



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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16th Annual
Lights of Ohr Shalom
CABARET

Sunday, April 25
8:00pm on Zoom

Entertainment!
Candlelight!
Romance!

Food • Candles
• Libations
DELIVERED TO
YOUR DOOR!

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I'M COUNTING THE DAYS

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

I am counting the days until baseball season starts. I am counting the days until summer. I am counting the days until my birthday. As a professor at SDSU I was able to get the COVID-19 vaccine, and now I am counting the days until two weeks after the second shot.

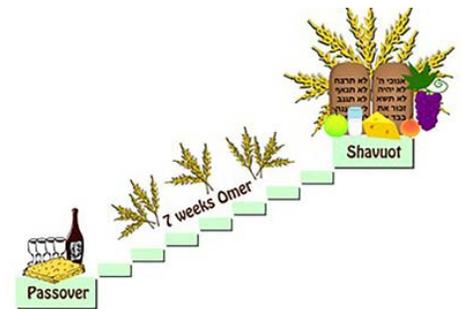
Every night, before going to bed, I count the days. I even saying a blessing acknowledging that as Jews, we are made holy through our commandments and commanded to count these days. We began on Sunday night, April 28, and we will continue to count the seven weeks, forty-nine days, until we are ready for *Shavuot*.

Counting the days feels a lot different this year. I have been looking back to last March, and counting the days since everything closed. I am counting forward to the day when three of our children will go back to in-person classes.

I have also been spending a lot of time looking forward to when we are returning to in-person services, classes and meetings. We are not there yet, we don't know exactly when we will be, but we are actively working through all of the issues so that we will be ready.

This period of counting on the Jewish calendar, the *Omer*, is a counting period about which we know the end point – the fiftieth day will be *Shavuot*, which this year will be Monday, May 17. This counting period is seven weeks to prepare ourselves to stand at the foot of Mount Sinai and be ready to receive the Torah – exactly as we have for thousands of years.

Our pandemic counting is very different. We don't know how much longer we will be counting. We neither know the end date, nor what it will be like at that date. What will it be like to be



in groups with other people? What will it be like to feel comfortable at a restaurant, in the synagogue, around the Shabbat dinner table with friends?

So we are counting for an indeterminate duration towards an undetermined, perhaps hardly imagined future. Challenging. Complicated. Anxiety provoking. It is not surprising that so much has been and continues to be written about the mental health challenges and suffering caused by the Coronavirus, COVID-19 and the pandemic.

For all of the unknowns, know this for certain: Ohr Shalom is here and will continue to be here. Together we will chart out our communal future – our getting together for services, classes, meals and so much more. We are here every day, all day. We are here to provide comfort and community – intellectual, emotional and spiritual. All you need to do is reach out.

So as we count towards *Shavuot*, as we look forward to the end of the pandemic, as we prepare to move into shared spaces with each other, we do so committing to being present for each other, being safe and being together to make our Ohr Shalom community the thriving, supportive, loving place that it has always been.

I really looking forward to seeing you, and I hope it is soon.

PESACH VII

Shabbat Pesach
Morning Service
Saturday, April 3, 9:30am

PESACH VIII

Pesach Morning Service
with Yizkor
Sunday, April 4, 9:30am

Havdalah and End of Passover:
7:52pm

All services will be on Zoom
and are free of charge.

Next year in
Jerusalem or at
least together
-in person at Ohr Shalom.



OHR SHALOM VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

All Ohr Shalom programming takes place via Zoom unless otherwise stated.

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

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.



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

OUR THREE SISTERS

From 1920 to 1950, Roma, the Paris-like neighborhood featured in Alfonso Cuarón's 2018 film of that name, was home to Mexico City's Sephardic Jewish community. At that time, Victoria Levy, known to everyone as "Nona," lived on tree-lined Morelia Street. Every afternoon, at the grand park across from her duplex, Nona presided over a melee of a dozen or more grandchildren and neighbor kids. Three of her granddaughters, now members of Ohr Shalom, remember their Nona with love and gratitude.

Reyna Forman, Vida Sportes and Miryam Sloatizki are the daughters of Moisés and Emma (née Levy) Halio, who met and married in Roma in the early 1930's. Moisés, who was born in Istanbul to Greek Jews, reached Mexico City alone in 1928 via Havana. Nona and her husband took their four daughters, including Emma, from Istanbul in 1919, and came to Mexico City via Tampico and Chihuahua. Nona, who was nearing 50 when she arrived, spoke Ladino and never learned Spanish. Roma's shopkeepers called her "La Catalana" because she insisted on conversing in a Spanish-that-wasn't-Spanish.

The Levy and Halio families belonged to the Sephardic religious/Zionist community that built the Synagogue Rabbi Yehuda Halevi in 1941. The oldest Halio daughter, Reyna, born in 1936, entered the new Escuela Sepharadi Tarbut when it opened in 1942. Vida, the second daughter, studied there as well.

Reyna recalls that she was an accident-prone tomboy. Vida, who is five years younger, received a life-related name because two brothers born after Reyna passed away as infants. Vida still can taste Nona's food and smell the Roma apartments of her Levy aunts.

In 1950, the Halio family relocated to Tijuana, where Moisés pursued a business opportunity with Rafael Galicot, a friend from Roma and Chihuahua. When they moved, Miryam, the youngest Halio, was only three.

The Halios quickly blended into the Tijuana Jewish community, socializing



'Nona' with her four daughters, just before leaving Turkey in 1919. Nona Levy is the adult on the right. Oldest daughter, Sara, standing behind; youngest, Nica, in front. Dira, with her hand on Nica's shoulder. Emma, the mother of our Three Sisters, is on far left, with her hand on white table.

at the Jewish Community Center. For Reyna (age 14) and Vida (9), the move was jarring. Enrolled in public school, Vida was bullied as a Jew but found a protector in her classmate Julio Galicot. Reyna attended high school in the U.S., crossing the border daily. Leaving school in 11th grade, she took a job at Tijuana Beauty Supply and Salon, owned by the Guss family, also from Roma.

Homesick, Reyna moved to Mexico City at age 17, but Nona sent her back to Tijuana after 10 months, predicting that she would find a husband on her return.

Miryam had her own relationship with Nona and her Levy aunts in Roma. Nona often was ill during the 1950's, and Emma returned to Mexico City for long visits, bringing Miryam with her. On a visit when Miryam was 6, Emma enrolled her at the Jewish school, where the afternoon Hebrew lessons confused her. Emma's sister, Aunt Sara, won Miryam's heart by hiding her when the bus came to deliver her to school after lunch.

As Nona had predicted, within a year of her return, Reyna met Gerald Forman at dance at the pre-54th Street JCC in San Diego. A Jewish fellow from Boston, he was a salesman in the San Diego office of the Adams chewing gum company. Reyna tells an amusing story of her father and Vida driving her to a stateside date with Jerry, and waiting



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in the car. Reyna and Jerry were married in December 1955, and they brought up three daughters.

Vida met her husband Rene Sportes on a blind date at a dance in June 1964 in the Sky Room of the El Cortez Hotel, San Diego. Born in Casablanca, Rene was visiting his married sister in the U.S. He utterly charmed Vida. Quite handsome, he spoke multiple languages and was a great dancer. Rene bought a pearl to

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OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

SHABBAT ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	April 2	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Pesach Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	April 3	9:30am	Shabbat Pesach Service
Friday	April 9	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 10	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	April 16	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 17	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	April 23	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 24	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	April 30	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	May 1	9:30am	Shabbat Service

PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING April 2021

PESACH VII  6:52pm
 Fri: April 2 | 20 Nisan
 Sat: April 3 | 21 Nisan
 Torah: Exodus 13:17-15:26;
 Numbers 28:19-28:25
 Haft: II Samuel 22:1-51

PARSHAT SHEMINI  6:57pm
 Fri: April 9 | 27 Nisan
 Sat: April 10 | 28 Nisan
 Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47
 Haft: II Samuel 6:1 - 7:17

PARSHAT TAZRIA-METZORA  7:02pm
 Fri: April 16 | 4 Iyar
 Sat: April 17 | 5 Iyar
 Torah: Leviticus 12:1-15:33
 Haft: II Kings 7:3 - 7:20

PARSHAT ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM  7:07pm
 Fri: April 23 | 11 Iyar
 Sat: April 24 | 12 Iyar
 Torah: Leviticus 16:1-20:27
 Haft: Amos 9:7 - 9:15

PARSHAT EMOR  7:12pm
 Fri: April 30 | 18 Iyar
 Sat: May 1 | 19 Iyar
 Torah: Leviticus 21:1-24:23
 Haft: Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31



**KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE
"ASK THE RABBI"**
Friday, April 2 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)

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.

OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!
 Come join us on Mondays at **6:45pm on Zoom.**
 You'll be happy you did!
APRIL DATES
 April 5
 April 12
 April 19
 April 26



Ohr Shalom Now Offers Candles for Sale!

Shabbat Candles (box of 72) **\$12**
 Havdalah Candle **\$5**
 Yahrzeit Candle **\$1**



Call the office for ordering and scheduling a pick-up time

Once in a lifetime experience!

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TICKET OPTIONS

Cabaret with Cabernet

\$72 per Zoom window

Includes boxed desserts, gift and CABARET show

Scotch with Scott

\$180 per Zoom window

Includes entire Cabernet package, PLUS snack foods, and a pre-event schmooze with Rabbi Meltzer at 7:30pm

Event will include a paddle-raiser for fundraising.

Tickets available at www.lightsofshrshalom.com or from the synagogue office. Please RSVP by April 16.

Lights of Ohr Shalom on April 25th: A Once in a Lifetime Experience

As has been the case with just about everything over the past year, the 2021 installment of Lights of Ohr Shalom, our annual fundraiser gala, will be a Zoom party. But what a party! Entitled CABARET and set for 8:00pm on a Sunday evening, the event will place participants into a virtual nightclub. Attendees will receive a pre-delivered CABARET package containing candles to set the mood, plus foods, alcoholic beverages and a surprise or two. The evening of CABARET on Zoom will feature entertainment reflecting the deep talent resources of Ohr Shalom. There will be no honoree or Tribute Journal this year. Tickets are offered according to two options:



If you order Cabaret with Cabernet (\$72 per Zoom window), you will receive, via hand-delivery, a gourmet dessert package, a bottle of Kosher wine, candles, and a gift.



A holder of the more deluxe Scotch with Scott ticket (\$180 per Zoom window) will receive everything in the Cabernet package, plus fancy snack food, scotch, and a Zoom schmooze session with Rabbi Meltzer during the half-hour preceding the event. Ohr Shalom's Sustaining Members are invited to the "Scotch with Scott" ticket level, compliments of the synagogue.

CABARET Lights will be a dress-up evening, requiring that attendees visit areas of their closets that have been untouched during the past year. Those who are so disposed are encouraged to wear sequins or cut gems so that their Zoom squares will sparkle in the light of their candles and monitors.

The event will include our traditional paddle-raiser appeal. CABARET Lights will last approximately 90 minutes. Kosher dietary laws will be observed.

Tickets for CABARET are available at the web site lightsofshrshalom.com, or they can be ordered from the Ohr Shalom office (619-231-1456). Please purchase your tickets by April 16th.

WHICH PRAYERS ARE MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU?...PART 2?

By Morris Lazard



I have been praying for a pretty long time. Ever since I was a child I have prayed. I think in one way or another we have all been “praying” for a long time. When I was very young, I was a member of the Beth Jacob Boys Choir. We were led by Cantor Shlomo Friedman (z”l), who was my mentor, my teacher and someone I admired for his ability to chant with *kavanah* (intention). I have spoken of Cantor Friedman many times over

the years and I have only wonderful memories of listening to him and learning from him. He was my Bar Mitzvah teacher, and it was his influence that has had me pursue a life in which singing has been, and continues to be, the activity that gives me great joy.

Over the past few years, I have had more opportunities to lead services and have enjoyed learning more about the prayers we read. This has led to a more meaningful understanding of the prayers and hopefully I am able to convey those ideas and concepts when I chant those prayers. Three specific prayers are at the top of my list for their deep meaning and how they can move me into a more spiritual place when I read, hear or chant them.

Two are related to each other and are commonly read or sung at the same service or event. One is *El Malei Rachamim*, the prayer that is recited for those who have passed away, and the other is the 23rd Psalm, The Psalm of David that is commonly recited at funerals or at times of *Yizkor* (the Memorial Service). I have listened to those prayers many times throughout my life and they are very stirring, based strictly on how they sound, but they are so meaningful in their message as well. Rabbi Meltzer explains the 23rd Psalm so beautifully and reminds us that there is no mention of death in the psalm. It is about hope and how *Hashem* will protect and guide us along our path. The *El Malei Rachamim* prayer is also so meaningful as we pray for *Hashem* to provide the departed with a place of perfect rest and that the departed will always be a blessed memory to those who remember them.

The other prayer that I hold dearly close to my heart is the one that is said each month on the Shabbat preceding a new month. *Birkat HaChodesh*, The Announcing of the New Month, is an awesome prayer. First, because it is recited every month, it’s a reminder to us that each new month brings new joy and new adventures for which we can be thankful. It is a monthly renewal on life. Second, is its message. In it we ask *Hashem* for a life that is peaceful, good, blessed, with proper sustenance, with physical vitality, free of shame and reproach, full of abundance and honor with a love of Torah. A life “in which the worthy desires of our hearts are fulfilled.” What a beautiful message to hear, read and remember every single month, all year long.

I look forward to sharing these prayers and many more with you as we come together as a community to pray, every Sunday through Friday at 6:15pm or Saturday morning at 9:30am. Or with the Ohr Shalom Choir and the many other events that bring us together to sing. Let us enjoy our prayers as they bring us closer to Hashem and a better world. *Amen*



YOM HASHOAH

Virtual Community Holocaust Commemoration
Wednesday, April 7–Sunday, April 11, 2021

2021 Community Holocaust Commemoration

Explore the Shoah through multi-generational perspectives. Together we remember the victims of the Holocaust, honor its Survivors, and teach future generations.

All programs are free and will be accessible through Zoom. Registration is required. More information at: <https://www.jewishinsandiego.org/yomhashoah-2021>.

REMEMBER: Memorial Ceremony Wednesday, April 7, 7:15-8:00pm

Remembrance ceremony, including candle-lighting, conducted by Rabbi Joshua Dorsch and Rabbi Ralph Dalin. Featuring local Survivors, Manya and Mike Wallenfels.

HONOR: Survivors in the Living Room Thursday, April 8 – Sunday, April 11

Experience intimate conversations and stories of strength featuring local Survivors: Harry Rosen, Lou Pechi, Vera Falus Lorell, Ben Midler.

TEACH: Lessons of Resiliency from Survivors to Teens Sunday, April 11th, 1:00-2:15pm

A candid conversation with teens and Survivors, featuring Lou Pechi and Pearl Recht.



Jewish Federation of San Diego County Presents

COMMUNITY YOM HAZIKARON

Tuesday, April 13, 7:00-8:00pm

Join the community from the comfort of your home to commemorate **Israeli Memorial Day** for fallen soldiers and victims of actions of terrorism.

This year, the program will include personal stories of bereaved families from our community, who lost loved ones on the battlefield or during an act of terror. Although we are still distant, this memorial ceremony will bring us all together to support our own local families and respect the memory of their loved ones. *Yehi Zichram Baruch* – May their memory be a blessing.

Learn more about Yom HaZikaron at: <https://www.jewishinsandiego.org/yomhazikaron>

Attendees will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

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

DAF YOMI

Wednesdays at 10:00am

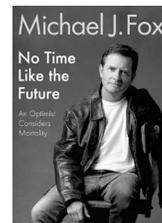
Rabbi Meltzer offers a weekly class to discuss the pages of Talmud most recently covered.

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

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]*



Sunday, May 16, 10:00am

The Book of Lost Names, by Kristin Harmel

Throughout the 1940s, forgers helped thousands of children escape Nazi France. In this instant *New York Times* bestseller, Kristin Harmel reimagines their story... In 1942, Eva is forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children escaping to neutral Switzerland. Eva realizes she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember their own identities. When the resistance cell she works for is betrayed, the records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* become crucial to remembering the truth... A present-day discovery of the book leaves researchers fascinated by its origins and desperate to decipher its codes. Only Eva holds the answer but will she have the strength to face old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?



Author **Kristin Harmel** is also the *New York Times* bestselling and #1 international bestselling author of *The Winemaker's Wife* and a dozen other novels.

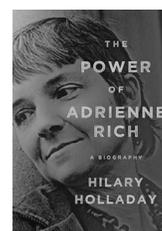
SLOW READ BOOK CLUB

Fridays at 1:00pm beginning April 16

In-depth chapter discussions each week:

The Power of Adrienne Rich: A Biography, by Hilary Holladay

Adrienne Rich was the female face of American poetry for decades. Her writing is forceful and uncompromising, and the life of the woman behind the words is equally impressive. Rich transformed herself from a traditional, Radcliffe-educated lyric poet and married mother of three sons into a path-breaking lesbian-feminist author of prose as well as poetry. In doing so, she emerged as both architect and exemplar of the modern feminist movement, breaking ranks to denounce the male-dominated literary establishment. Drawing on a wealth of unpublished materials, including Rich's correspondence and in-depth interviews with numerous people who knew her, Hilary Holladay portrays Rich in full dimension and vivid, human detail.



Author **Hilary Holladay** is a biographer, novelist, poet, and scholar of modern and contemporary American literature. She is the author of five books and co-editor of two others.

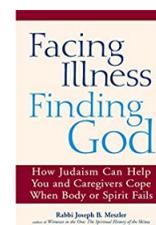
ILLNESS AND HEALING BOOK GROUP

Tuesdays at 11:00am (class resumes April 13)

This group is for anyone who is a caregiver, has a family member with 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



ADULT EDUCATION

OHR SHALOM WELLNESS CLASSES

Balance with Don Wright



Thursday, April 1
and Wednesdays the remainder of April
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> **PW:** Balance

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

Meditation with Alex van Frank

will return in May



OHR SHALOM WELLNESS

Alex van Frank
C-IAYT

YOGA WHERE WE ALL BELONG

מַרְפֵּחַ Marpeh (Hebrew for "healing" or "remedy") is a very special group of yogis here at the synagogue. Two years ago it started out as a group for economically disadvantaged Jewish women to access Yoga Therapy* and a healthful Kosher snack. Women were introduced to Yoga as a means to build strength, confidence, flexibility, manage and/or eliminate pain. Kosher snacks were provided as a means to teach nutrition for health, longevity, and nourishment.

Today our goals are similar – helping all participants (women and men) achieve optimal physical and spiritual health through Yoga, as self-care and community care. We've become an inclusive and supportive group of funny and enthusiastic Yoga practitioners. One of our members is thrilled to report, "This is the longest I've ever been in any type of exercise class because it is so fun and brings me joy." Other students have noted that they experience increase in flexibility, stronger muscles, and a decrease in overall pain.

The pandemic has shifted Marpeh in new and unexpected ways. We all meet online via Zoom and there are no more snacks. What persists is our memory of sharing space together and doing Yoga in all our diverse ways. Yoga positions come in an infinite variety of variations so that it can be adaptable to any body whether there are limitations or disabilities. Let me state that again, any body can do Yoga.

As Jews we are People of the Book but not so much of the body. Marpeh is our time to kibitz with the body. In these times of social distance, stress, and pandemic duties we are allowed to listen to what gentle Yoga movements feel good to the body. Imagine being free from the eyestrain, headache of the news, and being able to move in an adapted and supportive way for YOUR body.

During these Covid times, I would like to invite all women to consider coming to Marpeh as an inclusive, accessible Yoga practice on Zoom with us. We don't go fast because we do things mindfully together in community and we are supportive of each other's journey. There is time to share, move, and laugh together and I hope to see you soon!

Marpeh meets on Sundays twice a month from 3-4:30pm.

*Yoga therapy is the adaptation of a Yoga practice for people with health challenges. Adaptations can include a set of specific set of postures, breathing and relaxation techniques. There is a large body of medical evidence that Yoga Therapy is an effective complementary therapy. As a Yoga Therapist Alex has well over 1,000 hours of extensive training and practice.

Thursdays, April 1 and 22 at 7:30pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072> (Passcode: myshul)

Jewish Music Class with Elisheva Edelson

**Sephardic and Askenazi;
all Jews, but different tunes.**

Music stopped when the
2nd Temple was destroyed,
so, when did the Jews start
singing again? How did Jews
develop so many folk songs?
Do Sephardic Jews and
Ashkenazi Jews sing about
the same topics?



Elisheva is the conductor of the Ohr Shalom Choir.

KNITZVAH GROUP with Jodie Graber

Monday, April 12, 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 Movement

Sundays, April 11 & 25, 3:00pm

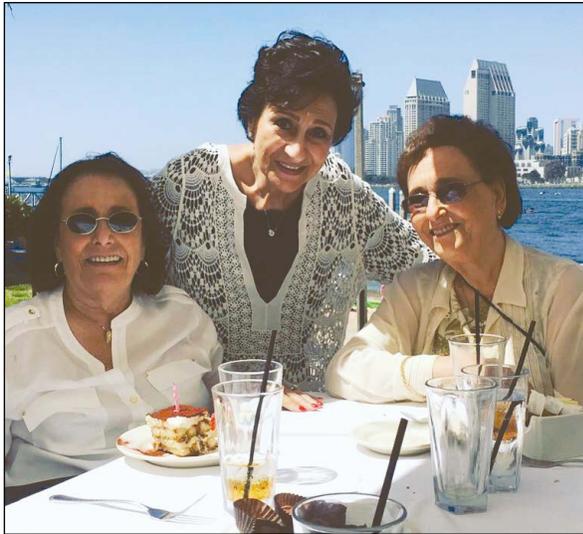
We strive to create a safe and
comfortable space for all people,
regardless of ability, limitations
and yoga experience.

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

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Vida Sportes, Miryam Slovatizky and Reyna Forman

replace one that dropped from Vida's ring that first evening. Vida and Rene married within four months, and had a son and a daughter.

In June 1972, Miryam was set up for a double date by a friend in Tijuana, to be escorted by "my cousin Miguel Slovatizki" to a Tijuana charity benefit dinner. She agreed, and was surprised when Miguel paid for her expensive ticket, was sweetly solicitous and danced divinely. Soon after they began to date, the Halio family moved into the Tijuana hi-rise where the Slovatizki family lived. It turned out, in fact, that Miryam and Miguel shared a bedroom wall. One might say that they tapped their way through the relationship. They were married in September 1972 and reared two daughters.

Now Reyna, Vida and Miryam are grandmothers, and Reyna has great-grandchildren. Their closeness is palpable. Their bond, they feel, was forged by their mother Emma and by Nona Levy, the strong women at the emotional center of a devoted family.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events at the JCC

(on Zoom)

Find out about a wide variety of interesting upcoming events at the JCC at https://www.lfjcc.org/about/upcoming_events.aspx.

Here are just two that you might be interested in.

Middle East Update

Thursday, April 22, 10:00-11:30am

Mark Silberstein Zooms in from Israel to give us the latest updates on politics, Coronavirus and more. Free.

Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices: Jewish Poets of the Past

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00-8:30pm

Featuring two Jewish poets of the past, Natan Alterman and Zelda.

Readers in Hebrew and English will present the works of the two Israeli poets and **Elisheva Edelson** and **Myla Wingard** will sing some of the songs set to their lyrics.

Free.



MOVIE NIGHT



Al Shelden

VP Administration

Sunday Night April 11 at 6:45pm

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

(Passcode: myshul)

Pesach will be over. That means Yom HaShoah will be with us, followed the next week by Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzma'ut. This year Ohr Shalom has the privilege to show a very different and fascinating kind of Holocaust Remembrance film. Join us as we present in its initial public presentation:

"We Are the Tree of Life: Carry On"

The movie tells a different story than other movies about the Holocaust tell. The film is partially narrated by the San Diego founder of We Are the Tree of Life, Jackie Gmach, who is also the Creative Director of the film. The film is a performing arts documentary that showcases Shoah artists who dared to create music, dance, visual arts and literature during the Shoah. Their inspiring stories, their moral courage and their work are presented by outstanding contributors including singer/song writer, Peter Yarrow; singer/theater star/entertainer Theodore Bikel; Stephan Smith, the Executive Director of the USC Shoah Foundation; Lauren Bairnsfather, Director of the Pittsburgh Holocaust Center; Francesco Lotoro, the Italian musicologist who revived the music from the camps; Elie Wiesel; and other outstanding individuals, including, most importantly Ohr Shalom's own concert violinist, **Eileen Wingard**, and poem reader extraordinary **Susie Meltzer**.

Ms. Gmach is dedicated to furthering Holocaust education in a novel way through illuminating the arts and culture left behind. *We Are the Tree of Life: Carry On* teaches life stories and lessons, encouraging a more tolerant, cultured and value driven world.

The movie is appropriate for all

Note: We have a 2nd movie night on April 18, see page 10.



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>.

These are some of the items that are needed most:

Canned Goods: Tuna, Chicken, Meat, Fruits, Vegetables, Broth

Boxed Items: Baking Mixes, Whole Grain Crackers, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Other Grains



General Items: Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Ramen, Dried Fruit/Nuts, Granola, Protein Bars



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.



Hebrew Free Loan
SAN DIEGO

Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego fosters financial stability and opportunity among the Jewish Community of San Diego County by providing access to affordable interest-free loans with compassion, kindness, and confidentiality. Funded through sponsorships, donations and tributes, HFLSD loans make an immediate difference in the lives of their borrowers, enabling them to invest in their education, family development, start a business, meet emergency expenses, and much more. As loans are repaid, funds are recycled to make new loans. Rooted in Jewish traditions of equity and justice, these loans help us care for each other. *Learn more at www.hflsd.org, or call 858-345-8018.*

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JFS – Supporting Refugee and Immigrant Families



There are now more than 68.5 million forcibly displaced people around the world. Less than 1% are resettled.

JFS maintains its commitment to welcoming refugees from around the world. From the moment a refugee arrives in San Diego, staff and volunteers work with them side by side to build stability and adjust to a new culture and way of life. On any given day, they help families enroll their children in school; gain proficiency in English; learn to navigate banking systems, public transportation, and community resources; further their education; find permanent employment; and become contributing members of the community.

The San Diego Rapid Response Network/Migrant Shelter Services Operated by JFS. JFS continues to provide shelter services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shelter guests have been staying in hotel rooms (non-congregate setting), where they receive all the same services (food, transportation, health services, case management, legal) that they did in the congregate shelter. The SDRRN and JFS have been preparing for the increase of asylum-seeking families to the Southern California Region due to changes in immigration policy.

Volunteers are needed to provide these services:

- Airport/Greyhound guides, patient/medical advocates, shelter couriers
- Mentor a refugee family
- Help immigrants gain citizenship / citizenship teaching assistant
- Translate or interpret for a family. Languages needed: Arabic, Farsi, French, Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Amharic, Somali, Burmese
- Administrative support: case aides, interns, program assistants

Learn more about volunteering for this program and sign up at: <https://www.jfssd.org/volunteer/support-refugee-immigrant-families/>

Kitchens for Good – Meals for Good



Kitchens for Good works to combat hunger by preparing and distributing over 288,000 prepared, scratch-made meals annually throughout San Diego. In partnership with local food assistance and community organizations, Kitchens for Good meals feed people without access to affordable, nutritious food: children, seniors, and the unsheltered. Learn more at: <https://kitchensforgood.org/healthy-meals/>.

Volunteers Needed: While Apprentices and KFG’s culinary team of alumni prepare these hunger-relief meals from scratch in the kitchen, volunteers are needed to assemble them. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at: <https://kitchensforgood.volunteerhub.com/>

About Kitchens for Good: This organization equips individuals with culinary and hospitality training, as well as the life skills they need to launch meaningful careers so they can move forward in life and make a positive impact on their communities. Learn more about Kitchens for Good at <https://kitchensforgood.org>.



MOVIE NIGHT



Al Shelden
VP Administration

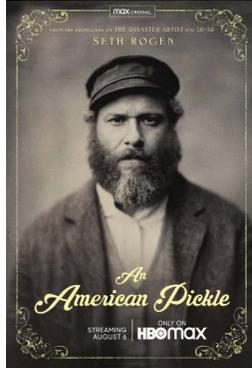
Sunday Night April 18 at 6:45pm

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

It's spring time. Time for some smiles and some serious reflection. Most of us know the Rip Van Winkle story, and its myriad take-offs – the main character falls asleep only to awake many years later to a very different world. Come see a 2020 take on this setup in a comedy that has many serious things to say, as we show:

AMERICAN PICKLE

Herschel, an Orthodox Eastern European Jew, emigrates to New York with his beloved wife in 1919 after their village is destroyed by Russian Cossacks. The only job he can find is working in a Williamsburg pickle factory, where he kills rats. On the day the factory is to be closed because of sanitation violations, he falls into a vat of pickle brine and cucumbers. He awakes 100 years later, being the same age as he was when he fell into the vat. The world around him has changed dramatically. He goes looking for his wife, and then other relatives. Finally, he finds his only living relative – his great grandson, Ben, who is now the same age as Herschel was when he fell in the vat. Ben is an orphaned, non-practicing Jew, a millennial who is a city-smart kid who makes his living as a freelance writer of computer apps.



Seth Rogen stars, playing both Herschel and Ben. The reviewer on RogerEbert.com said Rogen: “has a firm grasp on the idea of Herschel, the feeling, the fantasy, the *longing* that he



Seth Rogen's character, Ben, talks with Seth Rogen's other character, Herschel.

represents. He *gets* this man. This man is the great-great-grandfather of the Jewish American subconscious, with his cap and wool clothes and mud-stained boots and huge beard and fists that lay men out cold. ... Rogen gets Ben, too, because Rogen is Ben with more money, and an

entertainer's instinct. ... [what's] fascinating are the quiet actorly duets at the end of the movie. The story gradually drifts away from America and is pulled back toward the old country. Ben and Herschel start to recognize themselves in each other. We, and they, realize that Ben always existed within Herschel, and that Herschel's spirit lives on through Ben.”

Another reviewer said, “*An American Pickle* is finely attuned to both the Jewish and wider immigrant experience, but it's interested also in how we're all bound by one commonality – we are all vessels for the memories of those long gone.”

The movie is appropriate for all ages, although younger children may not understand the nuances.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Cheryl Katz
Director of Education & Youth Programs

We have launched into the counting of the *Omer* for a second time in quarantine. While last year's *Omer* felt like a counting of the days into our time inside, this year feels more like a countdown to the end of the tunnel!



If you've never counted the *Omer* before, it's a beautiful reflective and deep process of systematically inspiring and measuring growth according to a number of Jewish values. I'd like to recommend a few resources for those who might want to count the *Omer* (maybe for the first time?).

First, *The Omer Workbook*, published by Gold Herring, is a beautiful and artistically focused way through the *Omer*. It can be purchased in digital form so that you don't have to wait for shipping. I'm ready to go with mine and I would love to know your thoughts after looking at this frankly beautiful volume.

Another option is one of these two apps. *My Omer* (by Meaningful Life Center) and *OmerCounter* (by David Cooper), both available in the iOS app store and Android Play store. These make it easy to keep track of your counting, and contain both daily reflections and all of the blessings and words you will need to complete the ritual of counting the *Omer!* (They'll even remind you daily, in case, like me, you are prone to getting in the zone and forgetting to do it!) Link for the *Omer Workbook*: <https://goldherring.com>

I wish everyone a meaningful counting of the *Omer*, and a wonderful home stretch to the end of the Coronavirus. May we all continue doing what is best for the collective so that we can resume our lives outdoors!

YOUTH EVENTS

Kadima/Family Game Nights:

Mondays at 7:00pm 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26.

Teen Lounges: Wednesdays at 7:30pm 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28.

Harry Potter Reading Hour: Sundays and Wednesdays, 5:00pm 4/7, 4/11, 4/14, 4/18, 4/21, 4/25, 4/28.

Teen Shabbat (Live and in-person with 8 or more registered participants): Friday, April 9, 6:00-7:00pm in the Ohr Shalom courtyard. Visit <https://teenshabbat.ossrs.org> for more information and to fill out the RSVP and waiver form.



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND MADRICHIM
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

<https://register.ossrs.org>

Vanina Bunton Memorialized in Religious School Scholarship Donation

The Lou Dunst Foundation, which carries on the extraordinary generosity of the late **Lou Dunst**, has established The *Vanina Bunton Scholarship*, an Initiative of the *Lou Dunst Foundation*. The scholarship will cover \$18,000 in Religious School tuition for the 2021-2022 school year, offering three full scholarships for students with particular financial need, and 24 partial scholarships.

The newly announced scholarship is a tribute to **Vanina Bunton**, whose first *yahrzeit* was observed in February. Vanina was a beloved teacher in the Religious School, a Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutor, and a regular prayer leader at daily and Shabbat services. More than that, she was a model for all of Ohr Shalom of how to live one's Judaism day-by-day.



Lou Dunst, also of blessed memory, was a Holocaust survivor and memoirist who, through intelligence and determination, built a successful retailing and investment business in San Diego. For many years, he was an anonymous benefactor of institutions and individuals throughout our city and our congregation. The Religious School scholarship thus brings forward in our memories the exemplary lives of two resourceful, courageous and exceptional people.

Todah Rabah to **Alberto Hamui** and to the Trustees of the Lou Dunst Foundation for this expression of their concern for, and confidence in, our Religious School.

LAUREL STREET BEAT

from **Love Zubiller**,
Religious School Committee Chair



Shavuot marks the time that the Jews were given the Torah on Mount Sinai. What is something meaningful that was given to you that you hold sacred in your life?

Joshua T., Kita Zayin: My dog Zoom, because she helps me with stress.



Zohara A., Kita Vav: A possession that I hold very dear to me is my great-great-great-grandmother Hannah G. Solomon's biography. I own a first edition copy that I cherish and hold very close to me because it holds the contents of her life. Though I can never speak to her I feel extremely close to her, reading her biography and all about her amazing life. Her biography speaks about how she founded the National Council of Jewish Women, how she lived during the Civil War, and how she was good friends with Susan B. Anthony and about how they attended the International Women's Council in Berlin together in 1904. I may never be able to speak with her or to see her in person, but I will always have her biography and will be able to know and read about her amazing life from her perspective.



Kids, Anxiety and Covid

with **Michele Wilkoff, LCSW**

Join Michele to learn all about anxiety including: definitions, the basic brain science, and how you can help as a parent or educator during Covid.

Let's talk about this very pervasive and important issue that affects the lives of many children and adults.

Sunday, May 2 at 10:00am

in the *Ohr Shalom Zoom Room*

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.MICHELEWILKOFF.COM

Michele Wilkoff received her BA in Psychology from University of California, San Diego and her Masters of Social Work from University of Southern California. She specialized in Mental Health while at USC and has worked as a sexual assault counselor and the high school outreach coordinator and middle school outreach instructor for the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center. Michele has also worked in private practice. In addition to her background in mental health treatment, Michele is a certified fitness professional and has helped her clients with a combination of physical and emotional work. Michele is mom to two high-energy, amazing kids and loves to spend her free time with her family, traveling, running, working out, reading and hanging out on the beach.



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

HILLEL: A JEWISH HOME ON COLLEGE CAMPUS WITH A HEART TOUCHING ISRAEL

Why is Hillel so important to our Jewish future? What's going on at Hillel in San Diego? Did you know Rabbi Meltzer and Jessica Lemoine sit on Hillel's Board of Directors? And what does Israel mean to Hillel?



To start, Hillel is the world's largest Jewish campus organization, with more than 550 chapters across the world. For nearly a century, Hillel has encouraged generations of young adults to celebrate Jewish learning and living, pursue *tikkun olam* and *tzedakah* and connect to their peers. Through Hillel, university students participate in life-changing trips and campus initiatives that teach them leadership and how to make a difference for the Jewish people and the world.

Why is Hillel so important? Based on a 2010 study by the Avi Chai Foundation, a student's involvement with Hillel is one of the strongest predictors of future leadership, stronger than with Jewish day schools, Jewish camps or youth groups.

Today, nearly 90% of Jewish youth go to college. Hillel San Diego has successfully built community for the nearly 2,000 Jewish college students enrolled locally, reaching two-thirds of the students at SDSU, UCSD, CSU San Marcos and University of San Diego. Hillel creates meaningful programs for students on every campus and Israel is an important part.

Fighting anti-Israel bias and anti-Semitism on campus is top on Hillel's list, and they have implemented innovative programs aimed at combating these movements. Hillel of San Diego spends significant time focused on allyship work on campus outside of the community of Jewish students. A key part of that work involves building coalitions through a variety of cohort-based immersive experiences that bring together Jewish and non-Jewish student leaders. These often include going together to Israel to share in learning.

Ties to Israel happen also through the presence of two Jewish Agency Israeli Fellows, sponsored by Hillel and trained in Israeli culture, history and current events, who spend every day on campus working with Jewish students and other leaders from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds. They often become the face of Israel for the students they work with, promoting Israel awareness and engaging them in learning about Israel.

These programs happen because Hillel International works closely with Israel. Since 1994, when Edgar Bronfman became Chair of Hillel's International Board of Governors, a new focus brought Hillel students and Israel together. *Birthright Israel* – born in 1999 – sent the first group of college-age students to Israel on a free 10-day trip to strengthen their Jewish identity and connection to the State of Israel.

Today, Israel is at the heart of Hillel's mission. In addition to programs on campus, they accomplish this through key

Israel initiatives that bring students to Israel. Hillel is the largest provider of travel opportunities to Israel for college-age participants. Through *Taglit-Birthright Israel*, Hillel encourages and enables thousands of students to travel to Israel every year. Also, partnering with *Masa Israel*, Hillel promotes long-term study, volunteering, or internships in Israel. Since 1999, Hillel professionals have led more than 60,000 young adults from North America and beyond on these trips.

San Diego is fortunate to have an ever-growing Hillel that nurtures, educates and inspires one of our most precious resources. *Yasher Koach!*



CELEBRATE ISRAELFEST SAN DIEGO

The Jewish Federation of San Diego County will host an extraordinary, worldwide, first-of-a-kind celebration of Israel's **73rd Independence Day/Yom HaAtzma'ut**. Two unique opportunities to celebrate Israel, connect with community, and have a groovy-good-time (guaranteed!).

For more information, and to pre-register for these events: <https://www.jewishinsandiego.org/israelfest2021>.

DRIVE-IN CONCERT

Sunday, April 18, 1:30pm

Enjoy a seventies-themed *drive-in* concert extravaganza in celebration of Israel's 73rd birthday. Featuring CaliBear Band, local community members, and a whole lot more.

For security purposes, you must pre-register for this event to attend. You will not be able to register at the gate.

COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT

April 12-16

Grab your housemates and join us for a week-long family friendly scavenger hunt leading up to Israel's 73rd birthday.

Compete against other teams to complete missions related to Israel and San Diego's Jewish community. How many points can you score? More information will be sent to those who register. Prizes for top-scoring teams!



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

LITTLE WAYS TO SUPPORT OHR SHALOM

While I hope you can all join us for our first and hopefully only **Virtual Lights of Ohr Shalom** on April 25th, I know that for many the ticket price is too high. There are many other ways to support Ohr Shalom financially or by volunteering your time. First, there are two easy ways to have a percentage of your regular shopping donated to us through **Amazon Smile** and **Ralphs**.

Signing up for **Amazon Smile** is very simple – go to smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0362668.



Registering for **Ralphs** takes a few more steps.

1. Create a digital account at <https://www.ralphs.com> if you don't have one already. Link your phone number and Ralphs club card to your account.

If you already have an account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward Ohr Shalom.



2. Once you have your digital account, go to <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program> and select Ohr Shalom Synagogue.

Over the few years we've had Amazon Smile we've gotten over \$400, and we could be getting so much more if more people selected Ohr Shalom as their charity. Our association with Ralphs has a much longer history and can get between \$200-\$400 a year. I hope you will consider going online to register for these simple ways to help Ohr Shalom.

If neither of those sound appealing or you just don't like to shop with Amazon or Ralphs, we often need volunteers during events or help delivering packages for our social action programs. You can always contact the office if you find yourself with extra time on your hands.

The last item to consider is also mentioned elsewhere in the Davar – it's our Legacy Society. The thought of leaving a bequest in your will or trust seems daunting and like something only very wealthy people can manage, but that's not true. Any small gift to Ohr Shalom from your estate is a loving way to ensure the continuity of our wonderful community. Please read more about it in Evette Weiss's article and feel free to contact either of us if you would like more information.

Thank you all for your continued support in whichever way feels right for you.



LEGACY SOCIETY

Evette Weiss
Legacy Society Chair

OHR SHALOM LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society is moving forward in 2021 thanks to members of Ohr Shalom who have updated their Declaration of Intent document. By making a formal commitment to our Legacy Society, members are helping to ensure Ohr Shalom's financial future. Through the Jewish Community Foundation, you can make a bequest directly to Ohr Shalom and/or to our endowment program.

Ohr Shalom has been given an incentive from the JCF through June 30th for signing up new members to our Legacy Society. If you can help us reach our goals, please contact Evette Weiss (619-885-4000, call or text) or Gillian at the office (619-231-1456). We will be happy to get you more information about how to complete this process.



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Marvin Yudkovitz
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING PROGRAM

The Chesed/Community Caring Program is continuing to grow in the number of Synagogue members participating. Thanks to all for your demonstration of *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness. If you would like to become a part of our outreach to members, or would like to receive a call to discuss how we can help, please contact me at 240 506-3042 or email at chesed@ohrshalom.org.

Thanks to a generous donation by the **Lou Dunst Foundation**, we can now recognize the *simchas* of new Ohr Shalom babies and weddings (thanks to **Lynn Mendelsohn** and **Gillian Argoff-Treseder** for their design ideas). Every new baby born can proudly wear an original onesie designed and made by Ohr Shalom member **Maggy Dujowich** at **MADGDESIGN**. And at an *aufruf*, we will gift the new couple building a Jewish home with a mezuzah.



TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in March:

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Melissa Collins
Lia Spivakova
Evelyn Schwimmer

**Mazal Tov on the Engagement of
Loren Casuto and Robyn Statman**
Susie and Eli Meltzer

**Mazal Tov to Grandparents &
Great-Grandparents for
birth of Shir Rebeca**
Susie and Eli Meltzer
Stella and Tito Salzmman

In loving memory of Ronnie Morales
In loving memory of Bill Tall
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In loving memory of Doris Broudy
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In loving memory of Lily Sandakeete
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In loving memory of Herb Tabak
Karen Rund

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Susie and Eli Meltzer

JFS Pesach Food Drive
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CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Marvin Yudkovitz and Judy Gaines

MINYAN FUND

Judi Gottschalk

TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT SPONSORS:

Jeanne and David Argoff
Amy and Bill Morris
Tricia Pummill

We apologize for any omissions.

Todah Rabah for our Pesach Bag donations and volunteers:

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

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Beto Hamui	Susie Meltzer	Jonah Weinberg
Joe Hartman	Ivan Mendelsohn	Margalit Wollner
Jerry Horn	Lynn Mendelsohn	Marvin Yudkovitz
		Jane Zeer

YAHREZITS

*Irving Krantz	Remembered by Richard Scholten.....	1-Apr/19 Nisan
Manuel Rechtman	Sara Fainstein's Uncle.....	1-Apr/19 Nisan
Samuel Cohen	Santiago Cohen's Father.....	2-Apr/20 Nisan
*Robert J. Kolkey	Debbie Reid's Father.....	2-Apr/20 Nisan
Raquel Stepensky	Teshy Wellman's Mother.....	2-Apr/20 Nisan
Nate P. Blumovicz	Remembered by Rafael Slovatzki.....	3-Apr/21 Nisan
Raquel Melnik	Remembered by Silvia Gold.....	3-Apr/21 Nisan
*Samuel Szmuilowicz	Bertha Szmuilowicz' Husband, Isaac Szmuilowicz and Eva Zagursky's Father.....	3-Apr/21 Nisan
*Samuel Wasserman	Jacquelin Ander's Father.....	3-Apr/21 Nisan
Abraham Berman	Remembered by Roz Berman.....	4-Apr/22 Nisan
Jean-Claude Lemoine	Richard Lemoine's Father.....	4-Apr/22 Nisan
*Gert Thaler	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	4-Apr/22 Nisan
*Arthur Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Father.....	4-Apr/22 Nisan
Marcos Handelman-Wolman	Sara Fainstein's Brother.....	5-Apr/23 Nisan
Menashe Rosenfeld	Sara Limenes' Father.....	5-Apr/23 Nisan
Sharlene Chester	Evelyn Sevel's Sister.....	6-Apr/24 Nisan
Betty Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Mother and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandmother.....	6-Apr/24 Nisan
Jimmie Semel	Bernie Semel's Mother.....	6-Apr/24 Nisan
David Sevel	Remembered by Evie Sevel.....	6-Apr/24 Nisan
Bellida Suissa	Deborah Suissa's Mother.....	6-Apr/24 Nisan
Sheila Basil	Ilene Galler's Sister.....	7-Apr/25 Nisan

Yahrzeits

Esther Cohen	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein.....	7-Apr/25 Nisan
Maurice Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Father.....	7-Apr/25 Nisan
Perla Miller	Silvia Gold's Mother.....	8-Apr/26 Nisan
*Rosie Artenstein	Sara Artenstein's Daughter.....	9-Apr/26 Nisan
Berta Fainstein	Jaime Fainstein's Mother.....	9-Apr/26 Nisan
Philip Kalker	Remembered by Gail Kalker.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Moritz Grun	Elizabeth Green's Great Uncle.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Agnes Erzsebet Szekely	Elizabeth Green's Cousin.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Julianna Szekely	Elizabeth Green's Great Aunt.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Eva Weisz	Elizabeth Green's Cousin.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Ilona Weisz	Elizabeth Green's Great Aunt.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Jakab Weisz	Elizabeth Green's Great Uncle.....	9-Apr/27 Nisan
Shelley Berman	Roz Berman's Husband.....	10-Apr/28 Nisan
Anne Jaffe	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt.....	10-Apr/28 Nisan
Audrey Karsh	Remembered by Susanne and Ruben Lisker.....	10-Apr/28 Nisan
Jaime Najmias	Sara Artenstein's Brother.....	10-Apr/28 Nisan
Zev Deicas	Mauricio Deicas' Father.....	11-Apr/29 Nisan
Samuel Green	Remembered by Marda Rose.....	11-Apr/29 Nisan
Joseph Marcus Siprut	Mark Siprut's Father.....	11-Apr/29 Nisan
Richard H. Cupples	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples.....	12-Apr/30 Nisan
Miriam Sirotzky	Becky Reznik's Mother.....	12-Apr/30 Nisan
*Alex Veinbergs	Sylvia Galicot and Jacobo Veinbergs' Father.....	12-Apr/30 Nisan
Leon Greene	Richard Greene's Father.....	13-Apr/1 Iyar
*Ethel Edyce Wasserman	Jacquelin Ander's Mother.....	13-Apr/1 Iyar
Eva Fordham	Jeanne Argoff's Grandmother.....	14-Apr/2 Iyar
Moshe Green	Remembered by Raisa Green.....	14-Apr/2 Iyar
Dorothy Siegan	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Aunt.....	14-Apr/2 Iyar
Fannie Krampf	Linda Kucinski's Grandmother.....	15-Apr/3 Iyar
Abraham Margolis	Elsa Margolis' Husband and Mauricio Margolis' Father.....	15-Apr/3 Iyar
Yitzchak Baruch Tauber	Susanne Lisker's Grandfather.....	15-Apr/3 Iyar
Rebecca Bloom	Jennifer Tuteur's Great-Grandmother.....	16-Apr/4 Iyar
David Chayet	Zack Chayet's Father.....	16-Apr/4 Iyar
Ronan Bell	Remembered by Leah Golembesky.....	17-Apr/5 Iyar
Jacob Chazan	Remembered by Celia Chazan.....	17-Apr/5 Iyar
Moises Dryjansky	Celia Chazan's Father.....	17-Apr/5 Iyar
Enrique Moscona	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	17-Apr/5 Iyar
Abraham Zemach	Marilyn Greene's Father.....	17-Apr/5 Iyar
*Abraham Horn	Jerry Horn's Father.....	18-Apr/6 Iyar
Elya Schnell	Sue Brown's Grandfather.....	19-Apr/7 Iyar
Eugene Agostino	Christine Eisenberg's Father.....	20-Apr/8 Iyar
Miriam Argoff	David Argoff's Mother and Gillian Argoff-Treseder's Grandmother.....	20-Apr/8 Iyar
Harry Lane	Jane Zeer's Uncle.....	21-Apr/9 Iyar
*Ruth Phillips	Julie Phillips' Mother.....	21-Apr/9 Iyar
Hyman J. Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Father.....	22-Apr/10 Iyar
Rosemarie Franklin	Christine Eisenberg's Mother.....	22-Apr/10 Iyar
Leah Goldman	Harriet Wolpoff and Alma Geiger's Aunt.....	22-Apr/10 Iyar
Ana Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Mother.....	22-Apr/10 Iyar
Francois Lellouche	Remembered by the Bunton Family.....	22-Apr/10 Iyar
*Samuel Reznik	Becky Reznik's Husband.....	22-Apr/10 Iyar
Lilly Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Mother.....	23-Apr/11 Iyar
Irving Tabak	Mel Tabak's Father and Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandfather.....	23-Apr/11 Iyar
Gerald Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Brother.....	23-Apr/11 Iyar
*Sara Lipowsky	Salomon Lipowsky's Mother.....	24-Apr/12 Iyar
Jose Zaidman	Aaron Zaidman's Father.....	24-Apr/12 Iyar
Matilde Alvo	Rosie Veinbergs' Mother and Esther Kvashny's Grandmother.....	25-Apr/13 Iyar
Walter Cohn	Becky Zipp's Grandfather.....	25-Apr/13 Iyar
Rochelle Wolf	Allan Wolf's Wife.....	25-Apr/13 Iyar
Khuna Green	Raisa Green's Husband.....	26-Apr/14 Iyar
Bud Straling	Elizabeth Green's Grandfather.....	27-Apr/15 Iyar
Harry Forman	Remembered by Reyna Forman.....	28-Apr/16 Iyar
A.R. Hollender	Jonathan Geiger's Grandfather.....	28-Apr/16 Iyar
Majlej Kucinski	Danny Kucinski's Father.....	28-Apr/16 Iyar
*Leah Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Mother.....	28-Apr/16 Iyar
*Luis Zachs	Reina Shteremberg's Brother.....	28-Apr/16 Iyar
Carmen V. Gomez	Daniel Pick's Great-Grandmother.....	29-Apr/17 Iyar
Saul Waisbord	Samuel Waisbord's Father.....	29-Apr/17 Iyar
*Fela Groswirt	Miguel Veinbergs' Mother.....	30-Apr/18 Iyar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1 19 Nisan Omer Day 4 Pesach V No Religious School Minyan 6:15pm Jewish Music Class with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm</p>	<p>2 20 Nisan Omer Day 5 Pesach VI Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 6:15pm</p>	<p>3 21 Nisan Omer Day 6 Pesach VII Shabbat Pesach Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm</p>
<p>4 22 Nisan Omer Day 7 Pesach VIII No Religious School Pesach Morning Service with Yizkor 9:30am Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>5 23 Nisan Omer Day 8 Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>6 24 Nisan Omer Day 9 Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>7 25 Nisan Omer Day 10 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>8 26 Nisan Omer Day 11 Yom HaShoah Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>9 27 Nisan Omer Day 12 Office Closes 2:00pm Teen Shabbat 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>10 28 Nisan Parshat Shemini Omer Day 13 Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm</p>
<p>11 29 Nisan Omer Day 14 Religious School 9:30am Marpeh 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>12 30 Nisan Omer Day 15 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm Knitzvah 7:00pm</p>	<p>13 1 Iyar Omer Day 16 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Illness and Healing Book Group 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>14 2 Iyar Yom HaZikaron Omer Day 17 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>15 3 Iyar Omer Day 18 Yom HaAtzma'ut Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>16 4 Iyar Omer Day 19 Slow Read Book Club 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>17 5 Iyar Parshat Tazria-Metzora Omer Day 20 Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm</p>
<p>18 6 Iyar Omer Day 21 Religious School 9:30am Readings with the Rabbi 10:30am Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Movie Night 6:45pm</p>	<p>19 7 Iyar Omer Day 22 Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>20 8 Iyar Omer Day 23 Illness and Healing Book Group 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>21 9 Iyar Omer Day 24 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>22 10 Iyar Omer Day 25 Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm Jewish Music Class with Elisheva Edelson 7:30pm</p>	<p>23 11 Iyar Omer Day 26 Slow Read Book Club 1:00pm Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>24 12 Iyar Parshat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Omer Day 27 Shabbat Service 9:30am Tot Shabbat 3:00pm</p>
<p>25 13 Iyar Omer Day 28 Religious School 9:30am Marpeh 3:00pm Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>26 14 Iyar Omer Day 29 Pesach Sheni Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>27 15 Iyar Omer Day 30 Illness and Healing Book Group 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>28 16 Iyar Omer Day 31 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>29 17 Iyar Omer Day 32 Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>30 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer Omer Day 33 Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>1 19 Iyar Parshat Emor Omer Day 34 Shabbat Service 9:30am Bat Mitzvah: Hannah Dean McLeod 2:00pm</p>
<p>2 20 Iyar Omer Day 35 Religious School 9:30am Kids, Anxiety and Covid Discussion 10:00am Harry Potter Reading Hour (All-Ages) 5:00pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>3 21 Iyar Omer Day 36 Storytime with Jennifer Meltzer 3:00pm Minyan 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:45pm Kadima Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>4 22 Iyar Omer Day 37 Illness and Healing Book Group 10:00am Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>5 23 Iyar Omer Day 38 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>6 24 Iyar Omer Day 39 Religious School 4:30pm Minyan 6:15pm</p>	<p>7 25 Iyar Omer Day 40 Office Closes 2:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>8 26 Iyar Parshat Behar-Bechukotai Omer Day 41 Shabbat Service 9:30am Bar Mitzvah: Joshua Treseder 2:00pm</p>