

## 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](http://www.ohrshalom.org)).

Starting November 1 our new Zoom link for services and most adult programs is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072>  
(Passcode: myshul)

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.”

Here is the information to join by phone: Phone number: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 831 0750 1072 Passcode: 632432

**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.**

## Gift Bags for a Cozy Chanukah

Help your friends and family have a cozy Chanukah! Send some light, love and fun. These gifts will include cozy socks, hot chocolate, tea, gelt, a dreidel, and many snacks to share.



Gifts will be \$36 each and be delivered throughout Chanukah (12/10 - 12/17). Please contact the office by December 7th if you would like to send one to friends and family. (Deliveries can only be made within the San Diego Area.)



# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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## WE GIVE THANKS

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

As Chanukah approaches, my mind – imagination and memory – fills with images of Chanukah past and future: I see the candles burning, I hear all of us singing together, I smell the latkes frying and I taste them too, I am reaching for the pot of M&Ms as my dreidel falls with the gimel facing up.

We celebrate Chanukah with all of our senses: sights, smells, touch, tastes and sounds. But the dominant experience for the Festival of Lights isn't any of these. Perhaps we don't think about it, or talk about it, often but there is a ritual that marks Chanukah even more than those recalled above. In the best of years, we observe each of those rituals once per day – candle lighting, singing, dreidel and latkes (okay, it's a rare year in which I eat latkes each of the eight days of Chanukah, but I do in my imagination).

At best, for each of these, we observe them once a day.

Yet on Chanukah we have a special way of giving thanks Evening, Morning, and Afternoon, and after every meal. Yes, giving thanks.

Living traditionally, five or six times every day, we add to our thanks giving prayer the words of *Al Hanisim* – thanking God for the miracles and redemptions that God has provided for us, in particular, “in the days of the Hasmonean High Priest Matitياهو and his children, when the kingdom of Antiochus the wicked rose up against them.”

To be fair, the prayer for giving thanks is in the Amidah every day and in the Blessing after the Meal every day, but during these eight days we add this special thanksgiving prayer. In a good

year, we recite *Al Hanisim* forty to fifty times during the days of Chanukah.

Think of how much we smile when we think of lighting the candles? We only do that eight times a year. Feel the joy of playing dreidel with loved ones. Do you know anybody who does that more than eight times during Chanukah? And eating latkes, please don't tell me if you have more than eight meals with latkes during the festival.

How much joy would we feel if we truly ritualized the giving of thanks, the being okay now because of having “been saved,” i.e., enduring or surviving what has happened in the past? What would happen if forty to fifty times every year during Chanukah we shared together – sometimes with family, sometimes with the larger community – and gave thanks?

What would the Festival of Lights become for us if we meaningfully acknowledged all the good that has flowed into our lives and our world – historic and contemporary?

In *Pirkei Avot 4:1* Ben Zoma asks and answers:

בן זומא אומר: איזהו עשיר, השמח בחלקו.

“Who is wealthy? The one who is happy with their portion.” Being aware of what we have, what we have been given, and all that good that has transpired to get us to “here and now,” both express a sense of gratitude which gives us strength and joy: strength to endure and continue to struggle in the face of all that is not yet as it should be, and joy to celebrate “for the miracles, for the rescues, for the heroic deeds, for the victories and for the battles that You have performed for our ancestors back in those days, at this time of year.”

May you celebrate a Chanukah filled with light and warmth, gratitude and joy.



## 8 Days of Chanukah with Ohr Shalom



See schedule and details on page 9



Bring food for the JFS food distribution and unwrapped toys to be donated to Toys for Tots.



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Lynn Mendelsohn**  
President

# AN UNFORTUNATE DIVIDE: THE CONTINUING SAGA OF CALIFORNIA'S ETHNIC STUDIES MODEL CURRICULUM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

In September 2016, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill No 2016, Chapter 327, the "Pupil Instruction: Ethnic Studies Bill," and Governor Jerry Brown signed it. AB 2016/327 instructed the State Board of Education, through its Instructional Quality Commission (IQC), to develop an Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC) for grades 9 to 12 (later expanded to K through 12). The ESMC, which would incorporate course outlines, teacher guides and recommended readings, was to be completed in time for adoption in December 2019.

The story of the IQC's efforts over the past three years to devise a comprehensive, noncontroversial ESMC is an important object-lesson for citizens of this state. Jewish Californians have deplored both versions of the ESMC that have been drafted to date.

The author of AB 2016/327, Assemblyman Luis Alejo from Monterey, based the effort on research demonstrating that students of color seemed to stay in school, and perform more successfully, in high schools where minority issues were discussed openly.

The IQC delegated ESMC development to a committee of university faculty members and public school teachers with ethnic studies instructional experience. "Ethnic Studies" is an academic discipline that grew from the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. According to an Amazon review of the book *Rethinking Ethnic Studies*, the field pursues "core themes of indigeneity, colonization, anti-racism and activism." The stated aim of the ESMC committee was to produce an instructional tool focused on Americans whose stories are missing from history courses in the traditional curriculum.

The State Board of Education and the IQC offered the first ESMC draft for public review in the summer of 2019. The response to the draft was negative and loud: More than 21,000 critical

reviews were submitted, primarily by Jews and Jewish organizations. Among those who objected to the curriculum were members of the California Legislative Jewish Caucus, which noted that the ESMC seemed intentionally to exclude Jews. Particularly objectionable to the lawmakers was the omission, in a curriculum aimed at combatting oppression, of a discussion of anti-Semitism. The ESMC also described, in a positive light, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BSD) movement against Israel.

Having collected public comments, mainly criticism, regarding the initial ESMC draft, the State Board of Education staff prepared a revision, once again with input from ethnic studies experts and also from student and teacher focus groups. The second ESMC draft narrowed the scope of the curriculum to four ethnic groups: African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and Asian Americans. Into the Asian Americans component the revisers inserted a unit on immigrants from the Arab countries of the Middle East.

The ESMC revision project was directed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. Its draft was released for public review in July 2020. In an accompanying press release, Mr. Thurmond commented: "Our schools have not always been a place where students can gain a full understanding of the contributions of people of color and the many ways throughout history – and present day – that our country has exploited, marginalized and oppressed them." The Co-Chair of the original ESMC drafting committee, R. Tolteka Cuauhtin, a Los Angeles teacher, characterized the new version as "more of a reformat than a rewrite," retaining key elements of the original draft. He expressed concern that there had been "some significant omissions," as the new version "now further caters to whiteness and the status quo attacks in significant ways."

Critics of the first ESMC draft found that the second did not redress



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their grievances. While a few Jewish organizations supported it, those that did not included the Anti-Defamation League, whose Regional Director informed ADL members in an October 23, 2020 email: "We were shocked by the proposed ESMC's manifest indifference, and even hostility, to the American Jewish experience and community. The curriculum erases American Jewish history by failing to include Jews in a meaningful way, Lynn's Message continued on Page 5

# OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

## KABBALAT SHABBAT ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072> (Passcode: myshul)

Friday, December 4 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service “Ask the Rabbi”)  
 Friday, December 11 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
 Friday, December 18 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
 Friday, December 25 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)



### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE “ASK THE RABBI”

**Friday, December 4 at 6:15pm**

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



### TOT SHABBAT

**Saturdays at 3:00pm**

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

## OHR SHALOM LOOK HERE FIRST A NEW PROJECT AND WEBSITE

In light of the detrimental effect the COVID-19 crisis has had on businesses of all types, Ohr Shalom is initiating a project called: “Ohr Shalom Look Here First.” This will be a directory of businesses – purveyors of goods and services – recommended by Ohr Shalom members.

If you own a business yourself, or if your children, other relatives or closest friends have businesses, then please send to the Ohr Shalom office:

**The business’s name, address, and contact information,  
with a short description of what it sells.**

We are at work on a website that will be our directory, urging our members to:

**“Look here first”**

to discover Ohr Shalom-related businesses to patronize. Stay tuned for more information.

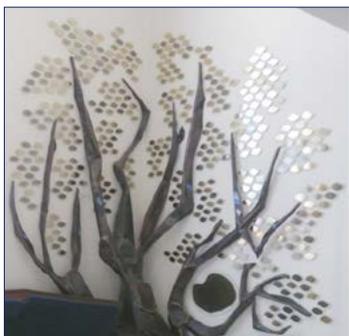


## Tree of Life

(Synagogue Lobby)

Purchase a Leaf, a Rock, or a Branch, with your own personalized inscription.

Leaf: \$180  
 Rock: \$500-\$2000  
 Branch: \$2500-\$5000



## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING December 2020




**PARSHAT VAYISHLACH**  4:24pm  
 Fri: December 4 | 19 Kislev  
 Sat: December 5 | 20 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 32:4-36:43  
 Haft: Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

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**PARSHAT VAYESHEV**  4:25pm  
 Fri: December 11 | 25 Kislev  
 Sat: December 12 | 26 Kislev  
 Torah: Genesis 37:1-40:23  
 Haft: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

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**PARSHAT MIKEITZ**  4:27pm  
 Fri: December 18 | 3 Tevet  
 Sat: December 19 | 4 Tevet  
 Torah: Genesis 41:1-44:17  
 Haft: I Kings 3:15 - 4:1

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**PARSHAT VAYIGASH**  4:31pm  
 Fri: December 25 | 10 Tevet  
 Sat: December 26 | 11 Tevet  
 Torah: Genesis 44:18-47:27  
 Haft: Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

## OHR SHALOM’S CHOIR!

**Come join us on Mondays at  
6:45pm on Zoom.  
You’ll be happy you did!**

**DECEMBER DATES**

**December 7  
 December 14  
 December 21**



## SAVE THE DATE!

*Lights of Ohr Shalom*

**Sunday, April 25,  
2021**

# CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE OHR SHALOM BOARD

COVID-19 has not prevented the Ohr Shalom Board of Directors from growing and changing. As of November, the Board has added two new members and has promoted a current member to an important position.



**Evette Weiss**, who had been a Member-at-Large, has become **Legacy Society Chair**. Ohr Shalom's Legacy Society encourages members to include endowment donations in their wills and trusts. Working closely with the Jewish Community Foundation, which manages endowment funds, Evette will spearhead the program's rejuvenation, as it has been relatively inactive.

Having grown up in New York, Evette received both a BS and an MEd in Education at Kent State University, after which she spent 32 years teaching learning-disabled students in the Virginia suburbs of Washington DC. Having managed a bi-coastal marriage to Nathan that began in 1994, Evette finally retired and moved to San Diego in 2007. An extraordinary hand quilter, Evette is a member of Living History in Old Town Park, lovingly pursuing an avocation that keeps an old art form alive. She also is an avid cook and traveler. Evette considers Ohr Shalom to be her "extended Jewish family."

**Love Zubiller** has become **Religious School Chair**.



She will be the liaison who maintains close communication among the Religious School, the students' parents, and the Board.

Love is a native San Diegan who went east – to Princeton – for college, earning a BA in English Literature. Employment and marriage to Matt enabled her to travel and live all over: London for a few years, plus Austin, San Francisco, and India. She is a devoted volunteer at her kids' school, Barnard Mandarin Magnet School, and she serves on the Board of the San Diego Unified Council of PTAs. Being a member of Ohr Shalom is nostalgic for Love, as her family belonged to Beth Israel back-when; she attended Beth Israel Day School, and she had her Bat Mitzvah in our sanctuary. Love promises to serve our community "with creativity, passion and positivity."

**Marvin Yudkovitz** has become the Chair of a new committee: **Chesed/Community Caring**, charged with providing gifts, meals (through MealTrain) and other necessary services to our members who are ill, in the hospital, sitting *shiva*, or otherwise in need of attention from the community.



Marvin grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and completed a Bachelors degree in Psychology at Temple University, Philadelphia, followed by a Masters in Social Work from SDSU. He spent his career as a Social Worker, employed by the Veterans Administration in Southern California, the Army in Germany and Washington DC, and the Navy in Bethesda, Maryland. Marvin retired in 2013 and moved to San Diego in 2017. This past spring, he completed the 2-year Docent Program at the San Diego Museum of Art, and now is conducting virtual tours. Marvin is married to

Judy Gaines, and they share a blended family of three children and one grandchild. He is enamored of the Ohr Shalom community, which he calls "warm, caring and intellectually and spiritually stimulating."

Sadly, we announce that **Rachel Millstone**, our revered **Social Action Chair**, has left the Board. During the summer, Rachel decided that she would weather the COVID epidemic with her sister's family in Cleveland. Although she still is with us regularly on Zoom, Rachel feels that the distance between her two cities prevents her from making a meaningful contribution at this time. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude for the energy and love she brought to every event and program she worked on. The Board, not to mention Ohr Shalom in general, looks forward to Rachel's ultimate return,



## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

## OHR SHALOM'S NEW CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING COMMITTEE

How can we better care for each other in our wonderful Ohr Shalom community? How might we extend a hand to someone who is too ill to leave the house? How could we help individuals sitting shiva with food for guests? And how might we assist our members in celebrating happy events, such as major milestone birthdays or the birth of a new baby?

Ohr Shalom has instituted a new **Chesed/Community Caring Committee** that will provide food, support and attention to members in times of pain, and grief – and joy. I am honored to be the first Chairperson of this endeavor.

Our goal is to foster an even more caring, compassionate, and supportive Ohr Shalom Community for every Synagogue member.

### So, what can you do?

- If you want to help out in developing and/or working on the committee, please contact me ([mayudkovitz@gmail.com](mailto:mayudkovitz@gmail.com)) to become a committee member.
- If you want to support the program financially, Ohr Shalom now has a new *Chesed/Community Caring Fund*, to which you can contribute. Donations will be listed every month in the *Davar*.
- If you have ideas about how this new committee can help care for our members, send me an email or a text (240-506-3042).
- If you want to help out by delivering meals, gifts, and other caring items, let me know that you are available. Our hope is to have individuals who are able to deliver throughout the entire geographic area where Ohr Shalom members reside.

This is an opportunity to institute *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness for all of us. Please join in the effort.

# Chanukah with Ohr Shalom\*

## **Tuesday, December 8**

**5:00pm on Zoom** Pre-Chanukah Cooking Class with Giselle Wellman, Learn to make your own Sufganiyot! Ingredients will be listed closer to the date. (Class will be recorded and rebroadcast during Chanukah.)

## **Thursday, December 10**

**6:00 - 6:15pm** First Candle Lighting & Singing

## **Friday, December 11**

**4:30 - 4:45pm** Second Candle Lighting & Singing

**4:45 - 5:30pm** PreShabbat/Chanukah Singing with Jennifer Meltzer and Zeji Ozeri

**6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat Services

## **Saturday, December 12**

**3:00pm** Tot Chanukah Shabbat

**6:00 - 6:15pm** Third Candle Lighting, Havdalah & Singing

**6:30pm** Family Movie - Rugrats Chanukah

## **Sunday, December 13**

**2:00 - 5:00pm** At Ohr Shalom – ***Let's celebrate together (but not too close)!***

Chanukah Music • Treats • Gifts of Gelt and a Dreidel. *Bring food and unwrapped toys for those in need.* Sign-ups will follow with time slots to ensure social distancing and safety. Sign-up link will be emailed.

**6:00 - 6:15pm** Fourth Candle Lighting & Singing

## **Monday, December 14**

**3:00pm** Tot Chanukah Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer

**6:00 - 6:15pm** Fifth Candle Lighting & Singing

## **Tuesday, December 15**

**6:00 - 6:15pm** Sixth Candle Lighting & Singing

**7:00pm** Chanukah Meditation Class with Alex Van Frank

## **Wednesday, December 16**

**3:00pm** Tot Chanukah Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer

**6:00 - 6:15pm** Seventh Candle Lighting & Singing

**Time TBD** History of the Maccabees with Rabbi Meltzer

## **Thursday, December 17**

**6:00 - 6:15pm** Eighth Candle Lighting & Singing/Art Show Slideshow

**7:30pm** Chanukah Music Around the World with Elisheva Edelson

*\*Programs and schedule subject to change*



**Virtual Chanukah Art Show:** This art show is open to everyone in the Ohr Shalom community. We are accepting submissions of original Chanukah art from artists of all ages and all media! Send in a photo or recording of your original Chanukah art (paintings, drawings, sculptures, knitted/crocheted crafts, music, poems, etc.) and we will put together a slideshow to be shared with Ohr Shalom. ***Please send your submission to Gillian by December 10th to be included in the slideshow.***

**CLASSES** with Rabbi Meltzer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072> (Passcode: myshul)

**DAF YOMI** Wednesdays at 10:00am

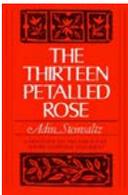
Rabbi Meltzer offers a weekly class to discuss the pages of Talmud most recently covered.

**SLOW READ BOOK CLUB**

**Fridays at 1:00pm, December 4, 11 & 18**

*In-depth chapter discussions each week:*

**The Thirteen Petalled Rose: A Discourse on the Essence of Jewish Existence and Belief**  
by Adin Steinsaltz



In this classic work of Jewish mystical thought, world-renowned scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz explores the major questions asked by modern Jews about the nature of existence in God's universe. The title *The Thirteen Petalled Rose*, taken from the opening lines of the seminal work of Jewish mysticism, the *Zohar*, refers to the "collective souls of the Jewish people," which scholars have likened to the fullness of a rose and its petals. The expanded edition of *The Thirteen Petalled Rose* (published in 2006) features a new preface and two new chapters that provide a moving explanation of the Kabbalistic view of devotion, and a profound interpretation of the prophet Elijah's Introduction to the *Zohar*.

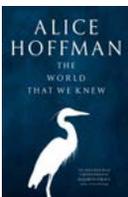
**READINGS WITH THE RABBI**

**Sunday, January 24, 10:30am**

**The World That We Knew**

by Alice Hoffman

A novel set in Nazi-occupied France between 1941 and 1944, *The World That We Knew* is a bittersweet parable about the costs of survival and the behaviors that define humanity. At the time when the world changed, Hanni Kohn knows she must send her twelve-year-old daughter away to save her from the Nazi regime. Her desperation leads her to Ettie, who creates a mystical Jewish creature, a rare and unusual golem, who is sworn to protect Hanni's daughter, Lea. Once Ava is brought to life, she and Lea and Ettie become eternally entwined, their paths fated to cross, their fortunes linked. In a world where evil can be found at every turn, we meet remarkable characters that take us on a stunning journey of loss and resistance, the fantastical and the mortal.



**CHANUKAH AROUND THE WORLD**

with Elisheva Edelson

**Thursdays, December 3 & 17 at 7:30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072> (Passcode: myshul)

In how many languages do we sing Chanukah songs? Do we sing Independence songs on Chanukah? Do we sing only about light, oil and gifts? Let's find out the answers to these questions together with **Elisheva Edelson**. In addition to her educational background and teaching experience in Jewish History and Music, Yiddish and Hebrew, Elisheva is the conductor of the Ohr Shalom Choir.

**OHR SHALOM WELLNESS CLASSES**

**Balance** with Don Wright

**Thursdays at 10:30am** (no class Dec. 3)

Falls are serious and costly. Each year, millions of people 65 and older fall. Falling once doubles your chances of falling again. **Don Wright**, an experienced fitness instructor, will teach about preventing falls and mitigating their repercussions by working on "ABCSM":

- Agility • Balance • Coordination • Strength • Mindfulness

*The only equipment needed is a straight-back chair.*

**Zoom:** (<https://zoom.us/j/92742164877>) Passcode: Balance

"Don Wright, congregant and exercise specialist, has given a gift to everyone at Ohr Shalom, including me. During this pandemic it is difficult for me to maintain an exercise routine. Once a week Don comes into my house via Zoom (# 92742164877; passcode Balance) and gives me a boost by sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm and good humor. His easy to get to Thursday morning class (10:30 - 11:15am) stresses balance. Don's routines help to keep me moving through the week, by practicing the movements he teaches (like brushing my teeth while standing on one foot). I know that doing this will increase my strength and balance. Join us, his class is fabulous." – Marilyn Shelden

**Meditation** with Alex van Frank

**Tuesday Evenings at 7:00-7:30pm**

(December and January)

Life in the pandemic is rough and unpredictable. Let's meditate together and become more relaxed, positive, confident and perhaps even gain a new perspective.

**Alex van Frank**, C-IAYT will begin a post-minyan meditation group on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** for half an hour.

Meditation will help you develop your intuitive wisdom, deep emotional resilience, genuine empathy, surprising creativity, and inner calm. The compassionate action of training your mind through meditation allows you to take care of yourself and has the added benefits of:

- Lowering blood pressure • Less anxiety • Lower stress levels • More feelings of well-being • Deeper relaxation

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805583843>  
**Meeting ID:** 828 0558 3843

**Marpheh** Movement  
**Meditation**

**Sundays**  
**December 6 & 20**  
**3:00pm**

Click Here for Zoom Room  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/375803286>

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**Susie Meltzer**  
Israel Desk

## **MADE IN ISRAEL: TV SHOWS TO WATCH WITH ISRAELI CONNECTIONS**

We are at-home watching a lot of television. Where can we look for quality shows to view? Try Israel. Producers and writers there, limited to small budgets, have created series differently. They are focused on rich character development and appealing plots that have not been previously offered. Their works have caught on worldwide. Fact: Israel today is the third-largest provider of content on American TV.

Our networks now look to Israel for the ingredient that sets their productions apart – *chutzpah*. Shows that push the envelope, invite controversy and sometimes criticize their own country. The popularity started with Israeli hits on Netflix like *Fauda*, an action series themed by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and later *Shtisel*, about a haredi Orthodox family, that has taken American families by storm.

Today, with COVID shutting down production, the networks, searching abroad for opportunities to fill the void, have brought a floodgate of fantastic Israeli series for us to binge on, both originals from Israel and American shows adapted from Israeli creations. Here is a short list of acclaimed hits currently available through various sources. Some you might not have heard about yet and all you should definitely consider viewing.

### **Israeli Shows Available to Watch**

**Tehran (Apple TV+)** Israel’s hottest new show of the year is an espionage thriller. It tells the thrilling story of a Mossad agent who is sent to hack and disable a nuclear reactor in Tehran, placing herself and everyone around her in extreme jeopardy.

**The Beauty and the Baker (Amazon Prime)** A romantic comedy that follows the love story between a simple baker and an international supermodel. It ranks in Israel as one of the highest-rated scripted series ever.

**When Heroes Fly (Netflix)** Four IDF veteran soldiers reunite to travel deep into the Colombian jungle on a mission to find a loved one they presumed to be dead. The series became one of the most-watched dramas on Israeli television.

**Srugim (Amazon Prime)** This drama series deals with the lives of a group of religious singles. It monitors several men and several women from Jerusalem as they struggle with relationships to find balance and happiness.

**Stockholm (Amazon Prime)** A hilarious dark comedy that tells about the resilience of friendship in the twilight years when a leading contender for a Nobel Prize is found dead in his bed days before the big announcement, and his four closest friends scramble to keep it a secret.

### **Adaptations from Israeli Shows**

**Love on the Spectrum (Netflix)** This touching US dramedy about the lives of three 20-something autistic roommates who learn to cope with the world around them features a cast who are all on the autistic spectrum in real life. It is based on the critically lauded Israeli series **On the Spectrum**.

**Greenhouse Academy (Netflix)** The show is about a private boarding school which divides into two houses, à la Hogwarts: “The Eagles,” for its more athletic students and “The Ravens,” for the more cerebral ilk. It’s an adaptation of the Israeli show **HaHamama**.

**Your Honor (Showtime) coming in December** This 10-episode legal thriller, adapted from Israel’s **Kvodo**, centers on a respected New Orleans judge confronting his convictions when his son is connected to a hit and run that involves an organized crime family.

Enjoy viewing these highly rated programs originating from Israel. There are even more available now and in the pipeline. Happy TV watching.

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## **WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.**

and it neglects any discussion of anti-Semitism. Further, it incorporates harmful anti-Jewish stereotypes in its completely inappropriate and biased criticism of Israel in a curriculum intended to focus on American ethnic groups.”

On November 19th the IQC approved a third draft of the ESMC, from which, Superintendent Thurmond tells us, offensive content has been removed. The Arab American section appears in an Appendix, as do discussions of other ethnic groups, including Jews. A 45-day public feedback period now is underway, with final approval of the ESMC set for March 2021. We all should pay attention to this. More information can be found at the IQC web site <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/cc/cd/>.

Initiated with the intention of correcting ethnic injustices, the ESMC project in California has spawned heated ethnic arguments. Having explored this sad history, one can only hope that, in the end, California will produce an instructional program that affirms and celebrates some of its minorities without ignoring or vilifying the others.

Last month, Governor Newsom vetoed AB 331, introduced by Assemblyman Jose Medina of Riverside, which would have made an ESMC course mandatory – not just encouraged – for high school graduation.



## RITUAL COMMITTEE

**Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb**  
Ritual Chair

## SHALOM ALEICHEM

Starting this month, Ritual Committee members will write a column on a liturgical prayer, explaining its meaning or why it's meaningful to them personally.

I will kick off the series with *Shalom Aleichem*. Although it's not a prayer per se, it is one of the Shabbat *zemiroth* that is very much part of our liturgy. For me, Shalom Aleichem is one that fills my soul and expands my heart.

The song originated among the kabbalists of Safed in the 16th or 17th century and was based on the Talmudic teaching that two angels — one good and one evil — accompany a person home from synagogue on Shabbat evening. According to the teaching, if they find the person's home prepared for Shabbat, the good angel declares: "May it be Your will that it shall be like this for another Shabbat." And the evil angel must respond against his will: "Amen." If the home is not prepared, the reverse happens: The evil angel voices a wish for it to be this way for another week and the good angel responds "Amen." The melody that we sing at Ohr Shalom was written in 1918 by Rabbi Israel Goldfarb, a Polish born cantor who emigrated to New York in the late 1800s. In 1883, the Yiddish writer Solomon Naumovich Rabinovich took on Shalom Aleichem as his pen name, suggesting that he, too, must have loved this concept.

For me, personally, its meaning is one that extends much further than Shabbat and much further than a struggle between good and evil. It is a song about angels bringing us peace and ministering to us. It is the song that Geoff, my husband, sings to me at night when I can't sleep. It is the song that he sings to our kids when they are sad or they are hurt; a call for the angels to come and bring peace of mind, spirit, and physical health. It is a song that soothes with its beauty and fills my heart. Thank you, angels, for bringing our family peace.

שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מַלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁרָת מַלְאָכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן  
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא  
Peace to you, ministering angels,  
messengers of the Most High,  
sent by the Sovereign of all sovereigns,  
the Holy One, Blessed be He

בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן  
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא  
Come in peace, angels of peace,  
messengers of the Most High...

בְּרַכּוּנִי לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן  
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא  
Bless me with peace, angels of peace,  
messengers of the Most High...

בְּיָצֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן  
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא  
Go in peace, angels of peace,  
messengers of the Most High...



## MOVIE NIGHT

**Al Shelden**  
VP Administration



**Sunday Night December 20, 2020 at 6:45pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072> (Passcode: myshul)

Time for a family movie. It's about a high school senior who is just a teenager without any extra angst; a father who is doing best to raise his son as a single parent; and a grandfather who doesn't regularly interact with either of the other two. Come see a story that will make you laugh, possibly cry and leave you feeling happy, as we show:

## THE SAMUEL PROJECT

The movie stars Hal Linden as the grandfather (Samuel), Michael B. Silver as the father (Robert) and Ryan Ochoa as the son (Eli). Eli, much to his father's annoyance, only cares about drawing. He wants to become an artist when he graduates high school. The story revolves around Eli's need to do a major art project for school, a project assigned by his media teacher that has finally caught his attention. Robert suggests that Eli talk to his grandfather, even though they have never been particularly close. Reluctantly, Eli does, and a whole new project, based on a story/history of heroism and perseverance, that until then was unknown to him, opens up.



As one reviewer said, "Art can unearth stories long-buried and bring to light stories so marginalized, they were never even told."

The LA Times reviewer said, the movie has "real feeling and a strong message that shines through. . . . *The Samuel Project* is likely to make an impact on open-hearted audiences, with extra credit due Linden for an authentic performance in line with the actor's body of work."

The film, entirely shot in San Diego, was released in 2018. Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score and Fandango both gave the film a score of 100%. The movie is appropriate for all ages.

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### **THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY**

Every year, Ohr Shalom reaches out at Thanksgiving to those in need. This year, our synagogue was in a position to play Thanksgiving Angel.

Perhaps our congregation’s most consistent program of *tzedakah* has involved **Christie’s Place**, our neighbor on Third Avenue, to whom Ohr Shalom has a long history of contributing turkeys. **Christie’s Place** provides free educational, advocacy and support services to families living with HIV/AIDS. This year, **Christie’s Place** requested 25 frozen turkeys. *Todah Rabah*, both to Brad Eisenberg, who managed the turkey project once again, and to the several Ohr Shalom members who made financial contributions.

A few weeks before Thanksgiving, an **anonymous donor** – an Ohr Shalom couple – contacted Rabbi Meltzer with an offer to pay for Thanksgiving food donations to social services agencies the synagogue supports. As a result, Ohr Shalom was able to furnish funds, not only to enable the purchase of some turkeys for **Christie’s Place**, but also to provide 25 \$25 food gift cards for their current client families.

Ohr Shalom also extended the generosity of our anonymous Thanksgiving donors to **TAY Academy**. Managers at TAY had told Marilyn Shelden, our long-time liaison with them, that they “couldn’t imagine” how they would afford to provide Thanksgiving dinners (boxed, due to COVID restrictions) for their current clientele of 30 homeless teen-agers. With funds provided by our donors, Ohr Shalom paid for all 30 catered dinners.

*Tzedakah* is a wonderful thing, and anonymous *tzedakah* is even better. On behalf of Christie’s Place and TAY Academy, a million thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this past Thanksgiving, despite COVID, so abundant in generosity.

### **TAY UPDATE**



COVID-19 has changed many things. For TAY it has heightened the needs of the youth that TAY serves. Before the pandemic, members of Ohr Shalom supplied weekly hot meals, blankets in winter, travel-size toiletries, new socks and underwear, and money to help supply those things to the 14 to 24-year-old youth TAY serves.

TAY staff, within the confines of safety and health, is still able to provide counselling and other services, including some “grab and go” food. Even though we haven’t been able to donate meals during this period, TAY still needs our help. Thanks to cash donations from members, Ohr Shalom has been able to make donations totaling close to \$400.00 to TAY.

If you are able to help TAY at this time, please contact Marilyn Shelden ([marilyn.shelden@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.shelden@gmail.com)) or the Ohr Shalom office.



### **Deadline for Donations is December 16**

Ohr Shalom is collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to the Toys for Tots program. Please remember to bring your gifts to Ohr Shalom when you come to celebrate Chanukah on Sunday, December 13.

**Toy donations accepted at Ohr Shalom until December 16.**

According to Toys for Tots, a national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, the program “provides happiness and hope to children in need during each holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory.”



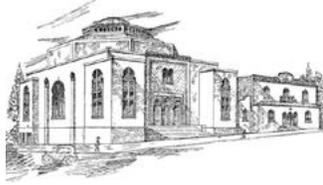
### **ONGOING FOOD DRIVE FOR JFS**

The current pandemic has forced thousands of families and older adults into food insecurity. Every week, 1,700 people rely on Jewish Family Service nutrition services – this is a 309% increase in the number of San Diegans served before COVID-19. On top of the critical need for food, new challenges arise every day as people struggle with unemployment, reduced income, and housing expenses. Drive-thru distribution and home-delivered meals program are counting on your support to meet the urgent needs of our community.



We will continue to collect food at Ohr Shalom for pickup by JFS. You can drop off food on Sunday, December 13 when you come for our Chanukah event. If you are financially able, please continue to help by giving online at <https://www.jfssd.org>.





## Reopening Task Force Update

Since the High Holy Days, our Reopening Task Force has continued to meet bi-weekly.

During October, the Task Force primarily discussed plans for holding, in the Ohr Shalom sanctuary, the three wonderful Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of Gideon Mandel, Andres Zagursky and Eliana Rose. All three families cooperated most graciously by adhering to recommendations that limited the numbers of participants in the synagogue and insisted on masks and social distancing.

As everyone knows, San Diego County – in sync with just about everywhere else – has seen a very large increase in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks. Now the Governor's office has moved us into Tier I, the "Purple Tier," based on risk level. Once again, as a "house of worship," Ohr Shalom is restricted from holding services indoors, although service leaders still are permitted to "broadcast" from inside. These restrictions will remain in place until San Diego County again moves to the Red Tier.

At its meeting on Tuesday, November 17, the Reopening Task Force also reviewed in detail the synagogue's plans for an onsite (in the patio) Chanukah event on Sunday, December 13th. Rabbi Meltzer plans to read, and briefly comment about, the prayer *Al Hanisim*, which is added to the Jewish liturgy for Chanukah. There will be sweet treats, and opportunities for congregants to deliver donations for holiday drives such as the JFS Food Bank and Toys for Tots.

As was the case with Ohr Shalom's prior outdoor events for Rosh Hashanah and Simchat Torah, those attending will be asked to select an appointed time in advance, to wear masks and to observe social distancing.

Take a look at the County Health Department's recommendations for observing winter holidays:

[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/holidays.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/holidays.html)

Be careful. Stay safe and well.

## OHR SHALOM IS ON AMAZONSMILE!

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 | 7:00-8:30pm

The opening program of the Center for Jewish Culture's 11th **Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices** season features a virtual poetry reading by three local poets: Todd Salovey, Lorraine Judith Thall, and June Gottlieb.

Following the presentations will be an open mic.

Price: Free. Click on "Learn More" button at

<https://www.lfjcc.org/seniors/Seniorsvirtual.aspx> to register.

*UCSD Holocaust Living History Workshop  
Lou Dunst Memorial Lecture*

### Yiddish Glory: The Lost Songs of World War II

January 21, 2021 5:00-7:00pm

At the height of World War II, a team of Soviet scholars embarked on an ambitious goal to collect recently written songs dealing with the Holocaust. Lost until the early 1990s, these songs were rediscovered and recorded with an ensemble of recognized soloists thanks to the painstaking labor of Anna Shternshis and the talent of Psoy Korolenko.

Registration for this event will be available at:

<https://library.ucsd.edu/news-events/events/yiddish-glory/>. You can find more information about the Holocaust Living History Workshop and 2021 events here: <https://library.ucsd.edu/news-events/holocaust-living-history-workshop-launches-2020-2021-series-virtually/>

### Other Events And Websites You Might Be Interested In

Many of us have discovered online resources for learning and entertainment during COVID-19. The following websites provide lectures, concerts, discussions that you might want to explore. Many of these events are free (but most of these organizations welcome donations!). In addition to currently scheduled events, many of the sites have an online archive of past events. Here's just a small sampling of what's available.

#### Center for Jewish History ([www.cjh.org](http://www.cjh.org))

The Center for Jewish History in New York City illuminates history, culture, and heritage. The Center provides a collaborative home for five partner organizations: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Upcoming program: "Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese Food," on 12/22 at 10:00am PST. Register at <https://www.yivo.org/> Chinese-Food for a Zoom link.

#### The Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center (<https://streicker.nyc/>)

Their programs offer enriching opportunities to discover new books, meet Pulitzer Prize-winning authors, explore the latest in biblical archaeology, enjoy the music of the Orchestra of St. Luke's, and more. A multi-part series that completed in November: "The French Jewish Experience." And a series called "Hot Topics in Biblical Archeology" continues on December 2 at 7:00am PST with: "Reconstructing the History of Ancient Israel: The Bible vs. Archaeology."

#### The 92nd Street Y (<https://www.92y.org>)

92nd Street Y is a world-class cultural and community center where people all over the world connect through culture, arts, entertainment and conversation. An upcoming event on Thursday, December 10 at 3:00pm PST: "(Crossword) Puzzles in a Pandemic: Will Shortz in Conversation." For puzzle fans, you'll recognize Will Shortz as the Editor and puzzlemaster of the NYTimes Crossword.

#### Center for the Art of Performance UCLA (<https://cap.ucla.edu>)

CAP UCLA curates and facilitates the direct exposure to the art of performance by supporting acclaimed artists who create extraordinary work in the dedicated practices of contemporary dance, theater and music, in addition to emerging genres. An upcoming performance/music program: "Chapter and Verse: The Gospel of James Baldwin" inspired by the writing of James Baldwin. Available through December 31 on online. [cap.ucla.edu](https://cap.ucla.edu).



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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

Dear families,

Thank you for entrusting your students' continuing Jewish education (or at least a formal part of it) to the teachers and me. We all know that this extended period of remote learning and work is taking its toll on our students – socially, academically, mentally and emotionally – not to mention on parents and all the adults we know!



Nonetheless, it is a joy to see our students' faces light up with smiles for whatever moves them – our group games that get them up and moving, a thoughtful conversation, recognizing they've mastered something they used to struggle with. One of the great silver linings of our Zoom-verse is that I do get to see every student's face. No one's backs are turned, no one is hidden behind someone else in rows of chairs. In a sense, we are better positioned to genuinely connect, *panim al panim*, than we can be in some in-person environments.

It's hard to believe, but fall semester is almost over! Religious School will meet on the first and last nights of Chanukah from 4:30-6:30pm and light our *chanukiyot* during *Tefilah*. We will have a schoolwide day of learning on Sunday, December 13 with virtual activity rotations led by our teachers. After the last night of Chanukah, on December 17, we will be on winter break until classes resume on Sunday, January 10th!

I wish all our families a Chanukah and winter season of warm, radiant light, and a break from the cold glow of our connected devices!

*Chag urim same'ach,*

Cheryl

## USY

Even while our kids are entirely "Zoomed out" I have been thoroughly enjoying seeing our regular participants on a weekly basis. Newcomers are always welcome to hop on and check out our events!



### TEEN SHABBAT INFORMATION:

Our pilot of a COVID-safe, in-person, Teen Shabbat experience on November 13 was a resounding success! There's something about being able to see each other's faces, even if it's just from eyes to forehead, that makes a live service magical.

**Teen Shabbat will meet again on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 6-7:00pm**

We are very excited to be able to present Teen Shabbat on the second Friday of December! We look forward to creating our own unique and sacred space to begin Shabbat together.

This event will be a **live, in-person**, socially distanced, masked and temperature-checked outdoor service! Participants must be registered in advance and have waivers completed by a parent or legal guardian. We will strictly adhere to a cap at 12 teen participants.

**For more information about safety precautions, to RSVP and to provide the parental waiver, visit <https://teenshabbat.ossrs.org>**

### DECEMBER VIRTUAL EVENTS:

All Ages Harry Potter Reading Hour (Mondays/Wednesdays 5-6pm) Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23

All Ages Family Game Night (Mondays 7-8:30pm) Dec. 7, 14, 21

Teen Lounge 7th-12th Grades (Wednesdays 7:30-9pm) Dec. 2, 9, 16

Advanced Dungeons & Dragons (Sundays 1-3pm) Dec. 6, 13, 20

**Social Action:** December 24. Stay tuned to your USY emails for more information about our annual winter virtual service project; teens are planning as we speak!

## ADULT EDUCATION

### OHR SHALOM KNITZVAH GROUP

*led by Jodie Graber*

**Monday, December 7 at 7:00pm**

Come knit scarves for those in need! All levels and all ages of knitters welcome!

Jodie will guide those who need help and we can all be together to knit and kibbitz!

**Feel free to email Gillian with any questions.**

<https://zoom.us/j/99664033489>

Meeting ID: 996 6403 3489 Passcode: knit



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND MADRICHIM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
<https://register.ossrs.org>

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

for the weekly e-Kol, details of upcoming events and pictures of past events.

Go to: [www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue](http://www.facebook.com/ohrshalomsynagogue)



## TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

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

#### SYNAGOGUE FUND

Eva and Zachary Levin  
Diana Lipowsky  
Sidney Miraz

**In honor of Lynn Mendelsohn**  
Shoshanah Sternlieb

**In honor of Becky Zipp and in  
memory of Ruth Bader Ginsberg**  
Melanie Davidson

**In honor of Gideon Mandel's  
Bar Mitzvah**  
Marcia and Ray Sachs

**In honor Morris Lazard's Birthday**  
Eileen Wingard

**In honor of Susie and Eli Meltzer's  
Grandson, Noah's Bar Mitzvah**  
Jennifer Oppenheimer

**Thank You to Ohr Shalom**  
Susanne and Ruben Lisker

**Thank You for High Holiday Services**  
Sylvia Rosenthal

**In loving memory of  
Florencio Martinez**  
Marilyn and Al Shelden  
Mark and Elaine Smith  
Gillian Argoff-Treseder

**In loving memory of Sidney Feldmar**  
**In loving memory of Francis Goldstein**  
Toni and Don Goldstein

**In loving memory of Robert Palash**  
Sallie Palash

**In loving memory of Mindel Green**  
**In loving memory of Sosya Berman**  
Raisa Green

**In loving memory of Max Brzezinski**  
Eva Brzezinski and M. Frank Darbe

**In loving memory of Menachem Cohen**  
Tricia Pummill

**In loving memory of Arnold Okin**  
Michael and Jacqueline Okin

**In loving memory of Walter Zoot**  
Marcia and David Wollner

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**In honor of the bris of  
Asher Elder**  
Stuart Rubenstein

#### SOCIAL ACTION

**Christie's Turkeys**  
Jeanne and David Argoff  
Barbara Haislip  
Morris Lazard and Elizabeth Green  
Susie and Eli Meltzer  
Tricia Pummill  
Rocky and Debbie Reid

#### TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT ONEG AND KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Stephen Blum  
Susanne Lisker  
Randi Rose  
Steven Rose

#### PLAQUE IN LOVING MEMORY OF HARRISON ROBBINS

Shira and Rabbi Josh Cohen  
Joy Heitzmann and Jack Cohen  
Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn  
Raulf and Sharon Polichar  
Rocky and Debbie Reid  
Deborah Suissa  
Eileen Wingard  
Jane Zeer

*We apologize for any omissions.*

### Mazal Tov to:

**Randi Rose** and **Steven Rose** for their daughter, **Eliana Rose's** Bat Mitzvah.

**Allyson Darroch** on the marriage of her daughter, **Sharon Gonzales** to **Airman Jefferson Turla, USAF.**

**Andrew Reiter** for being featured in the December-January issue of WIRED. Read about his work on a quadcopter with artificial intelligence at: <https://www.wired.com/story/shield-ai-quadcopter-military-drone>

### Condolences to:

**Irma Martinez** on the passing of her beloved brother,  
**Florencio Martinez.**



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

LeAnne Adams  
Aviva Angel  
Hillel Angel  
David Argoff  
Ilan Awerbuch  
Laura Bloom  
Rabbi Yonina Creditor  
Allyson Darroch  
Jonathan Geiger  
Judi Gottschalk  
Joe Hartman  
Jerry Horn

Rebecca Iden  
Morris Lazard  
Ruth Levy  
Susanne Lisker  
Eli Meltzer  
Susie Meltzer  
Ivan Mendelsohn  
Lynn Mendelsohn  
Rachel Millstone  
Amy Morris  
Bill Morris  
Rabbi Gary Oren  
Ya'ara Oren

Rocky Reid  
Eliana Rose  
Aviva Rosenberg  
Ruben Rosental  
Brian Stannard  
Jonah Weinberg  
Rabbi-Cantor  
Cheri Weiss  
Dan Weiss  
Margalit Wollner  
Marvin Yudkovitz  
Andres Zagursky

## Yahrzeits

*Hannah Shoman	Marty Shoman's Mother .....	1-Dec/15 Kislev
Abraham Zyman	Jose Zyman's Father .....	2-Dec/16 Kislev
Jacov Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather .....	3-Dec/17 Kislev
Isabel Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro .....	3-Dec/17 Kislev
*Malech Kucinski	Robert Kucinski's Father and Danny Kucinski's Grandfather .....	3-Dec/17 Kislev
Paca Reznik	Remembered by Becky Reznik .....	3-Dec/17 Kislev
Rose Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt .....	3-Dec/17 Kislev
*Lev Angel	Aviva Angel's Son .....	4-Dec/18 Kislev
Harry Peltz	Jodie Graber's Grandfather .....	4-Dec/18 Kislev
*Pauline Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Mother and Remembered by Gertrude Cohen .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev
Sarah Epstein	Honey Mark's Mother .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev
Sydney Pick	Daniel Pick's Grandfather .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev

# Yahrzeits

Shana Rubin	Joe Rubin's Daughter .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev
*David Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Father .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev
*Bertha Smith	Mark Smith's Mother .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev
*Marvin Smith	Mark Smith's Brother .....	5-Dec/19 Kislev
Sophie Gorad	Koba's Grandmother .....	6-Dec/20 Kislev
Tinok Iden Hamilton	Rebecca Iden's Son .....	6-Dec/20 Kislev
Fannie Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt .....	6-Dec/20 Kislev
Zion Soffer	Fortune Milstein's Father .....	7-Dec/21 Kislev
Bella Green	Elizabeth Green's Step Grandmother .....	8-Dec/22 Kislev
*Benjamin Kalinka	Brenda Bielas' Father .....	8-Dec/22 Kislev
Yojeved Rosenfeld	Sara Limenes' Mother .....	10-Dec/24 Kislev
*Minnie Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Mother .....	10-Dec/24 Kislev
Joseph Reitsky	Dorothy Canter's Father and Marilyn Shelden's Grandfather .....	11-Dec/25 Kislev
Rebeca Levy	Alberto Levy and Beatriz-Levy Israel's Mother .....	13-Dec/27 Kislev
Haya Abramovic	Faye Levy's Mother .....	14-Dec/28 Kislev
Klara Finkel	Tito Salzman's Grandmother .....	14-Dec/28 Kislev
Jack Hartman	Joe Hartman's Father .....	14-Dec/28 Kislev
*Alberto Levy	Vicky Cohen's Father and Beto Cohen's Grandfather .....	15-Dec/29 Kislev
Betty Stopnik	Roz Berman's Mother .....	15-Dec/29 Kislev
Sidney Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Father and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather .....	16-Dec/1 Tevet
Pola Gitler	Sara Fainstein's Aunt .....	16-Dec/1 Tevet
Elaine Green	Marda Rose's Aunt .....	16-Dec/1 Tevet
Gil Liberberg	Liza Tacher's Father .....	16-Dec/1 Tevet
*Rabbi Yacob Goldberg	Esther Tishman's Father, Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather .....	17-Dec/2 Tevet
Ruth Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandmother .....	17-Dec/2 Tevet
Anna Paget Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Grandmother .....	18-Dec/3 Tevet
Rose E. Rose	Marda Rose's Grandmother .....	18-Dec/3 Tevet
Bertha Tall	Bill Tall's Mother .....	19-Dec/4 Tevet
*Helen Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Mother .....	19-Dec/4 Tevet
Abraham Cohen	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein .....	20-Dec/5 Tevet
Clifford Francis	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandfather .....	20-Dec/5 Tevet
Efrain Yudovich	Ite Cohen's Father .....	20-Dec/5 Tevet
Lena Forman	Laurie Slade's Grandmother .....	21-Dec/6 Tevet
*George Millstone	Rachel Millstone's Father .....	21-Dec/6 Tevet
Rae Tenen	Remembered by Joe Rubin .....	21-Dec/6 Tevet
Sosya Berman	Raisa Green's Mother .....	22-Dec/7 Tevet
Ethel Boner	Steve Boner's Mother .....	22-Dec/7 Tevet
Frances Goldstein	Don Goldstein's Mother and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandmother .....	22-Dec/7 Tevet
Lenora Levin Wollman	Alice Broudy Cupples' Aunt .....	22-Dec/1 Tevet
Steve Shoman	Marty Shoman's Brother .....	22-Dec/7 Tevet
Hyman Wolpoff	Sheldon Wolpoff's Father and Aaron Wolpoff's Grandfather .....	22-Dec/7 Tevet
Sara P. Blumovicz	Remembered by Rafael Slovatizki .....	23-Dec/8 Tevet
Miriam Miliband	Jared Solomon's Grandmother .....	23-Dec/8 Tevet
*Thomas Weston	Allison Wolpoff's Father .....	24-Dec/9 Tevet
Esther B. Feller	Remembered by Ralph Golden .....	26-Dec/11 Tevet
Luis Goldberg	Lina Gorinstein's Brother .....	26-Dec/11 Tevet
Roslyn Kanevsky	Alberto Levy's Aunt .....	26-Dec/11 Tevet
*Frieda Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Mother .....	26-Dec/11 Tevet
*Harry Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Brother .....	27-Dec/12 Tevet
Sheila Schwartz	Elizabeth Schwartz's Mother .....	27-Dec/12 Tevet
Stanley Joseph Wisinski	Esther Siegel's Father .....	27-Dec/12 Tevet
*Ilan Cohen	Trudy Cohen's Husband and Eddy Cohen's Brother .....	28-Dec/13 Tevet
Marie Lyons	Lynn Mendelsohn's Mother .....	28-Dec/13 Tevet
*Matilde Galicot	Jose Galicot and Julio Galicot's Mother .....	29-Dec/14 Tevet
Thomas Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Great Grandfather .....	29-Dec/14 Tevet
Anna Burgman Kuttner	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandmother .....	30-Dec/15 Tevet
Shlomo Broder	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet
Hugh Douglas	Avigayil Levy-Yochanan's Grandfather .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet
Jacqueline Horstein	Alma Geiger and Harriet Wolpoff's Mother .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet
*Olga May	Miriam Burakoff's Mother .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet
Isaac Penhas	Sally Maizel and Esther Modiano's Father .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet
*Evelyn Shelden	Al Shelden's Mother .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet
Leah Solomon	Jared Solomon's Grandmother .....	31-Dec/16 Tevet

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



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **December 2020**  
Kislev 5781/Tevet 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pre-Chanukah</b>  <b>Cooking Class</b>            with Giselle Wellman  <b>Tuesday, December 8, 5:00pm</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Learn to make your own Sufganiyot! <i>Details on page 5</i></p> </div>		1 15 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	2 16 Kislev Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge 7:30pm	3 17 Kislev Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Chanukah Around the World with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm	4 18 Kislev Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 6:15pm  4:24pm	5 19 Kislev <b>Parshat Vayishlach</b>  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm  5:24pm
	6 20 Kislev Religious School 9:30am Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	7 21 Kislev Harry Potter Reading Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm Knitzvah Group 7:00pm	8 22 Kislev Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	9 23 Kislev Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge 7:30pm  5:29pm	10 <b>Erev Chanukah</b> Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm  4:25pm	11 <b>Chanukah Day 1</b> Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Teen Shabbat 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm  4:25pm
13 27 Kislev <b>Chanukah Day 3</b> Religious School 9:30am Chanukah Celebration at Ohr Shalom 2:00-5:00pm <i>Reservations Required</i> Minyan 6:15pm  5:31pm	14 28 Kislev <b>Chanukah Day 4</b> Tot Chanukah Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm  5:31pm	15 29 Kislev <b>Chanukah Day 5</b> Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm  5:32pm	16 1 Tevet <b>Chanukah Day 6</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b> Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Tot Chanukah Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Teen Game Night 7:30pm  5:33pm	17 2 Tevet <b>Chanukah Day 7</b> Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Chanukah Around the World with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm  5:33pm	18 3 Tevet <b>Chanukah Day 8</b> Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm  4:27pm	19 4 Tevet <b>Parshat Mikeitz</b>  Shabbat Service - 9:30am Tot Shabbat - 3:00pm  5:28pm
20 5 Tevet No Religious School Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm	21 6 Tevet Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm	22 7 Tevet Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	23 8 Tevet Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge/Game Night 7:30pm	24 9 Tevet No Religious School Wellness: Balance 10:30am Minyan 6:15pm	25 10 Tevet <b>Fast of Tevet</b> Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm  4:31pm	26 11 Tevet <b>Parshat Vayigash</b>  Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm  5:32pm
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