

Gift Bags for a Cozy Chanukah

Help your friends and family have a cozy Chanukah! Send some light, love and fun. Bags are filled with a warm fleece blanket, cozy teas & hot chocolate in an Ohr Shalom Mug, Pumpkin Spice Donuts (the perfect after Thanksgiving Chanukah Treat!) and Chanukah gelt. Deliveries will be made throughout the week of Chanukah. (San Diego area only)



Cost per bag: \$36. Deadline to order: Monday, November 15



Sunday, December 5th

Ice Cream Truck at Ohr Shalom
noon-2:00pm



Please bring food for JFS and warm blankets and new socks for those in need as a Chanukah donation during the Ice Cream Party.

Watch for Ice Cream RSVP link in your email

Zoom Chanukah Lighting, Singing and Surprises – 5:00pm

Chanukah Community Candlelighting Nightly

at 6:05pm during the Minyan Minute
November 28 thru December 2

**Sunday, November 14,
9:30-12:00pm**

Chanukah Sale

during Religious School.
Can't join us? Call the office if you need candles or gifts.



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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THE PEOPLE OF MANY BOOKS

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

It is almost Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving. Thursday night dinner at the end of November is about as “not-to-be-missed” in my family as first seder. I can probably count on one hand the number of times I have missed having Thanksgiving with family in the past fifty-plus years.

As much as I love Thanksgiving, there is something missing. There has always been something missing. What’s missing for Thanksgiving? There’s no text. No required reading. There isn’t an insert into the Siddur for that day, like for Purim or Chanukah. There isn’t a Torah reading, or Haftarah, that we share. There isn’t any biblical story that is required reading. To state the obvious, there is no Haggadah for Leyl Thanksgiving.

What? How can that be? For all of the teachings about what Thanksgiving owes to Sukkot, American Thanksgiving is not inherently a Jewish holiday. If it were, there would be a text.

We are a people whose identity, ritual, history, even our future, are all translated through the written word. Jews are sometimes referred to as “the people of the Book.” It’s a misnomer. We are the people of many books. Dare I say, the people of an extensive and ever-expanding library.

We have books that we have read over and over again, yearly, for millennia – Torah, Haggadah and others. There are books we open every day – Siddur, Tanakh and others. There are specific texts for any given day, week, Shabbat, holiday, and much more.

We are also a people of writers and readers, critics and aficionados. Our library is fiction and nonfiction, silly and stoic, dry and teary, ancient, old, new and still being written.

In any given week at Ohr Shalom, we are studying the parshah (currently in the Book of Genesis). We are reading a book one chapter at a time for the Slow Read Bookclub (currently Dara Horn’s

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Rabbi Scott and Jennifer Meltzer

cordially invite the members of Ohr Shalom when our daughter

Yael Meltzer

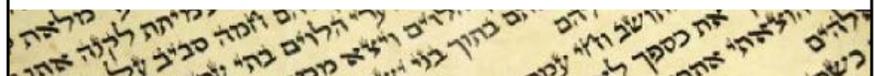
is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Parshat Vayigash

December 11, 9:00am

Please RSVP to rabbi@ohrshalom.org

Service will be on ZOOM Only





WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

OUR ARGENTINE CONNECTION

Shoshanah Sternlieb's mother, **Elsa Rosenvasser Feher**, now in her 80s, has published a memoir, *The Weave of My Life*. Her wonderful book is brimming with lessons on Jewish history and culture.

Elsa's Rosenvasser grandparents emigrated from Russia to Argentina in the late 1800s as beneficiaries of a Jewish resettlement plan financed by Baron Moritz von Hirsch (1831-1896; also known as Maurice de Hirsch), a wealthy German Jewish entrepreneur. Hirsch, who descended from European banking families, invested in railroads. One of his projects, the *Chemins de fer Orientaux*, built rails for the Orient Express.

From the 1880s, Hirsch focused his philanthropy on alleviating the oppression of Eastern European Jews. In 1882, he offered £2 million (about \$335 million today) to the Russian Government, asking that it (A) establish schools in the Jewish Pale of Settlement, and (B) permit a Jewish organization to assist in their administration. Eagerly accepting A, Russia rejected B, whereupon Hirsch decided that the Jews should settle elsewhere.

The 1880s was a time of tremendous economic growth in Argentina. Its President, Julio Roca, dealing with underpopulation, issued a decree welcoming Russian Jews. Unfortunately, Argentina had no absorption process for the first group of 120 Jewish families, which arrived in 1889. Hirsch stepped in. In 1891, investing £2 million, he established the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA), in London, to purchase land for Jews.

In 1892, Hirsch contributed an additional £7 million to the JCA to fund immigration to Argentina. Short on labor to work the land, Argentina wanted farmers, so Jewish applicants swore that they had agricultural experience and said that they had sons – whether or not either was true. In all, about 8,500 Russian Jews immigrated to Argentina between 1889 and 1902.

Salomón and Raquel Rosenvasser joined the JCA's Russian Jewish

relocation program. Salomón was born around mid-century in Western Ukraine. His family actually did work a farm, raising sheep and growing wine grapes. Salomón and Raquel, both widowers with children, were married in about 1890. Almost immediately, family in tow, they fled Russia. After months of travel, they arrived in Argentina on August 6, 1891.



Abraham Rosenvasser

The Rosenvassers settled into Colonia Mauricio (named for Hirsch), about 200 miles southwest of Buenos Aires. The first of the JCA's projects in Argentina, Mauricio accommodated 100 families on two ranches covering 62,000 acres. It was in the midst of Argentina's *pampas*, the immense rolling plain that stretches from the Atlantic to the Andean foothills. As Baron Hirsch believed in the dignity of productive work, the JCA required that the immigrants gradually purchase their ranches. Salomón worked hard to secure his 494 acres, on which he raised grain, sunflowers, horses and cattle.

Raquel gave birth to three sons: Benjamin (1892), Jacobo (1894) and **Elsa's father Abraham** (1898). The boys were rough-and-ready *pampas* children, riding bareback to school, mimicking the baggy-trousered ranch-hand *gauchos*. In the early grades, the boys attended the neighborhood JCA school, and then the school at a ranch 15 miles away, learning Hebrew in the morning and Spanish in the afternoon. After 5th grade, furthering their studies required that they live with Jewish families in Buenos Aires.

Benjamin died in a flu epidemic in his late teens. Jacobo became a renowned gynecologist. Abraham developed a successful law practice in Buenos Aires, which he turned over to his son

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Bulletin Deadlines

Please e-mail all submissions to:
davar@ohrshalom.org

Deadline:

- November 5 for December issue
- December 5 for January issue

All in-person attendees MUST show ID, proof of vaccination or negative PCR test within 72 hours of attendance.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED
AT ALL TIMES.**



OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

in person and on ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072> (Passcode: myshul)

Friday	November 5	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	November 6	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	November 12	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	November 13	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	November 19	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	November 20	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	November 26	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	November 27	9:30am	Shabbat Service

Afternoon Bat Mitzvah: Eden Carnot

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING November 2021

PARSHAT TOLDOT

Fri: November 5 | 1 Kislev  5:35pm
Sat: November 6 | 2 Kislev
Torah: Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haft: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

PARSHAT VAYETZEI

Fri: November 12 | 8 Kislev  4:31pm
Sat: November 13 | 9 Kislev
Torah: Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haft: Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

PARSHAT VAYISHLACH

Fri: November 19 | 15 Kislev  4:27pm
Sat: November 20 | 16 Kislev
Torah: Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haft: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

PARSHAT VAYESHEV

Fri: November 26 | 22 Kislev  4:25pm
Sat: November 27 | 23 Kislev
Torah: Genesis 37:1-40:23
Haft: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR

Come join us on **TUESDAYS** or **THURSDAYS** on ZOOM at 7:00pm

NOVEMBER DATES

TUESDAY November 2
THURSDAY November 11
THANKSGIVING - NO CHOIR Nov. 25
TUESDAY November 30



KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE "ASK THE RABBI"

Friday, November 12 at 6:15pm

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



TOT SHABBAT

with Jennifer Meltzer

Saturday, November 20, 10:30 am
at Ohr Shalom in the Courtyard & ZOOM

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

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT.

People Love Dead Jews). We are reading one book per month for Readings with the Rabbi (we just finished Jonathan Safran Foer's *We Are the Weather* and are now reading Mark Oppenheimer's *Squirrel Hill*). There is even a group still actively engaged in reading one page of Talmud every day – our Daf Yomi Study group that gets together once each week to discuss the previous seven pages/days.

Of course, I also hope everybody also has an additional book they are reading for their own interest. What are you reading? What have you read that has moved you? Inspired you? Angered you?

A while back our daughter Shayna recommended a wonderful movie for us to watch: *The Fundamentals of Caring*. Of course we watched it, and then had to read the book upon which the movie is based: *The Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving*. We now have an ongoing conversation about which is better, the book or the movie. (Trust me, the book is better. Better yet, also watch the movie and you can be part of the discussion comparing the two and arguing which is better.)

Yes, a movie is a text, a different kind of text. And so is art. Thank you to Marvin Yudkovitz and Elisheva Edelson for their art discussions.

We are the people of vast libraries, across many genres and media. It is a library that is continually expanding, and we are encouraged, even commanded, to read, study, watch, listen, discuss, debate and add to it.

Thank you to everybody who engages with this library and our community and may we be so blessed as to continue this through many pages, chapters, volumes, films, lectures, classes, concerts, exhibits and much more for a long time to come.

See you in the funny (and not so funny) pages.

BLOOD DRIVE

Ohr Shalom
Synagogue

Sunday, November 7
9:00am to 2:30pm

Parked on Street
2512 Third Ave. San Diego 92103

We strongly encourage
appointments.

sandiegobloodbank.org/donate
(619) 400-8521





FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

BECOME AN OHR SHALOM VOLUNTEER!

Some of my fondest memories are from the times I volunteered at my synagogue when I was growing up. On Sunday mornings I sold bagels and cream cheese as a snack for hungry Religious School kids to raise money for USY.



It felt good to put *gemilut chasadim* into action by organizing food and clothing drives. I also felt like I gained a sense of community in the process of giving back with my fellow USYers and congregants.

Now that many of us are vaccinated and it's a bit safer to gather together in small groups, I invite you to become (or come back to being) an Ohr Shalom volunteer. What does that mean? It could mean so many different things.

- It can be in person or on Zoom. It can be an hour or two in the office every month or volunteering for a committee, or a meal train or comfort bag delivery.
- Maybe you have a skill or special knowledge to share via Zoom. Over the past year, we've had the great fortune to learn crafts, art, balance, meditation and more from our members. You could share your knowledge by volunteering as a speaker at a Sunday morning talk show.
- Perhaps your interests are in helping people through social action. You could plan and lead a Social Action project for Ohr Shalom to participate in (like the **Blood Drive** coming up on **November 7th!**).

The possibilities are endless. I want to hear your ideas, and most importantly, help make them a reality.



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Marvin Yudkovitz
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

What makes Ohr Shalom such a special Synagogue? As most of you already know, some of the answers lie in the wonderful expressions of mutual concern, sharing, and assistance many of our members demonstrate towards each other. And, being a part of our community allows for an opportunity for each of us to experience those special connections.

Our Chesed/Community Caring program is gathering steam, and it would be wonderful if many more of you were part of this effort. We have need for more volunteers to help with providing meals, making phone calls, and reaching out to ill and housebound Synagogue members.

And if you are not feeling well, would like more contact from other Ohr Shalom members, or having a special event coming up, please contact me at 240-506-3042 or chesed@ohrshalom.org or Gillian Argoff-Treseder and tell us.

Travel Talk

with

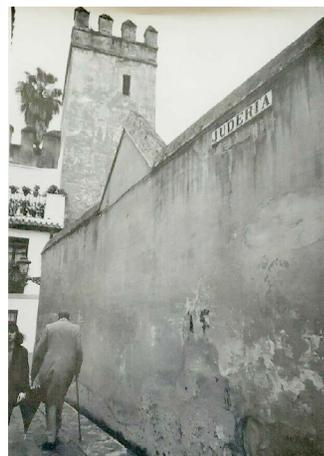
*Yale Strom and
Elizabeth Schwartz*



The Sites They Will Visit on Their Spain and (Optional) Portugal Tour this Spring

**Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30pm
in the Ohr Shalom Zoom Room**

The New Normal doesn't mean the Old World is gone. It's there and it's waiting for us! The world is reopening with protocols in place to make travel safe and healthy and we are thrilled to announce that our Spain with the optional Portugal extension tour is on. Spain's virus protocols (and Portugal) has made it one of the safest destinations in Europe and all tourists must present proof of vaccination. With Ayelet's own instituted health and safety protocols (from the moment of departure through our return, including smaller tour groups), there is no better time than now to leave the isolation behind us and re-enter the world in the most exciting, rich and cultural way possible.



Ayelet Tours has extended the early bird discount and we are all systems go! Please join us in exploring the big, beautiful healthy world!

<https://secure.ayelet.com/StromSpain2022.aspx>

Sevilla's Former Jewish Quarter, photo by Yale Strom
"The Expulsion of the Jews: 500 Years of Exodus"

SAVE THE DATE

16th Annual

Lights of Ohr Shalom

**Sunday evening,
March 20, 2022**

CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

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

DAF YOMI

Wednesdays, 10:00am

This weekly class discusses the pages of Talmud most recently covered.

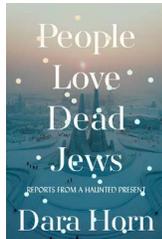
SLOW READ BOOK CLUB

Fridays, November 12 thru December 17 at 1:00pm (no class 11/26)

In-depth chapter discussions each week:

People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present
by Dara Horn

A startling exploration of how Jewish history is exploited to flatter the living



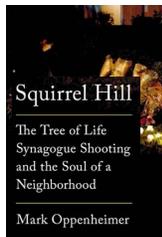
From the author's website: "Reflecting on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the blockbuster traveling exhibition called 'Auschwitz,' the Jewish history of the Chinese city of Harbin, and the little known 'righteous Gentile' Varian Fry, Dara Horn challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present."

According to *Tablet*: This is "a deeply entertaining book... Horn is a masterful essayist... She has the instincts of a stand-up comic with something deadly serious on her mind."

READINGS WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, January 23, 10:30am

Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood
by Mark Oppenheimer



A piercing portrait of the struggles and triumphs of one of America's renowned Jewish neighborhoods in the wake of unspeakable tragedy that highlights the hopes, fears, and tensions all Americans must confront on the road to healing.

Ohr Shalom has obtained copies of this book which are available for anybody who wants one (you do NOT need to be in book club to receive a copy of this book).

Please contact the office for your FREE copy.

ART IN OUR HOMES

5 Thursdays in December and January after Minyan

During some of our online art talks, several synagogue members have mentioned works of art that they own. So, we set aside five evenings to do a virtual sharing of art. The slideshows will be compiled from photos and presented by the owner of the art or a member of the committee.

The art would be grouped as follows:

- Israeli artists** - December 2
- Mexican and other Central and South American artists** - December 9
- Eastern European artists** - December 23
- American artists** - January 6
- Synagogue member artists** - January 13

If you would like to contribute art for this program from any of the five categories, please contact either Marvin Yudkovitz (mayudkovitz@gmail.com) or Lynn Mendelsohn (mendelynn0511@gmail.com).

(When requested, names of owners will be kept private.)

Jewish Art, Part II with Elisheva Edelson on ZOOM



Thursdays, Nov. 4 & 18, 7:30pm

From A Prohibition to Engrave and A Commandment to Adorn in Biblical Times to An Amazing Jewish Artistic Expression in Modern Times.

Elisheva is the conductor of the Ohr Shalom Choir.

Zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85057427868?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85057427868?pwd=UXFkS3NHZlFpWFR5d1paVW1ZYm4wUT09)
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 *Funded in part thanks to a grant from USCJ'S Pacific Southwest Region*

OHR SHALOM WELLNESS

Meditation

with Alex van Frank



Tuesday Evenings at 7:00-7:30pm

Alex van Frank, C-IAYT is holding a post-minyan meditation group.

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



Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Marcia Tatz Wollner
Religious School Principal



A LITTLE BIT OF THIS, A LITTLE BIT OF THAT – PART 1

Now that you may be humming the tune of *Anatevke*, from “Fiddler on the Roof,” this month’s Davar article is not about Tevye and Golde, just a *kol bo*/conglomeration of a variety of topics and Religious School updates.

Students, parents and community members participated in our own **ADL Walk Against Hate** on October 10. Students carried handmade signs with peace symbols, No Place For Hate, Shalom, Salaam, etc. We sang as we walked from the synagogue, crossed the Laurel Street Bridge to the Museum of Us in Balboa Park and back, as well as talked about the museum’s name change (from Museum of Man).



Walk Against Hate from Ohr Shalom to the Museum of Us

Honoring Veterans. The Religious School will honor our congregation’s veterans on **Sunday, November 7** during t’fillah. If you are a veteran, please contact Marcia Tatz Wollner, principal@ohrshalom.org. We want to thank you for your service.

Jewish Books. November is Jewish Book Month! Who knew that the concept originated in the 1920s?! (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_Book_Month). During November we plan to have books available for the taking – for you to add to or begin your own home Jewish Library.

Do you want your own set of the Encyclopedia Judaica? We have two full sets available. (I received mine as a college graduation gift from my parents!)

On Shabbat, books will be available in the social hall, and during Religious School we hope to bring some outside the security gate. Please remember to remain socially distant from each other as you peruse the books.

The Library in the Board Room is coming along. If you take out a book, please return it to the return circulation bin for reshelving.

Family Education. By the time you read this, some of our classes will have started to have their family education programs. We have reinstated the family education component into the curriculum in order to provide the opportunity for students and parents to learn together. Each grade will be doing this at separate times during the course of the school year.

Highlights. Students making and enjoying graham cracker sukkot, playing Hebrew Bingo and Israel Jewpardy with Evyatar (our shinshin), learning about *middot*, *Lashon haRah* [wounding with words (literally “Evil Speech”)], etc. Morah Lucy begins each class with students sharing their Rose (something good that happened to them during the week), Thorn (something not so good that may have happened) and Bud (something new that happened)

Students know that the month of Cheshvan does not have any Jewish holidays, and are awaiting the 25th of Kislev for the start of Chanukah.

LAUREL STREET BEAT

from Love Zubiller,
Religious School Committee Chair

If you could travel to Israel right now, what would you want to do or see there, and why?

Whitney S., Kita Gimel/Dalet: I would want to go to all the shops and see the town. I want to float in the Dead Sea. I would want to see how they live their lives. I would go to the bakery and eat Hamantaschen.



Abraham Z., Kita Vav: I would go to the Dead Sea and float. I would also see the giant icebergs of salt.



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**
email principal@ohrshalom.org
or click link in the weekly ekol
School is in session!



YOUTH GROUP

Emily Curtis
USY Youth Director



NOVEMBER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Friday-Sunday, November 12-14
Sr. USY (9-12 grade) kinnus

Wednesday, November 17, 5:30-7:00pm
Youth Lounge
\$5 Pizza will be served at Ohr shalom.

Wednesday, November 24
Events (TBA) for 3-12th graders

For information and reservations for these and future USY events, please contact USY Youth Director, Emily Curtis at usy@ohrshalom.org



COMMUNITY
JEWISH HIGH
SAN DIEGO

**Community Jewish
High San Diego**

Grades 8-12 Tuesday Evenings

Check out their website at:

<https://www.cjhdsd.org>

To register, or for more information, contact
Beth Klareich at (619) 697-6001 ext.108
or email her at beth.cjhdsd@gmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS FOR CHRISTIE'S PLACE



Please donate to the Social Action Fund to help us purchase 25 turkeys for this organization that serves women and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Please send your monetary donation for this cause to the Ohr Shalom office by **Friday, November 19**.

We are suggesting donations of \$25, but any amount is helpful!



Coordinator:
Brad Eisenberg

Care Bags for the Homeless

Please remember our homeless neighbors again this year. Make and keep care bags in your car, with items such as bottled water, hygiene products, granola bars, etc.



TAY ACADEMY

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 the Ohr Shalom office.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Allyson Darroch
Environmental Projects Chair

DOES WHAT I DO MATTER AKA THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT?

In chaos theory, the **butterfly effect** is the sensitive dependence on initial conditions in which a small change in one state of a deterministic nonlinear system can result in large differences in a later state. It is a term used outside the context of weather science as a broad term for any situation where a small change is supposed to be the cause of larger consequences.

Lets take bees for a start. Bees are "canaries in the coal mine," warning us of an imminent and frightening threat to our food. Here are some things you can do to help preserve the bee population:



- Plant flowers in your garden to attract bees. Some flowers are more attractive to bees than others. Flowers native to your area are better for local bees, easier to maintain and kinder to your water bill. Use organic starts or untreated seeds to provide good food and a safe haven for bees. Here's a link to find out how to attract beneficial pollinators like bees: <https://rcdsandiego.org/programs/pollinators/>
 - Use alternative pest control methods, like landscaping to attract beneficial insects, and eco-friendly pest-control products.
 - Read labels and steer clear of products containing neonicotinoids. If you ask your local garden center about it maybe it will get them thinking and acting... If you don't why should they care? Here's a link to a list of products to avoid: thebeeconservancy.org/panel-on-danger-of-pesticides-to-bees-blog/
 - Talk about it. Even if you don't have a garden or even if you have a black thumb you can spread the word and help.
- So.. The short answer is yes, even the smallest effort has an effect. Just give it a try. It couldn't hurt.



Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego (<https://www.hflsd.org>) is a new nonprofit created to aid and empower members of the San Diego Jewish community to help themselves by providing interest-free loans in accordance with core Jewish values of dignity, respect, compassion, and confidentiality. To support those who are facing financial challenges or realizing life dreams, they provide zero-interest loans at no cost to Jewish individuals or individuals that work in a Jewish communal organization in San Diego county. The loan programs range from loans for life cycle events, to personal needs loans, to small business loans.

To learn about HFLSD loan programs, go to <https://www.hflsd.org/loan-programs/>. For more information about the organization contact info@hflsd.org or call (858) 345-8018.

Hebrew Free Loan Minyan Minute
Wednesday, November 10 at 6:05pm on Zoom
Mindi Frankel, Executive Director of Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego will present the "Minyan Minute."



KITCHEN MAVEN

Marci Prag
Ohr Shalom Kitchen Maven

IT'S ALMOST CHANUKAH ALREADY?!

I can't believe it's Chanukah again. It feels too early this year. I thought I would put my version of sweet potato latkes out here for you to try. They happen to be gluten-free. You can go traditional with apple sauce or go fancy with some shredded brisket and BBQ sauce.



My recipe is from the *New Yiddish Kitchen* and can be baked or fried. I personally prefer baked because it's less mess in a condo kitchen. I hope you enjoy.

Sweet Potato Latkes

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Makes 4 servings

Avocado oil, schmaltz, or preferred cooking fat for frying

1 medium sweet potato, sliced with a spiral slicer and diced (or grated – see NOTE below)

1 medium sweet potato, cooked and mashed

½ onion, minced

2 eggs

½ cup (60g) tapioca starch

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon sea salt

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

Frying Method:

Preheat enough oil to cover the bottom of a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Combine all the remaining ingredients in a bowl and mix thoroughly until all ingredients are incorporated.

Once the oil is glistening (hot enough for frying), drop large spoonful into the oil and slightly flatten them with the back of a spoon.

Using a thin, flexible spatula, flip each latke over once the underneath side is nicely browned, about 4 minutes. Watch to make sure the oil isn't too hot or they can burn quickly. (Oil that is not hot enough will leave the latkes greasy.)

Once both sides are browned, remove the latkes from the oil and place them on a towel-lined plate. Repeat, frying in small batches.

NOTE: If you are using grated sweet potato, use a towel to press out moisture from the shreds.

Alternate Baking Method:

Drop large spoonful on baking tray lined with parchment paper that you have sprayed with your favorite oil. I prefer avocado oil spray. Bake at 400° F until they are brown. This takes about 10 to 15 minutes.

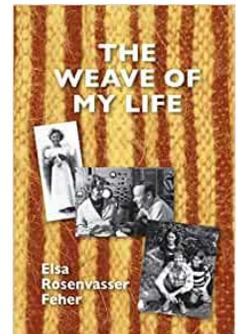
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Hector in the late 1940s. Abraham then pursued his deep interest in the history of the Middle East. Having taught high school history, he eventually became Professor of History at the Universities of La Plata and Buenos Aires.

In 1959, UNESCO appealed to the world to rescue Nubian artifacts in Sudan that were endangered by construction of the Aswan Dam. In reply, Abraham, with funding from Argentine sources and in concert with French experts, led three archaeological expeditions (1960 to 1963) to Sudan. From this effort, Argentina obtained many priceless items, now on permanent display at the Museum of Natural History of La Plata. In 1980, Abraham was elected to the prestigious 24-member Argentine Academy of Letters.

Abraham married Paulina Berlitzky, from another JCA family, in 1925. They had two children: Hector, the attorney, and **Elsa**.

Elsa's own story is of a preternaturally emancipated woman: a physicist, educator, pianist, exhibition designer and adventurer. Her early years in Argentina were all about art, learning and athletics. Having received a PhD in Physics from Columbia University (1964), Elsa joined her physicist husband, **George Feher z"l**, as he helped to establish the Department of Physics at UCSD. Later, Elsa started and directed innovative educational programs at SDSU and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.



Look into Elsa's fine book for more about her life, including her close identification with her native Argentina and her explorations of her beloved Patagonia. The *Weave of My Life* is available from Amazon.

COMMUNITY EVENT

THE ODD POTATO A Concert Musical for Hanukkah

November 20 & 21

Presented by JCompany Youth Theatre
David & Dorthea Garfield Theatre
Lawrence Family JCC

The tale of Rachel and Sammy's attempt to re-instill joy and laughter in their grieving father during Hanukkah using an "odd potato" and a little imagination. Fun for the entire family.

Jessica Lemoine plays Mrs. Rosenblum!

If you're interested in joining a group from Ohr Shalom on Sunday, November 21 at 5:00pm, please contact Jessica for discounted tickets to that performance: jessicasontag.lemoine@gmail.com or text her at: 860-416-2473.



ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

ISRAELI MEMORIALS HONOR THE FALLEN FROM NEAR AND AFAR

Remembrance is a cornerstone of Judaism. Israel demonstrates this tradition with many memorials to fallen soldiers throughout the country. For a relatively young country, the State of Israel has seen a heavy share of conflict. It is therefore not surprising that there are numerous military memorial sites across the nation. From the fight for independence in 1948 to the modern era of terrorism, there are many poignant and proud memorials to Israel's war dead. As we Americans ready to commemorate our Veterans Day, let us take a closer look at the different qualities in some of Israel's inspirational sites.

We start with **Mount Herzl National Military Cemetery**, which sits on the western outskirts of Jerusalem next to Yad Vashem. The location was established in 1948 when soldiers who were killed in the fight for Israel's independence were buried there. The site was dedicated soon after as the main burial ground for all fallen Israeli soldiers. It is significant that soldiers buried there lay side by side irrespective of rank or unit. In addition, Remembrance Hall was built at the entrance to the cemetery in 2017. It includes a brick path with the names of every one of the more than 23,000 soldiers killed since before the establishment of the State.

Another important historical memorial is **Ammunition Hill**, on the western slope of Mount Scopus, which was captured by Israeli paratroopers in one of the fiercest battles of the Six Day War in 1967. There 182 soldiers were lost in battle. Today Ammunition Hill has become a heritage, educational and commemoration site, marking the liberation and unification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War. Emotional ceremonies for paratrooper graduates are held here.

In addition, an extraordinary display was recently installed at Ammunition Hill. A Wall of Honor also commemorates Jewish men and women who served in various armies around the world. It features 265 plaques of Jewish soldiers, hailing from Russia, the US and Israel, each name telling a different piece of Jewish history.

Some memorials, like Mount Herzl, are quite famous and



TOP: "All Soldiers Go to Heaven" commemorating 21 soldiers killed in a suicide attack in 1995.



RIGHT: Memorial in Israel to remember the victims of 9/11.

visited by large numbers of people each year. However, it is not unusual in Israel to find memorials dedicated to one soldier or a small group. They can be visited throughout the country from north to south. For example, **Metzudat Koach** in the northern Galilee is the memorial to 28 Palmach fighters who died during Israel's War of Independence in 1948. Their valor saved hundreds of civilian lives and helped enable the State of Israel to be born. 28 trees were planted in their memory. An extraordinary memorial that received world-wide attention on social media is **All Soldiers Go To Heaven**. This monument commemorates 21 soldiers who were killed in a suicide attack in 1995. It is in Netanya next to an army base and a jail where terrorists are kept.

Lastly, a mention of a special a memorial established by JNF in Israel to remember all the victims of 9/11. Shaped in the form of a waving American flag transforming into a flame, it is the only memorial outside of the United States that lists all the names of the victims, including the five who were Israeli citizens. It states, as it is written at Yad Vashem, "unto every person there is a name." Remembering is something Israel teaches the world.

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We apologize for any omissions.

Condolences to:



Koba on the passing of their beloved mother **Hariette Hope Kay z"l**.

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

Mazal Tov to:

The **Golembesky** family on the Bat Mitzvah of **Sarah Golembesky**.

The **Glick** family on the Bat Mitzvah of **Lila Glick**

Todah Rabah

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

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Yahrzeits

Iris Anderson	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandmother	1-Nov/26 Cheshvan
*Harrison Robbins	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	1-Nov/26 Cheshvan
*Hattie Zisk	Remembered by Stan Heyman	1-Nov/26 Cheshvan
*Allen Blum	Stephen Blum's Father	2-Nov/27 Cheshvan
*Rebecca Bogan	Ana Galicot's Aunt.....	2-Nov/27 Cheshvan
Ron Berens	Zack Chayet's Uncle	3-Nov/28 Cheshvan
Aryeh Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Brother	4-Nov/29 Cheshvan
Edward Seligman	Elaine Shaw's Father	4-Nov/29 Cheshvan
*Joyce Heyman	Stan Heyman's Wife	5-Nov/1 Kislev
Richard Chandler	Mark Chandler's Father	6-Nov/2 Kislev
Annette Schottland	Debbie Pienknagura's Mother.....	7-Nov/3 Kislev
Jordan Ressler	Jeffrey and Vivien Ressler's Son.....	8-Nov/4 Kislev
*Abraham Tishman	Esther Tishman's Husband and Lilian Deicas and Rosa Ratniewski's Father	8-Nov/4 Kislev
Concepcion Zachs	Reina Shteremberg's Mother	8-Nov/4 Kislev
Miriam Zagursky	Enrique Zagursky's Mother.....	8-Nov/4 Kislev
Jorge Distel	Fanny Rosental's Father	9-Nov/5 Kislev
David Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandfather	10-Nov/6 Kislev
Lester Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Uncle.....	10-Nov/6 Kislev
Linda Scher	Laura Castillo's Mother.....	10-Nov/6 Kislev
*Bea Hyman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	11-Nov/7 Kislev
*Regina Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Mother	11-Nov/7 Kislev
*Abraham Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Uncle	12-Nov/8 Kislev
Haim Sack Goldstein	Fay Rozen's Father	12-Nov/8 Kislev
Martin Meltzer	Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather	13-Nov/9 Kislev
Abraham Benatar	Deborah Suissa's Uncle	14-Nov/10 Kislev
Max Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Brother	14-Nov/10 Kislev
George Feher	Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb's Father.....	14-Nov/10 Kislev
Leye Galek	Samuel Galek's Wife	14-Nov/10 Kislev
David Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Father.....	14-Nov/10 Kislev
Miriam Tauber	Susanne Lisker's Grandmother.....	14-Nov/10 Kislev
Eliezer Arazi	Remembered by Bertha Szmulowicz.....	15-Nov/11 Kislev
Dorothy Canter	Marilyn Shelden's Mother	15-Nov/11 Kislev
Noemi Finkelberg Pustilnik	Jorge Finkelberg's Sister	15-Nov/11 Kislev
Abraham Hochman	Sara Zands' Father	15-Nov/11 Kislev
Luisa Margolis	Mauricio Margolis' Grandmother.....	15-Nov/11 Kislev
Isadore Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather	15-Nov/11 Kislev
*Marcell Evan Scarlett	Yvonne Scarlett's Son	15-Nov/11 Kislev
Mary Bernstein	Ilene Galler's Mother	16-Nov/12 Kislev
Jose Cielak	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	17-Nov/13 Kislev
Frieda Goldstein	Frankie Sorrentino's Mother.....	17-Nov/13 Kislev
Lea Melden	Mark Melden's Mother	17-Nov/13 Kislev
Rafael Najmias	Sara Artenstein's Father	17-Nov/13 Kislev
Ethel Friedman	Remembered by The Shomans.....	18-Nov/14 Kislev
*Luisa Levy	Vicky Cohen's Mother	18-Nov/14 Kislev
*Hannah Shoman	Marty Shoman's Mother	19-Nov/15 Kislev
Jacov Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather.....	21-Nov/17 Kislev
Isabel Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro	21-Nov/17 Kislev
*Malech Kucinski	Danny Kucinski and Robert Kucinski's Father	21-Nov/17 Kislev
Paca Reznik	Remembered by Becky Reznik.....	21-Nov/17 Kislev
Rose Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt	21-Nov/17 Kislev
*Lev Angel	Aviva Angel's Son.....	22-Nov/18 Kislev
Harry Peltz	Jodie Graber's Grandfather.....	22-Nov/18 Kislev
*Pauline Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Mother and Remembered by Gertrude Cohen	23-Nov/19 Kislev
*David Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Father.....	23-Nov/19 Kislev
*Bertha Smith	Mark Smith's Mother	23-Nov/19 Kislev
*Marvin Smith	Mark Smith's Brother.....	23-Nov/19 Kislev
Sophie Gorad	Koba Kay's Grandmother	24-Nov/20 Kislev
Tinok Iden Hamilton	Rebecca Iden's Son	24-Nov/20 Kislev
Anson Levitan	Marilyn Levitan's Father	24-Nov/20 Kislev
Fannie Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt	24-Nov/20 Kislev
Bella Green	Remembered by Elizabeth Green	26-Nov/22 Kislev
*Benjamin Kalinka	Brenda Bielas' Father.....	26-Nov/22 Kislev
Nathan Gordon	Denisse and Andrew Gordon's Son	27-Nov/23 Kislev
*Minnie Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Mother.....	28-Nov/24 Kislev
Joseph Reitsky	Marilyn Shelden's Grandfather	29-Nov/25 Kislev

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2021

Cheshvan/Kislev 5782

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CHANGE CLOCKS</p>	<p>1 26 Cheshvan 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>2 27 Cheshvan 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>3 28 Cheshvan 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>4 29 Cheshvan 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:30pm - Jewish Art, Part II with Elisheva</p>	<p>5 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Kislev 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:35pm</p>	<p>6 2 Kislev Parshat Toldot 9:30am - Shabbat Service 6:35pm</p>
<p>7 3 Kislev Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn Clocks back 1 hour 9:00am - Blood Drive 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>8 4 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>9 5 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>10 6 Kislev 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>11 7 Kislev 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 8 Kislev 1:00pm - Slow-Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 4:31pm</p>	<p>13 9 Kislev Parshat Vayetzei 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:30pm</p>
<p>14 10 Kislev 9:30am - Religious School 9:30am - Chanukah Sale 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>15 11 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>16 12 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>17 13 Kislev 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>18 14 Kislev 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:30pm - Jewish Art, Part II with Elisheva</p>	<p>19 15 Kislev 1:00pm - Slow-Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:27pm</p>	<p>20 16 Kislev Parshat Vayishlach 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 5:27pm</p>
<p>21 17 Kislev No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>22 18 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>23 19 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>24 20 Kislev 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>25 21 Kislev Thanksgiving Day Office Closed No Religious School No Minyan</p>	<p>26 22 Kislev No Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:25pm</p>	<p>27 23 Kislev Parshat Vayeshev 9:30am - Shabbat Service Afternoon Bat Mitzvah: Eden Carnot 5:25pm</p>
<p>28 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>29 25 Kislev Chanukah Day 1 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>30 26 Kislev Chanukah Day 2 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>1 27 Kislev Chanukah Day 3 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>2 28 Kislev Chanukah Day 4 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Art in Our Homes</p>	<p>3 29 Kislev Chanukah Day 5 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 4:24pm</p>	<p>4 30 Kislev Parshat Mikeitz Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah Day 6 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:24pm</p>
<p>5 1 Tevet Chanukah Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah Extravaganza 9:30am - Religious School 12-2:00pm Ice Cream Truck 5:00pm - Zoom Chanukiah lighting, singing and surprises 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>6 2 Tevet Chanukah Day 8 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>7 3 Tevet 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>8 4 Tevet 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>9 5 Tevet 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Art in Our Homes</p>	<p>10 6 Tevet 1:00pm - Slow-Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:25pm</p>	<p>11 7 Tevet Parshat Vayigash Bat Mitzvah: Yael Meltzer 9:00am - Shabbat Service ZOOM ONLY 5:25pm</p>