

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).

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.

OHR SHALOM CHANUKAH ART SHOW

Thank you to all who exhibited their varied and unique talents in the Ohr Shalom Chanukah Art Show: **Dayne Amitai-Crawford, Sue Brown, The Brown Family, Judie Dresser, Ariella van Frank, Samantha McBride, Miriam Mendelsohn, Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb, Rachel and Gillian Treseder, Harriet Wolpoff, Love Zubiller.** If you missed the premiere of the slide show, you can watch it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11trE03AREE&feature=youtu.be>

CHANUKAH COOKING CLASS

If you missed **Giselle Wellman's** class on how to make sufganiyot, or would like to watch it again, you can view it here: <https://ohrshalom.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bbc8bd8e04d638d-59490f9a4&id=1dac64f4aa&e=9788c44dab> Password: Bc9!D*ZT

TU B'SHEVAT PROGRAMS

Sunday, January 24 at 1:00pm
Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00pm

See page 3 for details



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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“MANY WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH WILL AWAKE...” (DANIEL 12:1)

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

I want to talk about the afterlife. I want to talk about it because it has been very much on my mind lately – too many funerals and lots of conversations about loved ones who have died. Also, the days are dark, dreary and cold. Just as Chanukah is all about bringing light, comfort and hope during the darkest and coldest time of the year, ideas about the afterlife should do exactly the same for us at our dark times.

I am certain that I would have a different relationship to the afterlife if I wasn't a Jew. Some other traditions demand that adherents believe something specific and teach with certitude about the nature of the afterlife. I don't think I would find comfort there.

Judaism offers many different ideas, images, stories, concepts about what happens after death, and thankfully, with no consistency whatsoever. We could study together about differing views of heaven, of the immortal soul, of resurrection, reincarnation, Gehennom and more. We could look at the historical development of the ideas about what happens after we die, beginning with the TaNaKh (Bible) that has no mention of life after death, except the Daniel quotation above.

As I look at twenty-two centuries of Jewish teachings about the afterlife, I have a hard time believing, with complete faith and conviction, in any one image or teaching. I love reading and learning about the diverse images of the afterlife – a rich and wonderful literature.

As a student of this literature, I am convinced that the purpose of teaching about the afterlife is not about discovering and describing what happens after we die, it is all about bringing solace and comfort to those of us who are still alive.

Rather than listing all the reasons why I find teachings about heaven implausible, I would rather show how comforting it

is to picture souls reunited for eternity in the world beyond. My grandparents shared sixty-six years of married life together. During the few years he out-survived my grandmother, my grandfather was truly bereft. The idea that they are now together brings me great comfort.

Having said that, it is fascinating to try to imagine what heaven might be like, if it exists beyond our minds. At the beginning of Kol Nidre every year we invoke the “YESHIVAH SHEL MALAH” – the learning academy up in heaven. I love that the sages of our tradition could imagine the “paradise” of the world beyond as eternal school. Sure, with the greatest teachers, but no recess, no eating in class, no summer vacation. To quote the Jewish poet Shel Silverstein: “I don't think that's much of a heaven at all.” By-the-by, if you don't know Shel Silverstein's take on the afterlife in his poem “Paul Bunyan,” do yourself a favor, look it up. I would love to hear your reaction. Call me.

So, like Paul Bunyan in the poem, I am not a big heaven guy. I do find comfort in the reuniting with loved ones. Sometimes, a lot of comfort. And, fortunately, I don't know any Jewish author who puts plump naked babies with harps and wings in their image of heaven, at least there's that.

The problem is all the stuff that's missing from heaven. In most images of heaven, there's no corporeal reality, that means no bodies. No bodies means no hugging, no holding hands, no growing old together, no eating – no chocolates, and not even vegetables. To again quote my favorite poem: “I don't think that's much of a heaven at all.”

So, I'm much more of a resurrection guy. When the day comes and we are all returned, in our bodies, to life in this world, there will be lots of hugging and hand holding, probably even mixed

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

TIKKUN OLAM: AN EXAMPLE OF HOW IT'S DONE

Reading the stories of the “Sages” who are honored through our [2020-21 Calendar](#), I noticed that those who lived in Mexico City frequented the *Centro Deportivo Israelita* (Jewish Sports Center). Here is the story of **Sidney Kluger**, an American who was the Sports Center’s first Executive Director. He was the father of my dear friend Rochelle Schwartz.

Born October 29, 1912 in Manhattan to Jewish immigrants from Hungary, Sidney grew into a handsome intellectual with the demeanor of a diplomat. In the early 1930’s, he earned a Bachelors degree at CCNY and then enrolled in a Masters program at the University of Oregon. While on a trip south-of-the-border during a school break, Sidney fell in love with Mexico City – its European ambiance, its café culture. Though he spoke practically no Spanish, he stayed. Amazingly, not long after his arrival, Sidney founded a newspaper in Spanish, *Publicaciones Panamericanas*.

In 1940, alarmed for Europe’s Jews, Sidney joined the [International Rescue Committee](#), collecting funds for the group that sent Varian Fry to Marseilles in 1941 to arrange visas from Vichy France for 1,500 Jewish notables, including Marc Chagall, Max Ernst and Hannah Arendt. In 1945, Sidney became Executive Director of the [Latin-American League for a Free Palestine](#), agitating for an independent Jewish state. He raised money, and probably smuggled weapons, for the *Irgun*, the Jewish underground military in Palestine. Until 1948, Sidney published the League’s Spanish-language journal *La Respuesta* (The Answer).

Through his activism, Sidney met prominent members of Mexico City’s Jewish community. In 1944, those individuals signed the organizing constitution of the Jewish Sports Center – a neutral meeting place for the Jewish community’s diverse, and sometimes antagonistic, cultural and religious groups. A Maccabi Sports Association, which had been active in Mexico since 1931, accomplished initial steps in that direction, but the Sports Center’s founders wanted a building.



Sidney Kluger (center) at a 1950’s meeting to discuss the Jewish Sports Center, Mexico City

The Center purchased a 15-acre cow pasture and built an enormous mid-century modern facility. Designed by the renowned architectural firm of Coutiño-Ponce, it opened in 1958. Sidney was named Executive Director, responsible for setting up, staffing and managing a multi-faceted facility that quickly had 20,000 members.

In 1948, Sidney married Mildred Gerber, a native of Chicago. All three of their children were born in Mexico.

In 1963, a tour group from Congregation Sherith Israel, San Francisco’s oldest and largest Reform synagogue, visited Mexico City, and the Jewish Sports Center was a must-see. The synagogue’s cantor, Martin Feldman, suggested that Sidney might prove an excellent candidate for the then-available position of Executive Director at Sherith Israel. Many factors – school-aged children, anti-American sentiment in Mexico in the wake of Castro’s bold takeover in Cuba – made the San Francisco offer attractive.

Sydney was Executive Director at Congregation Sherith Israel for 15 years, constantly innovating. He managed America’s first [Israel Trade Fair](#), a mid-60’s event on-site that attracted 10,000. In 1967, Sidney, along with Rabbi Morris Hershman and others, founded the [Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews](#) (BACJSJ) to support the rescue and resettlement of Jews from the USSR. Serving as a model for the national Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, established in 1970, the BACJSJ organized publicity campaigns and lobbied lawmakers. In 1982, Sidney joined the [North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry](#) (NACOEJ), which



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assisted with the emigration and absorption of Ethiopian Jews into Israel.

In 1966, Sidney took on the social betterment project for which he is best remembered: [Book Bank USA](#). While visiting Jerusalem, he was shocked by its Main Library’s scanty collection. Learning that most books needed to be purchased abroad, and thus were costly, he took on the job of filling the bookshelves. Through Book Bank, *Lynn’s Message continued on Page 6*

OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

KABBALAT SHABBAT ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

- Friday, January 1 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)
- Friday, January 8 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)
- Friday, January 15 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)
- Friday, January 22 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)
- Friday, January 29 - 6:15pm (Kabbalat Shabbat Service)



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, Ohr Shalom is initiating a project called: "Ohr Shalom Look Here First."

This will be a directory of businesses recommended by Ohr Shalom members.

If you or your children own a business, please send the following information to the Ohr Shalom office: The business's name, address, and contact information, with a short description. We are at work on a website that will be our directory

Stay tuned for more information.

Daily Minyan Minute

Sundays through Thursdays at 6:05pm

Before each evening minyan, join us for a short reading by a congregant – a poem, quotation, song, insight into a Torah portion, etc.(does not need to be an original piece).

To volunteer to do a reading, contact **Marvin Yudkovitz** at mayudkovitz@gmail.com or text 240-506-3042.

Celebrate the New Year for the Trees with 2 for Tu B'Shevat with Ohr Shalom and JNF

Tu B'Shevat Celebration and Gardening Workshop

Sunday, January 24, 2021 1-2:30pm.

www.jnf.org/sdtubishvat

Join us for a community-wide virtual Tu B'Shevat celebration hosted by JNF. **Nan Sterman**, award-winning gardener and host of A Growing Passion, will lead us through an interactive succulent-planting workshop. We will also hear from **Noa Zer**, Director of Resource Development for the Central Arava Regional Council, to learn about how JNF makes the land of Israel bloom. Register for this free event at: www.jnf.org/sdtubishvat. A link to the list of supplies you'll need for the gardening workshop can also be found there. When you register for the event, select Ohr Shalom to join Rabbi Meltzer in a breakout room to learn about and discuss Tu B'Shevat.

Erev Tu B'Shevat
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7:00pm

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

Join us on Erev Tu B'Shevat for a program with JNF and their partner organization in Israel LOTEM – Making Nature Accessible. Learn how this organization brings Israelis with disabilities into nature.

This will also kick-off Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month at Ohr Shalom which starts in February.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING

January 2021




PARSHAT VAYECHI

Fri: January 1 | 17 Tevet 4:36pm
 Sat: January 2 | 18 Tevet
 Torah: Genesis 47:28-50:26
 Haft: I Kings 2:1 - 2:12

PARSHAT SHEMOT

Fri: January 8 | 24 Tevet 4:42pm
 Sat: January 9 | 25 Tevet
 Torah: Exodus 1:1-6:13
 Haft: Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22 - 29:23

PARSHAT VAERA

Fri: January 15 | 2 Shevat 4:48pm
 Sat: January 16 | 3 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 6:2-9:35
 Haft: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

PARSHAT BO

Fri: January 22 | 9 Shevat 4:54pm
 Sat: January 23 | 10 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 10:1-13:16
 Haft: Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28 

PARSHAT BESHALACH

Fri: January 29 | 16 Shevat 5:02pm
 Sat: January 30 | 17 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 13:17-17:16
 Haft: Judges 4:4 - 5:31

OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!

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

JANUARY DATES

- January 4
- January 11
- January 25



SAVE THE DATE!

Lights of Ohr Shalom

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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

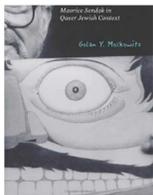
Fridays at 1:00pm

In-depth chapter discussions each week:

beginning January 15:

Wild Visionary: Maurice Sendak in Queer Jewish Context

by Golan Y. Moskowitz



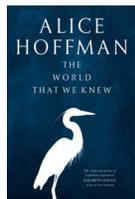
Wild Visionary reconsiders Maurice Sendak's life and work in the context of his experience as a Jewish gay man. Sendak painted childhood with the dark realism and wild imagination of his own sensitive "inner child," drawing on the queer and Yiddish sensibilities that shaped his singular voice. Interweaving literary biography and cultural history, Golan Y. Moskowitz follows Sendak from his parents' Brooklyn home to spaces of creative growth and artistic vision—from neighborhood movie palaces to Hell's Kitchen, Greenwich Village, Fire Island, and the Connecticut country home he shared with Eugene Glynn, his partner of more than fifty years. The Great Depression, the Holocaust, and the AIDS crisis all impacted the artist's perspective. Through a deep exploration of Sendak's picture books, interviews, and previously unstudied personal correspondence, *Wild Visionary* offers a sensitive portrait of Sendak.

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, January 17, 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.

Monday, February 15, 10:00am

Being Heumann

by Judy Heumann

A story of fighting to belong in a world that wasn't built for all of us and of one woman's activism—from the streets of Brooklyn and San Francisco to inside the halls of Washington.

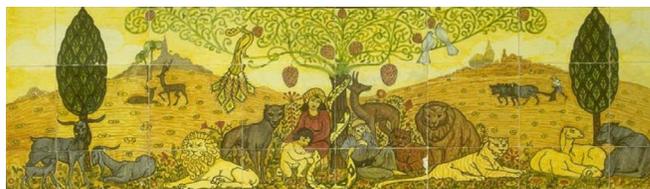


JEWISH ART with Elisheva Edelson

Thursdays, January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18 at 7:30pm

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

What is Jewish art? The Jewish answer is: "What do you mean by Jewish art?" From the earliest times visual art was discouraged among Jews by the commandment: "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above or on the earth below, or that is in the water under the earth." [Exodus 20:4] The contradictory value of hiddur mitzvah encourages the creation of beautiful ritual objects. Join Elisheva Edelson as we explore and learn about the so-called "Jewish art." 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.



KNITZVAH GROUP led by Jodie Graber

Monday, January 11 and 25

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

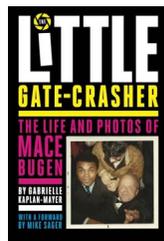


Marpheh Movement
Meditation

Sundays
January 3 & 24
3:00pm

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

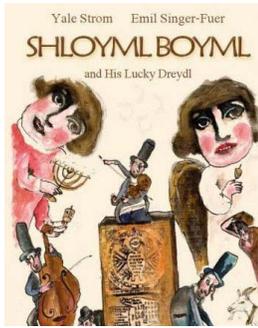
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BOOK TALK WITH GABRIELLE KAPLAN-MAYER:
The Little Gate-Crasher
Sunday, February 7, 10:00am



ADULT EDUCATION



BOOK READING AND TALK WITH YALE STROM

Shloyml Boyml and His Lucky Dreydl

Wednesday, January 20, 7:30pm

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



Join **Yale Strom** as he reads (in English) from his new illustrated children's book *Shloyml Boyml and His Lucky Dreydl*, a bilingual Hanukkah adventure written in Yiddish and English. Afterward, he'll explain how the story was based upon ethnographic research he conducted in the 1980s in Romania. The story in brief: "The talented Klezmer musician Shloyml from Buhuși embarks on a long journey to buy the best Israeli olive oil – the one thing needed for the Buhuși community to once again stand victorious in the yearly latke contest. Will he manage to bring the oil back home in time, or will he be stopped by the devious Nebish brothers? In the end, it all comes down to a thrilling game of dreydl!" Illustrated by Emil Singer-Fuer.

OHR SHALOM WELLNESS CLASSES

Meditation *with Alex van Frank* Tuesday Evenings at 7:00-7:30pm

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

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805583843>

Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843

Balance *with Don Wright* Thursdays at 10:30am

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 "ABCMSM":



- Agility
- Balance
- Coordination
- Strength
- Mindfulness

The only equipment needed is a straight-back chair.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92742164877>

Passcode: Balance

SOCIAL ACTION

DECEMBER TOY DRIVE



Well, you wonderful people have done it again! Even without the ability to get together in person, the Toys for Tots box was **filled**.

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. Drive-thru distribution and home-delivered meals program are counting on your support to meet the urgent needs of our community. If you are financially able, please continue to help by giving online at <https://www.jfssd.org>.

TAY ACADEMY



COVID-19 has changed many things for TAY. 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 14-24 year old youth TAY serves. TAY staff, within the confines of safety and health, is still able to provide counseling 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. If you are able to help, please contact Marilyn Shelden at marilyn.shelden@gmail.com or the Ohr Shalom office.



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

ISRAEL WELCOMES NEW WAVE OF ETHIOPIAN JEWS – HOW WARM IS THE WELCOME?

Israel's Hanukkah lights shone bright with the arrival in December 2020 of 316 Jews flown from Ethiopia on *Operation Rock of Israel*. 2,000 more Jewish immigrants are expected in 2021, after waiting years to reunite with their parents and grandparents. Many were dressed in their traditional Ethiopian robes, holding infants and waving flags as they touched the red carpet. These are members of the "Falash Mura Jews", not part of their predecessor the "Beta Israel" community. (Their dramatic rescue from Sudan in 1984 in *Operation Moses* was portrayed recently on the Netflix show "The Red Sea Diving Resort.") Many members of the Falash Mura were left behind in the camps in the 80's because of their uncertain ancestry.

The community of Beta Israel, because their claim as descendants of the lost tribe of Dan was accepted in Israel, immigrated under the Law of Return, which guarantees Israeli citizenship to all Jews. They were recognized as Jews upon their arrival. This is not the case for the Falash Mura, who are descendants of the Ethiopian Jews who had converted to Christianity under duress during the 18th and 19th centuries. These Falash Mura families whose Jewish lineage is questioned have had to immigrate without the recognition by Israel as being Jewish as defined under religious law. Under mounting political pressure, they have been allowed to enter instead under a family-unification program that requires conversion from Christianity to Judaism. This process has been an ongoing source of tension.

Although there are significant differences between these groups within the Ethiopian Israeli population, all these Ethiopian Jews face similar challenges in Israel of how to become a part of the mainstream society. These groups entered a modern country from rural, remote regions of Ethiopia. Many had never

used electricity, elevators, flush toilets, or modern appliances such as televisions.

Today the Ethiopian Israeli community has grown to 140,000 strong, including 50,000 born in Israel. They are faced with serious socio-economic issues. The biggest challenge every Ethiopian Jew has faced for decades has been their low level of formal education. Fortunately, education levels have improved dramatically in recent years. Today 90 percent of Ethiopian Jews have a high school education, similar to the 93 percent of the overall Jewish population. However, only 20 percent have university education compared to 40 percent of the general population. Although this remains a major hurdle, today second-generation students now attain higher education at four times that of their parents.

Their community suffers disproportionately higher amounts of unemployment and poverty. A study published in 2012 found that members of the Ethiopian community earned 30-40% less than Arab citizens of Israel, who are themselves considered an underprivileged group. There are real problems related to claims of discrimination in hiring practices.

Israelis were proud to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel, but only 25 percent of Israelis say they want to live next to Ethiopians, and the government settled many of them in peripheral places. There have been cases reported in the media of racial discrimination as well, including reports of abuse by Israel's police towards this population.

In spite of overwhelming barriers, the status of Ethiopian Israelis has seen great improvements in recent years. With successive generations, Ethiopians in Israel are gradually becoming part of the mainstream Israeli society in religious life, military service (with nearly all males doing national service), education and politics. Looking forward, let us wish these latest arrivals a successful future.

COMMUNITY EVENT



This year, the 31st Annual San Diego International Jewish Film Festival (SDIJFF) is happening on a virtual film festival platform called **Eventive** instead of in theaters. **You can watch over 50 films from home!**

Starting on Wednesday, January 6, you will be able to purchase tickets to individual films. Most films will be available On-Demand throughout the festival, with a few films available as Limited-Time screenings. For these, there are restrictions on when you can view them during the festival.

If you become an Underwriter of the SDIJFF you will have access to all of the films during the festival plus the Underwriter Preview Night on February 10. Higher Underwriter levels have additional benefits.

Live discussions with filmmakers and other guests are planned throughout the festival. These will also be hosted in the **Eventive** platform.

Unlike in other years, a festival brochure will not be mailed. Watch for information about this year's films and a link to purchase tickets starting January 6 at <https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/sdijff.aspx>.

Ohr Shalom will be a Community Partner for the festival. Contact the Ohr Shalom office to get a special ticket discount code to use when you buy a ticket.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

Sidney and his volunteers collected more than 5 million used books in the U.S. and shipped them to libraries, schools, colleges, health centers and kibbutzim, initially in Israel, but ultimately in 34 countries. Sidney raised funds for Book Bank USA from wealthy Jewish acquaintances, and from an Advisory Board that included Saul Bellow and Isaac Bashevis Singer. He spent Book Bank funds on additional projects, purchasing a Bookmobile in 1968 to serve both Arabs and Jews in a newly united Jerusalem, building a special education library on Saint Kitts, donating a machine shop to the Yemin Orde Youth School, Israel, and outfitting libraries, schools and art centers everywhere, including a school in Kiryat Shmona that named its gymnasium for Sidney.

In 1985, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a special bill honoring Sidney Kluger as an exemplar of "the American ideals of hard work, compassion, perseverance and commitment to service and to others." We call it *Tikkun Olam*.



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NISHMAT KOL CHAI

by LeAnne Adams

Nishmat Kol Chai is the *tefillah* at the conclusion of *Psukei d'Zimrah* on Shabbat and certain holidays. It means the *neschama* – the breathe or the soul of all life – *tevarech et shimcha*, “gives a blessing to the holy divine name.” It’s the idea that not only us singing but actually all living beings – *kol chai* – are constantly creating the divine, the interdependence that we all live with and try to feel the connection to.



I want to focus on two themes in *Nishmat* that serve as important fundamentals in thanking God. [For the full Hebrew and English text, see *Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat and Festivals*, page 145.]

Mind the gap!

The attempt to thank God for all we are given is doomed to failure. The human being with all the best intentions is simply not able to recognize adequately all the good that God does for them. This is stated quite poetically in *Nishmat*.

*Were our mouths filled with song as the sea...
We would still be unable to fully express our gratitude to You
ADONAI our God and God of our ancestors,
Or to praise Your name for even one of the myriad moments
Of kindness with which You have blessed our ancestors and us.*

Yishtabach means that God should be praised. The Rabbis saw this as a statement of despair at our failed attempt to do this due to the gap between the moral and the divine. Our inability to list, or even be aware of the abundance of God’s gifts is a source of frustration for us, but it can lead to an additional sense of awe and gratitude.

The universal scope of appreciation

We read that gratitude will be offered by “all souls,” and “all flesh” will exalt God the creator of all things who runs the earth with kindness and mercy. The Universal aspect of thanking God is underscored many times. Our appreciation of God is on two levels. Firstly, it reinforces our commitment to God as a chosen people. Secondly, and possibly more significantly, we express our gratitude as a **member of the creations of God**. Appreciation is a universal trait and one that is not even limited to human beings. One simply cannot be a member of the club if one doesn’t have a serious sense of recognition that they are not the focal point of it all. Rather, we are all creations and part of a much larger puzzle. Every single element in the world is extremely fragile and our survival is exclusively through the grace of God.

So now what? So we think about those messages and the instructions are very clear.

Let every mouth thank You, every tongue pledge loyalty, every knee bend to You, every body bow before You, every heart be loyal to You, and every fiber of our being chant your name

We need to use what God has given us to praise God. We grow so accustomed to our ability to function in a normal and healthy manner. And then a life-threatening event happens and we recognize how fragile and weak we really are.

This ancient, beautiful poetry is designed to make us remember that, in case we’ve forgotten it in the busyness of our lives.

While it did get pretty cold this December (for San Diego, anyway), from where I sit there were no snowflakes, silver-lined tree rims, and certainly no ice skating nor sledding. Nonetheless, I found that eight nights of Chanukah candles reminded me how soothing and warming rituals can be, especially ones that culminate in all eight candles casting golden light around.

I’m making it my personal mission to find little rituals to keep that warm, magic feeling rolling through the winter. 2020 is (finally!) over, but there’s still a ways to go before things will look “normal.” We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. What is going to buoy you and your family through to the end of the tunnel, happy, healthy and sane?

I wish all our families a happy new secular year, and many creative ways to continue drawing close to light. I especially look forward to seeing our students back at Religious School when **classes resume on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30am!**

USY

Welcome to 2021! I look forward to seeing everyone as our regular schedule of events resumes in January! Check the School & Youth emails (or our Google Calendar link) for the regular events to come and any exceptions.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND MADRICHIM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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PARENTS' LOUNGE NIGHT

Tuesday, January 19 at 8:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072>

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RABBI'S ARTICLE CONT.

dancing. On that day, not only will it be wonderful to see my grandparents together, but my grandmother will be able to bake strudel, and my grandfather should probably be fit enough to shoot baskets with me – and his great-grandchildren.

Yes, resurrection brings me even more comfort than eternal life in heaven. Please do not misunderstand me, I do not believe or trust that day will come. It is not about belief. I hope for it. I pray for it. I want it.

And with that hope, prayer and desire comes a great deal of comfort.

I hope that we have lots more opportunities to share learning and chocolates, hugs and laughter, in this world, and perhaps even the next.



LEGACY SOCIETY

Evette Weiss
Legacy Society Chair

OHR SHALOM LEGACY SOCIETY

With great thanks to **Gillian Argoff-Treseder** and **Andrea Luck**, the **Legacy Society** has taken its first steps toward formalizing an endowment for Ohr Shalom, managed through the San Diego Jewish Community Foundation (JCF). Those initial efforts were directed toward re-registering the individuals and couples who had joined our Legacy Society when it was first launched in the early 2000's.

Legacy Society members are people who have agreed to remember Ohr Shalom in their will or trust, with the proceeds benefiting an endowment for the synagogue.

Just before Thanksgiving, letters were sent to those Ohr Shalom members who joined way-back-when. Now, Ohr Shalom volunteers are placing follow-up calls to the past Society members, inquiring about their continuing interest. It has been encouraging to find that several of the original Legacy Society members have decided to remain as such.

At this time of year, when we are considering donations to our favorite charities, I would like to encourage all of you to seriously think about a legacy gift to Ohr Shalom that will ensure the synagogue's financial health into the future.

Joining the Legacy Society is the perfect way to acknowledge the importance of Ohr Shalom in our lives. Feel free to contact me for more information (evetteweis@aol.com).

Wishing you a healthy and safe new year.



MOVIE NIGHT

Al Shelden
VP Administration



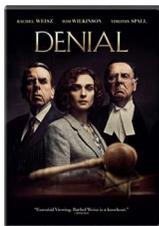
Sunday Night, January 17, 2021 at 6:45pm

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DENIAL

The movie tells the story of American historian Deborah Lipstadt (played by Rachel Weisz), who in her 1993 book *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory* identifies English historian David Irving (played by Timothy Spall) as a Holocaust denier and accuses him of deliberately distorting historical facts and documents, and in some cases actually fabricating documents. In his writings Mr. Irving, an admitted admirer of Hitler, insists there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz and that any deaths resulted from illness and starvation. In 1995 Irving sued Lipstadt and the book's Publisher, Penguin, for libel in England. The English court system requires that the defendant prove her/his innocence rather than requiring that the plaintiff prove his/her claim of wrong doing. This required Ms. Lipstadt to prove that the Nazi's systematically killed millions of Jews. The 2017 movie, based on Ms. Lipstadt's follow-up book, *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*, is spun around the trial and how Ms. Lipstadt tried to prove her innocence.

The movie is appropriate for all, except children under 14.



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Marvin Yudkovitz
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING PROGRAM

Did you read about our new Ohr Shalom program in last month's Davar? Building on the good deeds and caring already in place, we've started a program of *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness for all of us. It's called the **Chesed/Community Caring Program**.

If you have a need for which the Chesed/Community Caring Program might be able to help, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Ohr Shalom office. Perhaps you have a significant upcoming medical procedure, or you are at home ill, or feeling alone. We want to know so that we can provide some support. Also, we want to know about happy events occurring in your lives, such as the birth of a new baby, an upcoming wedding, or other important milestones.

Thanks to all of the members who have already volunteered their time and money to expanding the program here at Ohr Shalom. We hope to have even more members (of all ages, and all geographic areas) help with outreach to homebound and ill members, preparing and delivering meals and well wishes/bags of food or other items, and many other ways to reach out to support each other.

If you have not already signed up, there are plenty of opportunities for you to participate. Call or email me.

Marvin Yudkovitz, Program Chairperson, mayudkovitz@gmail.com, (240) 506-3042, New Program email address: chesed@ohrshalom.org



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

Is it 20-20 hindsight or that hindsight is 20-20? Whichever way you choose to express this idiom, I think we will all take a long time to process the year that just passed. Reflecting on 2020 and feeling hopeful about the year to come, I would like to share this short acrostic with you.

TWENTY-TWENTY (ONE)

T rembling as I	O nward toward
W ake	N ew and brighter days.
E ach morning.	E xpressing gratitude and
N ot knowing what	kindness along the way.
T he new numbers will be.	
Y earning for peace and	
health for the world.	
~	
T aking each day as a blessing.	
W orking with our community	
and thanking	
E ssential workers.	
N ever giving up hope.	
T elling myself and my family	
it will be OK.	
Y earning for peace and	
health for the world.	

DISABILITY AWARENESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Jeanne Argoff, Chair
Debbie Reid, Committee Member

JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS AND INCLUSION MONTH (JDAIM) – FEBRUARY 2021

We are blessed to be part of a congregation that embraces diversity, including individuals with disabilities. This coming February, Ohr Shalom will be celebrating its third **Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)** along with other synagogues throughout the country. This year, our objective is to take the “M” out of JDAIM and to extend our awareness throughout 2021 and beyond. We will be looking for ways to enhance Ohr Shalom’s already welcoming posture and to increase the congregation’s awareness of the diversity and strengths of the disability community.



We all can think of people we know who have one or more disabilities and the impact on them, their immediate and extended family and the community. What does Judaism say about this, and what can we, as a congregation do to make Ohr Shalom a welcoming place for people with all types of disability? That’s something we will explore.

Disability is defined as “any condition of the body or mind ... that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation restriction).” One way we hope to increase understanding and awareness of disability is to introduce people with many types of disabilities during some of the Daily Minyan Minute slots before Minyan. We will invite people from the three major disability groups—physical, mental and developmental. If you would like to share your story about disability, contact Gillian.

We have an exciting series of programs planned. This year, through the magic of Zoom, we will be able to showcase a national and international disability leader, a prize-winning film, and a Jewish educator from Philadelphia. To usher in the events in February, we will hold a conversation on

Tu B’Shevat, January 27th , with JNF about one of their programs for people with disabilities in Israel (*see the article on Tu B’Shevat*).

The first weekend in February will feature, **Gabrielle Kaplan Mayer**, the Co-Interim Executive Director of Jewish Learning Venture and an experienced educator, author and speaker, who leads disability awareness programs for the Philadelphia Jewish community. Her most recent book, *The Little Gate-Crasher*, is a memoir of her great-uncle, who overcame society’s prejudices about dwarfism to lead a remarkable, and very public, life. Gabrielle will do a *drash* on February 6th on Shabbat and a book talk on February 7th.

Our special guest is **Judy Heumann**, recognized throughout the world as one of the founders of the US disability movement. Judy had a major role in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the legislation that preceded it and has been an Assistant Secretary of the US Department of Education, and Special Adviser on International Disability Issues at the US Department of State and the World Bank. Her autobiography, *Being Heumann*, (February 15th Readings with the Rabbi) came out this year and she is also featured in a Netflix documentary *Crip Camp*, about a summer camp for young people with disabilities in the ‘60s that provided a formative experience for many disability leaders today. Judy will be on a panel on February 21st, and *Crip Camp* will be shown on Sunday, February 7th.

None of this would be happening now were it not for the leadership and initiative of our outgoing JDAIM Chair, **Shoshanah Sternlieb**, who encouraged Ohr Shalom to become the first synagogue in San Diego to take part in this national awareness-raising month. Shoshanah remains an active member of the committee, and we look forward to the significant contributions she continues to provide.

JDAIM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 27	7:00pm	Tu B’Shevat Program with JNF partner in Israel: LOTEM – Making Nature Accessible
Saturday, February 6	9:30am	Shabbat Service: Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer – Guest Davar Torah
Sunday, February 7	10:00am	Book Talk with Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer: <i>The Little Gate-Crasher</i>
Sunday February 7	6:45pm	Movie Night: <i>Crip Camp</i>
Monday, February 15	10:00am	Readings with the Rabbi: <i>Being Heumann</i> by Judy Heumann
Sunday, February 21	10:00am	JDAIM Panel: Featuring Judy Heumann
Sunday, March 7	10:00am	Bryce Mendelsohn: <i>Jewish Genetic Diseases</i>

Minyan Minutes Throughout February- Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday

TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in December:

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We apologize for any omissions.

Condolences to

Marilyn Shelden on the passing of
her beloved mother,
Dorothy Canter

Ruth Cielak, on the passing of her
beloved husband, **Jose Cielak**.

Denise and **Andrew Gordon**, on
the passing of their beloved son,
Nathan Gordon, grandson of **Rosa**
and **Alfredo Ratniewski** and great-
grandson of **Esther Tishman**.

David Mandel on the passing of
his beloved father, **Jack Mandel**,
grandfather of **Jacob** and **Gideon**
Mandel.

Melvin Mark on the passing of his
beloved wife, **Honey Mark**, mother
of **Melanie** and **Valarie**.

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



Mazal Tov to

Shira and Josh Cohen on
the birth of their son and to
grandparents **Rocky** and
Debbie Reid.



Todah Rabah to

Aviva Rosenberg, Marci Prag,
Jessica Lemoine, Joy Heitzmann,
Rene Beiza, and Rachele Fischer
for delivering our Chanukah Gift
Bags.

Todah Rabah to our December
Shabbat Service Leaders, Torah
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*Ema Halio	Vida Sportes, Maryam Slovatizki and Reyna Forman's Mother	1-Jan/17 Tevet
Arthur Weiss	Nathan Weiss' Father	2-Jan/18 Tevet
Rosalind Feller Sacks	Remembered by Ralph Golden	3-Jan/19 Tevet
Kalman Tishman	Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather, Remembered by Esther Tishman	3-Jan/19 Tevet
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Thomas Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandfather	5-Jan/21 Tevet
Richard Pick	Daniel Pick's Father	5-Jan/21 Tevet
Fernando Waisbord	Elena Waisbord's Husband, Daniel Waisbord and Samuel Waisbord's Grandfather	5-Jan/21 Tevet
*Miriam Feshali	Mark Smith's Sister	6-Jan/22 Tevet
Julianna Silbermann	Elizabeth Green's Great Grandmother	6-Jan/22 Tevet
Jorge Chazan	Celia Chazan's Husband and Linda Rosenthal's Father	7-Jan/23 Tevet
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Minnie Linsk	Amy Morris' Mother	7-Jan/23 Tevet
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*Abraham Gorinstein	Alan Gorinstein's Father	8-Jan/24 Tevet
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*Irving Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Uncle	10-Jan/26 Tevet
*Diane Rubin	Joe Rubin's Wife	10-Jan/26 Tevet
Raquel Bakcht	Remembered by Sara and Jaime Fainstein	11-Jan/27 Tevet
Neftali Rubinstein	Aaron Rubinstein's Father	11-Jan/27 Tevet
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Josefa Arellano	Sonia Roberts' Mother	14-Jan/1 Shevat
*Thomas Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Grandfather	15-Jan/2 Shevat
Sam Krampf	Linda Kucinski's Grandfather	16-Jan/3 Shevat
Marks Tenen	Remembered by Joe Rubin	16-Jan/3 Shevat
Ester Lisker	Ruben Lisker's Grandmother	17-Jan/4 Shevat
Leon Singer	Ricardo Singer's Father	17-Jan/4 Shevat
Rivka Tishman	Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandmother, Remembered by Esther Tishman	17-Jan/4 Shevat
Edith Weiss	Nathan Weiss' Mother	17-Jan/4 Shevat
Fernanda Distel	Fanny Rosental's Mother	18-Jan/5 Shevat
Charles Sportes	Rene Sportes' Brother	18-Jan/5 Shevat
Audrey Cupples	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples	19-Jan/6 Shevat
Ezequiel Fridman	Enrique Fridman's Father	19-Jan/6 Shevat
Mark Glassman	Ruth Shapiro's Father	21-Jan/8 Shevat
Aida Slovatizki	Miguel Slovatizki and Rafael Slovatizki's Mother	21-Jan/8 Shevat
Regina Becker Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandmother	22-Jan/9 Shevat
Oscar Burakoff	David Burakoff's Father	22-Jan/9 Shevat
Aaron Cohen	Tricia Pummill's Uncle	22-Jan/9 Shevat
Samuel Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather	23-Jan/10 Shevat
Helen Willis	Valerie Razinsky's Mother and Matthew Razinsky's Grandmother	23-Jan/10 Shevat
*Claire Algazi	Albert Algazi's Mother	24-Jan/11 Shevat
Lena Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Great Grandmother	24-Jan/11 Shevat
Sarah Rubinstein	Aaron Rubinstein's Wife and Jaya Rubinstein's Mother	25-Jan/12 Shevat
Robert Stopnik	Roz Berman's Father	26-Jan/13 Shevat
*Jaya Czarna Bielaz	Efrain Bielaz's Mother	27-Jan/14 Shevat
Stella Mostel	Linda Kucinski's Mother	27-Jan/14 Shevat
Sarah Tiano	Remembered by Jennifer Tuteur	27-Jan/14 Shevat
Rowland Pummill	Tricia Pummill's Father	28-Jan/15 Shevat
Alice Wachterman	Susan Hagler's Mother	29-Jan/16 Shevat
Sarah Zinker	Samuel Galek's Mother	29-Jan/16 Shevat
Mary Langsam	Evie Sevel's Niece	30-Jan/17 Shevat
Helen Mendelsohn	Remembered by Ivan Mendelsohn	30-Jan/17 Shevat
*Marian Schultz	Marcia Sachs' Mother	30-Jan/17 Shevat
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*Lillian B. Kaplan	George Kaplan's Mother	31-Jan/18 Shevat

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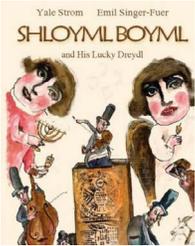
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **January 2021**

Tevet 5781/Shevat 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p>BOOK READING AND TALK WITH YALE STROM Shloyml Boyml and His Lucky Dreydl Wednesday, January 20, 7:30pm <i>See details on page 5</i></p>		<p>TU B'SHEVAT PROGRAMS Sunday, January 24 at 1:00pm Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00pm <i>See page 3 for details</i></p> 		<p>1 17 Tevet New Years Day Office Closed Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 4:36pm</p>	<p>2 18 Tevet Parshat Vayechi Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am 5:37pm</p>
<p>3 19 Tevet No Religious School Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>4 20 Tevet Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>5 21 Tevet Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm</p>	<p>6 22 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 7:30pm</p>	<p>7 23 Tevet Wellness: Balance 10:30am No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm Jewish Art with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 24 Tevet Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Teen Shabbat 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 4:42pm</p>	<p>9 25 Tevet Parshat Shemot Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 5:42pm</p>
<p>10 26 Tevet Religious School 9:30am Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>11 27 Tevet Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm Knitzvah Group 7:00pm</p>	<p>12 28 Tevet Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm</p>	<p>13 29 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 Game Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>14 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Shevat Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>15 2 Shevat Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 4:46pm</p>	<p>16 3 Shevat Parshat Vaera B'nai Mitzvah: Micah and Eliora Weissler Shabbat Service 9:00am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 5:49pm</p>
<p>17 4 Shevat Religious School 9:30am Readings with the Rabbi 10:30am Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm</p>	<p>18 5 Shevat M.L.King Jr.'s Birthday Office Closed No Minyan</p>	<p>19 6 Shevat Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm Parents Lounge Night 8:00pm</p>	<p>20 7 Shevat 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 Book Talk with Yale Strom 7:30pm</p>	<p>21 8 Shevat Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Jewish Art with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 9 Shevat Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 4:54pm</p>	<p>23 10 Shevat Parshat Bo Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 5:55pm</p>
<p>24 11 Shevat Religious School 9:30am Tu B'Shevat with JNF 1:00pm Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>25 12 Shevat Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm Knitzvah Group 7:00pm</p>	<p>26 13 Shevat Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm</p>	<p>27 14 Shevat Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Tu B'Shevat Program 7:00pm Teen Lounge 7:30pm</p>	<p>28 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Bar Mitzvah: Alex Waisbord Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>29 16 Shevat Slow Read Book Club with the Rabbi 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 5:02pm</p>	<p>30 17 Shevat Parshat Beshalach Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 6:03pm</p>
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