

**NEW CLASSES
BEGINNING IN
JANUARY**

**Synagogue Skills
- Hallel and Torah
Cantillation
with Sue Brown**

Starting January 9

**An Invitation
to Discover the
Beginning Again
with Ruth Levy**

Thursdays, January 20 & 27
February 3-24 at 7:00pm

See page 5 for more info.

Sunday, January 23

Book Talk 9:30am

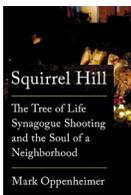
with Author
Mark Oppenheimer

before Readings
with the Rabbi

Sunday, January 23,

**Readings with
the Rabbi 10:30am**
**Squirrel Hill: The
Tree of Life
Synagogue Shooting
and the Soul of a
Neighborhood**

by Mark Oppenheimer



See page 4 for more info.

**Ohr Shalom Virtual
Programming**

Ohr Shalom Zoom Room

Zoom link for Shabbat services
and most adult programs is [https://
us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072)
(Passcode: myshul)

Here is the information to join by phone:

Phone number:

1 669 900 9128 | Meeting ID: 831 0750
1072 | Passcode: 632432

**If you don't feel well -
PLEASE STAY HOME
& ZOOM IN!**

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.**



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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“JUST AS MY ANCESTORS PLANTED TREES FOR ME, SO TOO I AM PLANTING FOR MY ANCESTORS”

(BABYLONIAN TALMUD, TAANIT 23A).

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

This famous story of Honi the Circle-Drawer's encounter with the man who is planting a tree that will not bear fruit until long after he has died has become a classic encounter and quotation among many who are concerned about the ecology and well-being of our planet – and our very bleak future. The story is supposed to reflect our tradition, and commitment, to worry about the well-being of future generations. It is a lovely lesson and message.

It is not a story that I am comfortable sharing anymore. Essentially, it is a story that makes us feel good, and that teaches us that if we somehow are committed to planting trees, then the future for our children and grandchildren will be assured. I think we have missed our moment when those were the right messages – if that moment ever existed.

Even if we were actively engaged in aggressive, radical, tree planting, no number of carob saplings are going to save us from the ecological disaster that is our future. We are already confronting radical climate change – most notably experienced in the change in our weather patterns and the increase in major storms of all kinds across our planet.

In Genesis 2 when God places Adam in the garden, it is to be the servant of the garden and to protect it (Gen 2:15) – two tasks at which we have failed miserably. We have the warning presented to us in the midrash about exactly this moment in Kohelet Rabbah 7:13. God warns Adam: “Look at My works, how beautiful and praiseworthy they are! And all that I have created, it was for you that I created it. Pay attention that you do not corrupt and

destroy My world: if you corrupt it, there is no one to repair it after you.”

I am truly humbled that in our literary past, an unnamed author understood humanity's responsibility vis-à-vis the created world, and the consequences of our not living up to that obligation. And now we are living the consequences of exactly that failure.

Caring for this planet has been a Jewish value since long before deforestation, burning carbon fuels and other contemporary transgressions against this value. We are now in a moment in history that we need to make an unprecedented commitment to care for this planet, because, in the words of the midrash: “if you corrupt it, there is no one to repair it after you.”

I look at the pile of trash and recycling that we generate nearly every day: the remains of take-out bags and containers, all the coffee shop take-out cups, piles of napkins, seemingly unlimited questionable car trips, daily meat consumption and so much more.

We need to change. We need to be the ones who will turn the tide of climate change, to return the tide to the limits that were set before we started all of our destructive consumption.

Would you like to learn more about a Jewish response to climate change and commitment to protect our world? My friend Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, who was our scholar-in-residence at Ohr Shalom a few years ago, is the founder and CEO of “Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action.” Look at their website, learn about our tradition and what actions can make a difference, and join me in fulfilling our tradition – biblical, rabbinic and contemporary. (www.dayenu.org/)



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Mendelsohn
President

BERNSTEIN IN BEERSHEBA

Unlike some Jewish immigrants to the U.S. in the early 1900's, Samuel Bernstein, from Ukraine, did not abandon his religion. His father Yehuda was a rabbi from a long Orthodox line, and Sam, settling in Boston in 1908, found a way to be Jewish on his own terms. He joined Congregation Mishkan Tefila, the first Conservative congregation in New England. Befriending its rabbi, Herman Rubenowitz, Sam launched a life-long study of Talmud.

Jennie Bernstein's background had not been so religious, and issues of assimilation complicated her marriage to Sam. They disagreed, in particular, over the education of their son, **Leonard**, an almost freakishly brilliant, musical, and beautiful child. When Leonard, the first of three, was born on August 25, 1918, Sam was building a successful career selling women's hair products. Sam imagined another rabbi in the family, but Jennie wanted a son who would succeed in secular America. From age 8, Leonard attended Hebrew School at Mishkan Tefila, and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah there. The issue of Leonard's future was resolved when, at age 12, he was admitted to the notoriously rigorous Boston Latin School, "the poor boy's Exeter," graduating from there in 1935 at the top of his class. Leonard then attended Harvard, followed by three years at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

"Meteoric" aptly describes Leonard Bernstein's rise in the universe of American music. Every musical influencer he met, from composer Aaron Copland to conductors Dimitri Mitropeoulos, Fritz Reiner and Serge Koussevitzky, recognized his genius. Plagued by asthma and emphysema, Bernstein had been rejected for military service in World War II, and so his career was able to blossom in those years. Famously, on November 14, 1943, at age 25, Bernstein filled in triumphantly for an ailing Bruno Walter as conductor of a Boston Symphony concert that was broadcast coast-to-coast over CBS radio. Instantly, he was in demand for guest appearances with great orchestras. Koussevitzky suggested that the international music scene was



Leonard Bernstein with his parents, Jennie and Samuel Bernstein, circa 1921.

not ready for a Jewish conductor. When he urged that Bernstein change his last name to "Burns," Leonard replied "I'll do it as Bernstein or not at all." During 1945, Bernstein conducted 14 different American orchestras, and from 1946 to 1948 he was conductor of the short-lived New York City Symphony.

In January 1944, Bernstein premiered, with the Pittsburgh Symphony, his own First Symphony, "Jeremiah." Drawing from *Lamentations*, it includes a vocal movement sung by a soprano in Hebrew.

During and following World War II, Bernstein was an active advocate for a Jewish State. In April 1947, he gladly accepted an invitation to conduct nine concerts with the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. Founded in 1936 by violinist Bronislaw Huberman, the orchestra's musicians were among Europe's finest, recruited to save their lives as the Nazis threatened. In 1948, when Israel became a state, Bernstein was appointed "musical advisor" to the newly named Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO).

In May 1948, Bernstein toured Europe, stopping near Munich at two displaced persons camps to conduct concerts with an orchestra of 20 superior Jewish musicians who were survivors of Dachau.

When he arrived in Israel in September 1948 for a two-month tour with the

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davar@ohrshalom.org

Deadline:

- January 5 for February issue
- February 5 for March issue

OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!

Come join us on at 7:00pm on ZOOM.

Monday, January 3
Monday, January 10
Off MLK Birthday
Monday, January 24
Monday, January 31



OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

in person and on ZOOM [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

Friday	December 31	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 1	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	January 7	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	January 8	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Afternoon Bar Mitzvah: Ian Brogan			
Friday	January 14	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 15	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	January 21	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 22	9:00am	Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: Milo Wolpoff			
Friday	January 28	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 29	9:00am	Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah: Zohara Angel			

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING January 2022

PARSHAT VAERA

Fri: December 31 | 27 Shevat 4:35pm
 Sat: January 1 | 28 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 6:2-9:35
 Haft: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

PARSHAT BO

Fri: January 7 | 5 Shevat 4:40pm
 Sat: January 8 | 6 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 10:1-13:16
 Haft: Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

PARSHAT BESHALACH

Fri: January 14 | 12 Shevat 4:46pm
 Sat: January 15 | 13 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 13:17-17:16
 Haft: Judges 4:4 - 5:31

PARSHAT YITRO

Fri: January 21 | 19 Shevat 4:53pm
 Sat: January 22 | 20 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 18:1-20:23
 Haft: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 9:6

PARSHAT MISHPATIM

Fri: January 28 | 26 Shevat 4:59pm
 Sat: January 29 | 27 Shevat
 Torah: Exodus 21:1-24:18
 Haft: Jeremiah 34:8 - 34:22; 33:25 - 33:26



KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE "ASK THE RABBI"

Friday, January 7 at 6:15pm

Your opportunity to ask the questions you have always wanted to. In our sanctuary and the Ohr Shalom ZOOM room.



TOT SHABBAT WITH JENNIFER MELTZER

Saturday, January 8, 10:30 am

at Ohr Shalom in the Courtyard & ZOOM

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

ARE YOU SAVING THE DATE?

16th Annual Lights of Ohr Shalom

Sunday evening, March 20, 2022

at the San Diego Zoo's Zoofari Party Space

Celebrating the 50th birthday of honoree

Jessica Lemoine

Long-time Ohr Shalom Youth Programs Committee Chair

Your ticket will include admission to the Zoo at 4pm plus dinner and all the excitement of the event!

Watch your email for the invitation.

TWO-YEAR MILESTONE FOR OHR SHALOM'S DAF YOMI GROUP

On January 5, 2022, the Daf Yomi group at Ohr Shalom will complete its second year of daily Talmud study. Members read, on their own, a “page” of Talmud every day. The group meets, on Zoom, every Wednesday from 10:00am to noon, to discuss the past week’s reading. The Wednesday discussions are lively, revisiting and rereading interesting passages and sharing insights.

During its second year of study, the Ohr Shalom Daf Yomi group completed tractate *Pesachim*, and then went on through *Shekalim*, *Yoma*, *Sukka*, *Beitzta*, *Rosh Hashanah* and *Ta’anit*. Now it is partway through *Megilla*.

Current group members are Rabbi Meltzer, Ruth Levy, Jeanne Argoff, Koba, Jonathan Geiger, Melissa Caldwell Collins and Lynn Mendelsohn.

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

The Daf Yomi group invites everyone to visit its discussion on any Wednesday morning by following the Zoom link that is published in Gillian’s Daily Updates. In these hi-tech times, Daf Yomi can be pursued in dozens of ways, in Hebrew and/or in English, from listening to 5-minute podcasts to reading Talmud from the text. Because the Talmud actually doesn’t have a beginning or an end, a person can jump into Daf Yomi at any point.

Those interested in learning more about the experience of reading Daf Yomi might consult one of these books: *Come and Hear – What I Saw in My Seven-And-A-Half Year Journey Through the Talmud*, by Adam Kirsch, or *If All the Seas Were Ink*, by Ilana Kurshan.

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

Mazal Tov to our Daf Yomi group. Only 5½ more years to go!



CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

Ohr Shalom Zoom Room

Daf Yomi • Wednesdays, 10:00am

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

Slow Read Book Club

NEW TIME

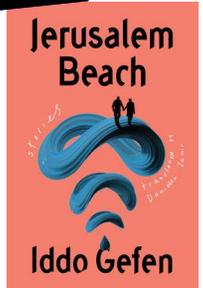
Friday, January 14 at 11:00am
• In-depth chapter discussions

Jerusalem Beach: Stories
by Iddo Gefen

(from Amazon.com) At once compassionate, philosophical, and humorous, *Jerusalem Beach* is a foray into the human condition in all its contradictions. Through a series of snapshots of contemporary life in Israel, Gefen reveals a world that’s a step from the familiar.

A man’s grandfather joins an army platoon of geriatrics looking for purpose in old age. A scheming tech start-up exposes the dire consequences of ambition in trying to share human memories. An elderly couple searches for a beach that doesn’t exist. And, a boy mourns his brother’s death in an attempt to catch time like flies in his fist.

Entirely heartfelt and infused with pathos, *Jerusalem Beach* is an exploration of both technology and the brain. Whether ruminating on the stakes of familial love or pitching the reader headlong into the absurdity of success and failure, Gefen leaves the reader intrigued throughout.



Sunday, January 23

Book Talk

9:30am

with Author Mark Oppenheimer
in the Ohr Shalom ZOOM Room *before*
Readings with the Rabbi

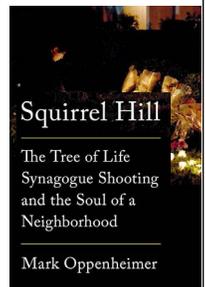


Readings with the Rabbi

10:30am

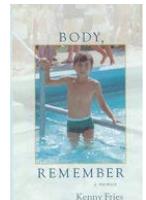
Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood
by Mark Oppenheimer

These stories provide a kaleidoscopic and nuanced account of collective grief, love, support, and revival. Oppenheimer also details the difficult dialogue and messy confrontations that Squirrel Hill had to face in the process of healing, and that are a necessary part of true growth and understanding in any community. He has reverently captured the vibrancy and caring that still characterize Squirrel Hill, and it is this phenomenal resilience that can provide inspiration to any place burdened with discrimination and hate.



Readings with the Rabbi
Sunday, February 13, 10:30am

“Body, Remember: A Memoir”
by Kenny Fries



SAVE THE DATES

TOT SHABBAT WITH JENNIFER MELTZER

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

2022 Dates*: January 8 • February 26 • March 19 • April 9 • May 14

*Dates subject to change

NEW CLASSES

Synagogue Skills Courses

with **Sue Brown**

**8 Sundays
starting January 9**

Sue will contact with Zoom Room



**Reciting Hallel
11:00-11:45am**

Learn how to recite the *Hallel* [Psalms 113-118] at synagogue services. These six powerful prayers of joy and gratitude are chanted on festive occasions. Students with basic Hebrew decoding skills are welcome. We will read and discuss the English texts, and practice reading and singing the Hebrew. Students will receive a recording for home practice. Cost of class: **\$100**.

**Introduction to Torah Cantillation
10:30-11:00am**

For beginning students with basic reading knowledge of Hebrew. **- OR -**

**Intermediate Torah Cantillation
11:45am-12:15pm**

For continuing students in Sue's Hebrew class (or for new students with intermediate Hebrew capability).

Students will receive individual assistance preparing their chosen Torah text for leying on Shabbat morning.

Cost of either Cantillation class: **\$50**.

Register for class by calling the office and paying the fee. Also please email Sue Brown, instructor, with any questions [shalomsue3@gmail.com].



Meditation with Alex van Frank

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:30pm

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

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



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

Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843

FREE Books to a Good Home!

Set of 23 volumes
of the Zohar in Hebrew.

To add these to your Jewish home library, please contact principal@ohrshalom.org.



ART IN OUR HOMES

with Marvin Yudkovitz and Lynn Mendelsohn

American & MEXICAN ARTISTS

Thursday, January 6, 7:00pm



Ohr Shalom Artists

Thursday, January 13, 7:00pm



Marvin Yudkovitz
mayudkovitz@gmail.com
Lynn Mendelsohn
mendelynn0511@gmail.com
(When requested, names of owners will be kept private.)

NEW CLASS

An Invitation to Discover the Beginning ... Again

with **Ruth Levy**



Thursdays, January 20 & 27,
February 3-24 at 7:00pm

in the *Ohr Shalom Zoom Room*

Most of us know *B'reshit*, right? No matter how familiar we are with *TaNakh*, we always find something new. Join me as we take another look at the stories and non-stories in **the first 11 chapters of B'reshit** to uncover hidden treasures.

We will read and listen to biblical texts as they converse with and echo each other. Roaming the *TaNakh* and checking later Jewish writings will help us figure out some answers to fundamental questions posed by the texts of the early chapters of *B'reshit*.

If you are planning to participate in this class, please contact Ruti at ruth77@gmail.com so she can send source materials to you for the first class. No previous Torah study or facility in Hebrew is necessary.

*Ruth Levy is a veteran Jewish educator who retired from Israel to San Diego when her children, who both live in Southern California, made her a Savta. Ruth had spent over four decades teaching and training teachers in formal and informal settings in Israel and the US, with audiences from preschool to adult learners. Specializing in *TaNakh* and other Jewish texts, she has shared her love with generations of students, and continues to inspire her community to enjoy and explore the tradition in innovative and meaningful ways.*



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Marcia Tatz Wollner
Religious School Principal



TU B'SHEVAT HIGIYAH – TU B'SHEVAT IS ARRIVING (MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022)

Tu B'Shevat is one of my favorite Jewish holidays. Granted, I may say that for all of them. In particular, I enjoy the tradition of having a Tu B'Shevat seder, something our Religious School students will partake in on Thursday, January 13.

If you are planning your own home seder:

Be sure to have fruits and nuts of different varieties:

- A fruit with an inedible peel or shell; e.g., almond, pomegranate, orange
- A fruit with an inedible pit; e.g., date, olive, peach
- A fruit that is edible both inside and out; e.g., fig, strawberry

It is also customary to have 4 cups of wine/grape juice representing the change of seasons and a relationship to the seasonal changes in Israel:

- White – winter (renewal of the trees)
- Pink – (add some red in the white) – spring (renewal in Israel)
- Light Red – summer (extension of spring, time for planting)
- Dark Red – fall (harvest time)

As it says in Genesis 1:29: “God said, ‘See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; they shall be yours for food.’”

When I grew up, Tu B'Shevat was only referred to as the Jewish New Year of the trees, as noted in Mishnah Rosh Hashanah 1:1 (https://www.sefaria.org/Mishnah_Rosh_Hashanah.1.1?lang=bi)

Today, Tu B'Shevat is seen as an observance of a Jewish Earth Day. *The 2020 Hazon Tu B'Shevat Haggadah* delves into topics such as deforestation, reforestation, microgreen planting, laws of shmita (sabbatical year), etc.

I have samples of many different Tu B'Shevat haggadot. If you'd like to see any, please contact me at principal@ohrshalom.org.

As a post-Tu B'Shevat field trip, our students will be going to Coastal Roots farm (<https://coastalrootsfarm.org>) and will participate in a hands-on session about Judaism and the environment.

Since the December Davar was published, our students entertained residents at St. Paul's Senior Living during Chanukah, and Evyatar, our *shinshin*, told the students about celebrating Chanukah in Israel.

Recently, our Zayin class held their second and final parent participatory Moving Traditions. B-Mitzvah family education session and students in the Vav and Zayin class, respectively, held an in-class session with Morah Tallulah.

LAUREL STREET BEAT

from Love Zubiller,
Religious School Committee Chair

Tu B'Shevat is a holiday that celebrates the birthday of trees. Nowadays this holiday reminds us to be responsible for our Earth and environment. How can we celebrate nature and raise awareness for our planet this year?

Leo C (Kita Gan/Alef/Bet): We can clean up any pollution we find. We can also plant trees so that there is more nature on Earth.



India Z (Kita Hey): We should be responsible consumers and buy only things that we really need. We should also choose products that are re-usable or made from recycled materials.



Religious School students singing to the seniors at St. Paul's for Chanukah with Morah Tallulah playing guitar.



YOUTH GROUP

Emily Curtis
USY Youth Director



JANUARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

KADIMA/CHAVERIM DAY see ad ----->
Sunday, January 9, 1:00-4:00pm (3rd-6th grades)

REGIONAL SR. USY KINNUS
Friday-Sunday, January 21-23 (9th-12th grades)

Join USY chapters from across Southern California, Nevada and Arizona for a weekend of fun, education and socializing at the Far West USY Fairytale-campment at Camp Ramah in Ojai.

All 9-12th graders are invited. Transportation will be provided. Registration cost: \$350* (Early bird registration until 1/7), \$400* after that. Register at:

www.regpack.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100907905

You must be fully vaccinated (2 weeks or more since getting your second COVID-19 vaccine shot). All participants are required to have a PCR test done within 72 hours of the weekend. Email this information to Darren Klein (dklein@uscj.org) or bring your results to the Kinnus.

*For financial assistance, please reach out to Gillian at office@ohrshalom.org.

JR./SR. USY EVENT
Sunday, January 30 (time TBD) (6th-12th grades)

KADIMA DAY

3RD - 6TH GRADERS

LOCATION: BETH EL
8660 GILMAN DRIVE, LA JOLLA 92037

JANUARY 9 | 1:00-4:00PM

\$20 PAID TO YOUR YOUTH DIRECTOR
LUNCH INCLUDED

LASER TAG | SA/TO "NAILED IT"

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CONTINUED

Thank You for Your Old Crayons

THE GREAT CRAYON CLEANOUT

Your old crayons will be recycled and donated to children in hospitals. Ohr Shalom Synagogue collected over 18 pounds of crayons!!!

For more information about this special program visit: thecrayoninitiative.org

Dedicate A Lev Shalem Prayer Book

In Honor of...
In Memory of...

Your gift will honor a loved one and support the synagogue. A bookplate with your dedication will be placed inside a Siddur.

Cost Per Bookplate: \$90

TA'AM TORAH
A TASTE OF TORAH
WITH JENNIFER MELTZER

A new initiative that will be introduced in the Religious School is **Ta'Am Torah – A Taste of Torah**. Once a month during the second semester, we will offer a program for 4-year-old children. This program, facilitated by Jennifer Meltzer, will provide our community's 4-year-olds with a taste of/ introduction to what Religious School will be like in the 5783 school year. Through music, movement, holiday celebrations, art, stories and more, their love of learning and being a part of the synagogue community will be nourished.

For more information contact
Marcia Tatz Wollner at principal@ohrshalom.org.

Sundays 10:30-11:30am:
January 9 • February 13 • March 13
April 3 • May 15

Cost:
\$50: 5 session package • \$15: Individual session

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.



Leonard Bernstein performing with the Israel Philharmonic in biblical Beersheba for the Armed Forces, November 20, 1948.

IPO, the War of Independence still was at full throttle, such that concerts often were held within earshot of artillery fire. At Rehovot, Bernstein's performance of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto was interrupted by an air-raid warning. After the concert, he quipped "I never played such an *Adagio*. I thought it was my swan song."

Bernstein's IPO concert on November 20th, at Beersheba, has become legendary. The Egyptians had surrendered the Negev town only weeks earlier, but it remained under dispute, and on November 19th the UN had issued a demand that Israel withdraw. Due to the extreme danger, Bernstein asked the IPO for volunteers, and he and 35 musicians traveled to Beersheba in an armored bus. The outdoor concert venue was makeshift, a bowl between the ancient walls and heaped mounds of an archaeological dig. The audience, composed of soldiers and townspeople, was estimated at 3,000. Nearly all were standing. Ambulances brought wounded men from nearby field hospitals. The scene according to the *Palestine Post*:

The air is dense with unexpressed excitement... Cheers greet the arrival of the Israel Symphony Orchestra. The cheers are renewed when the young conductor, Leonard Bernstein, is escorted to an improvised conductor's stand by the military commander... The conductor raises his arms. The first thousand dust-stained figures rise to their feet as the strains of the national anthem, *Hatikvah*, pour forth in rich symphonic chord.

Bernstein never wavered in his devotion to Israel, serving as the IPO's Conductor Laureate and traveling there to conduct the orchestra during 25 seasons over 40 years.

OHR SHALOM TREE OF LIFE

(Synagogue Lobby)

Purchase a Leaf, a Rock, or a Branch, with your own personalized inscription. Celebrate a special moment in your life! Leaves are available for purchase.

Call the office for more information.

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or (619) 231-1456

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



3rd Annual SAN DIEGO MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Mazal Tov to Yale Strom

violinist, composer, filmmaker,
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playwright
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The House of Israel has stood in Balboa Park since 1948, bringing Israel's story to thousands of visitors from around the world. No other Israel advocacy organization gets out into the community the way we do. We believe there is a huge value in what we do.

The City of San Diego requires us to be open every Saturday and Sunday, and if we aren't, we could face fines and penalties, and even lose our House. This would be a terrible loss at a time when Israel is under attack and antisemitism is rising around the world. We MUST not let it happen!

We need people to volunteer, to put together our annual events, to serve on the Board and to keep the House of Israel alive and thriving. Whether you want to greet visitors, answer questions, serve our delicious bourekas, help with major events such as Yom ha-Atzmaut and January Nights, or serve behind the scenes on our Board of Directors or various committees, we need YOU!

Call Ruth Mastron at 760-644-0335 or email her at ruth.mastron@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb
Ritual Chair



Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month

JDAIM 2022 at Ohr Shalom

At Ohr Shalom, we are committed to inclusion in all aspects of ritual and communal life in every nook and cranny of the congregation. Next month marks the 4th JDAIM Ohr Shalom will be programming. **Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month** is a nationwide effort to raise disability awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion in Jewish communities. As many of you know, the effort began in 2009 as Jewish Disability Awareness Month (JDAM). A few years later, it became JDAIM with the addition of the word "inclusion." Recently, although the acronym remains the same, the word "acceptance" has been added.

JDAIM Events

This year our line up is focused on the creative arts. **Kenny Fries**, an internationally recognized Jewish, disabled, and gay writer, will join us on February 27 via zoom from Berlin. He is currently writing a book on Aktion T4, the Nazi program that mass-murdered people with disabilities and will speak to us about the intersectionality of the three major aspects of his identity and how that intersects with his Holocaust research. His book *Body, Remember: A Memoir* is February's book for *Readings with the Rabbi* on February 13. *Co-Sponsored by Kol Ami Congregation, Adas Israel Congregation*



On March 6, **Ellen Gould**, a two-time Emmy-winning writer and actor, will perform a preview of her newest project, *Seeing Stars*. *Seeing Stars* is a solo musical about five women who have Stargardts (juvenile macular degeneration), which Gould herself is affected by. She will be performing for us via Zoom from New York City.



Becoming Helen Keller, the newest PBS American Masters production, is a film that recounts lesser-known details of Keller's life and underscores her deep commitment to advocacy for social justice, particularly for women, people with disabilities, and people living in poverty. Ohr Shalom, along with SDSU's department of philosophy, will host a virtual screening of the film (date TBD), followed by a discussion led by disability media experts and scholars. *Co-Sponsored by SDSU and Lights, Camera, Access!*



In addition to all that, our own **Susanne Lisker** will write the drash for the Shabbat morning service on Saturday, February 12.

Minyan Minute on Monday and Thursdays during February will be specific to themes around disability inclusion and awareness. If you would like to share a story, reading, or personal experience, please contact the front office.

We continue to work with a number of local organizations in order to make JDAIM an ever more vibrant program. Please let us know of any organizations that would be interested in partnering with us.

All JDAIM events are open to all, so please invite anyone you think might be interested.

Many thanks to **Jeanne Argoff, Gillian Argoff-Treseder, Lynn Mendelsohn, Rachel Millstone, Jennifer Meltzer, and Jessica Lemoine** for making this exciting programming a reality!

Audio Devices for the Sanctuary

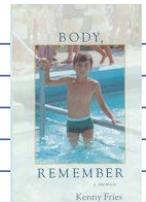
We have purchased **audio devices for the Sanctuary** for use during services, and they will be available as soon as possible. *Inclusion is not limited to Februarys!*



JDAIM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 2022

All events on Zoom: (ID: 831 0750 1072, Passcode: myshul)

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, February 12	9:30am	Shabbat Drash Written by Susanne Lisker
Sunday, February 13	10:30am	Readings with the Rabbi <i>Body, Remember: A Memoir</i> by Kenny Fries
Thursday, February 24	5:30pm	JCC Event - <i>Singing in The Dark</i> with Charlie Kramer - my.lfjcc.org/11654/11655
Sunday, February 27	10:30am	Kenny Fries - <i>Stumbling Over History: Disability and the Holocaust</i>
Sunday, March 6	10:30am	Ellen Gould - Preview of her solo musical, <i>Seeing Stars</i>
TBD -		Movie Night with Expert Panel Discussion to follow: <i>Becoming Helen Keller</i>
Minyan Minute Throughout February- Monday & Thursday		ASL Interpreters for all Ohr Shalom event except Minyan Minute.



Ohr Shalom has taken the lead in JDAIM programming in San Diego for the past three years and has always welcomed community partners. To join us as a sponsor for one or all of these programs please contact Gillian Argoff-Treseder at office@ohrshalom.org, (619) 231-1456.



Scan for more information about **JDAIM**

SOCIAL ACTION

Todah Rabah

for your donations




14th Annual Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



Monday, January 17, 2022, 9:00am to approx. 11:30am, Balboa Park

This remarkable event brings people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds together for a wonderful morning of hands-on community service, fun and fellowship. Families are encouraged to participate together on this day of community-work, suitable for all ages. No pets please. "Make it a day on, not a day off."

Meet in the Parking Lot at 2516 Pershing Dr. at the South end of Morley Field, near the Velodrome.

9:00am - Registration
 9:15am - Opening Ceremony
 9:30am - Park Clean-up (wear long-sleeved tops, pants and closed-toe shoes)
 11:30am - Healthy Snacks & Water provided. Bring your lunch and enjoy great entertainment afterwards.

Register online: <http://bttr.im/k6th8>.

Ongoing Food Drive for JFS

Drive-thru distribution and home-delivered meals programs are counting on your support to meet the urgent needs of our community. Please remember to bring non-perishable foods to donate whenever you come to Ohr Shalom. Big blue bins are in the lobby.

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



Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest on Zoom

January 10 to 14



To celebrate Tu B'Shevat, which will occur on January 17th, a confederation of Jewish organizations, including Hazon and the Jewish Federations of North America, has organized the **Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest**, a set of free lectures and discussions on Zoom. The goal of the Fest is to motivate individual Jews and Jewish organizations nationwide to become "part of a proactive solution to climate change."

Topics to be addressed include:

- Translating policy into action
- Lowering the climate impact of organizational operations
- Engaging young people in climate action

Speakers for the series include Jakir Manela, CEO of Hazon and the Pearlstein Environmental Center in Maryland; climate activist Phil Aroneanu; and Rabbi Isaiah Rothstein, an Orthodox rabbi who advocates for racial justice and environmental responsibility.

Register for the Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest at <https://www.jewishclimatefest.org>

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.

Please re-register your Ralphs Membership Rewards and you will be donating to Ohr Shalom each time you use your Ralphs Card.



Even if you have already registered in the past, you will need to re-register for the new term online or by using the scanbar letter at the register.

Please, register online by going to the website: www.ralphs.com. You will need our NPO #80745.



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Marvin Yudkovitz
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED:

- How can I become more connected to other members of my synagogue?
- How can I help other members of Ohr Shalom in their time of need?
- Is there just one action I can take that will make someone else feel good?

Well, we can help you answer those questions and, in the process, build an even more caring and supportive Congregation than we already have!

Often there is a Meal Train for a member who is ill, incapacitated, or experiencing the loss of a family member. And several of our housebound or very elderly members welcome a regular phone call to see how they are doing. Or, a quick contact to someone who is ill (with a note or some sweets) can go a long way to making both you and them feel just a little better.

If you would like to become involved in the Chesed/Community Caring Program, please contact me at 240-506-3042 or chesed@ohrshalom.org, sign up for a Meal Train, or just reach out to another Ohr Shalom congregant.

And, if you or someone you know can benefit from our Chesed Program, please let me or Gillian know.



Mindi Frankel, Executive Director
Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego

“When we help each other, we are united through our acts of kindness.”

The Jewish nation is instructed to behave as a cohesive unit, each of us concerned for the other. In *Parshat Mishpatim*, which describes many laws of behavior toward others, we are taught about the mitzvah of helping our fellow Jews by lending money without charging interest; “If you lend money to your fellow, do not act like a creditor; do not exact interest from him” [Exodus 22:25]. We are also told that “there will never cease to be needy ones on earth” [Deuteronomy 15:11], who are entitled to dignity and respect, and we are commanded to assist them. Maimonides indicated that “A loan is better than charity for it enables one to help oneself with dignity.” The highest form of tzedakah is to help a person help himself or herself.

Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego is based on, and inspired by, this biblical mandate. Hebrew Free Loan helps members of our local Jewish community become, and remain, self-sufficient through interest-free loans that meet a wide variety of personal needs (see www.hflsd.org). Join HFLSD in empowering local Jewish households and making an essential difference in the lives of families and individuals they assist.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mandelbaum Family Lecture Series

**Dr. Lawrence Baron, Professor Emeritus,
Department of Jewish Studies, SDSU**

Wednesday, January 19 at 10:30am

The Irish-Jewish Couple in American Feature Films

**Dr. Susanne Hillman, UCSD Holocaust Living
History Workshop Program Coordinator**

Wednesday, February 23 at 10:30am

**Manchurian Refuge: German-Jewish Exiles in
Japanese-Occupied Harbin**

In-person at the Coronado Public Library
640 Orange Ave. and on Zoom

Free. More information at lfjcc.org/learning.



Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices

Monday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:30pm Virtual

This program will include 3 brilliant poets, followed by an open mic. Poets featured include: Carla Berg, Brazilian-born Singer-Songwriter, early childhood educator; Dr. Martin Bobrowsky, Cardiologist and poet, and Elaine Moore, retired English teacher and published poet.

Price: Free. More information at
https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/arts_and_ideas.aspx



11th Annual Love of Israel Brunch

JNF-USA in San Diego

Sunday, February 6, 10:30am-12:00pm

Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier
1000 N. Harbor Dr.

*Guest Speaker: Matti Friedman, Israeli-Canadian
Author and Journalist*

Host Committee Chairs: Susie and Eli Meltzer

\$36. RSVP Required.

<https://www.jnf.org/events-landing-pages/11th-annual-love-of-israel-brunch-in-san-diego>

Call Gillian if you would like to sit at the Ohr Shalom Table



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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

DON'T FORGET TO SMILE...OR MAKE SOMEONE ELSE SMILE!

Last January I wrote to you in the form of an acrostic poem that spoke about gratitude for essential workers and hope for health in 2021. I am extremely grateful for the progress that we made over the past year. I'm thankful for the vaccines, the patience I have learned, the relationships that have grown stronger over Zoom, and the perspective gained. One of the most important lessons of the pandemic is not to take things, people or life for granted.

Recently, I've read (OK, listened to the audio versions of) two fun and insightful books that helped put into (funny) words some of the secrets of appreciating and enjoying life no matter what is thrown at you. The first was *All About Me* by Mel Brooks and the second, *Keep Moving and Other Tips About Aging* by Dick Van Dyke. Mel Brooks' brand of humor and social satire was a staple in my house growing up, and learning about his life and the trials he endured to get where he is was eye-opening. He writes about his deep friendships based on the love of making people laugh, and the need to stick up for yourself and the projects and people that are important to you. Mel Brooks does not take a single person in his life for granted. He may play silly practical jokes on them but that only means he really loves them.

I had the great fortune of a chance encounter with Dick Van Dyke when I lived in LA. I was picking out baked goods at a small bakery in Malibu when I noticed the person behind me humming and doing a little soft-shoe dance. It was Dick Van Dyke, smiling, enjoying life and buying cookies. Listening to him read his book, I can see that he is like that every day and works hard to make others happy. He has not been without heartache in his life, but he makes a point of staying positive and it has served him well for 96 years (his birthday was December 13th). He likes to make lists and does so periodically throughout the book. I'd like to share his "Not to do list" and ask all of you to join me in trying "Not to Do" these things in 2022:



1. Do not forget to exercise.
2. Do not stop being curious.
3. Do not forget to try new things (even a new flavor of ice cream will do).
4. Do not forget to open your mind every day.
5. Do not stop asking, "why do I believe what I believe."
6. Don't forget to smile
- 7. DON'T FORGET TO MAKE SOMEONE ELSE SMILE!**

Today Rabah



Thank You

Thank you to the entire Ohr Shalom community for making the Bat Mitzvah so wonderful!

Yael, Rabbi Scott & Jennifer Meltzer

New Members Brunch with Rabbi Meltzer

Sunday, January 30, 12:30pm

Ohr Shalom will host a luncheon for its new members – those who have joined during the current year and last year – on ZOOM..

Those in that category should watch for an email invitation.

Food will be delivered to your home, to be enjoyed while you receive welcoming comments, and chat in the Ohr Shalom Zoom Room, with Rabbi Meltzer, members of the Board of Directors, and other congregants.



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ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

A LIST OF MOST REMARKABLE ISRAELIS: 2021

Many people influence the world in which we live – special ones inspire and motivate us. Here are some examples of exceptional Israelis in numerous fields honored in 2021 by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Isaac Herzog, the State of Israel’s 11th President (his father, Chaim, was a former president). Isaac has earned an impressive record of service from cabinet secretary to minister posts. Despite his prestigious pedigree, Herzog is described as friendly and soft-spoken, equally at home with all sectors of society.

Esther Hayut, President of The Supreme Court. Significant High Court recent decisions included endorsements of non-Orthodox conversions, rejection of the law that exempted Haredi individuals from IDF service, and upholding that nearly all coronavirus emergency laws, including Shin Bet surveillance of infected persons, was constitutional.

Lt.-Gen. Aviv Kochavi, IDF’s Chief-of Staff. His responsibilities, the highest priority in the land, is the safety of its citizens. Over the past year the IDF has acted aggressively against Israel’s enemies, from Hamas to Hezbollah, and played a key role in the fight against the coronavirus.

Shuki Hershcovich, founder of Israeli start-up Sonovia. He innovated to mitigate the medical challenge caused by COVID-19 infections. He recognized early on the importance of good face masks, and he developed a fabric that neutralized viruses, bacteria, and fungi with over 99% proven efficacy (including against the Delta variant). He then donated tens of thousands of masks to first-responders, schools, and populations in need. In addition, hundreds of thousands of his masks were sold worldwide.

Eynat Guez’s company, Papaya Global, provides simple international payroll management solutions that gained attention during COVID-19. Guez, as a Hi-Tech leader, is also a strong advocate for diversity within companies, working with an advocacy group of Israelis and Palestinian business leaders. She is the only woman who heads a Hi-Tech unicorn in Israel (private companies valued above a billion dollars).

Yael Vizel, founder of start-up Zeekit. She took her engineering degree and focus on fashion and founded her company, which revolutionized the online shopping experience by allowing users to try on the outfits they see online with their own photos. Zeekit (which means “chameleon” in Hebrew) was acquired by Walmart in May.

Roman Abromovich, owner of the Premier League’s Chelsea Football Club, has used his position to motivate, educate and inspire fans to fight hate and racism. His global campaign ‘Say No to Antisemitism’ has worked with leading celebrities and authorities around the world to help spread this message.

Linoy Ashram and Artem Dolgopyat, Israeli gymnasts who won gold medals in Tokyo. Ashram, in All-Around Rhythmic Gymnastics, was the first-ever female Israeli athlete to top the podium and trigger the playing of “Hatikvah” at any Olympic Games. Dolgopyat, who immigrated with his family to Israel at the age of 12, overcame tremendous obstacles to reach Tokyo and win Gold in Floor Exercise.

These Israelis all give us the hope for a year ahead filled with extraordinary achievements.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Allyson Darroch
Environmental Projects Chair

THE JOY (?) OF COMPOSTING

I have a compost bin in my yard with a secure lid. I am sorry, Trash Pandas, I love you, but no, you can’t have my refrigerator science projects. If you have an anaerobic compost bin (AKA a trashcan with a secure lid), I strongly recommend that you resist the urge to look inside. Sometimes the mysteries of the natural processes are best left unseen. Give it the recommended six months to let it transform itself into very earthy stuff and then spread it over your fresh vegetable garden and under your fruit trees. Welcome to hardcore organic gardening.



So, you are not up for that? Unfortunately, composting is not always applicable to condo and apartment living. However, this doesn’t mean you can’t do your bit for trying to save the planet. Let’s talk about compostable plates. Are they REALLY “good for the environment” or just another expensive reaction to the news about the rainforest, the drought, the landfill, or the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (<https://theoceancleanup.com/great-pacific-garbage-patch/>)? Ok, didn’t mean to scare you... relax, breathe...

Ordinary paper plates are made from trees, and often coated with an oil-based paint that does not biodegrade. Compostable plates are usually made from bamboo palm leaf or bagasse. Bamboo is grown and harvested ethically and can be replaced within months not years or decades like trees. Bagasse is the fibrous material that remains as the waste product of processing sugar cane for commercial use. It is a great eco-friendly solution to disposable plates, as the bagasse they are made from is technically already a waste product. Although they cannot go in your blue recycle bin – and if they end up in your black trash bin they will compost EVENTUALLY, they will be able to go into the upcoming green kitchen compost bin we have been hearing so much about. They are a solution to two problems. Saving water and saving time. No need to wash, dry and carefully put away the “good” china (or even the everyday plates we use all the time). If you want to give this a try, here is a good resource for information: <https://www.ourendangeredworld.com/eco/compostable-plates/>. On a personal note, with 14 cats, 2 parrots and 2 to 3 young adults in the house at any one time, the savings in time, money, water and patience almost outweighs the environmental benefits.

[Editor’s Note. Composting Program Update: The nation’s largest mandatory residential food-waste recycling program is scheduled to take effect in California in January. However, the program in the City of San Diego and some other cities will be delayed by at least 6 months to allow enough time to buy the equipment needed and set up facilities to put the program in place.]

TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in December:

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We apologize for any omissions.



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our Chanukah office volunteers and delivery people.
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Mazal Tov to:

Lori and Brett Carnot on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Eden Carnot**.

Rabbi Scott and Jennifer Meltzer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Yael Meltzer**.

Jennifer Tabak-Levy and Yiftach Levy on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Yonatan Levy**.

Condolences to:

Robyn and Lauren Casuto on the passing of Robyn's beloved father, **Bob Statman z"l**.

Rosie Veinbergs, Raquel Moscona and Isaac Alvo on the passing of their beloved brother, **Samuel Alvo Shemaria z"l**.

Friends and family of **Galiah Bukszpan z"l**, beloved Ohr Shalom member.

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



Todah Rabah

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

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Yael Meltzer

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Jennifer Meltzer

Milo Wolpoff

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YAHARZEITS

Leola Cutler	Amy Morris' Aunt	1-Jan/28 Tevet
*Jacques Gabbai	Remembered by Albert Algazi.....	1-Jan/28 Tevet
Jack May	Sue Brown's Uncle	1-Jan/28 Tevet
*Ida Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Grandmother.....	2-Jan/29 Tevet
Yaacov Jaim Szmuiłowicz	Remembered by Bertha Szmuiłowicz.....	2-Jan/29 Tevet
Josefa Arellano	Sonia Roberts' Mother.....	3-Jan/1 Shevat
Thomas Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Grandfather	4-Jan/2 Shevat
Sam Kampf	Linda Kucinski's Grandfather.....	5-Jan/3 Shevat
Marks Tenen	Remembered by Joe Rubin	5-Jan/3 Shevat
Ester Lisker	Remembered by Susanne Lisker	6-Jan/4 Shevat
Leon Singer	Ricardo Singer's Father.....	6-Jan/4 Shevat
Rivka Tishman	Lilian Deicas & Rosa Ratniewski's Grandmother, Remembered by Esther Tishman....	6-Jan/4 Shevat
Edith Weiss	Nathan Weiss' Mother.....	6-Jan/4 Shevat
Fernanda Distel	Fanny Rosental's Mother.....	7-Jan/5 Shevat
Charles Sportes	Rene Sportes' Brother	7-Jan/5 Shevat
Audrey Cupples	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples.....	8-Jan/6 Shevat
Ezequiel Fridman	Enrique Fridman's Father.....	8-Jan/6 Shevat
Ronnie Morales	Alex and Alan Morales' Mother	9-Jan/7 Shevat
Mark Glassman	Ruth Shapiro's Father	10-Jan/8 Shevat
Aida Slovatzki	Miguel Slovatzki's Mother	10-Jan/8 Shevat
Regina Becker Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandmother	11-Jan/9 Shevat
Oscar Burakoff	David Burakoff's Father.....	11-Jan/9 Shevat
Aaron Cohen	Tricia Pummill's Uncle	11-Jan/9 Shevat
Samuel Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather.....	12-Jan/10 Shevat
Helen Willis	Valerie Razinsky's Mother and Matthew Razinsky's Grandmother.....	12-Jan/10 Shevat
*Claire Algazi	Albert Algazi's Mother	13-Jan/11 Shevat
Lena Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Great Grandmother.....	13-Jan/11 Shevat
Sarah Rubinstein	Aaron Rubinstein's Wife and Jaya Rubinstein's Mother	14-Jan/12 Shevat
Robert Stopnik	Roz Berman's Father.....	15-Jan/13 Shevat
*Jaya Czarna Bielaz	Efrain Bielaz's Mother.....	16-Jan/14 Shevat
Stella Kampf Mostel	Linda Kucinski's Mother	16-Jan/14 Shevat
Bill Tall	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	16-Jan/14 Shevat
Sarah Tiano	Remembered by Jennifer Tuteur	16-Jan/14 Shevat
Rowland Pummill	Tricia Pummill's Father	17-Jan/15 Shevat
Alice Wachterman	Susan Hagler's Mother	18-Jan/16 Shevat
Sarah Zinker	Samuel Galek's Mother	18-Jan/16 Shevat
Mary Langsam	Evie Sevel's Niece	19-Jan/17 Shevat
Helen Mendelsohn	Ivan Mendelsohn's Stepmother	19-Jan/17 Shevat
*Marian Schultz	Marcia Sachs' Mother	19-Jan/17 Shevat
Calvin Green	Elizabeth Green's Uncle.....	20-Jan/18 Shevat
*Lillian B. Kaplan	George Kaplan's Mother	20-Jan/18 Shevat
Aaron Finkler	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather	21-Jan/19 Shevat
Minnie Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandmother	21-Jan/19 Shevat
*Anita Schonbrun	George Kaplan's Sister.....	21-Jan/19 Shevat
Zelma Gardenberg de Klein	Iliana Bielaz's Mother	22-Jan/20 Shevat
*Maria Lachow	Lillian Lachow's Mother.....	23-Jan/21 Shevat
Gerald Rothenberg	Anita Nemoy's Uncle.....	23-Jan/21 Shevat
Tom Slovis	Lisa Slovis Mandel's Father	23-Jan/21 Shevat
Everett Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Nephew.....	24-Jan/22 Shevat
Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Brother.....	24-Jan/22 Shevat
*Margaret Meltzer	Eli Meltzer's Mother	24-Jan/22 Shevat
Millard Sindler	Rita Cohen's Father	24-Jan/22 Shevat
Maurice Shemtov	Michal Hamui's Father.....	25-Jan/23 Shevat
*Florence Stillman	Sharon Polichar's Mother	25-Jan/23 Shevat
Rosa Zands	Samy Zands' Mother.....	25-Jan/23 Shevat
Daniel Abramovic	Faye Levy's Father	26-Jan/24 Shevat
*Gladys Sevel	Remembered by Evie Sevel	26-Jan/24 Shevat
*Vanina Bunton	Jeremiah, Noah, Shoshannah and Nechama Bunton's Mother	27-Jan/25 Shevat
*Henry Sachs	Ray Sachs' Father	27-Jan/25 Shevat
Ida Zaslav	Elsa Margolis' Mother	27-Jan/25 Shevat
*Bernard Stillman	Sharon Polichar's Father	29-Jan/27 Shevat
Dorothy Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt	29-Jan/27 Shevat
Bernice Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother	30-Jan/28 Shevat
Jose Goldwasser	Emilia Goldwasser's Husband	31-Jan/29 Shevat
*Adi Salzmann	Tito Salzmann's Father	31-Jan/29 Shevat
*Rose Schiff	Eileen Wingard's Mother	31-Jan/29 Shevat
*Howard Schultz	Marcia Sachs' Father.....	31-Jan/29 Shevat

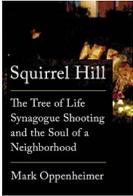
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2022

Tevet/Shevat 5782

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Book Talk with Author Mark Oppenheimer <i>before Readings with the Rabbi</i> 9:30am</p> <p>Readings with the Rabbi 10:30am <i>Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood</i> by Mark Oppenheimer See page 4 for more info.</p>			<p>Sunday, January 23</p>				<p>1 28 Tevet Parshat Vaera New Year's Day 9:30am - Shabbat Service  5:36pm</p>
<p>2 29 Tevet No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>3 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>4 2 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>5 3 Shevat 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>6 4 Shevat 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Art in Our Homes</p>	<p>7 5 Shevat 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service  4:40pm</p>	<p>8 6 Shevat Parshat Bo 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat Afternoon Bar Mitzvah: Ian Brogan  5:41pm</p>	
<p>9 7 Shevat 9:30am - Religious School 10:30am - Ta'am Torah 10:30am - Hallel & Cantillation w/ Sue Brown 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>10 8 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>11 9 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>12 10 Shevat 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>13 11 Shevat 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Art in Our Homes</p>	<p>14 12 Shevat 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service  4:46pm</p>	<p>15 13 Shevat Parshat Beshalach 9:30am - Shabbat Service  5:48pm</p>	
<p>16 14 Shevat No Religious School 10:30am - Hallel & Cantillation w/ Sue Brown 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>17 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat M.L. King, Jr.'s Birthday Office Closed No Minyan No Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 16 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>19 17 Shevat 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>20 18 Shevat 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - B'reshit with Ruth Levy</p>	<p>21 19 Shevat 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service  4:53pm</p>	<p>22 20 Shevat Parshat Yitro Bar Mitzvah: Milo Wolpoff 9:00am - Shabbat Service  5:54pm</p>	
<p>23 21 Shevat 9:30am - Religious School 9:30am - Book Talk 10:30am - Readings with the Rabbi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>24 22 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>25 23 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>26 24 Shevat 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>27 25 Shevat 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - B'reshit with Ruth Levy</p>	<p>28 26 Shevat 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service  4:59pm</p>	<p>29 27 Shevat Parshat Mishpatim Bat Mitzvah: Zohara Angel 9:00am - Shabbat Service  6:01pm</p>	
<p>30 28 Shevat 9:30am - Religious School 10:30am - Hallel & Cantillation w/ Sue Brown 12:30pm - New Members Brunch 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>31 29 Shevat 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>1 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Adar I 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>2 1 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Adar I 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>3 2 Adar I 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - B'reshit with Ruth Levy</p>	<p>4 3 Adar I 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"  5:06pm</p>	<p>5 4 Adar I Parshat Terumah 9:30am - Shabbat Service  6:07pm</p>	