

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.

Halakhic Obligation to be Vaccinated: The Tradition Talks to Today with Rabbi Meltzer

Tuesday, February 2 at 10:00am



Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month



Please see all our events and speakers on pages 5 and 6



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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“BECAUSE I AM SLOW OF SPEECH AND SLOW OF TONGUE.”

MOSES TALKING TO GOD AT THE BURNING BUSH (EXODUS 3:10)

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Our people were led for forty years by an elderly man, eighty when we started together, with a speech impediment. He brought us out of slavery. He brought Torah to us from God. He led us to the Promised Land, fulfilling the promise made to our ancestors.

We do the work of Jewish Disability Awareness every week in our reading of the Torah from the opening of the Book of Exodus, through the conclusion of the Torah – roughly four-fifths of the year.

Now it is February, which is designated Jewish Disability and Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), and as a community, Ohr Shalom has again planned many programs and opportunities to expand out awareness of disabilities within our community, and our work to create a more inclusive community for everybody with disabilities.

The program this year is impressive – presentations, discussions, book and movie. All of it, described in the pages of the Davar you are holding. Please read it carefully, and I hope to see you often. Rather than detail the programs, I want to talk about Moses and I want to say “Thank You.”

For a moment, imagine the Torah without Moses. It’s actually pretty easy: the world is created, the Garden, the Flood, Abraham and Sarah, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, everybody moves to Egypt. They are enslaved. End of the story.

In the absence of the octogenarian stutterer, our entire Jewish story, from the second chapter of the Book of Exodus forward is gone. No rabbis without Moshe Rabbeinu, so no Mishna or Talmud, no Midrash or Halakhah.

Imagine if Moses returns to Egypt, and before he gets an audience with Pharaoh, his Hebrew cousins refrain him from

going before the King: “How can we let that old man, who talks so funny we can barely understand him, represent us before Pharaoh?” Or Pharaoh, refuses him admittance to the palace. What if because of being eighty he couldn’t navigate the steps in front of the palace? (Okay, maybe this one is farfetched since Moses was an active shepherd and a mountain climber.)

Now I ask, how important is awareness and inclusion?

The task is immeasurable. I believe we will never be fully aware, nor inclusive, and will never create a community that is fully accessible, but we have come a long way in two years. It all started because about two-and-a-half years ago, the chairperson of our Ritual Committee, **Dr. Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb**, said to me: “Have you ever heard of JDAIM?”

Under her guidance, we have created two wonderful, community altering month-long experiences in the past, and we are about to embark on our third observance and celebration of JDAIM (actually, it began for us in January with our JDAIM-themed Tu B’Shevat in partnership with JNF).

Thank you Shoshanah. Your hard work, leadership and wisdom, have changed who we are, and helped us move the needle on disability awareness and inclusion.

Thank you to everybody who has partnered with Shoshanah. This year in particular we thank **Dr. Jeanne Argoff**, who has brought additional ideas, energy, friends and wisdom to our JDAIM program and is chair of this year’s JDAIM.

I also want to mention our president, **Dr. Lynn Mendelsohn**, who has been very involved and contributed greatly as well.

Please join us. We need you here for

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

DEAF IN A TALKING PROFESSION

Marlee Matlin, the vivacious deaf American actress whose portrayal of an angry hearing-impaired, mute woman in the film *Children of a Lesser God* (1986) earned her a Best Actress Oscar, is Jewish. Both of her parents, Libby and Don Matlin of Chicago, were the children of Jewish immigrants from Poland and Belarus, respectively. Marlee's parents discovered that she was deaf when, at the age of 18 months, she suddenly stopped responding to speech. Later a scan confirmed that the cochlea in both ears had grown misshapen, rendering her nearly totally deaf.

The story of Marlee's relationship with her parents, told frankly in her 2009 autobiography *I'll Scream Later*, reminds us of the drastic adjustments – in attitudes, expectations and daily routines – that are required of parents whose child is disabled. As a toddler, Marlee grew angrily frustrated when she failed to understand something, and her mother, who already tended toward depression, launched a lifelong practice of coldness toward her, retreating to her bedroom behind a closed door during Marlee's outbursts.

Nevertheless, the Matlins were dauntless in exploring ways to deal with Marlee's deafness. Initially, she was instructed in "oral tradition," learning to speak and read lips. She also wore large vibration-detecting hearing aids, which she hated and repeatedly tried to lose. In 1970, when she was 5, Marlee's parents sent her to night school to learn to sign, and they discovered Bene Shalom, a Reform congregation in Skokie, Illinois. Founded by Rabbi Douglas Goldhammer and a group that included deaf Jews, the synagogue used simultaneous sign language at services. At Bene Shalom, Marlee attended Sunday school with teachers who signed, and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in 1978.

At age 7, Marlee enrolled at the International Center on Deafness and the Arts (ICODA), Northbrook, Illinois. At once therapeutic and creative, ICODA uses drama to address the cognitive and balance problems that often plague deaf people. Over a dozen



Marlee Matlin

years, Marlee starred in multiple plays and musicals, all produced in sign language, including *The Wizard of Oz* and *Mary Poppins*. This led to her acquiring, in 1985, a minor role in the traveling production of *Children of a Lesser God*, the Tony Award-winning play by Mark Medoff.

Marlee's adolescence was difficult. In high school, she discovered drugs, turning to marijuana, LSD, quaaludes, barbiturates, and amphetamines to assuage her confusion and sense of abandonment. She also was sexually vulnerable, succumbing to abuse from a female babysitter and from a male high school teacher who repeatedly took her to his house.

Late in 1985, when Director Randa Haines was casting for the lead female role in the film *Children of a Lesser God*, she discovered Marlee in a video recording of the play's traveling production. Marlee's costar was William Hurt, 15 years her senior, with whom she began an exhilarating but abusive romantic relationship. *Children* was wildly popular when it was released in 1986, and it earned for Marlee both the Golden Globe and the Academy Award for Best Actress. However, she herself was distraught, drugged, and close to suicide. In January 1987, just before receiving both of those awards, Marlee checked herself into the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage and turned her life around.

With support from friends, including Henry "The Fonz" Winkler, Marlee found healthy relationships and involved herself in social causes. She became the celebrity spokesperson for the National



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Captioning Institute, and founded Friends of NCI, a lobbying group that ultimately convinced Congress to pass the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1990, which required TV manufacturers to include circuitry for closed captioning in all sets over a certain size.

In 1993, Marlee married Kevin Grandalski, a Burbank policeman whom she met while he was guarding an on-location shoot for an episode of *Lynn's Message continued on Page 4*

OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

SHABBAT ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	February 5	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	February 6	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	February 12	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	February 13	9:00am	Shabbat Service,
Friday	February 19	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	February 20	9:00am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Talia Segall
Friday	February 26	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service



**KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE
"ASK THE RABBI"**
Friday, February 5 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 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).

During selected Minyan Minutes (on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings) in February, congregants are invited to discuss their personal experience of disability. We hope this will provide a sense of the range of disabilities in our own congregation and increase awareness of how disability plays a part in our lives.

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

**PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING
February 2021**

PARSHAT YITRO  5:08pm
Fri: February 5 | 23 Shevat
Sat: February 6 | 24 Shevat
Torah: Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haft: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 9:6

**PARSHAT MISHPATIM
ROSH CHODESH ADAR
SHABBAT SHEKALIM**  5:14pm
Fri: February 12 | 1 Adar
Sat: February 13 | 2 Adar
Torah: Exodus 21:1-24:18
Haft: II Kings 12:1 - 12:17

**PARSHAT TERUMAH
SHABBAT ZACHOR**  5:20pm
Fri: February 19 | 7 Adar
Sat: February 20 | 8 Adar
Torah: Exodus 25:1-27:19
Haft: I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34

PARSHAT TETZAVEH  5:26pm
Fri: February 26 | 14 Adar
Sat: February 27 | 15 Adar
Torah: Exodus 10:1-13:16
Haft: Ezekiel 43:10 - 43:27

OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!

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

FEBRUARY DATES
February 1
February 8
February 22



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Love Your Heart Fireside Chat



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

Sunday, February 14, 10:00am

with Ohr Shalom Member

Jennifer M. Tuteur, MD, FAAFP

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Medical Care Services Division Lead, Healthcare Sector for Outreach and Education for the COVID-19 Response County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency



COMMUNITY EVENT

31st ANNUAL
sdijff February 11–21, 2021
SCREENINGS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

The 31st Annual San Diego International Jewish Film Festival runs from February 11-21. Choose from 36 different films - enjoyed virtually from the comfort of your home - over 11 days. As an added feature, more than 20 films are available on-demand throughout the duration of the festival. Enjoy on your own time and join them for live virtual programs!

You can purchase tickets and find more information about the films and live events at lfjcc.org/film.

Ohr Shalom is a Community Partner for the festival. Use our organization's custom discount code of OHR21 to save \$2 off an individual ticket purchase at checkout.

Several films in the festival fit in with our celebration of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month at Ohr Shalom.



Check out these films from Israel:

Here We Are. How can Uri, an autistic young adult, find his own way, and can Aharon, his father, let him go? This dramedy explores the father-son relationship set against the divorced parents' conflicting view of how to treat Uri. This realistic and heartfelt film garnered several Ophir Award nominations. Hebrew with English Subtitles

Perfect. In this honest and inspiring film, differently abled Israelis talk about their lives, how others see them, and how they have come to accept themselves. These interviews lead Asaf, the filmmaker, to accept his own disability. Hebrew with English Subtitles.



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Marvin Yudkovitz

Chesed/Community Caring Chair

CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING PROGRAM

Our Ohr Shalom Chesed/Community Caring Program has been busy this past month. We've celebrated special birthdays and births of new babies. We've provided condolence meals, cards, and challah/wine for shivas. We've noticed members when they became ill or infirmed. And we've called several members of the Ohr Shalom family to increase our sense of connection to one another.

But there is a lot more that we can do. And many more of our Ohr Shalom members can get involved. That means You. Please contact me with ideas for the program, how you want to be involved, and how we can help you and/or others. If you have not already signed up, there's plenty of opportunities for you to participate - call, text, email me at 240-506-3042, chesed@ohrshalom.org

Todah Rabah to the Chesed Committee delivery team: **Aviva** and **Zohara Angel, Jonathan Geiger, Jessica Lemoine, Miriam Plotkin, Aviva Rosenberg, and Ray Sachs.**

The Chesed/Community Caring Program cards that we will send out to Synagogue members on various special occasions are: Refuah Shleimah, Mazal Tov, Baruch Dayan HaEmet, and Todah Rabah. The following is a sample of one of the cards:



Baruch Dayan HaEmet
ברוך ד"ין האמת



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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

Reasonable Doubts, the NBC-TV detective series in which she starred with Mark Harmon. Marlee and Kevin have four children.

To the present, Marlee has continued to develop her career. She is particularly proud of her performance in the 1994 television drama *Against Her Will: The Carrie Buck Story*, which chronicled the sterilization, with approval from the U.S. Supreme Court, of a Virginia woman who had been deemed mentally incompetent. Ever eager to portray deaf persons as feisty and multi-dimensional, Marlee has taken on recurring roles in a number of TV series, playing, among other roles, Mayor Laurie Bey on *Picket Fences*, political pollster Joey Lucas on *The West Wing*, lesbian sculptor Jodi Lerner on *The L Word*, and Melody Bledsoe, a main character's mother on *Switched at Birth*. Most recently (2015-18), she portrayed undercover agent Jocelyn Turner on the ABC-TV series *Quantico*.

"I am many, many things," Marlee says. "And only one of them is Deaf, and I'm at peace with that."



Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

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

We have a fascinating line-up of events for this year's JDAIM, ranging from a program on JNF's disability activities in Israel, to an award-winning film about a camp for teenagers with disabilities that produced activists who changed the face of disability in America, to speakers who shine a new light on disability in Jewish life and observance.

An important part of this year's programming will feature Ohr Shalom congregants themselves who have disabilities or have a close relationship with someone with a disability. During selected Minyan Minutes (on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings) in February, Ohr Shalom congregants are invited to discuss their personal experience of disability. As a person with an invisible disability, I will do the first presentation on Tuesday, February 2nd, talking about how a chronic illness has affected my life and what I have learned from it.

Our idea in hosting these brief discussions is to provide a sense of the range of disabilities in our own congregation and to increase awareness of how disability plays a part in our lives—very often resulting in positive as well as challenging experiences. If you would like to be a presenter in one of these Minyan Minutes, please contact Marvin Yudkovitz, mayudkovitz@gmail.com.

Jeanne Argoff, JDAIM Committee Chair

Our Speakers



Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer is 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. She is also the author of two books of plays for children.



Judy Heumann is recognized throughout the world as lifelong leader of civil rights advocacy for people with disabilities and 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.



Dr. Bryce Mendelsohn grew up in San Diego and attended Scripps Ranch High School. He earned a Bachelors degree in Biology and Music at Emory University, Atlanta, and an MD and PhD in Molecular Genetics at Washington University in St. Louis. He completed Residencies in Pediatrics and Medical Genetics at the University of California San Francisco. Currently he is a Physician in the Department of Genetics, Kaiser Oakland Medical Center.



Dr. Jeanne Argoff worked in the national disability community for over 35 years. Before retiring to San Diego, she was Vice President of the Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities in Washington, DC; founder and Executive Director of the Disability Funders Network; and founding Vice President of PolicyWorks, an organization that develops and applies innovative practices to make policy work for people with disabilities.



Rayna Aylward has been a disability advocate across her career in the government, nonprofit and corporate sectors. She served as Executive Director of the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, which focuses on supporting youth with disabilities, and as Special Assistant in the Obama Administration, developing career readiness programs for students with disabilities. She is a co-founder of the National Disability Mentoring Coalition. At Kol Ami, she co-chairs the Care & Concern/Inclusion Committee.



Toni Popkin lives in Northern Virginia with her service dog, Bud. Together, they do speaking engagements, education, and advocacy on the local, state and federal level for disabled people. She is a contributing author to *Surviving Brain Injury: Stories of Strength and Inspiration* and has several published articles in magazines and newsletters. Toni was honored to be the first disabled person to receive the Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Award for working or volunteering in the Special Needs field from the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia in 2019.

Community Partners



Lectures, Discussions and Events

Saturday, February 6, During 9:30am Service 

Guest Davar Torah Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer

Community Partner



Sunday, February 7, 10:00am

Book Talk *The Little Gate-Crasher* Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer

Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer will share what she has learned from the life and legacy of her great uncle, Max Bugen, who was 43 inches tall and never let society's prejudices stop him from achieving his dreams. Gabby will also talk about her experience as the mother of a son with severe autism and an intellectual disability and how this motivated her to work for a more inclusive Jewish community.

Sunday, February 7, 6:45pm

Movie Night *Crip Camp*

No one at Camp Jened could have imagined that those summers in the woods together would be the beginnings of a revolution. Just down the road from Woodstock, NY, Camp Jened was a camp for disabled teens. Crip Camp is about a group of campers turned activists who shaped the future of the disability-rights movement and changed accessibility legislation for everyone. Incredible camp footage from 1971 captures how the campers were finally seen beyond their disabilities and later footage shows highlights of the Disability Rights Movement led by Camp Jened alums. One camper, Judy Heumann, went on to drive the effort for disability rights. Judy is also one of the featured speakers on our JDAIM panel on February 21, and her autobiography *Being Heumann*, will be discussed on February 15 during Readings with the Rabbi.

Monday, February 15, 10:00am

Readings with the Rabbi *Being Heumann* by Judy Heumann with Kristen Joiner

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 – *Being Heumann* recounts Judy Heumann's lifelong battle to achieve respect, acceptance, and inclusion in society.

Sunday, February 21, 10:00am 

JDAIM Panel **We All Belong: A Discussion about Inclusion and Accessibility**

Join us as representatives of three very different congregations discuss how they have promoted awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in their services, programs and outreach. Judy Heumann, a renowned disability rights champion, will share the Jewish dimension of her lifelong quest to create a society that welcomes and includes people with disabilities. From her childhood struggles to attend Jewish schools and participate in services to her leading role in encouraging her own synagogue, **Adas Israel** in Washington, DC, to become a place of belonging, Judy is a pathfinder for inclusion in Jewish life as well as a disability leader on the national and world stage. Rayna Aylward and Toni Popkin of **Kol Ami** in Arlington, VA and Jeanne Argoff of **Ohr Shalom** will join Judy for a wide-ranging discussion on what all the congregations have done, what they plan to do, and how we can all learn from one other.

Community Partners



Kol Ami



adas israel
CONGREGATION

Sunday, March 7, 10:00am

Jewish Genetic Diseases Dr. Bryce Mendelsohn

Approximately a dozen genetic diseases, linked to recessive genes, are more common among Ashkenazi Jews than within the general population. "Carrier screening" has become common practice when Jews decide to marry. This talk will discuss carrier screening and prenatal testing, our emerging ability to self-engineer genetic diseases, and ethical issues that arise from this.





RITUAL COMMITTEE

Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb
Ritual Chair

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month

Throughout this month's Davar, you will see articles and events highlighting Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). While it is only our 3rd year celebrating JDAIM, the Ritual Committee is excited about how our programming has taken flight and is soaring. This year, with **Jeanne Argoff** at the helm, our program is more streamlined and, dare I say, more exciting than in years past. While Zoom has made ritual programming a challenge, it has afforded us an opportunity to include speakers of international and national renown, enabling us to reach across the country and invite activists and educators from Washington DC, Philadelphia, and the Bay Area. It has also made the events more accessible for our own congregants to attend and participate (see JDAIM Minyan Minute information).

Also new this year is the involvement of our community partners, including our local Congregation Beth Israel. This community partnering is a first for JDAIM in San Diego and we hope to expand it in years to come.

Our goal is to promote awareness and inclusion not only in February, but year round. Here at Ohr Shalom, we will continue working to enrich our community programming and ensure the JDAIM spirit stays with us throughout the year.



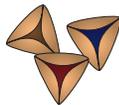
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Tuesday, February 23, 5:00pm
Persian Dinner Cooking Class with Giselle
(Recipes and ingredients will be provided ahead of time)

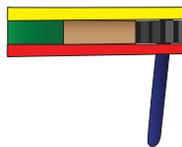


Wednesday, February 24, 7:30pm
American Extremism, Anti-Semitism, and the Purim Story
Tammy Gillies, Regional Director, ADL with Rabbi Meltzer

Thursday, February 25, 6:05pm
6:05pm Minyan Minute - JDAIM Tribute to Honey Mark
6:15pm Maariv
6:45pm Parade Slide Show
7:00pm Traditional Megillah Reading
8:30pm Study Session and Conversation



Friday, February 26, 10:00am
Seudah Brunch with the Rabbi
Studying and schmoozing



SHIR HAKAVOD/ANIM ZEMIROT

by Jennifer Tabak-Levy

Shir HaKavod is the original name of the song we now call **Anim Zemirot** (the first two words of the song), a Jewish liturgical poem sung in synagogue on Shabbat morning. *Shir HaKavod* means "Song of Glory" and *Anim Zemirot* means "I shall sing sweet songs." *Anim Zemirot* is a series of couplets (except for the last line) that describe what God metaphorically "looks like" -- filled with imagery from the Books of the Prophets. It reminds me of *Ashrei* in that they are both alphabetical acrostic poems and are sung as call and response, engaging the leader and the community together. *Anim Zemirot* is sung while the ark is open and is only sung once during the service. Some sources say this is to avoid its overuse and becoming mundane.



The song includes things like specific physical descriptions as well as imagined desired outcomes for the image of God. If you combine the two titles you get the idea of "I am singing songs of glory" which is in the details of the song. Some of the lines describe specific qualities like strength and greatness. At Ohr Shalom, we sing only the first and last parts of the song. Some of the lines we don't sing describe images of a "man" with curly black hair. The idea of an entire song, in rhyme and with patterns, set to describe an image that can resonate with each individual is mind-boggling. It also doesn't matter if you dig deep into the translations because the spirit of the song with each individual singing pulls us together.

"Your chief word is "truth"; You've called it out since the beginning. In each generation people interpret You and find meaning."

"I humbly place before You this noise, my songs, so that my joy will draw near to You"

These two lines resonate with me as I believe each of us works to interpret and find meaning in the prayers we chant along with seeking truth in what we do. I love the line of humbly placing noise before God. It doesn't matter how you sing, what you sing, or if you can pronounce the words perfectly. It's just about making the noise so that your joy can draw you close to God.

Over the years this song has become one of my favorite parts of the service and I've always wondered why we didn't sing the entire thing. Not necessarily because of the meaning of the words, but rather for the comfort, sense of unity, and spirit it evokes.

The Mourner's Kaddish precedes *Anim Zemirot* and is a sad time for those standing alone grieving lost loved ones. Years ago, Rachel Millstone told me how comforted she felt at the end of Kaddish when the whole congregation rose together and sang *Anim Zemirot* as one.

The next time we sing *Anim Zemirot*, let us join together in song and spirit, feeling the warmth and love we have for each other as a community as well as placing our voices before God so that we can draw closer.



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

STANDWITHUS: A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR ISRAEL

StandWithUs (<https://www.standwithus.com>) was started in 2001 by a handful of Jewish leaders in Los Angeles who watched an anti-Israel bias spreading in the media during the 2nd Intifada. They saw no voices prepared to speak out and defend Israel's response to terrorism, nor organizations willing to sponsor community rallies supporting Israel. Most especially they were unaware of help for students who were fighting anti-Israel activities on campus. These individuals decided to take action and *StandWithUs* was born, an organization with the objectives of helping others tell Israel's story and fight anti-Semitism and to be equipped with facts through their education.



StandWithUs began small, but quickly swelled to become a professional enterprise with a team of over 100 employees and thousands of volunteers passionate about developing creative ways to tell Israel's story. Today they have a multi-million-dollar budget and 18 offices across three continents and have become a social-media leader. They collaborate with 750 different pro-Israel organizations world-wide that include not only Hillels, synagogues and other Jewish organizations, but also non-Jewish environmental, feminist, human rights, LGBT, ROTC, and numerous other groups to educate people of all ages about Israel.

Education. *StandWithUs* makes readily available boundless teaching tools about Israel and has become the main producer of Israel-related print materials. Their primer booklet, *Israel 101*, covers Israel in-depth, its geography, politics, Zionism, history, people and culture. Their extensive library on Israel also offers resources on a wide range of subjects to help people who care about Israel answer questions on current topics such as Iran's nuclear threat and the BDS war against Israel. Besides booklets, films, and internet resources, *StandWithUs* provides speakers, programs, conferences, and missions to Israel to ensure that the story of Israel's achievements and ongoing challenges is told, from middle schools to high schools, on college campuses and in communities around the world.

Advocacy. Here *StandWithUs* has taken a different approach: educating and training advocates for Israel in high schools before they become college students. Their flagship Teen Internship Program is active in the United States and Canada, currently with 85 teenagers who teach their high school peers about Israel and then step up to be leaders on their future college campuses. *StandWithUs* has successfully trained thousands of high school and college Israel advocates through their Teen Internship Program across North America.

Anti-Semitism. Along with teaching about Israel, *StandWithUs* is a leader in the fight against the rise in anti-Semitism that threatens the Jewish people around the world. Their Center for Combating Antisemitism exists to meet this threat head-on. Always looking for new opportunities, their focus on the international scene led *StandWithUs* in a new direction. They recently launched an Israel education effort in China, using social media and videos that could reach significant numbers of Chinese people. Yes, China. China has become an important trading partner for Israel and the *StandWithUs* mission is, not only to combat anti-Semitism, but to accurately tell Israel's story to as many people of all backgrounds as possible so Israel's challenges and accomplishments will be better understood by people all over the world. They are the ultimate champions for Israel.

SOCIAL ACTION

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.



Jewish Federation of San Diego County

The Kibitz Call Line is a new program of the Jewish Federation of San Diego County that provides invaluable social connections for local Jewish seniors who may be at an elevated risk of loneliness or social isolation. The program matches volunteers and seniors for weekly chats to connect, kibitz, and enjoy time together over the phone. Whether it's a quick check-in to say hello or to talk about a favorite television show or movie, sporting or current event, weekly kibitzing makes a positive difference in the lives of participants and volunteers.

Sign up to volunteer or participate by contacting calling 858-737-7131, email kibitz@jewishinsandiego.org, or jewishinsandiego.org/kibitz.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Cheryl Katz
Director of Education & Youth Programs

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month! I'm proud that our school has set a standard for inclusivity that we highlight, especially with our ongoing engagement of our Inclusion Specialist, **Amy Ostrowsky**. Through her work at Ohr Shalom, and with the partnership and kindness of all of our teachers, families and *madrichim*, we make accepting others as they are a priority every day.



To celebrate JDAIM, though, we're putting a special emphasis on the particular values in Judaism that shine when it comes to inclusion:

- **B'tzelem Elohim** - Every human is created in God's image. This means that even individuals who look or act differently from ourselves still bear an intrinsic human dignity that is not diminished simply by being different from the "mainstream."
- **V'ahavta l're'ekha kamokha** - Loving our neighbors as ourselves. We should treat others as we would wish to be treated, or as they themselves would wish to be treated.
- **Adam Yihidi Nivrah** - Everyone brings their own unique strengths and challenges. This is part of the beautiful mosaic of humankind.

Each Sunday in February, ALL classes will study one of these values, at the age-appropriate level. In addition, our break activities will be adjusted to help students develop a sense of empathy for what people with disabilities experience on a daily basis.

Who is wise? One who learns from all people. - Pirkei Avot 4:1. Every interaction with other people is an opportunity to learn. Learning with people who are different presents us with more opportunities not only to understand others' points of view, but to express values of kindness and inclusion wherever we go.

USY

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!**

<https://register.ossrs.org>

RABBI'S ARTICLE (CONT.)

JDAIM. Your presence adds to the programs. Besides, the more of us who participate, the more awareness we can stimulate, the more inclusion we can facilitate, and the more we can guarantee that no speech impediment, or age-related disability, or any other obstacle will keep us from being able to create the inclusive sacred community of Ohr Shalom.

I look forward to seeing you often this month.

LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Love Zubiller, Religious School
Committee Chair*

What are you most looking forward to in 2021?



Judah V., Kitah Vav: "Something I'm really looking forward to in 2021 is the soccer season. I'm really hopeful that it actually happens this year because it didn't happen last year. That's also another reason I really want it to happen this year. And if it does happen this year I can't wait for the games!"

India Z., Kita Dalet/Hey: "I am most looking forward to going back to school. It's been ten months since I've seen my teachers and friends. But while I'm home, I get to play with my new kitten Gingersnap, which is really great!"



COMMUNITY EVENT

OPTIONS
THE WOMEN'S EVENT

Seasons of
STRENGTH

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Join us for the largest annual gathering of Jewish women in San Diego from the comfort of your home!

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 11:00am



Rain Pryor is a dynamic speaker, award-winning actress, singer, comedian, two-time award-nominated author, and daughter of the late legendary comedian Richard Pryor. Growing up Black and Jewish gives Pryor a unique perspective on race, religion and spirituality. She shares her views and has led panel discussions on diversity in education and in the entertainment industry.

Chairs:

Stacie Bresler-Reinstein | Judi Gottschalk | Carla Modiano

DONATE: An \$18 minimum donation is required to attend this event. Register for the

Ohr Shalom/Gillian Argoff-Treseder virtual table at:
<https://tinyurl.com/Options2021-OhrShalom>.

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.

See *Daf Yomi Class Passes One-Year Milestone* elsewhere in the Davar.

SLOW READ BOOK CLUB

Fridays at 1:00pm (No class Friday February 26)

In-depth chapter discussions each week:

Wild Visionary: Maurice Sendak in Queer Jewish Context

by Golan Y. Moskowit

Wild Visionary reconsiders Maurice Sendak's life and work in the context of his experience as a Jewish gay man. 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

Monday, February 15, 10:00am



Being Heumann

by Judy Heumann with Kristen Joiner

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.

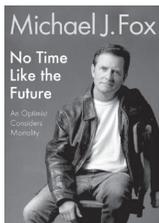


Sunday, April 18, 10:00am

No Time Like the Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality

by Michael J. Fox

With a thoughtfulness that can be rare in celebrity memoirs, Michael J. Fox peels back the curtain on his recent struggles living with Parkinson's. Significant health setbacks (major surgeries, broken limbs, re-learning how to walk, endless rehab) challenged the very notion of hope for the award-winning actor, and yet within these pages you will find exactly that: hope and the strength to persevere. Diagnosed with Parkinson's at age 29, Fox is equally engaged in Parkinson's advocacy work, raising global awareness of the disease and helping find a cure through The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, the world's leading non-profit funder of PD science. His two previous bestselling memoirs, *Lucky Man* and *Always Looking Up*, dealt with how he came to terms with the illness, all the while exhibiting his iconic optimism. His new memoir reassesses this outlook, as events in the past decade presented additional challenges. *[from Amazon Reviews]*



CAREGIVING BOOK CLUB

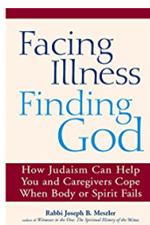
Starting Tuesday, February 16th 11:00am

(recurring class each Tuesday)

This group is for anyone who is a caregiver, has a family member or has a serious long-term illness. Each week will focus on a chapter discussion and healing.

Judaism Can Help You and Caregivers Cope When Body or Spirit Fails

by Rabbi Joseph B. Meszler



DAF YOMI GROUP PASSES ONE-YEAR MILESTONE

On January 5, 2021, the Daf Yomi group at Ohr Shalom completed one year of daily Talmud study. The group includes **Rabbi Meltzer, Jeanne Argoff, Koba, Aviva Angel, Jonathan Geiger, Ruth Levy and Lynn Mendelsohn. Melissa Caldwell Collins** is its newest member. In addition to reading daily on their own, members of the group meet, on Zoom, every Wednesday from 10am to noon. During the lively Wednesday discussions, they revisit intriguing passages, ask questions, and point out what they have discovered during the week just past.

In its one year of study, the Ohr Shalom Daf Yomi group has covered tractates Berakhot, Shabbat and Eruvim, and is part-way through Pesachim.

Daf Yomi, which means "page a day," is a program whereby one reads or learns about the Babylonian Talmud. Since a "daf" is both sides of the paper, the daily reading actually covers two pages. Pursuing Daf Yomi requires going through the Talmud, daf-by-daf, one every day. Covering all 2,711 pages in this way takes seven and a half years!

The Daf Yomi group invites everyone at Ohr Shalom to try a bit of Talmud and to visit its Wednesday morning gathering. In our hi-tech age, Daf Yomi can be pursued in dozens of ways, in Hebrew and/or in English, from listening to 5-minute podcasts to reading Talmud from the text. Because the text of the Talmud actually doesn't have a beginning or an end, a person can jump into Daf Yomi at any time.

If you think you might be interested in starting Daf Yomi, please email Rabbi Meltzer (rabbi@ohrshalom.org) and he will help you find a text where you can begin.

Mazal Tov to our Daf Yomi readers. Only 6½ more years to go!

KNITZVAH GROUP 
led by Jodie Graber
Monday, February 8 & 22, 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!
Email Gillian with any questions.
<https://zoom.us/j/99664033489>
 Meeting ID: 996 6403 3489 Passcode: knit

Marpeh  **Meditation** **Sundays, February 7 & 21 3:00pm**
 Zoom Room for Marpeh
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/375803286>
 Funds generously granted through 

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 "ABCSM":

- Agility • Balance • Coordination • Strength • Mindfulness

The only equipment needed is a straight-back chair.

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

Contact the office if you'd like links to videos of previous sessions of this class.

JEWISH ART *with Elisheva Edelson***Thursday, 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 or the Ohr Shalom Choir.

Thank you for your generous donations in January:

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Mazal Tov to Rocky & Debbie Reid on Birth of Grandson

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In loving memory of Sylvia Cysner

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In loving memory of Miriam Monibard

Jared Solomon

TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS (CONT.)

Thank you for your generous donations in January:

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In loving memory of Marie Lyons
In loving memory of Robert Lyons
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In loving memory of Klara Finkel
In honor of Dr. Tuteur
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Thank you for being available always
Esther Moscona

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you for hosting the bris of
Tivon Cohen
Shira and Joshua Cohen

Mazal Tov to Shira and Joshua Cohen
for the bris of Tivon Cohen
Stuart Rubenstein

For your warm welcome
Laurence and Susanne Savett

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Cynthia Prag
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Mazal Tov to

Andrew and Alex Reiter on the
birth of their daughter, **Arielle.**



Condolences to

To the family of **Bill Tall**, on his passing. Beloved brother to **Natalie Fuentes**, beloved father to **Rebecca Brown, Sam Tall** and **Sara Tall**; and beloved husband to **Elizabeth Gonzalez** and beloved by her daughter **Elizabeth Medina**, her son **Andres Medina**, and her grandson **Gabriel Cortes**.

Alex and Alan Morales on the passing of their beloved mother,
Ronnie Morales.

Bill Morris on the passing of his beloved brother, **Gary Krout.**

Marci Prag on the passing of her beloved mother, **Cynthia Prag.**

Jim Lewis on the passing of his beloved sister,
Cindy Lewis Funderburg.

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



Today Rabah

to our January Shabbat Service Leaders, Torah and
Haftarah Readers, D'rashot, Daily Minyan Minute and Minyan Leaders:

LeAnne Adams	Cheryl Katz	Rocky Reid
Aviva Angel	Morris Lazard	Aviva Rosenberg
Hillel Angel	Jim Lewis	Ruben Rosental
Ilan Awerbuch	Ruth Levy	Talia Segall
Laura Bloom	Susanne Lisker	Al Shelden
Rabbi Yonina Creditor	Eli Meltzer	Brian Stannard
Allyson Darroch	Jennifer Meltzer	Jonah Weinberg
Elisheva Edelson	Susie Meltzer	Rabbi-Cantor Cheri Weiss
Hudi Eshel	Ivan Mendelsohn	Dan Weiss
Jonathan Geiger	Lynn Mendelsohn	Eliora Weissler
Joe Hartman	Rachel Millstone	Micah Weissler
Jerry Horn	Amy Morris	Margalit Wollner
Rebecca Iden	Bill Morris	Marvin Yuckdovitz
Koba	Ya'ara Oren	Jane Zeer

YAHREZITS

*Sam Casuto	Morris Casuto's Father	1-Feb/19 Shevat
Aaron Finkler	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather	1-Feb/19 Shevat
Minnie Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandmother	1-Feb/19 Shevat
*Anita Schonbrun	George Kaplan's Sister.....	1-Feb/19 Shevat
Zelma Gardenberg de Klein	Iliana Bielaz's Mother	2-Feb/20 Shevat
*Maria Lachow	Lillian Lachow's Mother	3-Feb/21 Shevat
Gerald Rothenberg	Anita Nemoj's Uncle	3-Feb/21 Shevat
Tom Slovis	Lisa Slovis Mandel's Father.....	3-Feb/21 Shevat
Everett Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Nephew	4-Feb/22 Shevat
Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Brother.....	4-Feb/22 Shevat
*Margaret Meltzer	Eli Meltzer's Mother.....	4-Feb/22 Shevat
Millard Sindler	Rita Cohen's Father.....	4-Feb/22 Shevat
Maurice Shemtov	Michal Hamui's Father.....	5-Feb/23 Shevat
*Florence Stillman	Sharon Polichar's Mother	5-Feb/23 Shevat
Rosa Zands	Samy Zands' Mother	5-Feb/23 Shevat
Daniel Abramovic	Faye Levy's Father	6-Feb/24 Shevat
*Gladys Sevel	Remembered by Evie Sevel.....	6-Feb/24 Shevat
*Vanina Bunton	Jeremiah Bunton, Noah Bunton, Shoshannah Bunton and Nechama Bunton's Mother	7-Feb/25 Shevat
Ben Kahan	Bill Retin's Grandfather.....	7-Feb/25 Shevat
*Henry Sachs	Ray Sachs' Father	7-Feb/25 Shevat
Ida Zaslav	Elsa Margolis' Mother	7-Feb/25 Shevat

Yahrzeits

*Bernard Stillman	Sharon Polichar's Father.....	9-Feb/27 Shevat
Dorothy Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt.....	9-Feb/27 Shevat
Bernice Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother.....	10-Feb/28 Shevat
Ada Podolsky	Sara Limenes' Sister.....	10-Feb/28 Shevat
Jose Goldwasser	Emilia Goldwasser's Husband.....	11-Feb/29 Shevat
*Adi Salzmänn	Tito Salzmänn's Father.....	11-Feb/29 Shevat
*Rose Schiff	Eileen Wingard's Mother.....	11-Feb/29 Shevat
*Howard Schultz	Marcia Sachs' Father.....	11-Feb/29 Shevat
Jacobo Berditchevsky	Remembered by Jaime and Sara Fainstein.....	12-Feb/30 Shevat
Max Burgman	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandfather.....	12-Feb/30 Shevat
Abbie Kantorovich	Samy Zands' Nephew.....	12-Feb/30 Shevat
Cyril Levy	Avigayil Levy-Yochanan's Grandfather.....	12-Feb/30 Shevat
Faye Rose	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt.....	12-Feb/30 Shevat
Len Fine	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	13-Feb/1 Adar
Fay Kalker	Remembered by Gail Kalker.....	13-Feb/1 Adar
Salomon Levy	Alberto Levy and Beatriz Levy-Israel's Father.....	13-Feb/1 Adar
Robert J. Lyons	Lynn Mendelsohn's Father.....	13-Feb/1 Adar
Leon Stavchansky	Danny Kucinski's Uncle.....	13-Feb/1 Adar
*Kathleen Winsor	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	13-Feb/1 Adar
*George Roadburg	Harlene Rottenberg's Father.....	14-Feb/2 Adar
Harry Kanter	Miriam Plotkin's Father.....	15-Feb/3 Adar
Chaya Levine	Ana Galicot's Mother.....	15-Feb/3 Adar
Robert Avigdor	Alain Avigdor's Father.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
Aaron Ben Naftali	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
Moshe Berman	Raisa Green's Father.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
Naum Gitler	Sarah Fainstein's Uncle.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
Judith 'Lela' Lindenfeld Gorsd	Vivien Ressler's Mother.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
*Randy Rafish	Remembered by Rabbi Scott and Jennifer Meltzer.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
*Dora Rubin	Fanny Hanono's Mother.....	16-Feb/4 Adar
John Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro.....	17-Feb/5 Adar
*Linda Gabbai	Remembered by Albert Algazi.....	17-Feb/5 Adar
Chaya Lisker	Ruben Lisker's Mother.....	17-Feb/5 Adar
Ken Turest	Vicki Turest's Husband.....	17-Feb/5 Adar
Blumah Drabin	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandmother.....	18-Feb/6 Adar
Peretz Drabin	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather.....	18-Feb/6 Adar
Betty Markin	Eileen Wingard's Aunt.....	18-Feb/6 Adar
Esther Siprut	Mark Siprut's Mother.....	18-Feb/6 Adar
Rudolph Tuteur	Jennifer Tuteur's Grandfather.....	18-Feb/6 Adar
Gregorio Bogan	Ana Galicot's Uncle.....	19-Feb/7 Adar
*Sylvia Cysner	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	19-Feb/7 Adar
Morrey Friedman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	19-Feb/7 Adar
Jenne Meltzer	Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandmother.....	20-Feb/8 Adar
Norman Schwab	Richard Schwab's Father.....	20-Feb/8 Adar
Michael Segall	Darron Segall's Father.....	20-Feb/8 Adar
Walter Stern	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	20-Feb/8 Adar
George Wolf	Allan Wolf's Father.....	20-Feb/8 Adar
*Gerry Forman	Reyna Forman's Husband.....	21-Feb/9 Adar
*Jacob Meltzer	Eli Meltzer's Father.....	21-Feb/9 Adar
*Robert Shoman	Marty Shoman's Father.....	21-Feb/9 Adar
John Bunton	Jeremiah Bunton, Noah Bunton, Shoshannah Bunton and Nechama Bunton's Father.....	22-Feb/10 Adar
*Jorge Rosental	Ruben and Fanny Rosental's Son.....	22-Feb/10 Adar
Lolita Befeler Wais	Leslie and Alan Rostenberg's Great-Grandmother.....	23-Feb/11 Adar
Ernest Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandfather.....	23-Feb/11 Adar
*Isaac Cohen	Rashel Galicot's Father.....	24-Feb/12 Adar
Albert Sportes	Rene Sportes' Brother.....	24-Feb/12 Adar
Ariel Andrade	Lucia Domville's Father.....	25-Feb/13 Adar
Mary Pollock	Lynn Awerbuch's Mother.....	25-Feb/13 Adar
Isidore Golden	Ralph Golden's Father.....	26-Feb/14 Adar
Frank Marco	Love Zubiller's Grandfather.....	26-Feb/14 Adar
Victoria Mizrahi	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein.....	26-Feb/14 Adar
Anna Salzmänn	Tito Salzmänn's Grandmother.....	26-Feb/14 Adar
Jonas Salzmänn	Tito Salzmänn's Grandfather.....	26-Feb/14 Adar
Melvin Goldberg	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Uncle.....	27-Feb/15 Adar
Eliezer Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Father.....	28-Feb/16 Adar
Cecilia Deitz	Fela Barnett's Grandmother.....	28-Feb/16 Adar
Doris Glickman	Alma Geiger and Harriet Wolpoff's Aunt.....	28-Feb/16 Adar
Benjamin Goldberg	Lina Gorinstein's Father.....	28-Feb/16 Adar
Eleanor Straling	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother.....	28-Feb/16 Adar

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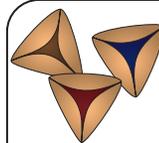
Love Your Heart Fireside Chat



Sunday, February 14, 10:00am
 with *Ohr Shalom Member*
Jennifer M. Tuteur, MD, FAAFP



See more information on page 4



PURIM 5781

Join us for a wide range
 of Purim programming



Tuesday, February 23 - Friday, February 26

See page 7 for schedule of Purim events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 19 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	2 20 Shevat Halakhic Obligation to be Vaccinated 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	3 21 Shevat Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer :00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Teen Lounge 7:30pm	4 22 Shevat Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Jewish Art with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm	5 23 Shevat Slow Read Book Club 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 6:15pm 5:08pm	6 24 Shevat Parshat Yitro Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 6:09pm
7 25 Shevat Book Talk 10:00am Religious School 9:30am Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm	8 26 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	9 27 Shevat Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	10 28 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 7:30pm	11 29 Shevat Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm	12 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Adar Slow Read Book Club 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 5:14pm	13 1 Adar Parshat Mishpatim <i>Shabbat Shekalim</i> Rosh Chodesh Adar Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 6:15pm
14 2 Adar No Religious School Love Your Heart Fireside Chat with Jennifer Tuteur 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm	15 3 Adar Presidents Day Readings with the Rabbi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm	16 4 Adar Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	17 5 Adar 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	18 6 Adar Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Jewish Art with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm	19 7 Adar Slow Read Book Club 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 5:20pm	20 8 Adar Parshat Terumah <i>Shabbat Zachor</i> Bat Mitzvah: Talia Segall Shabbat Service 9:00am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 6:21pm
21 9 Adar Religious School 9:30am JDAIM Panel 10:00am Marpeh 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm	22 10 Adar 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	23 11 Adar Persian Dinner Cooking Class with Giselle 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Wellness: Meditation 7:00pm	24 12 Adar Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 10:00am Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm The Purim Story 7:30pm Teen Lounge 7:30pm	25 13 Adar Erev Purim Fast of Esther Wellness: Balance 10:30am Religious School 4:30pm Maariv 6:15pm Parade Slide Show 6:45pm Traditional Megillah Reading 7:00pm Study Session & Chat 8:30pm 5:26pm	26 14 Adar Purim Seudah Brunch with the Rabbi Time TBD Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm 5:26pm	27 15 Adar Parshat Tetzaveh Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm 6:27pm
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