportunity to attend Hebrew School. I personally never had a Bat Mitzvah, and didn't study Hebrew until my senior year in college. Offering a class for adult women and men to study Hebrew allows me to encourage the members of our community to pursue their thirst for Jewish learning.



Several students from the Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew Classes contributed some thoughts about their paths to learning Hebrew.

Elizabeth Green: "I started the class only knowing a few Hebrew letters and words, having mostly memorized phonetically written prayers. After completing Sue's first course, I'm able to read our prayers in Hebrew. I'm still quite slow and do a lot of sounding out of words. I'm glad to join the second course to keep improving and learning more!"

Susie Meltzer: "I did not attend Hebrew School growing up. I began at Adat Ami with a special Aleph Bet teacher, Jancha Galicot, continued studying as part of a brief adult B'nai Mitzvah class, and was fortunate to have the opportunity to study with Mel Penner. And, of course, Eli has always been my mentor at home, coaching and encouraging me throughout the years. I am now in Sue Brown's Intermediate Adult Hebrew class with a wonderful group all learning at my level."

Alexandra Olivier: "I took an introductory Hebrew class about 8 years ago when I was considering converting. Since then, I had been practicing reading Hebrew from the *Siddur*, but got inspired to pick it up again after traveling to Israel for the first time last year. I'm taking this class to improve my reading and comprehension and socialize!"

Jeanne Argoff: "I had little or no Jewish education growing up but it became clear to me that I would not get as much as I could from services unless I learned at least enough Hebrew to follow along in the *Siddur*. I can now "follow along" in the *Siddur* and in some instances recite the prayers, reading from the Hebrew at a pace that keeps up with the rest of the congregation. I look forward to increasing my comfort with and range of reading and to learning vocabulary, comprehension and grammatical structure this coming year, and in the future, maybe even having an adult Bat Mitzvah."

[Note: Original student quotes were edited to fit available space.]

CHANGES TO THE OHR SHALOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tricia Pummill has joined the Board as a Member-at-Large. Previously a member of Beth Tefilah, Tricia has been with Ohr Shalom since its birth in 1999.



Tricia completed a Bachelor's degree in English Literature at SUNY Albany in 1980, and received a law degree from Cornell in 1983. She spent 30 years as a public interest attorney in San Diego, working in the offices of both the District Attorney and City Attorney in the areas of Consumer and Environmental Protection. Upon her retirement in 2013, Tricia returned to her first love – English Literature – completing a Master's degree at SDSU in 2016.

For the past 7 months, Tricia has been teaching a popular Jewish Literature class/book club at Ohr Shalom, mainly on Zoom. If you like to read, and you enjoy thinking about what you have read and talking about it, see the schedule and the Zoom link on page 7.

Two valued members have left the Ohr Shalom Board: **Louise Chandler** and **Amy Kahan**. These capable women served as Member Care and Religious School Chairs, respectively. Louise and Amy did exemplary work in those roles and were great assets to the Board. As time goes by, we hope that both will consider additional service to Ohr Shalom!

Ohr Shalom ON THE TOWN Update

On the Town temporarily has suspended operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

San Diego Repertory Theater has cancelled its production of **A Paris Love Story** with Hershey Felder, which was scheduled for November 2020. Instead, Hershey Felder is preparing **Anna & Sergei**, a story of Rachmaninoff, now planned for presentation at the San Diego Rep in May and June 2021.

Note: The Rep's **Latinx New Play Festival** will take place online from September 4-6 and feature play readings, a spotlight solo performance, special presentations and panel conversations. See sdrep.org/latin-new-play-festival for details.

Through the Eyes of Our Students: The Experience of Being Black and Jewish

Thursday, August 6 at 7:00pm

Join Rabbinic Student and Ohr Shalom member **Avigayil Levy-Yochanan** and several Rabbinic and Cantorial Students for an online forum where members of *The Academy for Jewish Religion of California* will share their personal experiences of being part of both the Jewish and Black communities.

Register for this Zoom discussion at <https://ajrca.edu/event/through-our-students-eyes-the-experience-of-being-black-and-jewish/>

HIGH HOLY DAYS

OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

2020 HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES 5780-5781

<https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/825725847>

SELICHOT

Selichot ServiceSaturday, September 12, 7:30pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh HaShanahFriday, September 18

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Saturday, September 19

Rosh HaShanah Day 2.....Sunday, September 20

YOM KIPPUR

Erev Yom Kippur.....Sunday, September 27

Kol Nidre Service.....

Yom Kippur Monday, September 28

Service with Yizkor.....

Study and Discussion, Mincha and Ne'ilah

Break the Fast.....

SUKKOT

Erev SukkotFriday, October 2

Sukkot.....Saturday, October 3

In lieu of High Holy Day Flowers this year, Ohr Shalom is putting together small **L'Shanah Tovah gifts** for each member (or member family). If you would like to become one of the underwriters for these gifts please call the office. Underwriting opportunities start at \$180. Gifts will be ready for pick up/distribution by September 8.

Volunteers needed: We humbly request your help delivering *Machzorim* and **L'Shanah Tovah gifts** to those members unable to come to Ohr Shalom to pick theirs up.

Please let Gillian know if you are able to help and which areas you willing to deliver to.



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Morris Lazard
Ritual Committee

LOOK BEHIND YOU....LOOK AROUND YOU....LOOK AHEAD

Each year as the High Holy Days approach we are confronted with the month of Elul. The month preceding the High Holy Days is one of introspection and taking stock of the past year, with its mistakes, its shortcomings, its “not meeting my expectations” and prepare for judgment by *Hashem* that is to set our fate for the coming New Year.

This time of year is the Jewish Tradition’s way of helping us “reset” ourselves. It’s a fantastic opportunity to make a change or several changes. We are blessed with the cyclical remedy that presents itself each summer.

This year Elul begins on Friday, August 21. Mark your calendar. Make a promise to yourself to take action. It can also be a good team effort if you have someone you want to share this experience with. You can encourage each other to keep moving forward as you take a look backward.

I found two methods that can help us all with this extremely important mission. We all work on our self-evaluation differently. Try one or both of these ways to look further inward and strive to make meaningful changes and adjustments to who we are and how we present ourselves to those around us.

The “Pillow Test”. When you lay your head on your pillow to sleep, replay your day. Ask yourself: What went right for me? What could have gone better? What did I do well today? Where did I make mistakes? Do I have any regrets? Was this day a success?

This short practice re-enforces positive behavior and helps develop a habit of being more self-aware and objective

about your actions.

G’milut Chasadim – Acts of Lovingkindness. This one takes a little more work but the rewards are far greater. Most people want to change the world to improve their lives, but the world they need to change first is the one inside themselves. There is a movement today that has taken the concept a step further into practice. It’s called “small acts of kindness” and its demands are so easy and yet, if universally practiced, would really change our lives.

The suggestions are simple. *Choose one or several:* Give a genuine compliment to somebody at least once a day. Check in with someone who’s sick. Ask if you can help someone who may be having a difficult time in life right now. Make a card for someone special. Ask a senior citizen about their life story and truly listen. Offer to pay another person’s food bill. Donate to a homeless person. Leave a kind server a generous tip (even for takeout). Give someone a book that you no longer need. Give your parents or grandparents a call just because.

Begin on August 21 and by the time we reach Erev Rosh HaShanah on September 18 we will be morally, socially and spiritually ready to face ourselves, our loved ones, our friends, our co-workers, our fellow Ohr Shalom members and most importantly *Hashem* with the strength of character to hold ourselves in great Self Esteem and begin a New Year with hope, faith, caring for others and loving ourselves. Elizabeth and I wish you all a very meaningful New Year and look forward to sharing the year with our Ohr Shalom family.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Cheryl Katz
Director of Education & Youth Programs

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!



Through all of the public health recommendations and changes over the last six months, one thing remains constant - Religious School continues to offer rich Judaic and Hebrew learning in a caring community setting for our students from TK through 7th grade. Watching our student community continue to connect and support each other is one of the most joyous experiences, and one that parents got to witness as students engaged in distance learning last Spring.

Registration is now open and we are looking forward to welcoming returning and new students back to school!

Questions? Please reach out to Cheryl at principal@ohrshalom.org.

Registration, calendars and more information can be found at <https://register.ossrs.org>.

COMMUNITY JEWISH HIGH FOR OUR 8TH-12TH GRADERS

CJH, a continuing Jewish educational opportunity open to all 8th-12th grade students in San Diego, will continue this fall, adapting as needed to the ever-changing public health guidelines. Registration is now open, and all interested students and parents are encouraged to reach out with any questions.

Registration and more information is available at <https://cjhsd.org>

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

<https://register.ossrs.org>

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR:

- High Holy Day Information
- Memorial Book Order Form

You should have received your membership renewal form and ballot in July. We greatly value your membership and continued participation at Ohr Shalom. If you have questions please call or email Gillian, (619) 231-1456 or office@ohrshalom.org.



MOVIE NIGHT



Al Shelden
VP Administration

Sunday, August 9 at 6:45pm

<https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/825725847>

It's Springtime. Not really. But it is time for joy, because it's time for baseball!! Not for the Padres, or the Dodgers, or the Giants, or the Yankees or Mets, or the Chicago or Cleveland teams but the baseball team representing the State of Israel in the 2017 World Baseball Classic. Join us as we show:

HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL

This 87-minute film traces the experiences of the team, which ESPN compared to "the Jamaican bobsled team," and whose odds of winning were listed as **200 to 1** at the start of the Classic. Every player on the team was either an Israeli or a Jew who lived elsewhere but was eligible for Israeli citizenship under Israel's Law of Return.

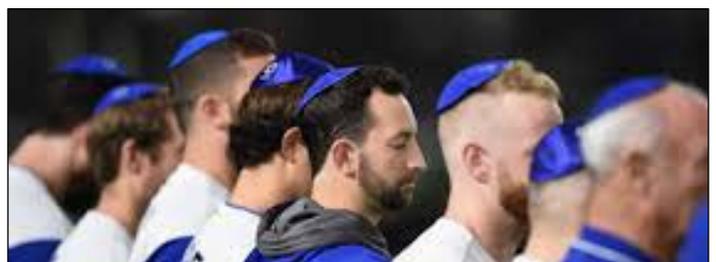


Seven Jewish-American Major League players (most of whom only had a tenuous relationship to Judaism and Israel) decided to try out for the team.

Watch as they adjust to baseball in a country "foreign" to them. Follow the team as it wins its way into the Classic and practices before hundreds of local baseball players in Israel. And follow their reactions and emotions as the American players see sites such as the Western Wall, Yad Vashem, the Dead Sea and Masada and as they participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new baseball field in Bet Shemesh. Then follow the team's performance at the 2017 World Baseball Classic finals played in South Korea and Japan. Most teams who made it to the Classic's finals were ranked among the top 15 teams in the world. The Israeli team was ranked number 41.

Ryan Lavarney, the Team Israel (and former Atlanta) catcher, referring to the Nazi *mischling* law that defined a Jew as anyone who had at least one grandparent, mused: "Two generations ago, the way this team was put together would have meant that we were being rounded up to be killed... For us to be able to stand up here and have the Israeli flag and Jewish star hanging in the stadium, it [means] we're here."

Join us for some smiles and some baseball. The movie is appropriate for all ages.



ADULT EDUCATION

JEWISH LITERATURE *with Tricia Pummill* (tpummill@hotmail.com)

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am

(<https://zoom.us/j/2771787555?pwd=amJXbDBHUFRRKYzJ3RlduK1RBOGFDUT09>)

August 3: Poetry of poets Marilyn Hacker, Marilyn Chin, and Natasha Trethewey. *Catherine Cucinella* hosting

August 10: Movie: "Call Me By Your Name" (2017) (novel written by Andre Aciman)

August 17: Poetry of Allen Ginsberg

August 24: Israeli Novel: *House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon (published in English 2020)

August 31: Movie: "I'm Not Rappaport" (1966) (by Herb Gardner). *Rocky Reid* hosting

CLASSES WITH *Rabbi Meltzer*

DAF YOMI

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Rabbi Meltzer offers a weekly class to discuss the pages of Talmud most recently covered.

PARSHAT HASHAVUA DISCUSSION

Thursdays at 1:00pm

SLOW READ BOOK CLUB

WITH THE RABBI

Fridays at 1:00pm

New Book TBD, In depth chapter discussions each week

YEATS' JEWISH ROOTS: W.B. YEATS AND KABBALAH

with Jeanne Argoff

Tuesday, August 25, 10:30am

<https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/825725847>

Irish poet W.B. Yeats was a long-time member of the Order of the Golden Dawn, a secret society of practicing magicians whose rituals were based on a Christian interpretation of Kabbalah. To another poet, W.H. Auden, Yeats' psychic and occult explorations were downright "Southern Californian," but they were actually part of his life-long search for ultimate truth. Yeats came from a Protestant background but questioned Christian, especially Catholic, doctrine, and had a temperamental affinity for the beliefs of the Irish country people. The symbols and thoughts he retained from his experience fed Yeats' strong spiritual leanings and desire for a coherent system of belief combined with an equally strong need to question and experiment.



Please join Ohr Shalom member **Jeanne Argoff**, who holds a doctorate in Anglo-Irish literature from the National University of Ireland, for a discussion of what Kabbalistic thinking looks like when interpreted through a Christian prism by a poet widely regarded as perhaps the best in the 20th century.

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move all of us, move us in repentance, move us towards deeper connections to ourselves, our family, our community, the world and its Creator.

Thank you to everybody who has already participated in the Ohr Shalom "Bagel Brunches," our on-line Town Hall Meetings. Your participation has been personally uplifting, wonderfully instructional, and very influential in helping us plan for the High Holy Days.

For those who have not yet received a phone call inviting you to participate, your turn is coming. Turns out making 350 phone calls takes a lot longer than I thought! A very special "Thank You" to Ray Sachs, our Immediate Past President, for imagining this process and working hard to make it happen. Thank you also to the cadre of bagel shleppers – your contribution helped make this program so wonderful.

Finally, as we are very busy planning our Zoom High Holy Days experiences, experiences that we want to make sure are very traditional and yet very new-fangled, very familiar and yet quite different than before, and definitely meaningful personally and successful in creating and maintaining community, we have a suggestion for everybody.

As you work on your own preparations for the Holy Days – introspective, spiritual, interpersonal – I strongly suggest that you also avail yourself of some of our Zoom offerings – services, classes and other programs – to make sure you are accustomed to this new medium, and so we can work out as many of the kinks as possible.

As we move toward these High Holy Days, knowing they are as familiar as an old friend, and yet with so much changed, we commit ourselves to this process of turning and healing, of Teshuvah, and to this wonderful community that we call Ohr Shalom.

I look forward to seeing you at the High Holy Days, and hopefully, many times before then.

[Note: Ohr Shalom realizes that not everyone can attend our services and programming via Zoom. You can also connect to services by telephone. Please see "Virtual Programming" on page 1 for information on how to do this.]

TRAVEL AND STUDY VIRTUALLY!

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TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

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We apologize for any omissions

Condolences to:

Sandra Finkelberg on the passing of her beloved mother, **Fila Brauer**.

Eva Goldstein on the passing of her beloved father, **Augusto Muniesa**.

Carol Karsch on the passing of her beloved husband **Dan Karsch**.

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



Mazal Tov to:

Elizabeth Schwartz and **Yale Strom**

– *Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi* won Best World Music Ensemble at the San Diego Music Awards.

Janice and **Steve Boner** and their daughter **Sharon**, on the birth of their grandson **Jonah Lev**.

Todah Rabah to our July Shabbat Service Leaders, Torah and Haftarah Readers, D'rashot, Daily Poetry Minute and Minyan Leaders:

LeAnne Adams	Jennifer Meltzer
Aviva Angel	Nadiv Meltzer
Jeanne Argoff	Shayna Meltzer
Linda Armacost	Ivan Mendelsohn
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Jonathan Geiger	Bill Morris
Judi Gottschalk	Jeanne Peters
Elizabeth Green	Rocky Reid
Joe Hartman	Brian Stannard
Alberto Hamui	Jonah Weinberg
Koba	Rabbi-Cantor Cheri Weiss
Morris Lazard	Dan Weiss
Jessica Lemoine	Nathan Weiss
Ruth Levy	Marvin Yudkovitz
Susanne Lisker	Jane Zeer
Eli Meltzer	

Yahrzeits

Raquel Rostenberg	Ari Rostenberg's Mother	1-Aug/11 Av
*Ruth Salzmman	Tito Salzmman's Mother	1-Aug/11 Av
Eugene Agostino II	Christine Eisenberg's Brother	2-Aug/12 Av
Agustin Cuenca	Cristy Veinbergs' Father	2-Aug/12 Av
Paul Bergman	Miriam Jane Bergman's Father	3-Aug/13 Av
*Teodoro Constantiner	Remembered by the Goldstein Family	3-Aug/13 Av
*Freda Kucinski	Robert Kucinski's Mother, Danny Kucinski's Grandmother	3-Aug/13 Av
*Monica Veinbergs	Remembered by the Galicot and Veinbergs Families	4-Aug/14 Av
*Ezekiel Burger	Susie and Eli Meltzer's Grandson	5-Aug/15 Av
Ruth Weiss	Barrett Avigdor's Grandmother	5-Aug/15 Av
Abraham Hanono	Ezra Hanono and David Hanono's Father	6-Aug/16 Av
Jacques Kucinski	Monique Lombrozo's Father	6-Aug/16 Av
Haim Hersh Rozen	Remembered by Fay Rozen	6-Aug/16 Av
Sidney Stein	Jane Zeer's Uncle	6-Aug/16 Av
Jean Weeks	Laurel Corona's Mother	6-Aug/16 Av
Eliezer Suissa	Deborah Suissa's Father	7-Aug/17 Av
Judy Geiger	Remembered by Jonathan Geiger	8-Aug/18 Av
Steffi Lauer	Remembered by Ohr Shalom	8-Aug/18 Av
Sam Ehrenwerth	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Grandfather	9-Aug/19 Av
Zelik Chaim Grinberg	Ruben Rosental's Grandfather	9-Aug/19 Av
Pearl Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Mother	10-Aug/20 Av
Gisa Schiffman	Judie Dresser's Mother	10-Aug/20 Av
*Louise Buchwald	Leah Singer's Mother	11-Aug/21 Av
Charles Darrow	Allyson Darroch's Father	11-Aug/21 Av

YAHREZEITS

*Harvey Goldberg	Susie Meltzer and Karen Rund's Father, Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather	11-Aug/21 Av
Sara Portnoy Bergenfeld	Aaron Bergenfeld's Mother.....	11-Aug/21 Av
Joyce Zeff	Dana Zeff's Mother	11-Aug/21 Av
Sidney Heller	Remembered by Allan Wolf	12-Aug/22 Av
Betty Shteremberg	David Shteremberg and Sonia Zyman's Mother.....	12-Aug/22 Av
Alberto Alvo	Rosie Veinbergs' Father	14-Aug/24 Av
Eva Gojman	Esther Tishman's Sister.....	14-Aug/24 Av
Jenny Penhas	Sally Maizel and Esther Modiano's Mother	14-Aug/24 Av
Marysia Ratniewski	Alfredo Ratniewski's Mother.....	14-Aug/24 Av
*Abe Smith	Mark Smith's Father	14-Aug/24 Av
*Hilda Veinbergs	Jacobo Veinbergs and Sylvia Galicot's Mother	14-Aug/24 Av
Chris Cannizzaro	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Husband.....	15-Aug/25 Av
*Jacob Rubin	Fanny Hanono's Father.....	16-Aug/26 Av
*Rubin Zeer	Jane Zeer's Father	16-Aug/26 Av
*Irving Horowitz	Debby Hyatt's Grandfather.....	17-Aug/27 Av
Sara Rosental	Ruben and Fanny Rosental's Daughter	17-Aug/27 Av
*Herb Sevel	Evie Sevel's Husband.....	17-Aug/27 Av
Horace Escoffery	Yvonne Scarlett's Uncle.....	18-Aug/28 Av
Bea Slipock	Love Zubiller's Grandmother	18-Aug/28 Av
Liby Chazan	Silvia Gold's Daughter	19-Aug/29 Av
*Sam Cohen	Susan Kaplan's Stepfather.....	19-Aug/29 Av
Ana Dryjansky	Celia Chazan's Mother	19-Aug/29 Av
Gertrude Jagorda	Aaron Hoskins' Grandmother	19-Aug/29 Av
Jonathan Moss	Gillian Moss' Husband.....	19-Aug/29 Av
Harold Rose	Marda Rose's Grandfather	19-Aug/29 Av
Ellen Bergman	Miriam Jane Bergman's Mother.....	20-Aug/30 Av
Benito Govezensky	Bertha Szmuilowicz' Brother.....	20-Aug/30 Av
Sarah Selikowitz	Remembered by Ralph Golden.....	20-Aug/30 Av
Pablo Fastag	Ruth Fastag's Husband.....	21-Aug/1 Elul
Ruth Fuld	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	21-Aug/1 Elul
Nancy Lynn Schwartz	Elizabeth Schwartz's Sister	21-Aug/1 Elul
Myer Epstein	Honey Mark's Father	22-Aug/2 Elul
Sophia Zimlich Diehl	Allyson Darroch's Grandmother	22-Aug/2 Elul
Estefania Barrenechea	Lucia Domville's Mother	23-Aug/3 Elul
Moshe Lisker	Ruben Lisker's Brother.....	23-Aug/3 Elul
Bill Mintzer	Bonnie Tabak's Father, Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandfather	23-Aug/3 Elul
Linda Spurrell	Remembered by Brian Stannard	23-Aug/3 Elul
*Joanne Scholten	Richard Scholten's Wife	24-Aug/4 Elul
Mildred Sindler	Rita Cohen's Mother.....	24-Aug/4 Elul
Miriam Dantus	Celia Chazan's Sister	25-Aug/5 Elul
David Fainstein	Jaime Fainstein's Father	25-Aug/5 Elul
Eugenia Handelman	Sara Fainstein's Mother.....	25-Aug/5 Elul
Shica Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Grandfather.....	25-Aug/5 Elul
Jack Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Uncle	25-Aug/5 Elul
Bart Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Brother, Jennifer Meltzer's Uncle	26-Aug/6 Elul
Boaz Talerman	Diane Talerman's Husband, Sharon Talerman & Masha Lipner's Father, Myer Talerman's Brother	26-Aug/6 Elul
*Tillie Weisman	Remembered by Joe Rubin.....	26-Aug/6 Elul
Moshe Finkel	Tito Salzmänn's Grandfather.....	27-Aug/7 Elul
Ninette Karsenty	Rene Sportes' Aunt.....	27-Aug/7 Elul
Tsvi Oratowski	Jesica Oratowski Coleman's Father.....	27-Aug/7 Elul
Bessie Emert	Richard Emert's Mother.....	28-Aug/8 Elul
Anna Hollender	Jonathan Geiger's Grandmother	28-Aug/8 Elul
Adolf Braun	Gary Brown's Grandfather.....	29-Aug/9 Elul
Maureen Burke	Beth Vann's Mother	29-Aug/9 Elul
Raquel Milstein	Remembered by Enrique Milstein	29-Aug/9 Elul
*Ida Abrams	Evie Sevel's Aunt.....	30-Aug/10 Elul
Harold Simon	Gillian Moss' Father.....	30-Aug/10 Elul
Sadi Sportes	Rene Sportes' Father	30-Aug/10 Elul
Ruben Veinbergs	Miguel Veinbergs' Brother	30-Aug/10 Elul
*Moise Algazi	Albert Algazi's Father.....	31-Aug/11 Elul
Kalman Grun	Elizabeth Green's Great Grandfather	31-Aug/11 Elul
*Paul Weil	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	31-Aug/11 Elul

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2020

Av 5780/Elul 5780

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Summer Movie Night
HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL
Sunday, August 9 at 6:45pm
See page 6 for Al Shelden's Review



Services and most classes found at:
<https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/825725847>

Schedule subject to change.
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 the most updated information.



<p>2 12 Av Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>3 13 Av TK-2nd Summer Activity 9:00am Adult Ed: Jewish Literature Class 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Kadima/Jr. USY Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>4 14 Av Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>5 15 Av Tu B'Av TK-2nd Summer Activity 9:00am Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge/Game Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>6 16 Av Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>7 17 Av Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm PreKabbalat Shabbat Singing 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm 7:22pm</p>	<p>1 11 Av Parshat Vaetchanan Shabbat Nachamu Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm Shabbat Learning 4:00pm Havdalah 8:45pm 8:28pm</p>
<p>9 19 Av Minyan 6:15pm Summer Movie Night 6:45pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>10 20 Av TK-2nd Summer Activity 9:00am Adult Ed: Jewish Literature Class 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Kadima/Jr. USY Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>11 21 Av Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>12 22 Av TK-2nd Summer Activity 9:00am Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge/Game Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>13 23 Av Adult Ed: Parshat HaShavua Discussion 1:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>14 24 Av Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm PreKabbalat Shabbat Singing 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 7:15pm</p>	<p>15 25 Av Parshat Re'eh Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm Shabbat Learning 4:00pm Havdalah 8:30pm 8:14pm</p>
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<p>23 3 Elul Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>24 4 Elul Adult Ed: Jewish Literature Class 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Kadima/Jr. USY Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>25 5 Elul Adult Ed: Yeats' Jewish Roots 10:30am Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>26 6 Elul Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge 7:30pm</p>	<p>27 7 Elul Adult Ed: Parshat HaShavua Discussion 1:00pm Teen Cooks 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>28 8 Elul Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm PreKabbalat Shabbat Singing 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 6:58pm</p>	<p>29 9 Elul Parshat Ki Teitzei Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm Shabbat Learning 4:00pm Havdalah 8:00pm 7:57pm</p>
<p>30 10 Elul Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>31 11 Elul Adult Ed: Jewish Literature Class 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Kadima/Jr. USY Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>1 12 Elul Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>2 13 Elul Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge/Game Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>3 14 Elul Adult Ed: Parshat HaShavua Discussion 1:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Jr/Sr USY Netflix Party 9:00pm</p>	<p>4 15 Elul Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm PreKabbalat Shabbat Singing 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 6:54pm</p>	<p>5 16 Elul Parshat Ki Tavo Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm Havdalah 8:00pm 7:53pm</p>