



# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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17th Annual  
**Lights of  
Ohr Shalom**

**Sunday  
March 20  
6:00 to 10:00 pm**

Please place an  
advertisement or greeting  
in our Tribute Journal.

RSVP by  
Wednesday, March 9

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## OH MY HOW WE NEED PURIM

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Normally during a Jewish Leap Year, I marvel at the wisdom of a tradition that when it needs to add a thirteenth month to the Lunar Calendar for a Leap Year it chooses to add an additional “Happy Month.” “From the time that Adar begins, joy is multiplied” (Taanit 29a). So we get two Adars, and happiness is not only multiplied, it’s then doubled.

This year feels different. This year, for the first time, I feel like the doubling of Adar is merely delaying Purim. I don’t want Purim delayed. I want Purim now. I need Purim now.

So much today reminds me of Megilat Ester – and I am so ready to read the Megillah, celebrate the day, and escape from the reality the pervades every other day.

The year, I am looking forward to fulfilling all of the following commandments and traditions of Purim:

עד שלא ידע – Until you do not know the difference between the blessedness of Mordechai and the cursedness of Haman. This is the extent of the escape for which I am longing. Can you imagine an escape so complete that you can no longer distinguish between righteousness and utter evil? Imagine being so removed from our awareness of the ubiquitous threats all around us that are freed from all fears. Russia not invading Ukraine. Terrorism, white supremacy, antisemitism – all gone from our worries and our world.

סעודה פורים – The Purim Feast. We need a day of global feasting. No hunger. No food insecurity. No segregation – everybody invited into each other’s houses, to break bread together. No cliques. No “in” table and no table for those who have been “othered.” No rushing to-and-fro and having to eat on the run, or in the car. No friends and families spread out all over the place – everybody around the same table. One day without having to watch what we eat – worried about health, worried

about the effect our eating has on climate change. A day to feast.

משלוח מנות – Sending sweet treats to our friends. Let’s share a day when nobody gets forgotten or overlooked. A day when everybody gets a package in the mail. An email that says that somebody is thinking of them. Nobody feels isolated or forgotten or unwanted or superfluous. A day when we all get to feel special and eat sweet treats.

מתנות לאביונים – Gifts to the poor. Because on this fantasy day the tradition creates when the mind is freed and singing, dancing, running unbound ... the belly still rumbles. Rent checks are still due. Medicines must be paid for. For this fantasy to have any chance of being inclusive, then we must redistribute some of what the haves have to the have-nots. If not everybody can afford the festivities, then the party needs to be cancelled.

מסכות – Masks. In order to be invulnerable on this day, let’s take on superhero masks. In order to be totally protected, totally safe, I will be Superman or Wonder Woman. Better yet, I am going to paint myself totally green and be the Incredible Hulk.

רעשנים – Groggers. If somebody says something not nice or verbally abuses another or gossips or is just mean, then we will drown out their hate with our celebratory groggers.

תמחה את זכר עמלק – Blot out the memory of Amalek. In order to fully be free to celebrate on this day, we must also forget, just for the day, all the past wrongs, all the sufferings, all the violence with which our people have been afflicted for the past thousands of years.

המנטאשן – Hamantashen. I need a cookie.

Have a beautiful, blessed, peaceful, celebratory Purim – free from all worries.

**Jewish  
Disability  
Awareness,  
Acceptance and  
Inclusion Month**  
at **Ohr Shalom Synagogue**



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### Ohr Shalom Virtual Programming

#### Ohr Shalom Zoom Room

Zoom link for Shabbat services and  
most adult programs is  
<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.



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Lynn Mendelsohn**  
President

### OUR GALILEO

Last July, the Center for Astrophysics, Harvard & Smithsonian, in Massachusetts, launched the Galileo Project, a privately financed scientific effort that will employ the world's most powerful telescopes to look for physical objects in space coming from Extraterrestrial Technological Civilizations (ETCs). The project is the brainchild of **Abraham "Avi" Loeb**, the Harvard astrophysicist who stunned his field in 2019 by declaring that 'Oumuamua, an anomalous object that sped across our solar system in October 2017, most likely came from an alien civilization.

Avi's origin story is not what one would expect of a distinguished, if at times controversial, scientist. Avi was born in February 1962 at Beit Hanan, a moshav 15 miles from Tel Aviv. His parents, Sara and David, who had married there in 1948, tended a chicken farm that also grew pecans and citrus fruits. Sara had weathered World War II in her native Bulgaria. David was born in Germany, but his father, Albert, alarmed by the growing antisemitism there, moved his wife and children in 1936 to the tiny moshav in Palestine. The large Loeb family he left behind was lost.

David and Sara were not stereotypical moshav farmers. David became the head of the Israeli government's pecan farming agency, and Sara completed a PhD in Comparative Literature, writing a dissertation on Franz Kafka. Avi and his two older sisters eagerly accessed Sara's large home library, and Avi sat in on her university classes.

In 1980, Avi entered the IDF, and immediately was placed in its Talpiot Program as one of only 25 recruits that year whose extraordinary intellectual ability marked them for university study in addition to military training. In six years, by the time he turned 24, Avi had completed a PhD in Plasma Physics at the Hebrew University. His invention of a novel rocket propulsion system led to contacts with U.S. weapons defense researchers, and ultimately to an appointment at the Institute for Advanced Studies,

Princeton, New Jersey.

Upon joining the Harvard Astronomy Department in 1993, Avi took on research addressing large topics in cosmology. Notably, he developed a well-accepted model of the "cosmic dawn," the period, about 100 million years after the Big Bang, during which the dark hydrogen ion plasma of the early universe became sufficiently dense in spots to ignite the stars: instances of "Let there be light."

Avi chaired the Harvard Astronomy Department from 2011 to 2020. Currently, while remaining on the Harvard faculty, he is Director of the Harvard Black Hole Initiative, the group that produced, in 2019, the first photograph of the gases illuminating the "event horizon" of a black hole.

Avi believes that 'Oumuamua, which first was spotted by the Pan-STARRS1 telescope in Hawaii, probably was a probe or a piece of space junk from an ETC. In his recent memoir *Extraterrestrial* (2021), Avi lists 'Oumuamua's characteristics, as confirmed by data from multiple sources: It originated outside the solar system; probably it had a pancake shape (despite a popular artist's rendering of a rocky cigar); it was highly luminous; when closest to the sun it picked up speed (as would be expected of an asteroid or comet), but then it smoothly deviated from the path that would have been predicted for either of those objects. Acknowledging that 'Oumuamua is an anomaly, the global scientific community seems satisfied that it probably was an odd, tailless comet.

According to *Extraterrestrial*, Avi was able to visualize 'Oumuamua as technologically produced because he himself had been researching the



Abraham "Avi" Loeb

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### Bulletin Deadlines

Please e-mail all submissions to:  
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### Deadline:

- March 5 for April issue
- April 5 for May issue

# OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

**SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE** in person and [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

Friday	March 4	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	March 5	9:30am	Shabbat Service
			<b>Afternoon Bar Mitzvah: Judah Vann</b>
Friday	March 11	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 12	9:00am	Shabbat Service
			<b>B'nai Mitzvah: Ariella van Frank</b>
Friday	March 18	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 19	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	March 25	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 26	9:30am	Shabbat Service

*NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.*



## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING

### March 2022

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**PARSHAT PEKUDEI**  5:30pm  
 Fri: March 4 | 1 Adar II  
 Sat: March 5 | 2 Adar II  
 Torah: Exodus 38:21-40:38  
 Haft: I Kings 7:51-8:21

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**PARSHAT VAYIKRA**  
**SHABBAT ZACHOR**  5:35pm  
 Fri: March 11 | 8 Adar II  
 Sat: March 12 | 9 Adar II  
 Torah: Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Deut. 25:17-19  
 Haft: Samuel 15:1-34

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**PARSHAT TZAV**  6:40pm  
 Fri: March 18 | 15 Adar II  
 Sat: March 19 | 16 Adar II  
 Torah: Leviticus 6:1-8:36  
 Haft: Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23

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**PARSHAT SHEMINI**  
**SHABBAT PARAH**  6:45pm  
 Fri: March 25 | 22 Adar II  
 Sat: March 26 | 23 Adar II  
 Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47; Numb 19:1-22  
 Haft: Ezekiel 36:16-38



## KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

### "ASK THE RABBI"

Friday, March 4 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

**2022 DATES:** March 19 • April 9 • May 14

in person & on Zoom ([link](#))

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

## OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!

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

**Monday, March 7**  
**Monday, March 14**  
**Monday, March 21**  
**Monday, March 28**



## Daily Minyan Minute

**Sundays through Thursdays at 6:05pm**

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

To volunteer to do a reading, contact **Marvin Yudkovitz** at [mayudkovitz@gmail.com](mailto:mayudkovitz@gmail.com) or text 240-506-3042.

## CANDLES FOR SALE!

**Shabbat Candles (box of 72) \$12**

**Havdalah Candle \$5**

**Yahrzeit Candle \$1**

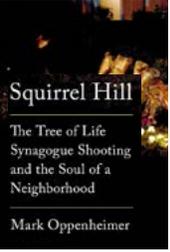
*Call the office for ordering and scheduling a pick-up time*



## FREE Copies available

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

*Contact the office to reserve a copy.*





# World Famous Lights of Ohr Shalom

March 20 at the San Diego Zoo!

Ohr Shalom's Lights event, **Sunday March 20th**, will be exotic, fun, delicious and unprecedented. We will celebrate the 50th birthday of our honoree, **Jessica Lemoine**, at her second favorite place (after Third and Laurel) in San Diego: the Zoo. The very large Zoofari Party Area will be ours from 6:00 to 10:00 pm, decorated in lights and flowers in Jessica's favorite colors. Outdoors, under a clear-ceilinged - and heated - canopy.

Live music will fill the evening, thanks to the popular local band Emergency Exit, which claims to play everything from the 60s onward. And there will be TEA! Chai and other teas you may never heard of, offered by Shakespeare's Corner Shoppe and Afternoon Tea, expert British tea vendors in San Diego since 1992. Tea-time will be a pleasure and an education in one!

We will chat and laugh and enjoy the opportunity of meeting Jessica's family and other guests from near and far. For our sit-down dinner, we will select among salmon, vegetarian and vegan entrées, matched with California wines. We'll sing *Happy Birthday* and, of course, make pledges to Ohr Shalom. We will enjoy fabulous creamy birthday cake, and drink more tea. And then we'll DANCE.

Your ticket will enable you to enter the Zoo at any time after 4 pm on the 20th, giving you a chance to explore. Most certainly you should visit the Zoo's newly opened William E. Cole Hummingbird Habitat, across the plaza from our Party Area. The hummingbird, arguably Jessica's avatar, graces the Lights invitation and will be ubiquitous at our event.

Another reminder: Please place an ad or greeting, with best wishes to Jessica, in the *Lights 2022 Tribute Journal*, which this year will be distributed to the entire Ohr Shalom congregation online. For more than a decade, Jessica has been the engine empowering young people's programming at Ohr Shalom. Almost single-handedly, as a volunteer, she resurrected and energized our Youth Group, which now remains active under a USY professional director.

Please buy your tickets right now! We must have a head count for the Zoo by March 11th. Tickets cost \$150. Go to the specially prepared website at [lightsofshrshalom.com](http://lightsofshrshalom.com) or call the synagogue office at 619-231-1456. Or email Gillian ([office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)). When you purchase your ticket, please specify your choice of dinner entrée. The website provides additional details about the menu, and offers guidance in placing your *Tribute Journal* ad.



**Ohr Shalom is deeply grateful to the Lemoine family. By sharing in the cost of the Lights event, they have created a win-win opportunity that will enable everyone to enjoy a fabulous celebration together!**



17th Annual

# Lights of Ohr Shalom

Sunday, March 20, 2022  
6:00 to 10:00 pm

at the San Diego Zoo's  
Zoofari Party Area

Celebrating the 50th birthday of  
honoree

*Jessica Lemoine*

Please join us for  
a birthday party, with tea-time,  
dinner and music, honoring

*Jessica*

for her long service to Ohr Shalom as  
Youth Programs Committee Chair

*Ticket includes admission to the Zoo at 4 pm,  
plus all the excitement of the evening*

Event will include a paddle-raiser  
for fundraising

Tickets available at  
[www.lightsofshrshalom.com](http://www.lightsofshrshalom.com)  
or from the Synagogue Office  
RSVP by Wednesday, March 9



## Lights of Ohr Shalom TRIBUTE JOURNAL 2022

- FULL PAGE ..... \$800
- HALF PAGE ..... \$600
- QUARTER PAGE ..... \$300
- EIGHTH PAGE ..... \$150
- CONGRATULATIONS (Name Listing) ..... \$72

**Lights of Ohr Shalom** and its **Tribute Journal** are Ohr Shalom's primary annual fundraising effort. **Please** place a greeting for Jessica or advertise your business. Thank you for your contribution! You can order your ad at [lightsofshrshalom.org](http://lightsofshrshalom.org) or email content to Andrea at [graphics2@ohrshalom.org](mailto:graphics2@ohrshalom.org) or call (619) 231-1456 by **Monday, March 7**.



# Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

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

## THANK YOU FOR THIS YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL JDAIM

by Shoshanah Fehrer Sternlieb  
JDAIM Committee Co-Chair

The JDAIM and Ritual Committees thank our invited guests and all the participants who joined from our congregation, from the larger Jewish community, the disability community and others near and far. This year our focus was on the arts and on the personal stories of disability. We are grateful to **Susanne Lisker** for her touching and poignant drash; to **Joe Stramondo** and **Beth Haller** for their expertise in disability studies and Helen Keller's story; to **Tari Hartman Squire** for bringing us – and her insights into – PBS's movie *Becoming Helen Keller*. We are honored that **Kenny Fries** joined us from Berlin to talk about his work and identity, launched by his personal experiences of a congenital disability; and we thank **Ellen Gould** in advance for walking us through her life as an actor with juvenile macular degeneration who shares her personal experiences through her one-woman shows.

We also thank those who shared Minyan Minutes: **Jeanne Argoff, Gillian Argoff-Treseder, Natan Lemoine, Lynn Mendelsohn, Jessica Lemoine, Rachel Millstone, and Eli Meltzer.**

We are grateful to our sponsors: Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs at SDSU, Lights! Camera! Access!, Kol Ami, Adas Israel Congregation, and JCo Youth Theater; and to our community partners: JCC and Deaf Community Services, which provided us with ASL interpreters for our events.

Finally, I join with my co-chair **Jeanne Argoff** in thanking the JDAIM Committee for the wonderful schedule of events: **Gillian Argoff-Treseder, Lynn Mendelsohn, Jessica Lemoine, Jennifer Meltzer, and Rachel Millstone.**



 ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided.

## Sunday, March 6, 10:30am

# Seeing Stars

*written and performed by* **ELLEN GOULD**

**Ellen Gould** will present scenes from her solo musical, *Seeing Stars*. *Seeing Stars* is about vision in all its senses, telling the stories of five diverse women all affected by Stargardt disease (juvenile macular degeneration), with limited sight and limitless vision. Ms. Gould will take us through the process of discovering, developing and performing this musical based on her own experience of disability.

**Ellen Gould's** autobiographical musical, *Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories*, opened to critical acclaim and a successful Off-Broadway run followed by a multi-year national tour. The made-for-television version of *Bubbe Meises*, which aired on PBS, won Ellen two Emmys for her work as writer and performer. Her other original musicals include *Confessions of a Reformed Romantic, Miracle of the Five Hannahs, The Glass House, Blessed is the Match* and *The Last Checker*, all of which received New York productions.



### Sponsors:



### Community Partners:



**JEWISH RITUAL OBJECTS IN OUR HOMES**

with Marvin Yudkovitz and Lynn Mendelsohn

Thursdays, March 24 and March 31 at 7:00pm

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

Marvin and Lynn will continue their successful ART IN OUR HOMES series by hosting two evening programs devoted to showing and talking about the artistic, beautiful and beloved ritual items in the homes of our congregants.



Do you have a Kiddush cup, ketubah, seder plate, yad, Chanukiah, challah cover, tablecloth, besamim spice box, siddur or other Jewish item that you particularly treasure? If so, here is your opportunity to share it with everyone – and tell its story!

Contact Marvin or Lynn to place your ritual objects on the program.

Marvin Yudkovitz

[mayudkovitz@gmail.com](mailto:mayudkovitz@gmail.com)

Lynn Mendelsohn

[mendelynn0511@gmail.com](mailto:mendelynn0511@gmail.com)

**An Invitation to Discover the Beginning .... Again**

with Ruth Levy

Final Session – Thursday, March 3, 7:00pm

in the [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)



**Meditation with Alex van Frank**

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:30pm

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

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

Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843



**A Taste of Passover – In Song! with Elisheva Edelson**

Thursday, April 7th at 7:30pm

Who knows one...

Who knows two...

Who knows three...Passover songs?

Join Elisheva in singing many Passover songs.

Let's get ready for the Seder!



**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**

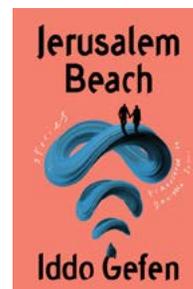
**Fridays at 11:00am**

• In-depth story 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. 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.



**Readings with the Rabbi**

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00pm

(Note new time)

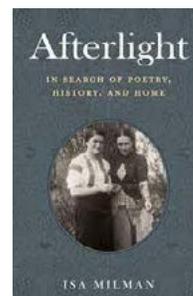
**Afterlight**

by Isa Milman

(from Amazon.com) A haunting memoir of war, genocide, displacement, and a daughter's search for the literary works of her mother's murdered twin.

Grieving the death of her mother in 2013, author Isa Milman embarked on a heart-wrenching journey to unravel a family mystery--the whereabouts of her aunt's long-lost poems, published in Poland in the early 1930s--which evolved into a broader investigation of her family's life before, during, and after the Holocaust. This powerful memoir chronicles a lesser-known chapter of the Second World War through the story of two sisters: Sabina, Isa's mother, who survived the war, and Basia, Sabina's twin, who did not.

Exploring themes of loss and displacement, regeneration and resilience, Isa discovers how her own story is woven into the immense yet intricate tapestry of the Jewish experience. As she delves into her family's history, accompanied by her husband, a native British Columbian, she travels to contemporary Poland, Ukraine, and Germany, and tries to reconcile her shifting appreciation of people and place, in a world where anti-Semitism and other forms of extremism are on the rise once again.





## RITUAL COMMITTEE

**Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb**  
Ritual Chair

# THE PURIM STORY AND WOMEN'S ROLES IN IT

by **Koba**

Member of the Ritual Committee

*Purim* is a problematic holiday, especially in the 21st Century. We are confronted by women stepping out of traditional roles and finding their agency. Vashti is punished for her rebellion whereas Esther plays a more passive role to achieve her victory. Who is the real heroine? The men fall into standard characterizations: the king, Achashverosh, is feckless; the nurturing uncle, Mordecai, represents the Jews in Diaspora; and, the vizier, Haman, is conniving evil.

The story is common: it is set by the king jettisoning a willful wife (a no-no in Persian culture according to later Jewish interpretation); an existential threat is devised by a wicked vizier; our "heroes" emerge from the threatened peoples; and a girl from their rank saves the day by manipulating her clueless husband. There is more Greek comedy in the telling than Biblical morality. In fact, the book never mentions God—the characters themselves act like gods. Such roles are interchangeable in Hellenist literature. The Septuagint version is a redacted version by the Great Assembly of the Second Temple. Modern scholarship determined Megillat Esther a work of fiction.

The Jews were making fun of the Persians—if the Talmud is correct in that the story emerges from the 5th - 4th centuries BCE—under whose rule Israel operated on the imperial western frontier until the ascendancy of the Macedonians. Yet, they are cautious: the evil is devised by an outsider—an Amalekite, not a real Persian.

The heroine is also non-Persian with a very Persian name: Esther (it's common to have a Hebrew name and one for the

dominant culture—the Hasmonean rulers had two names on their coinage: Greek & Hebrew). Yet Esther would not be Esther if there wasn't a Vashti to precede her. Vashti refused to have herself paraded before her husband's drinking buddies (Jewish tradition said she was ordered to appear naked). Midrash paints her as "wicked and vain." Her banishment opens the door for Esther, the winner of a state-sponsored beauty contest, to be the new queen.

Esther proves to be passive-aggressive in her new role, taking most of her cues from her kinsman, Mordecai. In an era when women took on secondary parts, this fits the Jewish moral standards of the day. Mordecai provides the intelligence she uses against Haman's plans. She employs one of Achashverosh's weaknesses, feasting, to have him revoke Haman's revenge on Mordecai of annihilating his people. The ending is predictable: the antagonist suffers the fate he had planned for his victims.

The two female roles have gone through many reinterpretations. Today we are presented with new visions of them. Dianne Tidball calls Esther a "First Lady" (in her book *Esther, a True First Lady: a Post-feminist Icon in a Secular World*). Susan Zaeske (in "Unveiling Esther as Pragmatic Radical Rhetoric") thinks she's a rhetorical figure, unlike the proto-feminist Vashti. We have already seen how the rabbis viewed the two and their roles. Esther also represents the place Jews maintained in a Gentile world, a "type" of survival in the Diaspora. Their characterizations change with the times. Will the Purim story? Are we ready for new roles for women in Judaism?

## Purim Celebration and Megillah Reading

In the Sanctuary and in the  
Ohr Shalom Zoom room

**Wednesday, March 16**

**7:00-7:30pm** Singing with Zeji  
and Purim cheer

**7:30-8:00pm** Maariv

**8:00-9:00pm** Megillah Reading



## Mishloach Manot

Send a *Shalach Manot* gift to your friends  
and family in San Diego!

**\$20**

Hamentaschen, candy, fruit,  
special masks and a grogger!

Order by March 7th for delivery by  
Erev Purim on March 16th.

Contact the Ohr Shalom office.



## Todah Rabah-Thank You



**Maria Gomez**, her partners from **Les Dames d'Escoffier, International (LDEI)** with Rabbi Meltzer and the **1000 pounds** of food they collected and brought to Ohr Shalom on January 28, 2022, to donate to Jewish Family Service.



**Les Dames d'Escoffier**  
INTERNATIONAL

*OUR MISSION: LDEI is an invitational organization of women leaders in food, beverage, and hospitality whose mission is education and philanthropy.*

## PESACH FOOD DRIVE

Every year the JFS Hand Up Food Pantry makes it possible for members in our community to celebrate Passover with traditional food and ritual items. They need non-perishable, wholesome food donations for the foods bags they will distribute before Passover!

Please bring these Kosher for Passover items to Ohr Shalom by **Tuesday, March 15:**

- Matzah ball soup mix
- Horseradish • Matzah
- Macaroons • Jelly Candy
- Gefilte Fish • Grape Juice
- "Happy Passover" Cards
- Seder Plates • Haggadahs

If you'd prefer, you can deliver food directly to JFS by Friday, March 25 or donate at [www.jfssd.org/donate](http://www.jfssd.org/donate)



## 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>.



## 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.





## ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer  
Israel Desk

### PRESIDENT HERZOG MEETS THE PRINCE

President Isaac Herzog’s recent high-profile trip to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was made possible when Israel and the UAE forged a bond in the United States-brokered Abraham Accords in 2020. Following a decade of covert exchanges and named in honor of Abraham – the patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, the UAE became the first country in the Gulf to open diplomatic ties with Israel. These bilateral agreements, made soon after with Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, covered investment, tourism, telecoms, security, healthcare, culture, the establishment of embassies and other areas of mutual benefit.

When Herzog and First Lady Michal landed in Abu Dhabi for the first-ever official visit in an Arab country by the President of the State of Israel, they were given a festive welcome upon arrival, including an honor guard and the playing of both countries’ national anthems. President Herzog declared that the new partnership between Israel and the UAE will transform the Middle East. He commented that 250,000 Israelis have already set foot in the UAE, and that he was looking forward to his own experience.

President Herzog then joined the Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, known as MBZ, at the private palace. After this historic meeting Herzog expressed thanks to MBZ for his bold leadership and their partnership that sends a message to the entire region that together they can find ways where “the sons and daughters of Abraham can reside together in peaceful coexistence for the benefit of humanity.”

The UAE is the region’s commercial and tourism hub and Herzog’s visit tapped into this important aspect as well. The heads of the Manufacturers Association of Israel and of the Israel Export Institute traveled along with Herzog on this trip. Their objective was to address with their UAE counterparts a \$10 billion fund set up under the Abraham Accords and how the UAE might help Israel find new Middle Eastern and Asian markets.

President Herzog also had an extraordinary meeting with Jewish leaders in the UAE. Afterwards, Rabbi Elie Abadie, Senior Rabbi of the Jewish Council of the Emirates, reported



President Isaac Herzog with Prince Mohammed bin Zayed.



President Isaac Herzog and his wife Michal meet representatives of the Emirati Jewish community in Abu Dhabi.

how emotional it was to witness the President of the State of Israel in an Arab country for the first time in history. He believed the visit gave their Jewish community a sense of recognition and a sense that they are not orphans.

Rabbi Abadie shared with the President how well the approximately 500 Jews live in the UAE, how protected and welcomed they feel there and how proud they are that their community not only serves the local Jews, but also many Jewish travelers that come there from Israel and around the world. They provide places for worship, for learning and for kosher meals.

### Ohr Shalom’s 2023/5783 Wall Calendar, a Heads-Up On its Theme

March is not too early for us to start thinking about the next Ohr Shalom Annual Calendar, distributed every year at Rosh Hashanah. You will recall that each year’s calendar has a theme. The current calendar, “The Music of Ohr Shalom,” has received many compliments.

The theme for the coming year will be “My Time in Israel.” Ohr Shalom members are encouraged to write a short essay (around 500 words) about a particularly notable experience in Israel – and please provide photos. The new calendar will be published to highlight the San Diego UJF’s “Community Trip of a Lifetime,” which will tour Israel from May 4 to 11, 2023.

To volunteer to write for the calendar, please contact Gillian (619) 231-1456 or [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org).





## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

## GEMILUT CHASADIM – ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS

In 1992, I attended a USY convention with this focus (I still have the keychain). As we spent the weekend together as teens brainstorming ways to help the world, I knew no matter where life took me that *tikkun olam* and *gemilut chasadim* would be part of my everyday life. Now, I feel fortunate to see and experience *gemilut chasadim* every day! The amount of kindness and generosity that flows through Ohr Shalom is truly remarkable. In the last month, I have seen a huge food donation orchestrated by a member of our community, the selfless act of donating blood (32 members, neighbors and friends came to our blood drive), and numerous phone calls to see how our community can come together to help those grieving. Our wonderful Chesed Committee continues to reach out to those who are sick, lonely or in need of other services. Each week our Religious School students practice kindness with each other and learn how to put that kindness out into the world.

Speaking of kindness, there is a new(ish) organization in San Diego, “The Kindness Initiative.” In 2020, the San Diego Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Foundation, and the Isakow Foundation conducted a study – “Poverty in the San Diego Jewish Community” – to assess a means for addressing the unmet needs of Vulnerable Jewish Households (VJHs). Following this study, the Kindness Initiative was created to help those in need navigate the complicated process of getting assistance from social service agencies. Volunteers and staff work within the model of confidentiality, dignity and respect to help those overwhelmed by the system and experiencing poverty find a pathway forward. Please visit their website, [www.kindnesssd.org](http://www.kindnesssd.org), to learn more about becoming a volunteer or donor,

Ohr Shalom will continue to do acts of loving kindness throughout the year with Shalach Manot to send to friends for Purim, our ongoing food drive and Pesach food drive, and quarterly blood drives with the San Diego Blood Bank (the Blood Mobile will be back on May 1st). Call the office for more information on any of these projects.



## WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT CONT.



Avi Loeb's idea of 'Oumuamua as a lightsail (left) alongside the conventional rendering of the object as a cigar-shaped rock (From *Extraterrestrial*).

feasibility of building a “lightsail” for space exploration, and the mysterious visitor could have been such a sail. In April 2016, Avi received a commission from Silicon Valley entrepreneur Yuri Milner to build an inter-stellar spacecraft that could photograph, close-up, Proxima b, an exoplanet orbiting Proxima Centauri, which, at 4.27 light-years away, is the star nearest earth. As Milner wants a flyby within 20 years, Avi, with his Harvard students, has produced specifications for a superfast spacecraft. Comprising a tiny chip (housing solar cells, a magnetometer, a microcontroller, an antenna and radio, a gyroscope and a cellphone camera), attached to a thin light-reflecting umbrella-like sail, the lightsail will weigh only a few grams. It will be launched, via a 100-gigawatt laser, to reach approximately 20% the speed of light. The cost of developing and sending the spacecraft will be about \$10 billion.

In *Extraterrestrial*, Avi presents a convincing case that 'Oumuamua might have come from an ETC. Arguing that this hypothesis best fits the data, he chastises his scientific colleagues for refusing to look beyond conventional wisdom. While Twenty-First Century astronomers see themselves as heirs of the tenacious Galileo, Avi suggests that they actually might be channeling the Church elders who muzzled him.





## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

**Allyson Darroch**  
Environmental Projects Chair

### WHAT HAPPENED TO SB 1383?

*It's well past January 2022. Where's my green Organic Waste Bin? Why didn't I get a memo? San Diego County Environmental where are you?*

California State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), requires the reduction of organic waste disposed of in landfills. Organic waste is food scraps and food-soiled paper from kitchens and food operations and yard waste such as garden and landscape waste, organic textiles, and carpets and wood waste. This is how it is as of February according to the City of San Diego's Environmental website (<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/sb1383>). This website has handouts with Useful Information and they invite you to check back for updates to their progress.



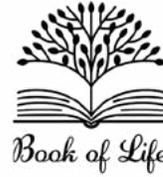
Senate Bill 1383 requires extensive procedural changes and significant coordination amongst various stakeholders. The City of San Diego is in the process of developing collection operations, amending agreements with non-exclusive franchise haulers, amending the City's municipal code, enacting building requirements, preparing enforcement responsibilities and strategizing public education and outreach efforts. Your participation in this exciting new organic waste recycling program is vital and will help protect California's environment and economy from the impacts of climate change.

Well then, the short answer to where your organic green bins are is that providing them to residents is only a small piece of a process that is more complicated than originally thought. It is going to take some time.

Meanwhile, while you are waiting for your bin, which may arrive sometime this summer, the City of San Diego is offering discount vouchers for backyard compost bins (<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling>). The county is offering them for unincorporated areas. El Cajon, Del Mar and La Mesa are also providing the vouchers. You can get a worm bin, too. This website has links to the different programs within the county: <https://www.thegeekhomestead.com/2017/03/30/compost-bin-voucher-program-san-diego-county-california/>.

However, if composting is not your cup of tea or trash, Hazon offers the following guide: <http://hazon.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Sustainable-Shabbat-Dinner-Guide.pdf>. If you think about it, Purim is just around the corner. Which means Pesach is not that far away. A question: What will be green about your Seder besides the karpas?

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



A PROGRAM OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SAN DIEGO

### Community-wide Book of Life Signing Ceremony Sunday, March 27, 2022, 11:00am - 1:00pm Kosher Brunch included

at Congregation Beth Am,  
5050 Del Mar Heights Road, San Diego, CA 92130

**Individuals and families** who have committed to include a Jewish organization in their charitable estate plans, or who have contributed to a current endowment fund, are invited to submit a personal statement for the **San Diego Jewish Community's Book of Life**.

If you have previously signed the Book of Life, it will be our honor to recognize you at the ceremony.

For more information, contact **Mara Hochberg-Miller** (858) 279-2740 x107 / [legacy@jcsandiego.org](mailto:legacy@jcsandiego.org)

*Participants are welcome to invite their family to accompany them at the celebration. This event is complimentary to all Book of Life signers and their guests and is hosted by the Jewish Community Foundation San Diego.*

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



The COMMUNITY  
Trip of a Lifetime



**CONNECT. DISCOVER. EXPERIENCE.**

### Jewish Federation of San Diego County Trip to Israel May 4-11, 2023

Join other travelers from across the San Diego Jewish community for a dynamic, meaningful Israel travel experience with local clergy, leaders of all ages, and Jewish professionals and passionate volunteers. 5-star accommodations, with best of Israeli dining, VIP access, sightseeing opportunities curated by you - and much more!

Registration is Now Open!

*Special subsidies available to the first 50 people registered ages 25-45*



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Marcia Tatz Wollner**  
Religious School Principal



### MARCH IS....WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Since 1980, March is Women's History Month – let's put a spin on it and make it Jewish Women's History Month.

We are definitely into "B'nai Mitzvah season" at Ohr Shalom. Did you know that Judith Kaplan was the first young woman to celebrate a bat mitzvah publicly in an American congregation, on March 18, 1922? Judith was the eldest of four daughters to Lena and Rabbi Mordecai Menachem Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism. Judith became a Jewish educator, composer and musicologist, writing the first Jewish songbook for children.

And we have our own *yichus* at Ohr Shalom:

During her Bat Mitzvah, I learned that **Zohara Angel's** great great grandmother was Hannah Greenebaum Solomon. Hannah was the founder and first president of the National Council of Jewish Women. In creating the first national association for Jewish women, she redefined the roles that they play in American society. You can learn more about Hannah through the Women of Valor project of the Jewish Women's Archive, <https://jwa.org>.

In February, Ohr Shalom provided a lot of programming for JDAIM (Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month). One highlight was the "Becoming Helen Keller" program. Did you know that there is now a Barbie honoring Helen Keller? For the World Wide Wrap, I brought in my T'fillin Barbie. Barbie was created by Ruth Handler who, with her husband Elliot, started the Mattel company in their garage in 1939. Ruth is also known for developing prosthetics for survivors of breast cancer.



And on March 16 we will commemorate the Fast of Esther and March 17 we will celebrate Purim. Here is another opportunity for us to focus on Jewish women and their role in Jewish history. Esther's Hebrew name was Hadassah, thus the name given by Henrietta Szold to the Hadassah Women's Organization.

And this is also an opportunity to thank our Religious School teachers – all of them Women of Valor in their own right: **Rikki Sher, Lucy Beckett, Melanie Davidson, Tallulah Strom, Justina Nemoy and Holly Baumann.** And a shout out to our madrichot: **Nechama Bunton, Lila Glick, Hadarya Levy, Maital Meltzer, Eliana Rose, Talia Segall, and Eliora Weissler.**

*"She is more precious than rubies; All of your goods cannot equal her. In her right hand is length of days, In her left, riches and honor."* [PROVERBS 3:15-16]

Shout out as well to our madrichim: **Jacob Kuciniski, Nativ Meltzer, Ari van Frank and Micah Weissler.**

March in Religious School will have a focus on Purim – and, for another year, a focus on masks – masks for Purim, masks that we wear to keep ourselves and others healthy and safe and how masks can help or not assist us in seeing things about ourselves and others. Justina is decorating masks as part of her "Many Faces of Israel" lessons.

Wishing you all a happy Adar II ("When Adar enters, joy and happiness will enter it."). Happy Purim and Happy Women's History Month.

## LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Love Zubiller,  
Religious School Committee Chair*

**In the story of Purim, Esther stands up to her husband (the King of Persia) to save the Jewish people. When have you stood up to someone to help another person?**

**Isabella L. (Hey):** A time when I stood up for someone was at school for my sister. She and her friend wanted to play a basketball game and the kids from my class did not want them to. (My sister is in 3rd grade.) So she told me. I went and talked to them but they did not budge. So I went and told the teacher and my sister and her friend got to play basketball.



**"Noah V. (Zayin):** I intervened in a physical conflict between two friends to help the weaker kid. The conflict stopped that day."



## Jewish Camp Fair

*at Ohr Shalom outside at the  
Museum School Tables*

**Sunday, March 6, 11:30am to 12:30pm**

Representatives from Jewish Camps throughout the West Coast will be available to answer questions about the 2022 Summer Camp season.



## TA'AM TORAH A TASTE OF TORAH WITH JENNIFER MELTZER

**Zosha Oskin** with the sunflower that she planted during the January Ta'am Torah. They transported the seeds into a larger pot because the crows were pushing over the little cup. The plant is really thriving!

For more information contact  
Marcia Tatz Wollner at  
[principal@ohrshalom.org](mailto:principal@ohrshalom.org).

**Cost: \$15:** Individual session  
**Sundays 10:30-11:30am:**  
March 13 • April 3 • May 15





## YOUTH GROUP

**Emily Curtis**  
USY Youth Director



Youth Group Beach Cleanup, January 30.

## MARCH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, March 13, 3:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Bowling Event** Jr. USY (6-8th grades)  
Price and location TBD



**Saturday, March 19, 7:45pm-9:15pm**  
**Escape Room Event** Sr. USY (9-12th grades)  
at 10211 Pacific Mesa Blvd Suite #409. Snacks provided.  
\$30 per person.

**Sunday, March 20, 12:15-1:45pm**  
**Fun with Science Event** Kadima/Chaverim (3rd-5th grades) at Ohr Shalom. Lunch provided. DIY solar ovens to cook s'mores and experiment with oobleck. **FREE.**

## APRIL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, April 10, 1:00-4:00pm**  
**Kadima/Chaverim Day** (3rd-6th grades)  
San Diego wide event at Beth El (*participants can drive straight from Religious School to CBE*). \$20 per person.

**Sunday, April 24, 12:15pm-5:00pm**  
**Padres v Dodgers Game** Jr./Sr. USY (7-12th grades)  
\$45 per person. (*Drop off and pick up location disclosed after registration is confirmed.*)



For information and reservations for these and future USY events, please contact USY Youth Director, Emily Curtis, at [usy@ohrshalom.org](mailto:usy@ohrshalom.org).

## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING



**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
Chessed/Community Caring Chair

**by Alma Geiger**  
Chessed/Community Caring Program member

Growing up in Brooklyn in the 1950's and 60's, it was common to hear the greeting, "זיי געזונט" "Zei Gezunt" - Be healthy! I miss hearing that phrase - it's such a lovely way to wish someone well.



At Ohr Shalom, the Chessed/Community Caring Program wishes you all *Zei Gezunt* - to stay healthy and safe. But should you feel under the weather or are recuperating from a surgery or illness, please let us know and then put a kettle on! We'd love to send you a box of tea along with our good wishes for a *refuah shleimah* - a full recovery.

Contact Marvin Yudkovitz ([mayudkovitz@gmail.com](mailto:mayudkovitz@gmail.com) or [chesed@ohrshalom.org](mailto:chesed@ohrshalom.org) or 240 506-3042), or Gillian Argoff-Treseder ([office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)) and the makings for a cup of steaming hot tea, grandma's favorite home remedy for thousands of years, will be on its way.

And meanwhile - *Zei Gezunt!*



## Ohr Shalom Camp Ramah Partnership Scholarships

We are very excited that the scholarship program is back! We will send two Ohr Shalom children to summer **Camp Ramah** in **Ojai**.

Two current 2nd, 3rd or 4th graders will be selected to receive this scholarship, which will include:

- \$885 in scholarship from Ohr Shalom
- \$700 in scholarship from One Happy Camper
- \$885 in scholarship from Camp Ramah.

All combined, this will reduce the cost of a 2-week session for the summer of 2022 from \$2,970 all the way down to \$500.

To be eligible for the Ohr Shalom - Camp Ramah Partnership Scholarship the child must be a current 2nd, 3rd or 4th grader who has never attended sleep away camp before.

Children selected for this summer will also be eligible for a second summer scholarship for 2023.

If you are interested in applying for your child, please send an email to [ramahscholarship@ohrshalom.org](mailto:ramahscholarship@ohrshalom.org)  
*Scholarships are limited so please send in your application as soon as possible.*

## COMMUNITY EVENT



**JULY 31-AUGUST 5, 2022**

**The 2022 JCC Maccabi Games® and Access** will call San Diego home for just the second time in the history of the competition, with more than 1,500 participants, ranging from 12 to 16 years old. Opportunities are now available for Athletes, Volunteers, Sponsors and Host Families.

See: <https://jccmaccabisd.org/>.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Holocaust Refuge in Shanghai

March 20 at 10:00am

Chinese Historical Museum of San Diego and  
SDSU Chinese Cultural Center

Lecturers Steven Less and Hannah-Lea Wasserfuhr will talk as part of the "Jewish People in China" mini-series. Visualizing the Past: John Less' Depictions of his Holocaust Refuge in Shanghai will feature discussants Rachel Stern (Fritz Ascher Society) and Esther Shifren (author).

Register to attend at:

<https://SDSU.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuc-mprj4jHdDBFpnkoX0-yPkLHTyOIQ8X>

### Western Jewish Studies Association Conference

March 27-28 on Zoom

Takes place at the University of Oklahoma, but available on Zoom. 25 panels, featuring paper topics ranging from Maimonides to Blazing Saddles and beyond, presented by scholars from around the world (including Laurie Baron, SDSU). Guest registration is free. Visit <https://www.ou.edu/cas/judaicstudies/wjsa-at-ou> for registration links and other conference information.

### Birthingright Israel

If you are 18-32 years old and identify as

Jewish you may be eligible to take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime experience as a gift from Birthingright Israel! During 10 days of travel in Israel, explore the best beaches, trek the deserts, tour ancient sites, and enjoy mouthwatering cuisine.

Get up-close and personal with local culture and make memories that will last a lifetime while traveling with young Jewish adults from all backgrounds and lifestyles. This free trip includes round-trip airfare to Israel from the departing gateway city, hotel accommodations, two meals a day, transportation, and entrance fees to all sites on your incredible trip.

See [www.birthingrightisrael.com](http://www.birthingrightisrael.com) for more information about Birthingright Israel, trip options and dates.

### Chutzpod! Podcasts

Chutzpod! is a weekly podcast in which Rabbi Shira Stutman, Joshua Malina, and guests bring a Jewish lens to life's toughest questions: Who do I want to be in this one life? How do we work to heal this broken world? And how did gefilte fish become a thing? It's a podcast for anyone trying to live a meaningful life during these trying times. Joshua & Rabbi Shira teach & learn; crack jokes; and argue with one another about everything under the sun.

Chutzpod! Check it out at: <https://chutzpod.com>

## TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in February:

### SYNAGOGUE FUND

Marni and Daniel Nagel  
Ruth and Steven Shapiro

### **In loving memory of Morris Casuto**

Gillian Argoff-Treseder  
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### **In loving memory of Chaya Levine**

Ana and José Galicot

### **In loving memory of Aida Heller**

### **In loving memory of Tillie Wolf**

Allan Wolf

### **In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Yael Meltzer**

### **In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Yonatan Levy**

### **In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Zohara Angel**

Gillian Argoff-Treseder

Barbara Haislip

### **In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Zohara Angel**

Alma and Jonathan Geiger

### **In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Noah Schwab**

Gillian Argoff-Treseder

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### **In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Milo Wolpoff**

Harriet and Sheldon Wolpoff

### **In honor of the Bris of Luca Kochman**

### **In honor of the Bris of Shane and Noah Zyman**

Stuart Rubenstein

### TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT SPONSORS:

Alice Broudy Cupples  
Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn  
Kim and Richard Schwab

*We apologize for any omissions.*

# TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

**Today Rabah to:**  
**Jim Lewis** for all his help in the office.

**Mazal Tov to:**  
**Kim and Richard Schwab** on the Bar Mitzvah of **Noah Schwab**.

**Condolences to:**  
**Doreen Casuto** on the passing of her beloved husband, **Morris Casuto**, father of **Loren Casuto** and **Simon Casuto**.  
**Janet Tiger** on the passing of her beloved father, **William (Bill) Schechter**.  
**Marila Lombrozo** on the passing of her beloved husband, **Isidoro Lombrozo**.  
*May their memory be for a blessing to all those who knew them and loved them.*

**Today Rabah** to our February Shabbat Service Leaders, Torah and Haftarah Readers, D'rashot, Daily Minyan Minute and Minyan Leaders:

LeAnne Adams	Rachel Millstone
Jeanne Argoff	Amy Morris
Ilan Awerbuch	Bill Morris
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Yonatan Levy	Milo Wolpoff
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Susie Meltzer	Jane Zeer
Ivan Mendelsohn	Texas Zubiller
Lynn Mendelsohn	

# YAHREZITS

Richard Fordham	Jeanne Argoff's Father and Gillian Argoff-Treseder's Grandfather .....	1-Mar/28 Adar I
Michael Frank	Jeremy Van Frank's Father .....	1-Mar/28 Adar I
*Nissim Capelluto	Stella Salzman's Father .....	2-Mar/29 Adar I
Nathan Epstein	Remembered by Marda Rose.....	2-Mar/29 Adar I
Max Burgman	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandfather .....	3-Mar/1 Adar II
Fay Kalker	Remembered by Gail Kalker .....	4-Mar/2 Adar II
Leon Stavchansky	Danny Kucinski's Uncle.....	4-Mar/2 Adar II
*Kathleen Winsor	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	4-Mar/2 Adar II
Judith 'Lela' Lindenfeld Gorsd	Vivien Ressler's Mother .....	7-Mar/4 Adar II
John Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro .....	8-Mar/5 Adar II
*Linda Gabbai	Remembered by Albert Algazi.....	8-Mar/5 Adar II
Chaya Lisker	Remembered by Susanne Lisker .....	8-Mar/5 Adar II
George Wolf	Allan Wolf's Father .....	11-Mar/8 Adar II
*Robert Shoman	Marty Shoman's Father .....	12-Mar/9 Adar II
John Bunton	Jeremiah, Noah, Shoshannah and Nechama Bunton's Father.....	13-Mar/10 Adar II
Lolita Befeler Wais	Leslie and Alan Rostenberg's Great-Grandmother.....	14-Mar/11 Adar II
Albert Sportes	Rene Sportes' Brother .....	15-Mar/12 Adar II
Mary Pollock	Lynn Awerbuch's Mother .....	16-Mar/13 Adar II
Frank Marco	Love Zubiller's Grandfather .....	17-Mar/14 Adar II
Eliezer Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Father.....	19-Mar/16 Adar II
Benjamin Goldberg	Lina Gorinstein's Father .....	19-Mar/16 Adar II
Eleanor Straling	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother .....	19-Mar/16 Adar II
Benjamin Koistinen	Remembered by Tricia Pummill.....	25-Mar/22 Adar II
Eleanor Braun	Gary Brown's Mother .....	26-Mar/23 Adar II
Judy Davis	Bonnie Tabak's Sister .....	27-Mar/24 Adar II
*Rabbi Aaron Gottesman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	28-Mar/25 Adar II
*Maurice Polichar	Raulf Polichar's Father.....	28-Mar/25 Adar II

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 2022**

**Adar II/Nisan 5782**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Purim Celebration and Megillah Reading</b>  <b>Wednesday, March 16</b>  <i>See Page 7 for Schedule</i></p> 		<p><b>1 28 Adar I</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>2 29 Adar I</b>          10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>3 30 Adar I</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</b>          4:30pm - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - B'reshit with Ruth Levy</p>	<p><b>4 1 Adar II</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</b>          11:00am - Slow Read Book Club          2:00pm - Office Closes          6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"   5:30pm</p>	<p><b>5 2 Adar II</b>  <b>Parshat Pekudei</b>          9:30am - Shabbat Service  <b>Afternoon Bar Mitzvah: Judah Vann</b>   6:32pm</p>
<p><b>6 3 Adar II</b>          9:30am - Religious School          10:30am - JDAIM "Seeing Stars" with Ellen Gould          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>7 4 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>8 5 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>9 6 Adar II</b>          10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>10 7 Adar II</b>          4:30pm - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>11 8 Adar II</b>          11:00am - Slow Read Book Club          2:00pm - Office Closes          6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   5:35pm</p>	<p><b>12 9 Adar II</b>  <b>Parshat Vayikra</b>  <b>Shabbat Zachor</b>  <b>B'nai Mitzvah: Ariella van Frank</b>          9:00am - Shabbat Service   6:37pm</p>
<p><b>13 10 Adar II</b>  <b>Turn Clocks Forward One Hour</b>          9:30am - Religious School          10:30am - Ta'am Torah          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>14 11 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>15 12 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>16 13 Adar II</b>  <b>Fast of Esther Erev Purim</b>          10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>17 14 Adar II</b>  <b>Purim</b>          4:30pm - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>18 15 Adar II</b>  <b>Shushan Purim</b>          11:00am - Slow Read Book Club          2:00pm - Office Closes          6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   6:40pm</p>	<p><b>19 16 Adar II</b>  <b>Parshat Tzav</b>          9:30am - Shabbat Service          10:30am - Tot Shabbat   7:42pm</p>
<p><b>20 17 Adar II</b>          9:30am - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan          6:00pm - Lights of Ohr Shalom at SD Zoo</p>	<p><b>21 18 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>22 19 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Readings with the Rabbi</p>	<p><b>23 20 Adar II</b>          10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>24 21 Adar II</b>          4:30pm - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Ritual Objects in Our Homes</p>	<p><b>25 22 Adar II</b>          11:00am - Slow Read Book Club          2:00pm - Office Closes          6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   6:45pm</p>	<p><b>26 23 Adar II</b>  <b>Parshat Shemini</b>  <b>Shabbat Parah</b>          9:30am - Shabbat Service   7:47pm</p>
<p><b>27 24 Adar II</b>          9:30am - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>28 25 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>29 26 Adar II</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>30 27 Adar II</b>          10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>31 28 Adar II</b>          4:30pm - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Ritual Objects in Our Homes</p>	<p><b>1 29 Adar II</b>          2:00pm - Office Closes          6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"   6:50pm</p>	<p><b>2 1 Nisan</b>  <b>Parshat Tazria</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b>  <b>Shabbat HaChodesh</b>          9:30am - Shabbat Service   7:52pm</p>
<p><b>3 2 Nisan</b>          9:30am - Religious School          10:30am - Ta'am Torah          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>4 3 Nisan</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>5 4 Nisan</b>          6:15pm - Minyan          7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>6 5 Nisan</b>          10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi          6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>7 6 Nisan</b>          4:30pm - Religious School          6:15pm - Minyan          7:30pm - Pesach Songs with Elisheva</p>	<p><b>8 7 Nisan</b>          11:00am - Slow Read Book Club          2:00pm - Office Closes          6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   6:55pm</p>	<p><b>9 8 Nisan</b>  <b>Parshat Metzora</b>  <b>Shabbat HaGadol</b>          9:00am - Shabbat Service   7:57pm</p>