

Kitchensy Chanukah Kitchen Gift Bags!

Give your friends and family a fun Chanukah in the kitchen!

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**ADL - Antisemitism Today:
A San Diego Town Hall
with Mayor Todd Gloria**

**Thursday, December 8,
6:00-7:30pm**

at Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Dr.
(in person)

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Lunch & Learn

with Rabbi Michaelson

**Saturdays, December 10 & 24
Shabbat Service at 9:30am**

followed by

Lunch and Learn at 12:00pm

Come for Shabbat services
and stay for lunch &
discussion



See page 3 for details

Shabbat Kehillatit

**Friday,
December 16, 6:15pm**

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DAVAR MEGILLAH

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Celebrate Chanukah

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

וּמִפְּנֵי זֶה הִתְקִינוּ חֲכָמִים שְׁבָאוֹתָו הַדּוֹר
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כִּ"ה בְּכֶסֶל וְיָמֵי שְׂמֻחָה וְהַלֵּל

“And on account of this, the Sages of that generation ordained that these eight days, which begin the twenty-fifth of Kislev, shall be days of happiness and Hallel/praise” (MAIMONIDES, MISHNEH TORAH, LAWS OF CHANUKAH 3:3).

Chanukah is coming! Chanukah is coming! Chanukah is coming! Step aside all of you naysayers who want to try to convince me that Chanukah is a minor holiday. You can keep your “minor holiday” thoughts to yourself.

Maimonides makes it clear—eight days set aside to rejoice by being happy and singing joyful thanksgiving. Eight days! There is only one other eight-day period with a comparable command to be happy for eight days—and the Talmud says that is the happiest time of the year. This can’t be far behind!

Eight days! Not just a festive dinner the first night (that is the night of the synagogue Chanukah party). We need to celebrate for all eight days. How are you going to celebrate for eight days?

Candles every night! That’s like back-to-back-to-back-to-back-to-back-to-

back-to-back-to-back Friday nights! (I think that is eight. Double-check me!) Like Shabbat every night—for a week. And every night we get more-and-more-and (you get the picture) candles!



Singing every day! Maoz Tzur. O Chanukah O Chanukah. I Have a Little Dreidel. Mi Yemalel. Haneirot Halalu. Al Hanisim. Eight nights in a row and it doesn’t get old. How many of you can accompany on a musical instrument? Piano? Guitar? Ukelele? Mandolin? Violin? Harmonica? It’s a party; challenge yourself to find new ways to celebrate!

Spin the dreidel at least once a day! Think of it as exercise. What are we gambling for this year? M&Ms? Hershey’s Kisses? Does your family have a dreidel champ? Can you spin it upside down? Which spin better the plastic ones or the wooden ones? Do you have an Israeli dreidel? (Know the difference?)

Eat something festive every day! Now, far be it from me to recommend latkes and sufganiyot (donuts) as a daily staple for eight days in a row ... would I do that? Instead, how many creative

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Grab your Chanukiah and join us at Ohr Shalom for singing, games, food and fun!



Ohr Shalom’s Annual CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, December 18, 5:15pm

In person at Ohr Shalom

\$10/adult \$5/children (3-12 years)

RSVP Required

5:30pm - Singing with Zeji

6:05pm - Chanukiah Lighting

6:15pm - Minyan - Appetizers
and kid-friendly dinner

6:45 pm - Dinner and Dreidel



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marvin Yudkovitz
President

SOCIAL ACTION

“Do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever he needs.”

[Deut. 15:7-8]



The basis for the Ohr Shalom Social Action program (and pretty much all other Jewish organizations) is *Tikkun Olam* (“world repair”). The term “*mipnei tikkun ha-olam*” (perhaps best translated in this context as “in the interest of public policy”) is used in the *Mishnah* (the body of classical rabbinic teachings codified circa 200 C.E.). There, it refers to social policy legislation providing extra protection to those potentially at a disadvantage. *Tikkun Olam* has come to connote social action and the pursuit of social justice.

Our Social Action program, oftentimes in coordination with the San Diego Jewish Family Service (JFS), is coordinated by **Brad Eisenberg** [socialaction@ohrshalom.org or (619) 234-0664] and seeks to help those in the greater San Diego community who are in need of assistance.

Let’s take a look at some of the ways we at Ohr Shalom are currently doing this:

Ongoing Food Drives—Anytime you come to the synagogue, you are encouraged to bring a bag or box of non-perishable food and place them in the blue bins in the lobby. Your donations will be picked up by JFS and distributed to those in need. And if you are not actually entering the building, you can give them to Eric, our wonderful Security Guard, or have one of your children place them in the building on their way to Religious School.

Safe Parking Program—Every night, JFS operates a Safe Parking Program for unsheltered San Diegans living in their vehicles. Those in the program arrive in the early evening, obtain services, and then must leave the parking lot in the morning. The Safe Parking Program provides a safe, welcoming environment and dignified support to help families stabilize and transition back into permanent housing. The program operates seven nights per week at four secured lots at Balboa Avenue, Aero Drive, Mission Village Drive, and Encinitas. Volunteers assist by preparing and serving meals to program clients. You can sign up to volunteer at one of these locations through Brad (for an Ohr Shalom-sponsored evening) or directly on the Safe Parking



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Program website at https://jfsd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=525589.

The Transition Age Youth Academy (TAY Academy)—run by San Diego Youth Services, provides safe, inclusive, youth-led drop-in centers to at-risk youth (age 14-25) who’ve incurred trauma. Services provided include skill-development workshops, classes and support groups, leadership and youth development activities, psycho-educational groups, and coaching. This is a program that we were involved with pre-COVID. We’re hoping to start again. Please contact Brad if you are interested.

Christie’s Place—This program strengthens the Health and Resilience of women, children, and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. Through Ohr Shalom Social Action fundraising, annually we provide turkeys for Thanksgiving to this program. We are hoping to do more with them at other times of the year. Please let Brad know of your thoughts and ideas.

Blood Drive—Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. At Ohr Shalom we conduct blood drives four times every year. We need people to not only donate blood, but also help with coordinating dates, serving drinks and cookies, and other ways to help out on the day of the drive. Contact Brad or Gillian for the next dates, or watch our synagogue emails and other communications to participate.

Toys for Tots—We also participate in other season-specific programs run by others. As in past years, we are again collecting toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve-sponsored Toys for Tots program. Please bring in new, unwrapped toys and place them in the specially marked donation barrel in the lobby. **Donation deadline: Monday, December 12.**

As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities to participate in the Social Action program. Hopefully you will choose at least one of these to do your part in *Tikkun Olam*, helping to repair the world.

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OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	December 2	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	December 3	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	December 9	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	December 10	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	December 16	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service
Saturday	December 17	9:00am	Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Xavier Gumbayan

Friday	December 23	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	December 24	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	December 30	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	December 31	9:30am	Shabbat Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.

Shabbat Kehillatit

Friday, December 16

Family-friendly service: **6:15pm**
 Community Dinner: **7:15pm**
 RSVP for dinner by December 10
 Please contact office

Members
 Adults: \$15 Children: \$8

Non-members
 Adults: \$20 Children: \$10
 (5-12 years old. Children under 5 FREE)

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Michaelson

Saturday, December 10,
Shabbat Service at 9:30am
followed by Lunch and Learn at 12:00pm
"8 Things You Need to Know About Chanukah"

Shabbanukkah

Saturday, December 24, Shabbat Service at 9:30am
followed by Lunch and Learn at 12:00pm
"Our Chanukah Stories." lunch-n-share. Please bring your stories of a memorable Chanukah you've experienced, to share with the group.

Ohr Shalom Virtual Programming

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

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

Here is the information to join by phone: Phone number: 1 669 900 9128
 Meeting ID: 831 0750 1072 Passcode: 632432

PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING December 2022

PARSHAT VAYETZEI
 Fri: December 2 | 8 Kislev
 Sat: December 3 | 9 Kislev
 Torah: Genesis 28:10-32:3
 Haft: Hosea 12:13-14:10

4:24pm

PARSHAT VAYISHLACH
 Fri: December 9 | 15 Kislev
 Sat: December 10 | 16 Kislev
 Torah: Genesis 32:4-36:43
 Haft: Obadiah 1:1-21

4:24pm

PARSHAT VAYESHEV
 Fri: December 16 | 22 Kislev
 Sat: December 17 | 23 Kislev
 Torah: Genesis 37:1-40:23
 Haft: Amos 2:6-3:8

4:26pm

PARSHAT MIKETZ
 Fri: December 23 | 29 Tevet
 Sat: December 24 | 30 Tevet
 Torah: Genesis 41:1-44:17,
 Numbers 23:9-15 & 7:48-53
 Haft: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

4:29pm

PARSHAT VAYIGASH
 Fri: December 30 | 6 Tevet
 Sat: December 31 | 7 Tevet
 Torah: Genesis 44:18-47:27
 Haft: Ezekiel 37:15-28

4:34pm

OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!

Come join us on at 7:00pm at Ohr Shalom.

Monday, December 5
Monday, December 12
Monday, December 19

Listening Devices & Bimah Access Available

Ask security guard or Rene. Bimah accessible via lift, as needed.

We strive to host inclusive, accessible programs and services that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully.

To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact Gillian Argoff-Treseder.

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

KAVANAH-INTENTION

Kavanah means “intention” in Hebrew. It’s one of those words that means so much more in Hebrew than this one-word English definition implies. *Kavanah* is that deep feeling of the need to do the right thing for the right reasons; praying and using prayer as a way to communicate with God and ourselves. It’s putting all of yourself into an important goal with your full intention.

Not to make light of this very important concept, but lately, I’ve been thinking that there is an intersection between *kavanah* and the expression “fake it ‘til you make it.” The more one puts effort into achieving a goal with or without the prerequisite skills, the more the intention grows. There have been many times in my life that I have felt unprepared for an experience, but going in with good intentions has allowed me to succeed.

Since my son started high school (in a new school with none of his friends), I’ve watched him go to school every day with the full intention of being a good student, making friends and making the basketball team (with pretty much no experience). He has maintained a good attitude toward his studies and put effort into reaching the goals he is interested in. He went to open-gym every week to practice basketball prior to try-outs, tried out for the team with other players with much more experience, but the coaches could see the *kavanah* that he put into each day. He was able to “fake it” and he made the team as their manager and an alternate. He continues to go to practice each day to learn and grow and use his *kavanah* to impress both his teammates and coaches.

The next time you feel like you are in a “fake it ‘til you make it” situation, tell yourself it’s *kavanah* that will help you reach your goals.



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Aviva Ilanit Rosenberg
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

In October we held our first Chesed meeting of the new year. It was a great zoom meeting with good input from the Committee Members. We discussed our top 4 programs: **Calling Program, Meal Trains, Tea Program** and the **First Yahrzeit Candle Program**. All of our committee members participate in these programs. Thank you all for contributing. I loved hearing all the ideas, comments, and updates from the Committee members. Next meeting will be in the springtime, after Passover. Date TBA.

Thank you to **Marci Prag** for the delicious soup at the Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner last month. Marci also makes soups for the Chesed committee to use to bring to a member who is sick or in need of some homemade soup.

If you or someone you know would like to join the Chesed Committee, please join! We are always looking for members. Making a simple phone call can brighten someone’s day.

Please email me at chesed@ohrshalom.org Happy Chanukah!

FIGHTING HATE FOR GOOD

Antisemitism Today: A San Diego Town Hall with Mayor Todd Gloria



Thursday, December 8, 2022
6:00-7:30 PM PST

at Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Dr. (in person)

The **Anti-Defamation League** of San Diego and Imperial Counties and Temple Emanu-El invite you to join a Town Hall on Antisemitism with **Mayor Todd Gloria** and a panel of local leaders. Ohr Shalom is a co-sponsor of this important community event.

Moderated by ADL San Diego Regional Director Fabienne Perlov, the panel will include San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, Executive Director of Hillel of San Diego Karen Parry, Jewish community leader and activist Sheri Sachs, and San Diego District Attorney Summer Stephan.

In 2021, ADL tracked the highest number of antisemitic incidents ever recorded in the United States. Locally, the Jewish community of San Diego County saw an alarming 31% rise in antisemitic incidents. Amid these alarming trends, building bridges between local leaders and community members through conversation and understanding is essential to combatting the rising tide of antisemitism and hate. In addition to connecting the panelists directly with community voices, this forum will allow an opportunity for community members to hear from their local leaders on the issues that matter most to them.

Register here: <https://sandiego.adl.org/event/antisemitism-today-a-san-diego-town-hall-with-mayor-todd-gloria/>

Registration closes on Monday, December 5.

Kitchy Chanukah Kitchen Gift Bags!

**Give your friends and family a fun
Chanukah in the kitchen!**

This year’s bag is filled with Chanukah pot holders, a serving plate, spatula, cookie cutter and beautiful hand-crafted ceramic bowl created and donated by our own Alex van Frank.

(Candles, dreidel, gelt, candy, and silly Chanukah socks all in a reusable gift bag as a bonus!)

These bags will make a great hostess gift this year.

**\$36 - Bags will be delivered locally
or can be picked up at Ohr Shalom.**

Call the office or email

office@ohrshalom.org to place your order.

**Buy one for your friends and grab
one for yourself!!**



SOCIAL ACTION

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair



Social Action Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 15 at 5:00pm
in the Ohr Shalom Zoom Room

All Are Welcome!

Join us for the next **Social Action Committee Meeting** to be part of the discussion on what future Social Action projects Ohr Shalom will engage in. Please contact **Brad Eisenberg** at socialaction@ohrshalom.org or (619) 234-0664 for more details.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Once again, Ohr Shalom is hosting a Toy Drive for Toys for Tots

Please bring your **new, unwrapped** toys to the Toys for Tots donation barrel in the Ohr Shalom lobby by **Monday, December 12.**

[Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic looking weapons and gifts with food.]

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing Food Drive for JFS. Whenever you come to Ohr Shalom, please remember to bring non-perishable foods to put in the big blue bins in our lobby.

TAY Academy. Serving at-risk youth ages 14-25. Contact socialaction@ohrshalom.org for information on how you can help.




All in-person attendees **MUST** show ID, proof of vaccination or negative test.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.




ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Allyson Darroch
Environmental Projects Chair

Mr. Slivovitz needs to lose weight. His doctor told him so. Hating both exercise and dieting he asks a friend for advice. His friend says get an exercycle. They are great! I have used mine only two months and have already lost 10 pounds. Slivovitz buys a top-of-the-line model and uses it faithfully. After two months he has not lost an ounce; worse, he gained 5 pounds. Furious, he takes it back to the store. The clerk checks the machine, the seat is well sat on, the handlebars show signs of wear. Mechanically it all looks fine. Anxious to help, the clerk ask Mr. Slivovitz about his routine. Complaining, Slivovitz tells the clerk he used it every day, at least a half hour per session, sometimes twice a day. Musing, the clerk says “Maybe it’s the way you pedal.” Mr. S responds. “Pedal?”



A recent headline from an interview with Greenpeace reads “RECYCLING IS A FAILURE!” Greenpeace found that no plastic—not even soda bottles, one of the most prolific items thrown into recycling bins—meets the threshold to be called “recyclable” according to standards set by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation New Plastic Economy Initiative (<https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/topics/plastics/overview>). Plastic must have a recycling rate of 30% to reach that standard.

In other words, the plastics we are buying are for the most part not recyclable and it’s getting worse.

Waste management experts say the problem with plastic is that it is expensive to collect and sort. There are now thousands of different types of plastic, and none of them can be melted down together. Plastic also degrades after one or two uses and the more plastic is reused the more toxic it becomes. Just pitching it into the blue bin is “greenwashing.” It makes us feel good but doesn’t work. New plastic, on the other hand, is cheap and easy to produce. The result is that plastic trash has few markets. The real solution is to switch to systems of reuse and refill. We are at a decision point on plastic pollution. As the consumer, you have power. Choosing to buy X because it’s in glass rather than Y’s plastic bottle forces Company Y to rethink their packaging. True, it takes time for companies to change but why should they if it doesn’t affect the bottom line? Send a message with your choice. Let Company Y know that you love their product but not their package so you are buying X.

Recycling cans, glass, paper and even water is working (although “Toilet to Tap” is possibly the worst marketing slogan ever) because these are easy to recycle and people have made a conscious choice to favor recycled and recyclable packaging.

In other words, “pedal.”

Art in Our Homes - For CHANUKAH!

Thursday, December 22 at 7:00pm



in the [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)
Marvin Yudkovitz and
Lynn Mendelsohn invite you to
 another session of show-and-tell,
 on Zoom, featuring Chanukah
 items in your personal collection.



- Do you have a Chanukiah (menorah) that is particularly old or has an interesting back-story?
- Do you have a Chanukah tchotchke – such as a dreidel, tablecloth or other decorative item – that is sentimental to you and/or might be of interest to fellow Ohr Shalom members?
- Do you own a Chanukah object that is particularly artful or beautiful?
- Would you enjoy seeing what others own?

If you answer **“YES”** to any of these questions, please join us.

If you have a Chanukah item to show, please RSVP to Marvin (president@ohrshalom.org) or Lynn (mendelynn0511@gmail.com) no later than December 20 with images of the items. The more the better!

Come early for community candle-lighting, at about 6:05pm, just before Daily Minyan!



Mid-Week Meditation with Alex van Frank

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:30pm

Sit back, Relax, Unwind

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

Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843



CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

Psalms • Mondays at noon No class 12/12, 12/26, 1/2
 Join together to read, study and sing Psalms. Come learn about the history and organization of this songbook in the middle of the Bible. We will study each Psalm as poetry, and explore its ancient and contemporary liturgical uses. Recordings of previous sessions: ohrshalom.org/psalms-class/

Daf Yomi • Wednesdays, 10:00am
 This weekly class discusses the pages of Talmud most recently covered.

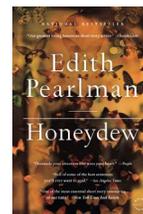
Slow Read Book Club

• In-depth chapter discussions (ongoing)

Fridays at 11:00am Starting in January

Honeydew

by Edith Pearlman



(Amazon.com) Over the past several decades, Edith Pearlman has staked her claim as one of the all-time great practitioners of the short story. Her incomparable vision, consummate skill, and bighearted spirit have earned her consistent comparisons to Anton Chekhov, John Updike, Alice Munro, Grace Paley, and Frank O'Connor. Her latest work, gathered in this stunning collection of twenty new stories, is an occasion for celebration.

Pearlman writes with warmth about the predicaments of being human. The title story involves an affair, an illegitimate pregnancy, anorexia, and adolescent drug use, but the true excitement comes from the evocation of the interior lives of young Emily Knapp, who wishes she were a bug, and her inner circle.

Readings with the Rabbi

• Monthly Book Discussion

Sunday, January 22, 10:30am

A Brilliant Novel in the Works

by Yuvi Zalkow



(Amazon.com) When Yuvi's wife finds him in his underwear, standing on top of his desk, she isn't terribly impressed with him and his writing habits.

But Yuvi worries. He has a wife who wants things he can't give, an editor who wants a book he can't deliver, a brother-in-law with a gut disease that he can't fix, and dead parents who stubbornly remain dead.

As the structure of Yuvi's novel falls apart, so does his life. His novel and his life blend together as he struggles to pull out of the mess. He revisits the fragments of his unreconciled past and his pantsless present, traveling from his suburban Jewish home in Atlanta to the North Carolina mountains of his father's childhood, to several hospital waiting rooms, to the living room of a grieving Palestinian man.



RABBINIC INTERN

Shanee Michaelson
Rabbinic Intern

CHANUKAH GREETINGS

Over the past few months, I've started getting to know the community at Ohr Shalom. From leading my first Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service in September, through the big crowd on the first day of Rosh HaShanah and the small group hike on the second day; from the Yom Kippur experience to building sukkot out of graham crackers and chocolate spread with the Religious School, and, just a few weeks before Thanksgiving, having come to my first Shabbat Kehillatit—I've felt like I've settled in with a good crowd. Everyone participates and that is what makes our community truly special. Which leads us to Chanukah and our "Shabbanukkah" experience planned for Shabbat Chanukah in just a few weeks, Friday and Saturday, December 23rd and 24th.

Miketz is the parsha read around the time of Shabbat Chanukah, a time of commemorating miracles. We like to talk about oil lasting eight days, but actually, the fact that the Syrian-Greeks almost destroyed the Jewish people, but didn't, is the great miracle of the time. We know that the Temple was desecrated and that the holiday of Sukkot wasn't able to be observed that year. But when the Maccabees entered the picture, they fought, captured Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple and rededicated it. The Maccabees' victory was a surprise, yet it was something they were prepared to celebrate. And the second chance for celebrating Sukkot became what we now know as the holiday of Chanukah.

This parsha and the holiday itself are about preparation and opportunity. They inspire us to be prepared like the Maccabees. We can mentally prepare ourselves for an opportunity that we want to happen before anything actually occurs. For eight days and nights we actively remind ourselves of their story, we remember their stubborn preparation, and as we remember we rejoice. Hopefully, we are inspired and hold fast to these memories throughout the rest of the wintertime.

See you in a few weeks. *Chag Chanukah Sameach!*

YEAR-END GIVING THROUGH YOUR IRA

Dear Friends,

If you are 59½ years old or older and have an IRA, this information is for you. The best deal offered by the IRS is designed to encourage charitable gifts.

If you make a donation directly from your IRA to Ohr Shalom and you itemize your deductions, the amount that you donate comes directly off the top of your taxable income, reducing the tax that you will owe on April 15, 2023.

If this sounds like it might apply to you, consult your tax preparer (I'm a doctor!!) and, if confirmed, pay all of your Ohr Shalom Bills and Pledges through your IRA and have a happier April 15.

I, and all my friends, take advantage of this great deal every year. Check it out!

Best wishes,
Ray Sachs,
Ohr Shalom VP Finance



December is Year-End Donation Month!

If you take annual tax deductions for charitable giving, **please remember Ohr Shalom** as you write your December checks – or complete electronic transfers to your favorite beneficiaries.

If you are age 72 or older, and are obligated to take an annual distribution from your IRA or pension fund, please consider contributing to Ohr Shalom via a "qualified charitable distribution" ("QCD"). The IRS will permit you to designate an amount (up to \$100,000) to be sent directly from your IRA or fund to one or more non-profits such as a synagogue. While this amount will count as part of your total required distribution, it will not be taxed. Please consult your accountant or IRA manager about this.

Sundays through Thursdays 6:05pm Daily Minyan Minute

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
Jonah Weinberg at jonahbw@gmail.com

Sunday through Thursday 6:15pm

Ohr Shalom Daily Minyan

Please join Ohr Shalom for Daily Minyan Minute followed by Daily Minyan.

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

Chanukah Community Candlelighting Nightly

at 6:05pm during the Minyan Minute
December 18 thru December 26





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Judith Eisenberg
Religious School Principal



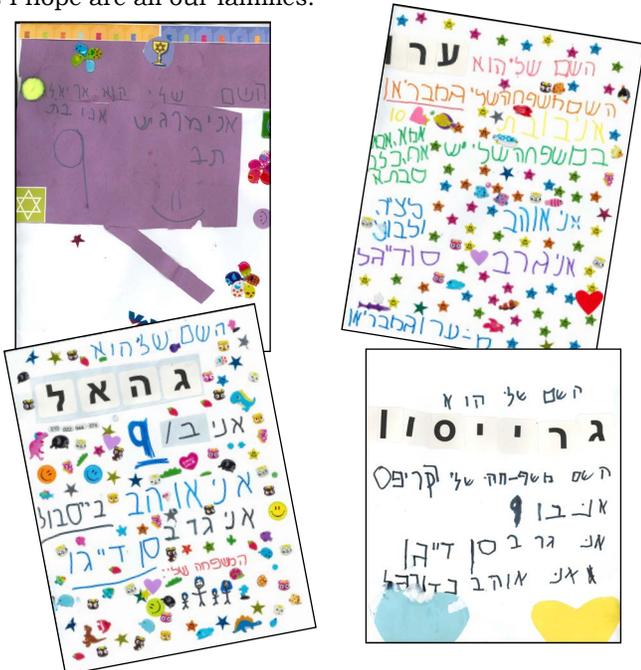
I am writing this article as October ends and November begins. Therefore, I feel I would be remiss to not discuss all the Jewish holidays celebrated in the Religious School during October.

Our school year began just before *Rosh HaShanah*. Our youngest children were making New Year's cards for their families. As we quickly switched to *Yom Kippur*, I was impressed to see the intentionality of atonement as it was discussed with our older children. Our students are deep thinkers, something we can all be proud of and excited about for the future.

Sukkot was a highlight for all the classes. Not only did we all help decorate the Synagogue Sukkah, but there were so many creative projects. The bet/gimmel (2nd/3rd) students went home with miniature sukkot made from envelope boxes and tiny lulav and etrog pairs made from greens and a lemon. All the students were able to shake the lulav and etrog in the Synagogue Sukkah while learning the prayers. Our older children enjoyed a donut treat while fulfilling the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah. The Sukkot highlight, of course, was the whole school's outing to Rabbi Meltzer's house—filled with stories, songs, snacks and Shrinky Dinks.

After the October holidays ended, our dalet/hey (4th/5th) students held the first of two Zoom sessions with similarly aged children in San Diego's sister city in Israel – Sha'ar HaNegev. So heartwarming to see children connect across cultures and continents, because after all, children are children everywhere. There were lots of smiles and giggles as we chatted about food, video games, and families.

I'm very much looking forward to the rest of our school year, as I hope are all our families.



Some of the notes written to the children of Sha'ar HaNegev by our Ohr Shalom students.

LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Love Zubiller,
Religious School Committee Chair*

In December we celebrate Chanukah and the legend of Judah Macabee, whose small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth. What is one time that you overcame something against all odds?

Joshua B-W. (Kita Gan): One time I didn't think I could hike all the way to the waterfall, but I made it! It was really hard!



India Z. (Kita Vav): A few years ago I entered a Chinese language competition. I had to memorize and deliver a speech in front of a few hundred people. I also had to perform a dance. I was so nervous, but I did it and felt good about myself afterward.



Program for 4-year-olds at Ohr Shalom
January - May 2023
Facilitated by Jennifer Meltzer

Sessions will include: music, movement, holiday preparation, art, stories, t'fillah and LOTS OF FUN!

This program is geared for the children, it is not a parent participatory program, although parental attendance is optional (children must be potty-trained)

For more information contact, Gillian (619) 231-1456

Sundays, 10:30-11:30am:
Jan 29 • Feb 12 • Mar 19 •
April 2 • May 7

Cost:
\$20: Individual session
Must Register in Advance

Kids in College?

We want to be in contact with your kids in college.



Let us send them a Chanukah gift, hamantaschen and other tchotchkes during the year. Please send their email address and a physical address to office@ohrshalom.org.



YOUTH GROUP

Emily Curtis
USY Youth Director



USY EVENTS IN DECEMBER:

Here is a list of the USY events in December:

Sunday, December 18th, in conjunction with Ohr Shalom's annual Chanukah Party, we have two events!

3rd-12th grades: Chanukah Games • 4:30-5:15pm

- We will play dreidel and put a Chanukah spin on classic games
- **7th-12th grades: Teen Activity** • 6:45-7:30pm
- Teens are invited to bring their dinner upstairs to play "Two Truths and a Lie," Chanukah edition
- We will join the congregation for dessert

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Message from Dr. Jennifer Tuteur:

The time to get your **flu vaccine** is now!

The **bivalent COVID booster** offers additional protection, even if you have had COVID before and even if you received treatment in the past.

Flu vaccine is available to those 6 months and older. Bivalent COVID vaccine is available to those 5 years and older.



Gillian Argoff-Treseder, Dr. Jen Tuteur and Rabbi Scott Meltzer in the blood mobile for the November blood drive.

RABBI'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

ways can you incorporate oil into your daily celebration? Salad dressing? Stir fry veggies? Dip bread into olive oil? What else? Share your ideas.

I hope to see you at the Synagogue on the first night, and I would love to see pictures of all your celebrations!

Chag orim sameach—Happy Festival of Lights!

WORDS FROM PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Ohr Shalom has had a Social Action program since its inception in 1999. With a lot of the COVID restrictions now being reduced, and hopefully soon eliminated, it's time for previous committee members, and those interested in becoming members, to get together to plan for our direction. Please consider joining the committee, to help determine which activities we engage in, where to expand or modify our efforts, and how to achieve the program goals.

"Jewish history begins in miracles, but culminates in human responsibility. What changes us is not what is done for us by God, but what we do in response to God's call."

— RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS z'l

Join us for the next Social Action Committee Meeting, Thursday, December 15 (see page 5) to be part of the discussion on what future Social Action projects Ohr Shalom will engage in. Please contact Brad Eisenberg at socialaction@ohrshalom.org or (619) 234-0664 for more details.

Are you interested in a Weekend Family Camp and/or Retreat?

We have two different concepts to consider and are looking to determine interest level:

Family Camp – combination of activities for adults and children; meals with adults and children, services.

Retreat – primarily adult opportunities and activities, services, more quiet activities

Potential location – **Camp Marston, located about 1.5 hours from Ohr Shalom.**

• If this was sometime in Spring, would you be interested in attending?

• If this was a combined Family Camp and Retreat, would that change your interest level?

If so, which would you prefer?

• Would you be interested in serving on a committee to help plan the weekend activities?

Please provide responses directly to

Gillian Argoff-Treseder at office@ohrshalom.org





Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

A REVIEW OF NETANYAHU’S LIFE: AN AMAZING JOURNEY

Benjamin Netanyahu is the “comeback” Prime Minister (PM) currently building a new coalition, a new government for a new Israel. He is the first and only Israeli PM born and raised in Israel after the State was founded. His life’s story is part of Israel’s history. Here is an overview from his beginning.



Netanyahu was born in 1949 to secular Jewish parents. He grew up in Jerusalem. In 1967 he joined the Israel Defense Forces elite commando unit, participated in several daring operations, leaving the IDF after the Yom Kippur War, earning the rank of captain.

Netanyahu then attended MIT in Boston and Harvard University, studying, among other subjects, political science. It was then that his eldest brother was killed during the famous 1976 raid on Entebbe. His death deeply affected him, and he began organizing conferences on ways to combat international terrorism that attracted key political figures and opinion-makers in the global community. This began his diplomatic career. In 1984, Netanyahu was appointed Israel’s ambassador to the United Nations. An articulate speaker, forceful debater, and media-oriented diplomat, he was instrumental in enhancing Israel’s image within the American public and political elite, focusing on the country’s security needs.

Netanyahu returned to Israel in 1988 and entered the political arena. He was elected to the Knesset from the Likud party and appointed as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. He served in this position during the time of the First Intifada and Operation Desert Storm. Netanyahu became Likud’s candidate for PM in 1993. He was their leader in the intense period surrounding the assassination of PM Yitzhak Rabin, the debates over the Oslo agreements and the escalating terrorist attacks. At the time, many Israelis on the political left accused Netanyahu’s extreme rhetoric denouncing Rabin and the Oslo agreements for causing Rabin’s murder.

Following these events in 1996, in the first direct elections of an Israeli PM, Netanyahu defeated incumbent Labor candidate Shimon Peres and became the youngest PM of Israel, serving until 1999. During his first term, he advanced the peace process with the Palestinians, expanded government privatization, liberalized currency regulations, and reduced deficits.

After a hiatus, Bibi (his acquired nickname—coming from his large Mizrachi following, which in Arabic means “close

friend”), was elected PM in 2009 for the second time. He established a national unity government and called for a demilitarized Palestinian state that recognized Israel. Bibi was re-elected again in 2013 and found himself at odds with the United States over the US/Iranian nuclear deal. Despite this and other domestic controversies, he won re-election in 2015 to be PM for the fourth time. His political success continued and in January 2020 when he was elected PM for the fifth time, his close relationship with President Trump, extremely popular in Israel, was an asset. His combined total of 15 years at that point made him the longest-serving PM in Israel’s history.

Bibi’s support in Israel is due in part to his tough stands against terrorism and Iran, a thriving economy, and a lack of serious opposition. This positive frame of his political life contrasts with his private life—he and his wife Sara have come under investigation for several scandals such as allegations of fraud, breach of trust and acceptance of bribes. He was formally indicted in 2020 and the legal process continues, the first time in Israel’s history that a serving PM is facing criminal charges.

With this latest winning election, Bibi’s Likud will be the Knesset’s largest party. But the major success of these elections was the rise of the Netanyahu-allied, far-right Religious Zionism and the ultra-orthodox faction that will undoubtedly bring serious challenges to the country. We all are praying for their successes. [See article on page 11: “Rabbinical Assembly Rejects Calls to End Recognition of Masorti-Conservation & Reform Conversions for Aliyah”]



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!

For more information and to register,
<https://www.jewishinsandiego.org/israel2023>.

ISRAEL NEWS

[Proposed changes to Israel's immigration laws could end the recognition of Reform and Conservative conversions. The results of the recent election skewed toward right-wing candidates, some of whom want to restrict who the country welcomes under its Law of Return. Meanwhile, LGBTQ Israelis fear setbacks as homophobic parties are set to take power in Netanyahu's coalition.]

Issued by the Rabbinical Assembly on Sunday, November 13:

Rabbinical Assembly Rejects Calls to End Recognition of Masorti-Conservative & Reform Conversions for Aliyah

In response to comments from several members of the likely future coalition determined to only recognize conversions by Orthodox rabbis for the purposes of immigrating to Israel according to the Law of Return, the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), the international association for Conservative/Masorti rabbis, issued the following statement:

"We unequivocally reject the invalidation of conversions by Masorti-Conservative and Reform rabbis for the purposes of Aliyah and denounce all initiatives that challenge the auspices of the main streams of Judaism and which seek to disrupt the critical foundation of religious pluralism that allows the State of Israel to survive and flourish.

"Israel is not a theocracy. The *Megillat Ha'atzma'ut* guarantees freedom of religious affiliation, stating: 'The State of Israel will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice, and peace taught by the Hebrew Prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens without distinction of race, creed, or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education, and culture...'

"Further, Israel is the homeland of all Jews. To deny the authenticity of Reform and Masorti-Conservative Judaism would effectively sever Israel's connection with millions of Jews throughout the world.

"We affirm that each movement of Judaism has its own unique outlook and approach to Jewish life and it is not the purview of the Israeli government to judge the religious commitments of Jews from any denomination within or beyond the borders of the State of Israel.

"We demand the right of every Israeli citizen to find their spiritual home, to engage in the age-old commitment to the spirit of the dictum that differing opinions are the 'words of the living God' (Talmud Bavli Eruvin 13b)."



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mandelbaum Family Lecture Series with Todd Salovey

Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 - 11:30am

Coronado Public Library
640 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Free

Feature speaker is **Todd Salovey**, director, producer, playwright, and teacher, founding artistic director of the Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival.



LIGHT: LITVAKdance and Yale Strom's Broken Consort

Sunday, December 18, 7:00pm at the

at the Lawrence Family JCC



For more about this event and to register: https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/arts_and_ideas.aspx

Yale Strom and **Elyssa Dru Rosenberg** create a new kind of winter production that honors the diverse histories and practices of our communities. Immediately following the performance of *Light*, Yale Strom and his all-star ensemble of musicians (including 3 guest musicians: Sara Caswell-violin, Amos Hoffman-oud and David Wallace-violin) will perform *Shimmering Lights*, a celebration of the holiday of lights from around the Jewish world.



Every year, the Jewish Family Service **Embrace-A-Family** program provides holiday cheer for individuals and families in need across San Diego County. By providing direct financial relief to recipients, JFS helps to offset expenses incurred during the holiday season. This dignified approach empowers recipients to use the funds where they need it most—whether that's for food, gifts, or anything else a family might need during these challenging times. Your support provides individuals and families with holiday meals, care packages, and direct financial assistance—making this holiday season a whole lot brighter. Make a donation at <https://www.jfssd.org/ways-to-give/embrace-a-family/>.

Save the Date: April 30, 2023.

Please mark your calendars for this year's *Lights of Ohr Shalom* evening as we honor **Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn** for their many contributions to our synagogue.

Stay tuned for more information.

LIGHTS OF OHR SHALOM TRIBUTE JOURNAL 2023 HONORING LYNN & IVAN MENDELSON

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- QUARTER PAGE (2" x 3.50")..... \$350
- EIGHTH PAGE (2" x 1.65")..... \$200
- CONGRATULATIONS (Name Listing)..... \$100

Lights of Ohr Shalom and its **Tribute Journal** are Ohr Shalom's primary annual fundraising effort. **Please** place a greeting for Lynn & Ivan or advertise your business. Thank you for your contribution! You can order your ad by emailing content to Andrea at graphics2@ohrshalom.org or call (619) 231-1456 by **Monday, March 20** to place your greeting or advertisement.



Ohr Shalom Chavurah

Chavurah is a Jewish gathering that forms outside of the synagogue for the purpose of camaraderie and friendship. It is a small group that meets regularly to socialize and celebrate Jewish life together. It supplements and supports synagogue activities by creating a sense of belonging and connection.

What are your primary interests, Jewish or otherwise that you want to share with others or are interested in doing?

Here are some more ideas of groups that could form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board gamers delight | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble Making Artists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice Warriors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Couples Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego History Aficionados |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Noshers | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine and Schmooze |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Widows and Widowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli Dancing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre, Film, & Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Circle (Uptown, College, Sorrento Valley, Chula Vista, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli Culture and Current Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Money & Investment Mavins | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel and Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Makers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature & Gardening | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School lunches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Veterans | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special Interests (your choice) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIPOC | | |

Would you like activities that are

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Teens oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? |

What are your meeting preferences:

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How often would you like to participate?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> After 5pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends |

NAME

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE OFFICE OR YOU CAN EMAIL THE INFORMATION TO MEMBERSHIP@OHRSHALOM.ORG

Ohr Shalom's Monthly



CHALLENGE

Question/Challenge: "Name all of the Presidents of Israel, in order, starting in 1949."

Submit your answer to office@ohrshalom.org, Subject: **December Davar Trivia**

Check next month's Davar for the correct response and the name of the first person to submit the winning answer.

Are you reading this online?

www.ohrshalom.org/davar

We know you read the Davar loyally every month but how many of you know you can access it online? If you read it online, there is no reason for us to mail it to you. **We can save trees, the environment and money!** Please email graphics2@ohrshalom.org or let Gillian know and we will take you off the Davar mailing list.



TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Mazal Tov

to **Rabbi Sydni Adler Rubinstein** and **Rabbi Feivel Rubinstein** on the birth of their baby boy, **Shalom Zimri**.

Todah Rabah

to **Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky,** and **Jim Lewis** for donating their time and talents to plan, shop, create, cook and serve the community a wonderful and delicious Pre-Thanksgiving Kehillatit dinner. Thank you to helpers **Jeanne Argoff, Aviva Rosenberg** and **Jennifer Tabak-Levy**. And the table setting team: **Yiftach Levy, Yonatan Levy, Shira Levy, Micah Weissler, Eliora Weissler** and **Miriam Bergman**



Candolences

to **Vivien Ressler** on the passing of her beloved husband, **Jeffrey Ressler**, father of **Gary (Vanessa)** and **Jordan z"l** and grandfather of **Orli, Micah** and **Nili**.

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



Todah Rabah

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

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| LeAnne Adams | Susanne Lisker |
| Jeanne Argoff | Eli Meltzer |
| Ilan Awerbuch | Jennifer Meltzer |
| Sue Brown | Susie Meltzer |
| Joe Castiglione | Yael Meltzer |
| Louise Chandler | Ivan Mendelsohn |
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| Jessica Lemoine | Margalit Wollner |
| Hadarya Levy | Marvin Yudkovitz |
| | Jane Zeer |

TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS (CONT.)

Thank you for your generous donations in November:

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Jeanne and David Argoff
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We apologize for any omissions.

Yahrzeits

*Bea Hyman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	1-Dec/7 Kislev
*Regina Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Mother	1-Dec/7 Kislev
*Abraham Ressler	Remembered by Vivien Ressler	2-Dec/8 Kislev
Haim Sack Goldstein	Fay Rozen's Father	2-Dec/8 Kislev
Martin Meltzer	Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather	3-Dec/9 Kislev
Abraham Benatar	Deborah Suissa's Uncle.....	4-Dec/10 Kislev
Max Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Brother	4-Dec/10 Kislev
George Feher	Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb's Father.....	4-Dec/10 Kislev
Leye Galek	Samuel Galek's Wife	4-Dec/10 Kislev
David Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Father.....	4-Dec/10 Kislev
Miriam Tauber	Susanne Lisker's Grandmother.....	4-Dec/10 Kislev
Eliezer Arazi	Remembered by Bertha Szmilowicz.....	5-Dec/11 Kislev
Dorothy Canter	Remembered by Al Shelden	5-Dec/11 Kislev
Noemi Finkelberg Pustilnik	Jorge Finkelberg's Sister	5-Dec/11 Kislev
*Rabbi Harold Zvi Gottesman	Remembered by Elaine Gottesman.....	5-Dec/11 Kislev
Abraham Hochman	Sara Zands' Father	5-Dec/11 Kislev
Luisa Margolis	Mauricio Margolis' Grandmother.....	5-Dec/11 Kislev
Isadore Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather.....	5-Dec/11 Kislev
*Marcell Evan Scarlett	Yvonne Scarlett's Son	5-Dec/11 Kislev
Mary Bernstein	Ilene Galler's Mother	6-Dec/12 Kislev
Matilda Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Mother	6-Dec/12 Kislev

Yahrzeits

Jose Cielak	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	7-Dec/13 Kislev
Frieda Goldstein	Frankie Sorrentino's Mother.....	7-Dec/13 Kislev
Lea Melden	Mark Melden's Mother	7-Dec/13 Kislev
Rafael Najmias	Sara Artenstein's Father.....	7-Dec/13 Kislev
Ethel Friedman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	8-Dec/14 Kislev
*Luisa Levy	Vicky Cohen's Mother	8-Dec/14 Kislev
*Hannah Shoman	Marty Shoman's Mother	9-Dec/15 Kislev
Abraham Zyman	Jose Zyman's Father.....	10-Dec/16 Kislev
Jacov Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather.....	11-Dec/17 Kislev
Isabel Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro	11-Dec/17 Kislev
*Malech Kucinski	Robert Kucinski's Father.....	11-Dec/17 Kislev
Rose Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt	11-Dec/17 Kislev
*Lev Angel	Aviva Angel's Son.....	12-Dec/18 Kislev
Harry Peltz	Jodie Graber's Grandfather.....	12-Dec/18 Kislev
Laurence Wellman Karp	Gerry Wellman's Brother	12-Dec/18 Kislev
*Pauline Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Mother and Remembered by Gertrude Cohen	13-Dec/19 Kislev
Sydney Pick	Daniel Pick's Grandfather	13-Dec/19 Kislev
Shana Rubin	Joe Rubin's Daughter	13-Dec/19 Kislev
*David Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Father.....	13-Dec/19 Kislev
*Bertha Smith	Mark Smith's Mother	13-Dec/19 Kislev
*Marvin Smith	Mark Smith's Brother.....	13-Dec/19 Kislev
Martin Manuel Dresser	Samantha Hardy's Father	14-Dec/20 Kislev
Sophie Gorad	Koba Kay's Grandmother	14-Dec/20 Kislev
Tinok Iden Hamilton	Rebecca Iden's Son	14-Dec/20 Kislev
Anson Levitan	Marilyn Levitan's Father	14-Dec/20 Kislev
Fannie Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt	14-Dec/20 Kislev
Bella Green	Elizabeth Green's Step Grandmother.....	16-Dec/22 Kislev
*Benjamin Kalinka	Brenda Bielas' Father.....	16-Dec/22 Kislev
Nathan Gordon	Denise and Andrew Gordon's Son.....	17-Dec/23 Kislev
*Minnie Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Mother	18-Dec/24 Kislev
Joseph Reitsky	Remembered by Al Shelden	19-Dec/25 Kislev
Rebeca Levy	Beatriz-Levy Israel and Alberto Levy's Mother	21-Dec/27 Kislev
Haya Abramovic	Faye Levy's Mother	22-Dec/28 Kislev
Galiah Bukszpan	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	22-Dec/28 Kislev
Klara Finkel	Tito Salzmann's Grandmother	22-Dec/28 Kislev
Jack Hartman	Joe Hartman's Father.....	22-Dec/28 Kislev
Chris Cannizzaro	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Husband.....	23-Dec/29 Kislev
*Alberto Levy	Vicky Cohen's Father and Beto Cohen's Grandfather.....	23-Dec/29 Kislev
Elaine Green	Marda Rose's Aunt.....	24-Dec/30 Kislev
Betty Stopnik	Roz Berman's Mother	24-Dec/30 Kislev
Sidney Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Father and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather	25-Dec/1 Tevet
Pola Gitler	Sara Fainstein's Aunt	25-Dec/1 Tevet
Gil Liberberg	Liza Tacher's Father	25-Dec/1 Tevet
*Rabbi Yacob Goldberg	Esther Tishman's Father, Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather	26-Dec/2 Tevet
Ruth Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandmother	26-Dec/2 Tevet
Anna Paget Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Grandmother.....	27-Dec/3 Tevet
Rose E. Rose	Marda Rose's Grandmother	27-Dec/3 Tevet
*Helen Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Mother.....	28-Dec/4 Tevet
Abraham Cohen	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein	29-Dec/5 Tevet
Clifford Francis	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandfather	29-Dec/5 Tevet
Lena Forman	Laurie Slade's Grandmother.....	30-Dec/6 Tevet
*George Millstone	Rachel Millstone's Father	30-Dec/6 Tevet
Rae Tenen	Remembered by Joe Rubin	30-Dec/6 Tevet
Sosya Berman	Raisa Green's Mother	31-Dec/7 Tevet
Ethel Boner	Steve Boner's Mother	31-Dec/7 Tevet
Frances Goldstein	Don Goldstein's Mother	31-Dec/7 Tevet
Lenora Levin Wollman	Alice Broudy Cupples' Aunt.....	31-Dec/7 Tevet
Steve Shoman	Marty Shoman's Brother.....	31-Dec/7 Tevet
Frances Sutker Goldstein	Jennifer Meltzer's Grandmother	31-Dec/7 Tevet
Hyman Wolpoff	Sheldon Wolpoff's Father.....	31-Dec/7 Tevet

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Ohr Shalom's Annual CHANUKAH PARTY Sunday, December 18, 5:15pm <i>In person at Ohr Shalom</i> <i>See Front Page for Details</i></p>				<p>1 7 Kislev 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>2 8 Kislev 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>3 9 Kislev Parshat Vayetzei 9:30am - Shabbat Service</p>
<p>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!</p>					4:24pm	5:24pm
<p>4 10 Kislev 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>5 11 Kislev 12:00pm - Adult Ed: Psalms with Rabbi Meltzer 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 12 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>7 13 Kislev 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>8 14 Kislev 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>9 15 Kislev 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>10 16 Kislev Parshat Vayishlach 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn</p>
					4:24pm	5:25pm
<p>11 17 Kislev 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>12 18 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 19 Kislev 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>14 20 Kislev 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>15 21 Kislev 4:30pm - Religious School 5:00pm - Social Action Meeting 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>16 22 Kislev 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kehillatit Shabbat Service & Dinner</p>	<p>17 23 Kislev Parshat Vayeshev Mevarchim Chodesh Bar Mitzvah: Xavier Gumbayan 9:00am - Shabbat Service</p>
					4:26pm	5:27pm
<p>18 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah 9:30am - Religious School 5:15pm - Chanukah Party 6:15pm - Minyan</p> 5:13pm	<p>19 25 Kislev Chanukah 1 12:00pm - Adult Ed: Psalms with Rabbi Meltzer 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p> 5:13pm	<p>20 26 Kislev Chanukah 2 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p> 5:14pm	<p>21 27 Kislev Chanukah 3 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p> 5:14pm	<p>22 28 Kislev Chanukah 4 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Art in Our Homes</p> 5:15pm	<p>23 29 Kislev Chanukah 5 Office Closed 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p> 4:29pm	<p>24 30 Kislev Parshat Miketz Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah 6 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn</p> 5:30pm
<p>25 1 Tevet Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah 7 No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p> 5:15pm	<p>26 2 Tevet Chanukah 8 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>27 3 Tevet 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>28 4 Tevet 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>29 5 Tevet No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>30 6 Tevet 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p> 4:34pm	<p>31 7 Tevet Parshat Vayigash 9:30am - Shabbat Service</p> 5:34pm
<p>1 8 Tevet New Years Day No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>2 9 Tevet Office Closed 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p>4 11 Tevet 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>5 12 Tevet 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p>6 13 Tevet 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"</p> 4:39pm	<p>7 14 Tevet Parshat Vayechi 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn</p> 5:39pm