



# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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## Lunch & Learn

**Saturdays, January 14 & 28**  
**Shabbat Service at 9:30am**

followed by

**Lunch and Learn at 12:00pm**

Come for Shabbat services and stay for lunch & discussion



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## Shabbat Kehillatit

**& Gan (K-1) Class Service**

**Friday,**  
**January 20, 6:15pm**

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**CHALLENGE**



**Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month at**

**Ohr Shalom Synagogue**

**Coming in February**

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## Enjoy Dr. Seuss But Study the Talmud

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

"I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees." Okay, I am not really the Lorax, but I do love the wonderful and frightening Dr. Seuss book. Originally written over 50 years ago, it is a prescient story for the ecological calamity of unbridled capitalism and consumerism.

I love the book. I am astounded reading the book now as a prophetic book, mistaken for a children's story. I am daily terrified and terrorized by the ecological disasters that you and I witness and experience, since like the Once-ler we seem to have learned too late. If we have learned at all.

But for all of my love of *The Lorax* and Dr. Seuss, we are a people of an older and deeper literature. *The Lorax* is an apocalyptic tale of what could happen if we mess up. We are a people of proactively always making things better, rather than warning of impending disaster.

One of the great sages of the Talmud is named Choni. He is a mystic, a teacher and a leader of the people. There is a great story in the Talmud (Ta'anit 23a) in which Choni becomes the student rather than the teacher.

Choni is out walking one day and sees a person planting a carob tree. I want

to highlight that the "sage" in this story is some random, unnamed, person planting a tree. When Choni learns that it is a carob tree, and won't bear fruit for seventy years, he acknowledges to the person that they will not be around to enjoy the fruit from the tree.

The unnamed tree planter responds to Choni with wisdom that: "just as my ancestors planted for me, I too am planting for my descendants."

You and I are not the Once-ler or the Lorax, and we are not the great mystic Choni, but we have the opportunity to stand in the tradition of the unnamed tree planter.

We have a holiday to honor this part of our tradition, to plant trees and care for the environment. We must work to improve the environment, plant more trees, for the future generations. Simply avoiding destructive behaviors is insufficient.

This year, *Tu B'Shevat* begins Sunday night, February 5th. Please join us for the *Seder Leyl Tu B'Shevat* – the festive meal at the start of the holiday. We will eat symbolic foods, sing songs celebrating the environment, tell the story of Choni, and even

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## Tu B'Shevat Seder & Dinner

**Sunday, February 5, 5:30pm**

Join us for the four Tu B'Shevat cups of wine and a variety of fruit.

**Members** Adults: \$15 Children: \$8

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

RSVP by Wednesday, February 1 at  
(619) 231-1456 or [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
President

## MEMBERSHIP – CHAVUROT, SERVICES, CLASSES, AND MORE

What is it that you are hoping to gain through your membership at Ohr Shalom? What can the Board of Directors do to make your membership as meaningful as possible for you? What can you do to enhance your membership? How can you gain a greater connection with other members of the Synagogue? In my column this month, I will (hopefully) answer many of these questions (and more).

First, I want to talk about our major new initiative: **Chavurah**. A Chavurah (Chavurot plural) is an informal get together, outside of the synagogue, focused on similar or shared interests or experiences of a small group of people. These can prove to be very powerful, long lasting and significant in one's life. I joined a Chavurah of new families with small children at my previous synagogue. That was 31 years ago – and I am still friendly with and in regular contact with many of the families from this group! We had parties together, some travel (including joining others for a Synagogue-led trip to Israel), and regular get togethers (the most recent being a few months ago when I was last in Bethesda, MD).

From Eli and Susie Meltzer: "Our Chavurah was formed in ~1989, soon after the foundation of our Synagogue (Adat Ami). We were assigned to it along with others from various birthplaces to help blend the disparate Jewish cultures. About half of our group were born in Mexico. We chose the name Adat Amigos to reflect both the Synagogue's name and what we hoped for our group. Initially we knew almost no one but during more than 30 years of activities we became very close, we became like a family. We met in our homes, usually 6-8 times a year, having interesting discussions, usually with a Jewish theme, and we gathered for many life cycle events including bar mitzvahs, weddings and losses. And of course we experienced many hugs, times of laughter and sharing of delicious new Jewish foods!"

For those of you who have already completed the interest form, you will soon be contacted for information regarding your first meeting. And to those of you who have not yet completed the form, it is located elsewhere in this Davar, as well as online in Gillian's emails. I want to encourage each of you to sign up for one or more Chavurot. Let our



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Membership Chairperson, Alex van Frank, know of your interests, the range of members you would like to get to know, or some other characteristic that will help her in forming your groups. This is just the beginning – my hope is that we will always have opportunities for new Chavurot to form, and for anyone to join existing groups (if they are accepting new members). So, for all of you – new or long-term Ohr Shalom members – now is the best time to start or join a Chavurah!!

Attending a **service** provides other opportunities to meet, greet, and interact with other members and Rabbi Meltzer. This is especially true at lunch following services on Saturday morning. (And once or twice a month we have an extended Lunch and Learn.) Sitting down at tables, we all have the opportunity to get to know each other, and even plan for meeting on other days. And then there are the daily minyans (currently on Zoom), beginning with the "minyan minute" at 6:05pm and then the service at 6:15pm. Perhaps you're thinking – how do I get to know someone through a Zoom meeting? One aspect of the service is during a shiva (seven days after burial) minyan or when someone has a yearzeit (annual anniversary of the death). The bereaved or family members will frequently talk about their loved one, and give us all a small window into their lives. Oftentimes, these are very moving and meaningful. Hearing about someone's parents who immigrated from Eastern Europe, how and when people arrived in San Diego, how family businesses were formed, or even how favorite family meals or recipes originated are just some of the nuggets we have learned during these reminiscences. Join us, you'll be very happy you did.

Next are our various **classes, book discussions**, and other **adult education** opportunities offered at least once a week. Many of these involve Rabbi Meltzer as well as various other Ohr Shalom members. For most of us, these classes prove to be very illuminating. There is also a weekly Daf Yomi reading and discussion (see my October Davar column and the Adult Education page in this issue for details about this and other classes). A few months ago Rabbi Meltzer

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## OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	January 6	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 7	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	January 13	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 14	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	January 20	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service
Saturday	January 21	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	January 27	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	January 28	9:30am	Shabbat Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.

## Shabbat Kehillatit

**Friday, January 20**

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

### Members

Adults: \$15 Children: \$8

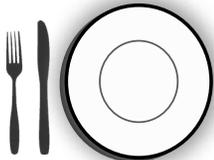
### Non-members

Adults: \$20 Children: \$10

(5-12 years old. Children under 5 FREE)



## Shabbat Morning Service & Lunch & Learn



**Saturday, January 14,**  
**Shabbat Service at 9:30am**  
 followed by **Lunch and Learn**  
 with **Rabbi Meltzer at 12:00pm**

**Saturday, January 28, Shabbat Service at 9:30am**  
 followed by **Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Meltzer at 12:00pm**

### 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

### 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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## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING January 2023

### PARSHAT VAYECHI

Fri: January 6 | 13 Tevet  
 Sat: January 7 | 14 Tevet  
 Torah: Genesis 47:28-50:26  
 Haft: I Kings 2:1-12

4:36pm

### PARSHAT SHEMOT

Fri: January 13 | 20 Tevet  
 Sat: January 14 | 21 Tevet  
 Torah: Exodus 1:1-6:1  
 Haft: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

4:45pm

### PARSHAT VAERA

Fri: January 20 | 27 Tevet  
 Sat: January 21 | 28 Tevet  
 Torah: Exodus 6:2-9:35  
 Haft: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

4:51pm

### PARSHAT BO

Fri: January 27 | 5 Shevat  
 Sat: January 28 | 6 Shevat  
 Torah: Genesis Exodus 10:1-13:16  
 Haft: Jeremiah 46:13-28

4:58pm

## OHR SHALOM'S CHOIR!

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

**Monday, January 9**  
**Monday, January 23**  
**Monday, January 30**



### Sundays through Thursday 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](mailto:jonahbw@gmail.com)

**Sunday through Thursday 6:15pm**  
**Ohr Shalom Daily Minyan**  
[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

# CHANUKAH PARTY 2022!



# 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

- GOLD Fancy Full Page .....\$1800
- SILVER Fancy Full Page.....\$1500
- FULL PAGE.....\$1000
- HALF PAGE ..... \$600
- 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](mailto: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 ( <i>your choice</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIPOC                              |  |   |

Would you like activities that are

- |   |  |                                   |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Singles        | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Teens oriented  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other?   |

What are your meeting preferences:

- |                                    |   |                                      |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> in-person | <input type="checkbox"/> in-person and online | <input type="checkbox"/> only online |
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How often would you like to participate?

- |                                  |   |                                   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> During the day | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays |
| <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**



## SOCIAL ACTION

**Brad Eisenberg**  
Social Action Chair



### Turkey Mania Success!

For over a decade Ohr Shalom has been donating Thanksgiving turkeys to Christie's Place, which provides Thanksgiving meals to 150 families in need. This past Thanksgiving we donated 29 turkeys. I did have a moment of panic however when a grocery store was only allowing me to purchase three turkeys online, but the Jewish people have overcome similar challenges when it appeared as if resources would be insufficient to serve the needs of the community. There was the crisis of an olive oil shortage once upon a time...



The Torah specifies that a single "light" must be lit "continually," and must burn "from evening to morning" in the Temple. There was also mention that there were seven menorah lights and only pure olive oil could be used. Thus, according to Jewish tradition, priests ensured that all seven menorah lights were lit during the day, while just one of them (the *ner maaravi* or *ner tamid*) burned through the entire night.

The Jewish priests were able to complete this rite in the Temple until the Seleucid Greeks had their way and desecrated the Temple. The successful Maccabee uprising and retaking of Jerusalem and the Temple once again allowed for the lights to be rekindled. The Maccabees searched for pure oil to light the menorah with, and they found just one cruse of pure oil that still had the seal of the High Priest, the symbol of pure oil. Miraculously, the one cruse of oil had lasted for all eight days, and by that point new pure oil was ready.

And like the Maccabees, I was unable to purchase enough turkeys in time for Thanksgiving to bring light to those Christie's Place families. But through the miracle of the internet and the amazing people at Ohr Shalom we purchased turkeys for on-time delivery ahead of Thanksgiving. I would especially like to thank our shoppers: Daniel Pick, Allison Wolpoff, Gillian Argoff-Treseder, and Love Zubiller. The families of Christie's Place thank you and hope remains alight for these families.

### 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](mailto:socialaction@ohrshalom.org) for information on how you can help.



### Give the Gift of a Warm Blanket this Winter!

Have you found yourself turning up the heat or adding another layer of clothing to keep warm at home this winter? **Not everyone in San Diego can make that choice!**

Please support our winter blanket drive by donating **new or clean and gently used**, warm blankets to be distributed to one or more organizations serving the homeless and unsheltered in our community. Please place your blankets in the collection bin in the Ohr Shalom lobby.



*The blanket drive will continue during January and February.*

### Donations for Ukraine Relief

As the devastating crisis rages on, the people of the Ukraine are in distress. In the face of this evolving conflict, as a deteriorating economy and the impending harsh winter months have led to a surge in humanitarian needs, we can help. There are many worthy organizations providing relief efforts in the Ukraine. Two of our Ohr Shalom members have suggested supporting the following organizations:

#### JDC (Joint Distribution Committee)

The JDC provides support to the vulnerable Jews remaining in the Ukraine and Jewish refugees in neighboring countries, and assists those looking to evacuate. Donate at: <https://www.jdc.org/disasters/ukraine-response/>

#### World Central Kitchen (WCK)

World Central Kitchen, a nonprofit organization headed by Spanish Chef José Andrés, is providing food to Ukrainians impacted by the war. WCK has partnered with many restaurants in Ukraine to serve meals and has set up sites across the border in other countries to serve refugees who fled for their lives. Donate at: <https://wck.org/>.

**CLASSES** *with Rabbi Meltzer*

*Ohr Shalom Zoom Room*

**Psalms • New Day and Time TBD**

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/](http://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)*

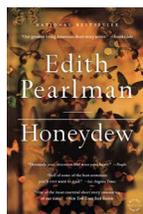
**Fridays at 11:00am Starting January 20**

**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, February 5, 10:30am**

**No Ordinary Days: A journey of activism, globe-trotting and unexpected pleasures**

by Susan Sygall

(Amazon.com) A first generation Jewish-American daughter of joyful parents who survived the Holocaust, Susan Sygall was an athletic young woman about to start her life in college surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. A car accident changed her plans, but not her course, to lead a passionate and riveting life. From traveling through Southeast Asia on local buses to hitchhiking through New Zealand (yes, all in her wheelchair), Susan's story is filled with moments of both pleasure and pain.



**No Ordinary Days**

*A journey of activism, globe-trotting and unexpected pleasures*



By Susan Sygall with Ken Spillman

**Ohr Shalom's Daf Yomi Group Reaches Three-Year Milestone**

On January 5, 2023, Ohr Shalom's Daf Yomi group will complete its **third year** of daily Talmud study. The Daf Yomi group members read a "page" of the Babylonian Talmud every day, so that, as of January 5, they will have read 1,096 pages over 1,096 days. As that Talmud has a total of 2,711 pages, they will be 40.4% of the way through their 7½-year project!



While Daf Yomi group members read every day on their own, they meet on Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon to discuss the past week's pages. Current group members are Rabbi Meltzer, Ruth Levy, Jeanne Argoff, Koba and Lynn Mendelsohn. The latter three greatly appreciate Rabbi Meltzer and Ruth Levy's in-depth understanding of Hebrew, Tanakh and other Jewish sources. That knowledge vastly enhances the group's ability to interpret the Talmudic texts.

**Daf Yomi**, which means "page a day," is a program whereby one reads the Babylonian Talmud. Since a "daf" is both sides of the paper, the daily reading actually covers two pages. Pursuing Daf Yomi requires going through the Talmud, daf-by-daf, every day. During its third year of study, the Ohr Shalom Daf Yomi group completed tractate *Megilla*, and then went on through *Moed Katan*, *Hagiga*, *Yevamot* and *Ketubot*. Now it is part-way through *Nedarim*, "Vows."

Daf Yomi is a world-wide movement, organized such that hundreds of thousands of Jews read exactly the same "daf" each day. In these hi-tech times, Daf Yomi can be pursued in dozens of ways, in Hebrew/Aramaic and/or in English, from listening to 5-minute podcasts to reading Talmud from the text.

Because the Talmud actually doesn't have a beginning or an end, a person can begin Daf Yomi at any point. If you think you might like to start your own practice of daily reading, you might look toward January 25th, the date when Daf Yomi will begin a new tractate, Nazir.

Ohr Shalom's Daf Yomi group invites everyone to visit its lively discussions on Wednesday mornings: Just follow the Zoom link that is published in Gillian's Daily Updates.

*Mazal Tov to our Daf Yomi group. Only 4½ years to go!*

**RABBI'S MESSAGE (CONT.)**

make important connections to the beginnings of Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM).

I hope you will join us for the seder, but no matter what, make sure that you honor Tu B'Shevat, Choni and the unnamed tree planter, and our tradition, by making sure that your actions are about greening this planet – making sure that our descendants will find a world even more verdant, vibrant and alive than the world we inherited.



## RITUAL COMMITTEE

**Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb**  
Ritual Chair



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

כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה

## All Jews are responsible for one another. -TALMUD, SHEVUOT 39A

Simply by virtue of being Jewish, we are responsible for the well-being of other Jews. This is the principle of *areyvut* – the notion of mutual responsibility and responsibility for the welfare of one’s community. The original legal meaning of *areyvut* was the duty to guarantee a loan. Today, this value is more than a financial responsibility; it represents a broader social responsibility. However, this origin reminds us that the well-being of our community is not based on abstract feelings and values, but on concrete action and resources. By stressing our responsibility for one another, this value challenges the idea that disability issues are individual rather than communal while also calling us to acknowledge that accessibility is a matter of obligation (*chiyuv*) rather than charity (*chesed*).

*Areyvut* urges us to understand that the health of our community relies on interdependence – a pillar of the disability justice movement. Under this framework, it is then our collective role and commitment to meet the needs of all in our communities. Although helping people with disabilities find as much independence as possible should still be a priority, we should take care when emphasizing complete independence because it could suggest that needing others makes us appear weak or less than whole. Alternatively, when interdependence is emphasized, we create a community that fosters everyone’s well-being and tends to everyone’s needs. It also allows room for us to recognize that not everyone can make their way on their own in the world, and neither is it everyone’s goal. In fact, disabled or not, most of us have some level of need from our communities. Understanding and embracing interdependence as a value leads us to recognize that mutual responsibility enriches our personal bonds and community. When our community is strong, so are we.

This February marks the fifth year that Ohr Shalom observes **JDAIM**, Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month. During this month we take the time to educate ourselves on issues related to disability. As champions of *areyvut*, we commit to learning how to best support our community by hearing guest speakers, watching films, and offering readings. This year, Ohr Shalom is partnering with Temple Beth Israel in Eugene, Oregon, and other community organizations around San Diego. As always, this programming would not be possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of the JDAIM community: Jeanne Argoff, Gillian Argoff-Treseder, Rachel Millstone, Jessica Lemoine, and Jennifer Meltzer.

**Sunday, February 5, 10:30am**

**Readings with the Rabbi** *No Ordinary Days: A Journey of Activism, Globe-trotting and Unexpected Pleasures* by Susan Sygall

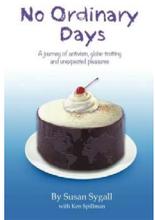
*No Ordinary Days* is a spell-binding, exhilarating story of a profound human transformation. It is the story of an exceptional human being who has used her wheelchair as a vehicle on an outer and inner journey – a journey around the world and through realms of human emotions, philosophical insights, and a life of social activism, motivated by deep compassion for her fellow human beings.



Susan Sygall

**Sunday, February 26, 11:00am**

**Keynote Speaker Susan Sygall** *A conversation about her life, travels, disability advocacy, empowerment of disabled women, and other extraordinary work.* “We are only limited by our ability to dream of what is possible. At Mobility International USA (MIUSA), there is no shortage of dreams.” Susan Sygall- MIUSA CEO and Co-Founder



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Center for Jewish Life in Eugene, Oregon

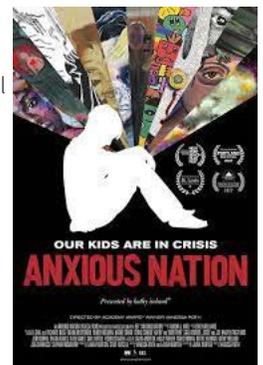
**Saturday, February 11, 7:00pm**



Laura Morton

**Movie Night** *Anxious Nation: A Feature Documentary Exploring Anxiety, Kids and Families*  
Co-Director, Producer, Writer Laura Morton has been involved in the entertainment industry for more than 25 years as a bestselling author, producer, speaker and entrepreneur.

“Anxious Nation really started in 2019 with a single post on Facebook: ‘Kids and Anxiety, who is struggling with it?’” As the mother of an anxious child, I wanted to know if what I was dealing with in my own home was happening to other families. I had no idea what these other families were going through because they felt too ashamed, embarrassed—and alone. I wanted to understand the many faces and facets of anxiety. So, I set off on a mission to find answers—and solutions. We were an extremely anxious nation long before the pandemic. But when Covid hit, my question about anxiety and who is struggling suddenly felt moot. Because we all were, and millions of us still are. I spent three years deeply exploring the crisis of anxiety and mental health in America, especially its impact on our kids and their families. Our cast comes from different socio-economic, cultural and belief systems, and bravely share their stories of struggle and hope. We also hear insights from the very best experts who are helping them cope. As the richest country in the world, we are failing our children when it comes to mental health. I learned we can expect anxiety to show up. And when it does, manage it so that it doesn’t manage us. Better still, we can harness anxious energy and use it for good.” -Laura Morton



Community Partner:





## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Judith Eisenberg**  
Religious School Principal



On December 4, we had a special program at St. Paul's Manor, a retirement facility on the block next to the Synagogue. The Religious School students met at the Synagogue and we walked to St. Paul's. Our children had prepared cards and arts and crafts that they presented as gifts to the seniors.

Our students sang three Chanukah songs, old classics – *Sevivon Sov Sov Sov, Oh Chanukah* and *I Have a Little Dreidel*. Some of the seniors sang along with us. We also said the Chanukah blessings over a Chanukiah.

Then we played the dreidel game with the seniors, and one of the residents said, "This is better than bingo." Several of our Ohr Shalom students later said the seniors were surprisingly good at spinning the dreidel.

Our shinshin Maya led an Israeli dance, and that reminded one of the seniors of his time in Israel in 1974. At his request, we all sang *Hinei Ma Tov* together before we left.

Back at Ohr Shalom, we talked about the mitzvah we had just performed. The students said they had been a little scared before going to St. Paul's, but they enjoyed many things about the experience. What a special memory for all of us!

## LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Love Zubiller,  
Religious School Committee Chair*

**Marc Chagall was a Jewish-French artist who lived from 1887-1985. One of his most famous works is a set of stained-glass windows installed at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem in Jerusalem. Each window frame depicts one of the twelve tribes of Israel. If you could create a piece of Jewish art, what would it be?**

**Golda W. (Kitah Vav):** I just finished making a pair of earrings that look like candlesticks for Chanukah - I also really like the idea of the Ner Tamid in the Temple and would like to make a beautiful multi-colored light for the Temple that projects out rainbows on the walls.



**Dalia C. (Kitah Aleph):** I would make a very fancy portrait of the Torah because the Torah is very important to our Jewish culture. It has rules we have to follow. It means peace and is very important so that's why I want to make it into an art piece.



Religious School students and teachers entertained the residents of St. Paul's. They sang songs, danced an Israeli dance and played dreidel.



## YOUTH GROUP

Emily Curtis  
USY Youth Director



### WEEKEND IN CAMP RAMAH, OJAI, CA

January 20-22, 2023

We are so excited to open registration for all 6-12th graders for the January 20-22, 2023 weekend at Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA!

- Wizarding Weekend of USY, Geshet Edition – 6th to 8th graders
- Wizarding Weekend of USY – 9th to 12th graders

The weekend will be filled with time to get to know other teens, meals and snacks, social action activities, a fun Saturday night program and many more special surprises.

The two programs will run simultaneously, with all programming – and most services – running separately. Everyone will join together for meals.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.farwestusy.org/kinnus>



For further questions, email [dklein@uscj.org](mailto:dklein@uscj.org)

### Todah Rabah and L'Hitraot

This month, we say Todah Rabah and L'Hitraot to **Emily Curtis**. Emily has been our wonderful USY Youth Director since the summer of 2021 and brought our USY chapter to new heights, earning "Most Improved Chapter" at the Regional convention this past spring. Emily has taken a position as the Programme Coordinator for Diller Teen Fellows in the UK. We wish her luck in her new endeavors and will miss her.

We also welcome (back) **Shoshannah Bunton** as our new USY Youth Director! Shoshannah is a graduate of Ohr Shalom's Religious School and participated in our youth group as a teen. We are beyond thrilled that she is back in this new role to lead our youth.



*B'Chatzlcha* to both Emily and Shoshannah in the coming year.

### The Community Trip of a Lifetime



### 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>.



## TA'AM TORAH A TASTE OF TORAH

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

### WORDS FROM PRESIDENT (CONT.)

began the weekly Psalms class. With 150 psalms to discuss, dissect, and enjoy, this class will last awhile, so it's not too late to attend. Take a look at the Davar or weekly emails to find out about the current book being read for Readings with the Rabbi and the Slow Read Book Club.

And how about our **movie nights** and other special events? These are a fun way to spend a Sunday evening. Our main social event of the year is coming up on April 30:

**The Lights of Ohr Shalom** gala, honoring Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn (more details in this Davar as well as be on the lookout for your invitation). Schmoozing over some drinks, food, and entertainment is a fantastic opportunity to feel a connection to others and our Synagogue. Reserve your tickets soon.

**Religious School** parents have an added opportunity to meet others with their shared experience of having their children attending our school. Perhaps some of you want to talk about how to assist your student, or discuss their learning experience, or preparing for their b'nai mitzvah? Maybe you just want to talk with others going through a similar stage of life? Contact Springsong Cooper, the Board of Directors new Religious School Committee Chairperson, who can assist in this process.

Yes, there are a lot of opportunities to become a more active member of Ohr Shalom. Please give some of these a chance. I am confident you will be happy you did.



## ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer  
Israel Desk

# AIPAC TO ISRAEL: YOU GOT A FRIEND

Israel lives in not only a tough neighborhood, but also in a tough world. Like Mister Rogers of TV fame, AIPAC (The American Israel Public Affairs Committee) has stayed true to its mission to maintain an enduring and mutually valuable relationship between the United States and their ally Israel. AIPAC builds friendships with elected officials in Washington, red and blue, to achieve legislative backing on political and economic issues that are critical to Israel. For decades, AIPAC has been an extraordinary link to our United States elected officials and reinforcing these ties has benefitted both countries by furthering U.S. interests, including enhancing the security of each nation and promoting regional peace in the Middle East.



Israel today faces new and evolving threats to its security and AIPAC has continued to work educating and engaging Congress about these threats and the importance of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Among pro-Israel actions Congress passed last year as a direct result of this important alliance are: 1) a \$4.8 billion security package, the largest-ever funding to Israel, that addresses shared concerns to American and Israeli security – including blocking Iran’s pursuit of a nuclear weapon, addressing Iran’s regional aggression, and fighting terrorism; 2) \$1 billion in emergency funding to advance the development of cooperative missile defense programs, including the Iron Dome missile defense system; 3) the Israel Relations Normalization Act, which expands peace agreements between Israel, the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco. The U.S.-Israel partnership has continuously grown and expanded across a broad spectrum of key issues, including energy, agriculture, and healthcare. In addition, collaborations in technology have benefited both countries. The U.S.-Israel technological partnership has never been stronger. President Biden and Prime Minister Lapid launched the U.S.-Israel Strategic High-Level Dialogue on Technology in July to establish teamwork on critical and emerging technologies to bring the cooperation between the countries to new heights.

At the same time, AIPAC is always forward thinking and, for the first time during this past historic November election, AIPAC directly entered the political fight to defeat anti-Israel candidates for Congress. The AIPAC PAC, a super PAC (Political Action Committee), was launched to build the broadest possible bipartisan pro-Israel coalition in Congress. The stated goal was to stand with those in Congress who stand with Israel. The AIPAC PAC became a major force in helping elect an overwhelmingly pro-Israel Congress. 98% of AIPAC-backed candidates won their general election races. Every member of the new leadership teams in the House and the majority of both the new House Republican and Democratic caucuses were backed by the AIPAC PAC. It has become the largest Pro-Israel PAC in America.

Beginning with the primary this past November, AIPAC made a major change from their past focus of connecting to post-elected members of Congress on issues of Israel to the new approach of giving their financial support during the campaign process directly to candidates identified as pro-Israel. Although AIPAC was successful in the election’s outcome, they now face potential backlash. Some of their elected pro-Israel candidates also hold unpopular and even unacceptable political positions on other current U.S. issues. This political flashpoint has caused reaction among some AIPAC followers and critics. Hopefully the important AIPAC mission to connect with, educate, and support elected officials to be pro-Israel will remain successful.

## 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](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)



## Are you reading this online?

[www.ohrshalom.org/davar](http://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](mailto:graphics2@ohrshalom.org) or let Gillian know and we will take you off the Davar mailing list.





## RABBINIC INTERN

**Shanee Michaelson**

Rabbinic Intern

Ah, the month of Tevet. Once we get through Chanukah, it's the "dog days" of winter. Don't get me wrong, I like dogs. But these days can feel stagnant, and nothing much seems to be going on, kind of like when your dog naps on the couch for hours on end.

There's a story told in the Talmud that takes place in Tevet. In *Masechet Yoma 35b*, we see Hillel, who was poor and yet was determined to spend a good deal of his time studying Torah.

One day when he didn't have enough money to pay the guard of the Beit Midrash, he went to the roof and sat up there near the skylight, where he could hear the words of Torah from within.

However, it was wintertime, the month of Tevet, as I've mentioned. Not only that, it was Friday. That evening would be Shabbat. It was very cold, getting dark early, and not a good time to go climbing rooftops, even if it was to hear the holy words of Torah. Before he knew it, Hillel was covered in snow and could not move.

When it was morning, Shemaya and Avtalyon who were inside the Beit Midrash realized that it was much darker than usual there. Then they looked, and saw a man lying by the skylight. They went up there, saw him covered in three *amot* (an ancient unit of measurement) worth of snow, managed to bring him down from the roof, washed him up, and revived him in front of a bonfire. Hillel had almost frozen to death because of his strong desire to learn. Though his motivation was commendable, and it's too bad there weren't podcasts that he could listen to from the comfort of his own home back then, this narrative is saying that what Hillel did was wrong. Simply put, we should not sacrifice ourselves for Torah.

The Talmud is telling us not to do what Hillel did. Instead, it gives us permission to take care of ourselves and our loved ones. In other words, sometimes you need to nap on the couch for hours on end. Sometimes, you need to take a break. And that's okay.

Hoping you make the most of your downtime, and looking forward to seeing you again soon.

## Ohr Shalom's Monthly TRIVIA CHALLENGE

**Question/Challenge: What are the names of all of the children of the patriarch Jacob, and who are the birth mothers of each?**

Submit your answer to [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)

Subject: **January Davar Trivia**

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

**Last month's answer:** Chaim Weizmann, Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, Zalman Shazar, Ephraim Katzir, Yitzhak Navon, Chaim Herzog, Ezer Weizman, Moshe Katsav, Shimon Peres, Reuven Rivlin, Isaac Herzog



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

**Allyson Darroch**

Environmental Projects Chair

We hear a lot about Europe's efforts to combat climate change. Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg is the youngest person to be Time's Person of the Year. But what about Israel?

Israel's commitment to nature conservation, characterized by a wide variety of programs, is not a recent development. Concern for all living things and prohibitions against environmental degradation may be traced back to biblical sources. Indeed, the first chapters of the Book of Genesis emphasize the vital link between humanity (adam) and the earth (adamah) and introduce the concept of stewardship by enjoining man to work the earth and to watch over it. Israel's rebirth in modern times was sparked by this age-old commitment of the people to their land. Making the desert bloom turned out to be a bit more complicated in the 20th century.

The roots of Israel's nature protection movement may be traced back to the organization of a small group of nature lovers and scientists around a specific issue: the draining of Lake Hula and its surrounding swamps in order to combat malaria and reclaim the land for agriculture (1951-58). This small group of conservationists, who fought for the preservation of a small area of swampland as a nature reserve, understood that the death of the swamps would spell the death of the valley's indigenous flora and fauna as well. Their successful campaign ensured not only the survival of the Hula habitat, but the birth of Israel's nature protection movement. Covering over 250,000 acres, Jewish National Fund forests provide an invaluable green canopy for both the people and the roughly 2,241 different species of animals and birds who call it home. Oak, Almond, Cypress and Cedar (apologies to Naomi Shemer but Eucalyptus isn't a native species) – every tree makes a difference.

San Diego's climate is characterized as Mediterranean. Plant a tree, if not for yourself then for the future – although Sycamores and Pomegranates grow pretty fast. Do it soon and make a difference. Don't have a yard? No problem. If the JNF (<https://www.jnf.org/our-work/forestry-green-innovations>) isn't your style, check out the Arbor Day Foundation (<https://www.arborday.org/>).



## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

### BLOOD DRIVE & FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Ohr Shalom Synagogue / Bloodmobile on Street

**Sunday, February 12  
from 8:30am - 2:30pm**

We strongly encourage appointments.  
[sandiegobloodbank.org/donate](http://sandiegobloodbank.org/donate) (619) 400-8521



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#### 988 - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

**988** is the new three digit code to route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please remember this number if you or someone you know is in crisis. There is no charge. Call or text 988, or chat at [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org) from anywhere in the country.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 15th Annual Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

**Monday, January 16, 2023,  
9:00am, Balboa Park**

This remarkable event brings people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds together for a wonderful morning of hands-on community service, fun and fellowship. Families are encouraged to participate together on this day of community-work, suitable for all ages. *No pets please.*

*Meet in Balboa Park at President's Way, in the first parking lot on the left*

- 9:00am Registration – same day, on-site only (youths 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult)
- 9:15am Opening Ceremony
- 9:30am Clean-up/beautification around the Air & Space Museum and Starlight Bowl
- 11:30am Complimentary hot dogs (beef, turkey, vegetarian, vegan) and chips; music by Hullabaloo.

More info about what to bring and what to wear at <https://www.fumcsd.org/15th-annual-mlk-day/>.

**Make it a day on, not a day off.**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Events at the Lawrence Family JCC

#### Treasures of the Jewish Music Collection - Yiddish Songs

**Thursday, January 5, 2:00 - 3:30pm**

Astor Judaica Library (in-person)  
Lawrence Family JCC

**Price: Free**

Once a month, **Eileen Wingard** and other music enthusiasts highlight materials from the Samuel & Rebecca Astor Judaica Library's Collection. Eileen will have three local singers as guest speakers: **Elisheva Edelson, Deborah Davis** and **Elizabeth Schwartz**, and will play selections from their recordings on the program. Other singers on the playlist will include Theodore Bikel, Dudu Fischer, Sidor Belarsky, and Sol Zim.

*Future Programs:* **February 9, 2:00pm** – Ladino Songs with guests **Carla Berg** and **Raulf Polichar**;  
**March 9, 2:00pm** – Israeli Songs.

#### Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices

**Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 - 8:30pm**

Astor Judaica Library (in-person)  
Lawrence Family JCC

**Price: Free**

The series continues with three featured poets followed by an open mic: Julie Potiker, Lisa Schwartz, Roberto Najmias (poetry in Spanish).

### Save the Dates

#### 33rd Annual San Diego International Jewish Film Festival



**February 15-26 (in-person)**

**February 27-March 3 (virtual)**

<https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/sdijff.aspx>

#### SDIJFF Preview Day

**Sunday, January 29, 11:00am**

Lawrence Family JCC

New to the festival experience this year. It's your chance to identify the films you most want to see and to make plans with friends for February! Come for an hour-long viewing experience in the Garfield Theatre and see trailers from the festival films – and stick around for a nosh.



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

### NO PLACE FOR HATE

You may recognize the slogan/title of my article from the ADL (Anti-Defamation League). No Place for Hate is their educational outreach program for schools and youth. It seems simple enough to teach our youth not to hate but to love and appreciate each human as an individual with their own gifts to contribute to the world; yet antisemitism and bigotry still permeate our society.



We are lucky that here in San Diego our Mayor has made himself a key player in the fight against hate. If you were unable to attend the ADL presentation: Antisemitism Today: A Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Todd Gloria in December the recording is available on the Temple Emanu-El video website <https://boxcast.tv/view/antisemitism-today-a-town-hall-with-mayor-todd-gloria-gwyhmsquo2fuk3d44op>. Throughout this meeting a panel of speakers answered and discussed questions submitted by members of the community. Ohr Shalom and many other local Jewish organizations were sponsors of this important discussion.

This Town Hall meeting is just a step toward fighting antisemitism and other acts of hate in our community. It is our responsibility to help the ADL find and fight hate. Here is how you can help...SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING! ADL has an incident reporting site that helps them track patterns of hate and antisemitism across the country. This is a direct quote from their reporting site: “If you have experienced or witnessed an incident of antisemitism, extremism, bias, bigotry or hate, please report it using the incident form below. We will work to assess your situation and respond as quickly as possible. Any personal information provided will be kept strictly confidential. If this is an emergency, please dial 911.” Here is the link to the reporting website...I hope you never have to use it: <https://www.adl.org/report-incident>.



## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

**Aviva Ilanit Rosenberg**  
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

### First Yahrzeit Candle Distribution

by Alma Geiger



Losing a loved one can be one of the most challenging experiences we deal with. Jewish tradition supports us through our process of mourning by defining several stages, each of which corresponds to our emotional process of grief. Rituals and practices offer distinct opportunities to express our feelings of loss, starting with the intensity of *aninut* (period from death to burial) and *shiva* (7 days of mourning following the funeral), progressing to *shloshim* (30 days of mourning), and continuing to the first *yahrzeit* when we commemorate the anniversary of the death or burial. While active mourning ends at the conclusion of this period, we continue to honor and remember our loved ones at *Yizkor* services and yearly *yahrzeits*.

Ohr Shalom’s Chesed Committee is here to support our members through this journey. To help mark a first *yahrzeit* and the end of this transitional stage, we will deliver a *yahrzeit* candle to your home for you to light (based on the Hebrew calendar anniversary), along with an invitation to join a minyan at which you can recite the *Kaddish* (Mourner’s Prayer) and share some remembrances with us. Each future year, Ohr Shalom’s office will send you a reminder notice of your loved one’s *yahrzeit* date.

May God comfort the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



## TODAH RABAH

*Todah Rabah* to our December Shabbat Service Leaders, Torah and Haftarah Readers, D’rashot, Daily Minyan Minute, Minyan Leaders and office volunteers:

- LeAnne Adams
- Ilan Awerbuch
- Sue Brown
- Joe Castiglione
- Louise Chandler
- Allyson Darroch
- Melanie Davidson
- Elisheva Edelson
- Hudi Eshel
- Jonathan Geiger
- Xavier Gumbayan
- Joe Hartman
- Alberto Hamui
- Rebecca Iden
- Koba
- Ross Kanter
- Morris Lazard
- Jessica Lemoine
- Hadarya Levy
- Jennifer Tabak Levy
- Yonatan Levy
- Yiftach Levy
- Susanne Lisker
- Eli Meltzer
- Jennifer Meltzer
- Nadiv Meltzer
- Shayna Meltzer
- Susie Meltzer
- Yael Meltzer
- Ivan Mendelsohn
- Lynn Mendelsohn
- Rabbi Shanee Michaelson
- Philip Miller
- Rachel Millstone
- Amy Morris
- Bill Morris
- Ruben Rosental
- Brian Stannard
- Jonah Weinberg
- Margalit Wollner
- Milo Wolpoff
- Marvin Yudkovitz
- Jane Zeer
- Rebecca Zipp

# TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

## Thank you for your generous donations in December:

### SYNAGOGUE FUND

Meg and Allan Goldstein  
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**In loving memory of Daryl Ross Baks**  
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**In loving memory of Jeffrey Ressler**  
 Doreen Casuto  
 Roberta and Norman Greene  
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**In loving memory of Hyman Wolpoff**  
**In loving memory of Jacqueline Horstein**  
 Harriet and Sheldon Wolpoff

**In loving memory of Sydney Pick**  
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 Daniel Pick

**Refuah Shleimah to Jerry Turk**  
 Doreen Casuto

**Thank You to Rabbi for Wedding**  
 Hannah and Brad Freidman

**Mazal Tov to Xavier Gumbayan for Bar Mitzvah**  
 Sarita and Samy Zands

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 Sherry and Alan Berlin  
 Rita Cohen  
 Judi Gottschalk

### TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT SPONSORS

Gumbayan and Martinez Families

### Today Rabah Chanukah Helpers:

*Latke team:* Mark & Elaine Smith, Samy & Sarita Zands, Morris Lazard, Marda Rose, Al Shelden and of course, RENE! *Set-up and cleanup:* Joy Heitzmann, Aviva Rosenberg, Alex van Frank, Morris Lazard (again), Love Zubiller and RENE! *Pinata Assistance:* Debbie Suissa and Tomas Marquez, our Piñata Master, who ably sweetened the fun by moving the target!

*Chanukah Bag Delivery People:* Joy Heitzmann, Rachel Millstone, Marci Prag, Aviva Rosenberg, Marvin Yudkovitz, Love Zubiller

### Today Rabah



to Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky, and Chef Marco Maestoso ([instagram.com/maestoso](https://www.instagram.com/maestoso)) for donating their time and talents to plan, shop, create, cook and serve the community a delicious pasta feast

### Mazal Tov!

to Gumbayan and Martinez Families on the bar mitzvah of Xavier Gumbayan.

### Condolences:

to Naomi Eisman of the passing of her beloved son, Daryl Ross Baks z'l.

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

*We apologize for any omissions.*

# Yahrzeits

Samuel Alvo Shemaria	Rosie Veinbergs' Brother .....	1-Jan/8 Tevet
Miriam Miliband	Jared Solomon's Grandmother .....	1-Jan/8 Tevet
Jack Mandel	David Mandel's Father .....	2-Jan/9 Tevet
*Thomas Weston	Allison Wolpoff's Father .....	2-Jan/9 Tevet
Luis Goldberg	Lina Gorinstein's Brother .....	4-Jan/11 Tevet
Roslyn Kanevsky	Alberto Levy's Aunt .....	4-Jan/11 Tevet
*Frieda Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Mother .....	4-Jan/11 Tevet
*Harry Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Brother .....	5-Jan/12 Tevet
*Alberto Hecht	Ruth Fastag's Father .....	5-Jan/12 Tevet
Sheila Schwartz	Elizabeth Schwartz's Mother .....	5-Jan/12 Tevet
*Ilan Cohen	Trudy Cohen's Husband and Eddy Cohen's Brother .....	6-Jan/13 Tevet
Marie Lyons	Lynn Mendelsohn's Mother .....	6-Jan/13 Tevet
Honey Mark	Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....	6-Jan/13 Tevet
*Matilde Galicot	Jose Galicot and Julio Galicot's Mother .....	7-Jan/14 Tevet
Thomas Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandfather .....	7-Jan/14 Tevet
Anna Burgman Kuttner	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandmother .....	8-Jan/15 Tevet
Esther van Vloten	Alex van Frank's Mother .....	8-Jan/15 Tevet
David Wolpoff	Sheldon Wolpoff's Nephew .....	8-Jan/15 Tevet

# Yahrzeits

Shlomo Broder	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
Hugh Douglas	Avigayil Levy-Yochanan's Grandfather .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
Regina Gross	Elaine Gottesman's Grandmother .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
Jacqueline Horstein	Alma Geiger and Harriet Wolpoff's Mother .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
*Olga May	Miriam Burakoff's Mother .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
Isaac Penhas	Sally Maizel's Father .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
*Evelyn Shelden	Al Shelden's Mother .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
Leah Solomon	Jared Solomon's Grandmother .....	9-Jan/16 Tevet
*Ema Halio	Vida Sportes, Miryam Slovatizki and Reyna Forman's Mother .....	10-Jan/17 Tevet
Gary Krout	Bill Morris' Brother .....	11-Jan/18 Tevet
Arthur Weiss	Nathan Weiss' Father .....	11-Jan/18 Tevet
Kalman Tishman	Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather and Remembered by Esther Tishman .....	12-Jan/19 Tevet
Benjamin Brener	Jaime Brener's Father .....	13-Jan/20 Tevet
Sadie Heyman Bergman	Stan Heyman's Mother .....	13-Jan/20 Tevet
Thomas Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandfather .....	14-Jan/21 Tevet
Richard Pick	Daniel Pick's Father .....	14-Jan/21 Tevet
Ruth Goldschmiedova Sax	Max Scheller's Grandmother .....	14-Jan/21 Tevet
Fernando Waisbord	Elena Waisbord's Husband, Daniel Waisbord and Samuel Waisbord's Grandfather .....	14-Jan/21 Tevet
*Miriam Feshali	Mark Smith's Sister .....	15-Jan/22 Tevet
Julianna Silbermann	Elizabeth Green's Great Grandmother .....	15-Jan/22 Tevet
Jorge Chazan	Celia Chazan's Husband and Linda Rosenthal's Father .....	16-Jan/23 Tevet
Amy Hagler	Remembered by Susan Hagler .....	16-Jan/23 Tevet
Minnie Linsk	Amy Morris' Mother .....	16-Jan/23 Tevet
Henry Bookspan	Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....	17-Jan/24 Tevet
*Abraham Gorinstein	Alan Gorinstein's Father .....	17-Jan/24 Tevet
Sidney Levitan	Marilyn Levitan's Grandfather .....	18-Jan/25 Tevet
Enrique Shteremberg	David Shteremberg's Brother and Remembered by Jose Zyman .....	18-Jan/25 Tevet
Bob Statman	Robyn Casuto's Father .....	18-Jan/25 Tevet
*Irving Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Uncle .....	19-Jan/26 Tevet
*Diane Rubin	Joe Rubin's Wife .....	19-Jan/26 Tevet
Raquel Bakcht	Remembered by Sara and Jaime Fainstein .....	20-Jan/27 Tevet
Neftali Rubinstein	Aaron Rubinstein's Father .....	20-Jan/27 Tevet
Leola Cutler	Amy Morris' Aunt .....	21-Jan/28 Tevet
*Jacques Gabbai	Remembered by Albert Algazi .....	21-Jan/28 Tevet
Jack May	Sue Brown's Uncle .....	21-Jan/28 Tevet
*Ida Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Grandmother .....	22-Jan/29 Tevet
Yaacov Jaim Szmuilowicz	Remembered by Bertha Szmuilowicz .....	22-Jan/29 Tevet
Josefa Arellano	Sonia Roberts' Mother .....	23-Jan/1 Shevat
Phyllis Weissman	Rebecca Wollner's Grandmother .....	23-Jan/2 Shevat
*Thomas Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Grandfather .....	24-Jan/2 Shevat
Sam Krampf	Linda Mostel's Grandfather .....	25-Jan/3 Shevat
Ethel Spitz	Elaine Gottesman's Great Aunt .....	25-Jan/3 Shevat
Marks Tenen	Remembered by Joe Rubin .....	25-Jan/3 Shevat
Ester Lisker	Remembered by Susanne Lisker .....	26-Jan/4 Shevat
Leon Singer	Ricardo Singer's Father .....	26-Jan/4 Shevat
Rivka Tishman	Remembered by Esther Tishman and Lilian Deicas and Rosa Ratniewski's Grandmother .....	26-Jan/4 Shevat
Edith Weiss	Nathan Weiss' Mother .....	26-Jan/4 Shevat
Fernanda Distel	Fanny Rosental's Mother .....	27-Jan/5 Shevat
Charles Sportes	Rene Sportes' Brother .....	27-Jan/5 Shevat
Audrey Cupples	Remembered by Alice Broudy .....	28-Jan/6 Shevat
Ezequiel Fridman	Enrique Fridman's Father .....	28-Jan/6 Shevat
Moshe Domb	Eti Chall's Father .....	29-Jan/7 Shevat
Ronnie Morales	Alex and Alan Morales' Mother .....	29-Jan/7 Shevat
Mark Glassman	Ruth Shapiro's Father .....	30-Jan/8 Shevat
Aida Slovatizki	Miguel Slovatizki's Mother .....	30-Jan/8 Shevat
Regina Becker Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandmother .....	31-Jan/9 Shevat
Oscar Burakoff	David Burakoff's Father .....	31-Jan/9 Shevat
Aaron Cohen	Tricia Pummill's Uncle .....	31-Jan/9 Shevat

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January 2023**  
**Tevet/Shevat 5783**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 8 Tevet</b> <b>New Years Day</b> No Religious School No Minyan	<b>2 9 Tevet</b> Office Closed 6:15pm - Minyan No Choir Practice	<b>3 10 Tevet</b> <b>Fast of Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>4 11 Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>5 12 Tevet</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>6 13 Tevet</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:39pm	<b>7 14 Tevet</b> <b>Parshat Vayechi</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:40pm
<b>8 15 Tevet</b> 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>9 16 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>10 17 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>11 18 Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>12 19 Tevet</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>13 20 Tevet</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:45pm	<b>14 21 Tevet</b> <b>Parshat Shemot</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn 5:46pm
<b>15 22 Tevet</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>16 23 Tevet</b> <b>MLK Day</b> Office Closed No Minyan No Choir Practice	<b>17 24 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>18 25 Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>19 26 Tevet</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>20 27 Tevet</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kehillatit Shabbat Service & Dinner 4:51pm	<b>21 28 Tevet</b> <b>Parshat Vaera</b> <b>Mevarchim Chodesh</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:53pm
<b>22 29 Tevet</b> 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>23 1 Shevat</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>24 2 Shevat</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>25 3 Shevat</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>26 4 Shevat</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>27 5 Shevat</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:58pm	<b>28 6 Shevat</b> <b>Parshat Bo</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn 6:00pm
<b>29 7 Shevat</b> 9:30am - Religious School 10:30am - Ta'am Torah 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>30 8 Shevat</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>31 9 Shevat</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>1 10 Shevat</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>2 11 Shevat</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>3 12 Shevat</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 5:05pm	<b>4 13 Shevat</b> <b>Parshat Beshalach</b> <b>Shabbat Shirah</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 6:06pm
<b>5 14 Shevat</b> 9:30am - Religious School 10:30am - Readings with the Rabbi 5:30pm - Tu B'Shevat Seder 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>6 15 Shevat</b> <b>Tu B'Shevat</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>7 16 Shevat</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>8 17 Shevat</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>9 18 Shevat</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>10 19 Shevat</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:11pm	<b>11 20 Shevat</b> <b>Parshat Vetro</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn 6:13pm