



DAVAR MEGILLAH

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Lag B'Omer at Rabbi Meltzer's House

Monday, May 8th

6:15pm Minyan
7:00pm Kumitz

Come for Minyan and stay to celebrate Lag B'Omer. (Or you can just come for one or the other.)

RSVP to Ohr Shalom office required by May 4th.



Shabbat Kehillatit Religious School Graduation & Teacher Appreciation

Friday,
May 19, 6:15pm
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SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

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Happy 75th Birthday to the State of Israel

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

This article was originally sent as an email to the Congregation on Yom Ha'Atzmaut.



I am thankful, every day, that I was born into a world in which the State of Israel is a vibrant reality. Being born in a world with the State of Israel in existence is a gift, an inheritance and birthright, given to all Jews – at least those younger than 75. The Jewish world was and is fundamentally changed because of the state. My parents, and nineteen-hundred years of Jews born before them, were born into a different reality.

I will never forget my first dawn in Israel – January of 1990. I marvel that I have been so fortunate to have spent 6 months there, then twelve months, and then about another dozen shorter trips.

It happens to be a wonderful moment in my family: Shayna was in Israel last summer. Maital is there now. Jennifer will be there in a few days. Nadiv will be there this coming summer. Yael will be traveling this summer in Europe with a group of Israeli teens. I am the one feeling left out!

I am a Zionist. The Jewish people have a connection to the land for more than 3,000 years, and a right to a homeland there. I am connected to the enterprise of building that homeland, and affected by its well-being.

It is complicated. It hasn't gotten less complicated. There have been some very sad days – some created by Israel's enemies, and some of Israel's own doing.

There have been more joyful, celebratory days – some created by those who choose friendship instead of enmity, and some of Israel's own doing.

Israel has some of the struggles that other democracies are facing – a rise in the political power of the very/ultra-religious, a booming economy that has

created a larger than ever rift between the haves and have nots, more homeless than ever before, a rise in the influence of a strident, militant nationalism.

Israel has the additional challenge of being the target of terrorism at home and the target of animosity in many other parts of the world.

Israel also has yet to find a just and peaceful path forward for the people and land that it has occupied since the summer of 1967 – nearly 75% of the past 75 years.

Yet, I am optimistic. I am optimistic because so much has been accomplished. There was a dream to create a thriving, democratic, national homeland for the Jewish people, and there has been so much success, so much for which we should all feel pride.

On this anniversary of the declaration of statehood 75 years ago, I want to recall some of what was declared on that day:

“THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.”

So today is a day to celebrate, to be thankful for those who have come before, and to dedicate ourselves to a vision of a bright future for a vibrant, diverse, peaceful, secure and wondrous State of Israel. I look forward to celebrating together.

Perhaps I will see you one weekend at the House of Israel in Balboa Park? Better yet, perhaps the day will come when we walk the streets of Israel together!



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marvin Yudkovitz
President

FIND YOUR PLACE(S) AT OHR SHALOM

Have you been able to find where you fit in at Ohr Shalom? Have you been able to identify activities that meet your needs—spiritual, educational, social, interpersonal, family, leadership? We have avenues for all of those (and many of these activities meet several goals simultaneously). I am confident that if you try some, you will come back for more. Here are a few (and be sure to see more robust discussions of many of these in this and previous issues of the Davar since July 2022).

Spiritual – “More than Jews have kept Shabbat, **Shabbat** has kept the Jews.” (Ahad Ha’am/Asher Ginsberg). Shabbat allows for creating a 25-hour sacred space in time for a spiritual connection, family time, and interpersonal reflection. Ohr Shalom has services every Friday evening beginning at 6:15pm and Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. Although each service can be much more satisfying in person, it is also available via Zoom. Be sure to be on the lookout for special events most Friday evenings (including “Ask the Rabbi” on the 5th, Ohr Shalom Choir on the 12th, and Kehillatit with dinner on the 19th this month). Weekday evening Zoom **minyan** (Sunday-Thursday) begins with a “reading” given by members at 6:05pm, followed by the service at 6:15pm. This is an opportunity to spend 20-40 minutes in prayer and reflection while sitting in your favorite chair at home.

Educational – There are educational opportunities available almost every weekday. These range from book club discussions to **classes** such as Psalms, Daf Yomi Study Group, Hebrew and Synagogue Skills, and a variety of other Jewish topics. And, on some Saturdays, don’t miss **Lunch & Learn** with Rabbi Meltzer following services (this month on the 13th and 27th), feeding both your body and mind. Lynn Mendelsohn, our Adult Ed chair is constantly planning new offerings. Let her know if you have some ideas. Have you been thinking about participating in our upcoming **Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah** class? Don’t forget that the **orientation session is May 21, 10:30am** (see my article in the March 2023 Davar for more information about this program).

Social – I’m hoping you’ve heard about the **Chavurot** being formed? Our Membership Chair, Alex van Frank, had a wonderful article in last month’s Davar if you need to be reminded about some of the new Chavurot. Sign up to join one of these, or provide her with an idea for a new one.

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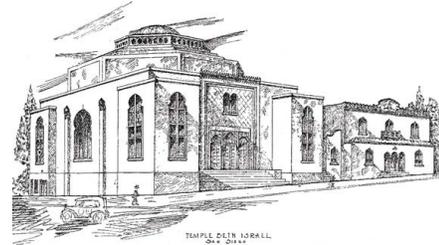
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Chavurot are wonderful opportunities to get together with others with similar interests, and have been known to result in very long-term friendships. I’m hoping that you joined us at the recent “Lights of Ohr Shalom” evening, and had a chance to reconnect with some friends, and maybe make a few new ones. If not, you’ll have an opportunity again next year!

Interpersonal – Earlier I mentioned about our weekday **minyanim**. Well, a surprise aspect of these is the interpersonal connections we make. And you may be thinking – but these are on Zoom, and they are prayer meetings. The interpersonal aspect is available in four ways – the pre-minyan reading, daily prayer for wellness of others, commemorating annual yahrzeits, and an occasional shiva service. In each of these four ways, individual congregants share some personal information, which helps all of us get to know each other a little more. This is especially true during the yahrzeit portion when members are encouraged to share some details about the person they are honoring by marking the annual day of their death. I can certainly say that for me, I have learned so much about others through these brief sharing moments. Did you know that every Saturday after services we have a **Kiddush Lunch**? This is a leisurely opportunity to get to know other congregants. And if you have children in the **Religious School**, getting together with some of the other parents on Sunday mornings is a great opportunity.

Family – Probably the greatest opportunities for families to get together are **Friday nights**. These include the monthly

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OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	May 5	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	May 6	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	May 12	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir
Saturday	May 13	9:30am	Shabbat Service with Vav/Zayin Class
Friday	May 19	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service
Saturday	May 20	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	May 26	9:30am	Shavuot Morning Service
		6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Shavuot Service
Saturday	May 27	9:30am	Shabbat Shavuot Service with Yizkor

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.

Shabbat Kehillatit

Religious School Graduation & Teacher Appreciation



Friday, May 19

Family-friendly service: 6:15pm
Community Dinner: 7:15pm
RSVP for dinner by May 13 for Member Price. 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, May 13 & 27
Shabbat Service at 9:30am followed by
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Meltzer at 12:30pm

Coming This Summer..... SAVE THE DATES

Shabbat at the Bay

Fridays, June 16 | July 14 | August 18
6:45pm | Kabbalat Shabbat Service



Come early and bring your own dairy/pareve dinner

PLAYA PACIFICA - MISSION BAY PARK Playa Pacifica Park in Mission Bay Park: 1-5 to Exit 22: Clairemont Drive/Mission Bay Drive. Drive west towards the bay. Turn left (south) on East Mission Bay Drive. Drive 0.2 miles and turn right into parking lot. We will be near the blue-roofed gazebo. (The Hilton Hotel is south of our gathering.)

Don't forget your folding chairs & blankets!



PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING May 2023

PARSHAT EMOR

Fri: May 5 | 14 Iyar 7:15pm
Sat: May 6 | 15 Iyar
Torah: Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haft: Ezekiel 44:15-31



PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

Fri: May 12 | 21 Iyar 7:20pm
Sat: May 13 | 22 Iyar
Torah: Leviticus 25:1-27:34
Haft: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14



PARSHAT BAMIDBAR MEVARCHIM CHODESH

Fri: May 19 | 28 Iyar 7:25pm
Sat: May 20 | 29 Iyar
Torah: Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haft: Samuel 20:18-42



SHAVUOT

Fri: May 26 | 6 Sivan 7:30pm
Sat: May 27 | 7 Sivan
Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17
Numbers 28:26-31
Haft: Habakkuk 2:20; 3:1-19



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

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

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Ohr Shalom Board Member

Shavuot

Shavuot falls seven weeks after Passover at the end of the counting of the Omer (a verbal counting of each of the 49 days between the Jewish holidays of Passover and Shavuot). The holiday celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai as well as the grain harvest for the summer. In biblical times, Shavuot was one of three pilgrimage festivals in which all the Jewish men would go to Jerusalem and bring their first fruits as offerings to God. Today, we celebrate Shavuot by going to synagogue to hear the 10 Commandments, having festive meals of dairy foods, staying up all night to learn and reading the Book of Ruth.

Ruth is perhaps the most famous convert in all of Jewish history. Ruth was a Moabite woman. After the death of her husband, she remained with her mother-in-law Naomi, and later married Boaz and became an ancestor of King David [whom the Messiah will be a descendant of]. Ruth's story relates to that of the Jewish people, who wanted to be given the Torah and become servants of Hashem.

Preparing for Shavuot – Remember to pick up a cheesecake from your favorite bakery (or make your own!), put on your best clothes for synagogue, and be prepared for some eye-opening and engaging learning. And don't forget the coffee -- you'll need it!

Two customs typical of Shavuot are to eat dairy foods and stay up all night to learn Torah. Though no one knows for certain where this tradition of eating dairy on Shavuot came from, many believe it is derived from the biblical assurance that the land of Israel is a land "flowing with milk and honey." [Exodus 3:8] Whatever the reason, there's no shortage of dairy options to spice up your holiday table. Here are some options (recipes are available from <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/>):

Everything Bagel Bourekas: Classic New York bagel meets Israeli bourekas.

Unicorn Cheesecake: How to turn cheesecake into a whimsical masterpiece.

Pull-Apart Challah With Cheese and Guava: A little tropical flair for this traditional bread for Shabbat.

Cheesy Pull-Apart Garlic Bread Babka: A savory mash-up that's totally addictive.

Blintzes: Blintzes come with lots of fillings, but this cheese-stuffed version is a Shavuot classic.

Cheesecake: Make your own or buy from a good bakery.

Cheese Lokshen Kugel: This creamy noodle dish can be made savory or sweet.

Chocolate-Dipped Cheesecake On A Stick: What doesn't taste better on a stick?

Mozzarella and Tomato Caprese Blintzes: Italian, Jewish and delicious.

Cheese and Herb Rugelach: Because rugelach doesn't always have to be sweet!

How do you celebrate Shavuot at home?

One way of doing so is staying up all night (OK, for most of us, *part* of the night) studying. The practice of sharing Torah study mirrors the communal gathering to receive the text thousands of years ago. Often festive and boisterous, these study sessions are called Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.

Please join Rabbi Meltzer for services and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot on Erev Shavuot, Thursday, May 25 (see the schedule on this page).

Chag Sameach



Shavuot Service Schedule

Erev Shavuot:

Thursday, May 25

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot **7:30pm**
Please join Rabbi Meltzer for a night of study and receiving Torah.

Shavuot I:

Friday, May 26

Morning Shavuot Service **9:30am**
Kabbalat Shabbat Shavuot **6:15pm**

Shavuot II:

Saturday, May 27

Morning Shavuot Service and Yizkor **9:30am**
Lunch & Learn **12:30pm**

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.



ADULT EDUCATION

Lynn Mendelsohn
Adult Education Chair

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah Class Orientation Meeting Sunday, May 21 at 10:30am

The program will begin in late August/early September 2023 and conclude in the late Spring 2024. You are invited to attend the kick-off orientation meeting if you'd like to learn more about this program.

[See Marvin Yudkovitz's article in the March 2023 Davar for more information.]

CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

Daf Yomi • Wednesdays, 10:00am

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



Psalms

• Wednesdays, 11:00am

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/

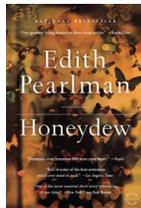
Slow Read Book Club

• In-depth chapter discussions (ongoing)

Fridays at 11:00am | No Class on May 26

Honeydew

by Edith Pearlman



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



In celebration of the 98th birthday of our beautiful synagogue building, and in association with Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), Ohr Shalom is sponsoring a:

BANKERS HILL WALKING TOUR

With George Franck of SOHO

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10:00am

Exactly 100 years ago, in 1923, Congregation Beth Israel purchased property at Third Avenue and Laurel Street, in the Bankers Hill neighborhood, to build its new synagogue. Completed in 1925, the building was formally dedicated in May 1926.

At that time, Bankers Hill was San Diego's most prestigious locale. While the area has commercialized significantly, many fascinating old structures remain, including several houses designed by San Diego's renowned architect Irving Gill.

Our docent will be George Franck, a former SANDAG Planner, and a master tour leader with SOHO.

Cost of the tour: \$13.

\$10 if you are age 65 or older.

(Teens and tweens over 12 are welcome at the adult price if they are able to sustain interest in the tour.)

The tour will last approximately 1½ hours.

We will assemble at 9:50am in front of the Self-Realization Fellowship, 3072 First Avenue, just north of the First Avenue Bridge.

Reservation Deadline was May 1. Contact Lynn Mendelsohn mendelynn0511@gmail.com or text 619-980-1801 to see if space is still available

OHR SHALOM WELLNESS

Meditation with Alex van Frank

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:30pm Off May 9

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



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



Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805583843>
Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843

MEMBERSHIP

Outdoor Adventurers Chavurah



Outdoor Adventurers Chavurah inaugural adventure. Thanks to Julia Gleichman Miller and Phil Miller for a beautiful Sunday morning walk through Maple Canyon.

Save the Date
YOUR PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT!

**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

JUNE

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Wednesday, June 7, 7:00pm



YOUTH GROUP

Shoshannah Bunton
USY Youth Director

**OHR SHALOM USY
SLEEPOVER**



Saturday, May 27-28

USY participants will have the opportunity to spend the night at the Synagogue. Our USY Board Members will plan all of the fun activities for the evening. The Rabbi will make breakfast in the morning for everyone attending.

What to bring: Comfortable clothes, pillow & blanket, toothbrush & toothpaste.

\$30 Suggested Donation. All funds go towards event.

Questions? Contact Shoshannah at usy@ohrshalom.org.

OHR SHALOM CHOIR

Ohr Shalom's Choir
with Elisheva Edelson

The Ohr Shalom Choir is always looking for new members. You never sang in a choir before? Don't worry! There are no auditions, and you don't need to know how to read music or Hebrew. We will help you! If you're interested, please contact Elisheva Edelson at elishevaedelson@gmail.com

Come join us at 7:00pm on the following Mondays at Ohr Shalom in May:

- Monday, May 1**
- Monday, May 8**
- Monday, May 15**
- Monday, May 22**





REFLECT
on the Past



CONSIDER
the Present



PLAN
for the Future

WE ARE



**OHR SHALOM
SYNAGOGUE**



RABBINIC INTERN

Shanee Michaelson
Rabbinic Intern

Just as April showers bring May flowers, each Pesach leads to the Festival of Shavuot. When I was growing up, Shavuot was sometimes overlooked and, unfortunately, it still is today. But it celebrates something quite important, which is receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai after leaving lives of slavery in Egypt. To put it in terms of American history, which may be more familiar to us: If Passover is the Israelites' "Declaration of Independence" as a nation, then Shavuot is their acceptance and adoption of the "Constitution." It is one thing to recognize ourselves as a people, and another to recognize the obligations and responsibilities we have towards one another and towards other people with whom we share the world.

Or as Peter Parker learned when he became Spiderman: With great power comes great responsibility. We can do great things as free people, yet we must be mindful towards each other and towards how we get those things done.

Which brings me to another event happening this May: my rabbinic ordination. It's difficult to believe, but another year has (almost) come to a conclusion. This was not just any year for me. It was my final year of rabbinical school. I started almost five years ago in a pre-COVID world, and it's difficult to remember those early days. After two years in-person in Los Angeles, one year on Zoom, one year in Israel, and this past year back in-person in LA again yet also in San Diego with all of you, I am about to go out into the world to teach Torah as a full-fledged rabbi.

From my first Shabbat and first Sunday with the Religious School, through the High Holy Days, Chanukah, Purim and Pesach, it has been a blessing to be learning, growing, and spending time in community with Ohr Shalom. It is a rabbi's job not only to celebrate during the major events of the Jewish calendar, but to be a significant helper to others to find and mark the Jewish way with new babies, b'nei mitzvah, engagements, weddings, and other life transitions. In-person or over Zoom, from Shabbat to holidays, across life cycles and in daily minyan, it has truly been a pleasure to be your rabbinic intern.

As I write this, I'm aware that I have just one Shabbat left as rabbinic intern with you. One Kabbalat Shabbat & evening service, one Shabbat morning & kiddush, and one Sunday of Religious School. Though I won't be here anymore, it's important to me that you know Ohr Shalom will always have a special place in my heart.

I consider San Diego one of my hometowns. Multiple generations of my family have lived here. I've been coming to the area since I was thirteen, and I have lived here as an adult, as well. So I'm certain I'll be back. And when I return, I'll make sure to come visit Ohr Shalom and the lovely, sacred community that I have found in all of you. Sending my love, and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes for a good Shavuot holiday/Chag Shavuot Sameach!



CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

Aviva Ilanit Rosenberg
Chesed/Community Caring Chair

I hope everyone had a wonderful and meaningful Pesach. It was great to see some of you at the Seder and Chesed Zoom meeting last month. Pesach is a reminder how we were guests in the land of Egypt, and we weren't treated very well. Chesed works to treat every member with kindness and Tikkun Olam.

When we are having an important life event or celebration, we can use each other's support. The Chesed Committee is here for you – just let us know. At our meeting we talked about how important it is to enrich the spirit of community within Ohr Shalom.

If you missed the last Chesed Meeting and would like more information about joining the Chesed Committee please contact me: chesed@ohrshalom.org

Even if you aren't a member of the Chesed committee, we always can use your help when needed to celebrate, support, and comfort each other.

There was recently a need for meal train, and we had great support! Thank you to all who jumped on the meal train.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Kehillatit dinners at the Synagogue and the summer Shabbatot at the Bay.

Leadership – We are looking for congregants to take on a variety of leadership positions within the synagogue. Becoming a Member of the **Ohr Shalom Board** is an opportunity to help shape and guide Ohr Shalom now and into the future. Please let me or Rabbi Meltzer know if you are interested in this. If this feels like too great a commitment, chairing a **committee**, or becoming a member of a committee, is a great place to start. We currently have open committee chair positions. Or consider becoming a member of the Chesed committee (in-reach to synagogue members) under the leadership of Aviva Rosenberg, the Social Action committee (outreach to the greater San Diego community) under the leadership of Brad Eisenberg, or the Ritual committee under the leadership of Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb. A few days ago, Rabbi Meltzer and I and twelve congregants completed the 7-session **Sulam for Emerging Leaders** (SEL) program, developed by the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ). The June Davar will have a photo of the participants and a short article about the program. Invitations for the next SEL are scheduled to be sent around the Summer of 2024, with the program beginning that Fall. Please let me or Rabbi Meltzer know if you may be interested in participating.

Still not seeing what you are looking for, or want even more? Please contact me directly with your thoughts and ideas.



SOCIAL ACTION

Brad Eisenberg
Social Action Chair



Ohr Shalom offers many opportunities to give back. Our members have set up beach cleanups, blood drives, fundraising walks, and feeding the hungry.

We continue to seek volunteers for the following or any other similar causes that you would like to support:

- **Christie’s Place** (for women/children living with HIV/AIDS) - turkey donations at Thanksgiving, backpack and back-to-school supplies in late summer
- **Habitat for Humanity** – build homes and work on landscaping
- **STAND UP FOR KIDS** – donations for homeless teens San Diego (standupforkids.org)
- **“The Hunger Project”** at St. Vincent de Paul – serve the homeless and hungry on Sunday mornings
- **Run/Walk for the Hungry** – Thanksgiving Day, Jewish Family Service
- **Veterans’ Village San Diego** – blanket and warm clothing collection in winter months
- **Embrace-a-Family** (Jewish Family Service) – provide Chanukah gifts for families
- **Casa Cornelia Law Center** – assist immigrants

Please contact socialaction@ohrshalom.org or contact the office.

Ongoing Food Drive for JFS



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

If you are financially able, please continue to help by giving online at <https://www.jfssd.org>.

These are some of the items that are needed most:

- Canned Goods:** Tuna, Chicken, Meat, Fruits, Vegetables, Broth
- Boxed Items:** Baking Mixes, Whole Grain Crackers, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Other Grains
- General Items:** Peanut Butter, Mac ‘n Cheese, Ramen, Dried Fruit/Nuts, Granola, Protein Bars

Volunteers Needed

Monthly Lunch for TAY Academy A Thursday in May (date TBD)

In May we are relaunching our support of TAY Academy with volunteers preparing and serving lunch one Thursday each month. As a reminder, homeless teens have a safe place to gather during the day at TAY Academy. Ohr Shalom volunteers have in the past prepared and served lunches to these youth many times.

Please contact me at socialaction@ohrshalom.org if you would like to volunteer to prepare, purchase, deliver and/or provide the financial resources for a meal to feed approximately 15 youth in May or in the future. The delivery time and location in Golden Hill will be disclosed to those who volunteer.

Please choose the way(s) you can help. We need the following:

- People to cook**
- People to buy pre-prepared meals (pizza etc.)**
- People to deliver home-cooked or pre-prepared meals**

d. **Financial assistance**—Donations are welcome. Some people who can cook, etc. may not have the financial resources to buy the food. Donations made to the fund will help us reimburse them.



Did you know Ohr Shalom has an Instagram page?



Simply search for: **Ohr Shalom Synagogue / ohrshalom** (on Instagram)

If you have Instagram, check out our page for pictures and posts of what’s happening at the Synagogue, and much more.

Stay tuned for more content on our Instagram page. If you have any content to share for our Instagram, contact Aviva Rosenberg at chesed@ohrshalom.org.

CHECK OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM LIGHTS OF OHR SHALOM 2023.

The 18th Annual Lights of Ohr Shalom was a wonderful evening!

It was a "love fest," honoring **Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn** for their countless contributions to our Shul. It was also a successful fundraiser, generating much needed funds for the operation of our Synagogue. This year we had three stages of fundraising – the annual paddle raiser, leaves for a specially marked "Lynn and Ivan Forest" in our Tree of Life (\$180/leaf), and a Rabbi Meltzer prepared Dinner with Prize Drawing opportunity (a date to be determined; \$100/person).

This year **Ray** and **Marcia Sachs**, along with, **Marvin Yudkovitz** and **Judy Gaines**, **Eli** and **Susie Meltzer**, **Jessica** and **Rich Lemoine**, and **Al Shelden** graciously agreed to match the funds pledged at Lights of Ohr Shalom. Therefore, they have doubled the synagogue's income from the Lights event.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity!

There is still time to make a pledge for any of these opportunities – **Please make donations by Friday, May 12.**



TODAH RABAH to the entire Mendelsohn extended family and all of their friends for coming to Ohr Shalom to support **Lynn and Ivan** and this beautiful community. Thank you to all who celebrated this wonderful couple and their contributions to Ohr Shalom over the many years they have been involved.

The 18th Annual Lights of Ohr Shalom Gala wouldn't and couldn't happen without our wonderful team of exceptional volunteers from our dedicated committee to our amazing decorating team. This year the planning committee was chaired by **Ray Sachs** who was mindful, diligent, and creative.

Thank you to our hard-working committee members **Marvin Yudkovitz**, **Joy Heitzmann**, **Jeanne Argoff**, **Maria Gomez**, **Koba**, and **Aviva Rosenberg**. Our set-up and decorating crew led by **Sarita** and **Samy Zands**, **Maria Gomez**, **Judy Gaines**, **Marci Prag** and **Matthew Razinsky**.

OHR SHALOM'S 20th Annual Calendar 5784: Wall Calendar, *a Heads-Up On its Theme*



It's not too early for us to start thinking about the next Ohr Shalom Annual Calendar, distributed every year at Rosh Hashanah. You will recall that each year's calendar has a theme. The current calendar, "My Time in Israel." has received many compliments.

The theme for the coming year will be "Recalling my Bar/Bat Mitzvah: what it meant to me then and what it means to me now." (Please send lots of pictures!)

Ohr Shalom members are encouraged to write a short essay (around 500 words) about their Bar/ Bat/B'nai Mitzvah. Contact Gillian if you would like your story and photos to be included.

To volunteer to write for the calendar contact Gillian office@ohrshalom.org.

To place an ad or greeting for the calendar contact Andrea graphics2@ohrshalom.org.



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Presented by JCompany Youth Theatre

May 6 - 14 | Saturdays 8:00pm & Sundays 2:00pm

Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family JCC

A universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz. With Ohr Shalom members **Natan Lemoine** and **Maital Meltzer**. This is Natan's final senior showcase!

Treasures of the Jewish Music Collection: Holocaust Songs

Thursdays, May 11, and June 1 | 2:00-3:30pm

Astor Judaica Library, Lawrence Family JCC

Eileen Wingard highlights materials from the Library's Music Collection. This series will highlight songs from the Holocaust.

May 11: Music from Terezin with Sandy Scheller, **June 1:** Music of Refugees Composers with David Amos.

NORTH COUNTY LECTURE SERIES: Picturing Prejudice: The Cinematic Depiction of American Anti-Semitism

Monday, May 15, 2023 | 1:00-2:00pm

Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad

Dr. Lawrence Baron traces the evolution of Hollywood films about American anti-Semitism from the generic anti-prejudice movies of the Thirties, postwar social-problem movies, Sixties films about backlash to the Civil Rights movement, nostalgic films that place anti-Jewish discrimination in the past, and others that treat anti-Semitic violence as an expression of interracial tensions or white supremacist ideology.

Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices: Poets of the Past

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 7:00-8:30 pm

Astor Judaica Library, Lawrence Family JCC

The poetry of Italian-Jewish Holocaust Survivor, Primo Levi and Ukrainian-born, Bronx-based Yiddish poet, Bertha Kling.

2023 Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival (JFest)



Here are some of the JFest 2023 events. For the full schedule, see the newly launched website at sdjfest.org.

The Whole Megillah New Jewish Play Festival — June 7 and June 11 at The Old Globe, Balboa Park; July 6 and July 9 at New Village Arts, Carlsbad.

"Hereville" — Family-friendly musical about a time-traveling, monster-fighting orthodox Jewish girl.

"Chagall" — Co-created by writer/composer Yale Strom and writer/director Todd Salovey, this concert reading traces how Bella and Marc Chagall became refugees in their lives and art.

"Neshama — Music of the Soul" — A communitywide concert of pop, folk, klezmer, classical, Sephardic, dance and Middle Eastern music. June 8. The Old Globe, Balboa Park.

14th annual Woman of Valor — Celebration of six San Diego Jewish women: June 11. Leichtag Commons, Encinitas.

Perla Batalla in House of Cohen — Batalla performs some of the lesser-known songs of Leonard Cohen and shares anecdotes about their friendship. June 15. Lawrence Family JCC, La Jolla.

Matisyahu in Concert — June 20. Belly Up Tavern, Solana Beach.

22nd Klezmer Summit: The World of Jewish Music — Yale Strom & Elizabeth Schwartz and Hot Pstromi will perform with guests Farhad Bahrami, Corale Thuet, Robert Zelickman and Fred Benedetti. June 21. First Universalist Unitarian Church of San Diego, Hillcrest.

"Recordially Yours, Lou Curtiss" — Screening of **Yale Strom's new documentary** about Lou Curtiss, who created both the San Diego Folk Festival and Adams Ave. Unplugged Festival and ran Folk Arts Rare Records in San Diego. June 25. Digital Gym Cinema, East Village.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Springsong Cooper,
Religious School Committee Chair*

This month we celebrate Lag B'Omer – a time for celebrating joy! We picnic, play outside, and light camp fires. What is something that brings you joy?

Shayna (Kitah Aleph): Being with my family.



Gael (Kitah Dalet Hay): Camping, especially sitting by the campfire and getting dirty.



*Last day of Religious School is **Sunday, May 21***



TA'AM TORAH A TASTE OF TORAH

Program for 4-year-olds at Ohr Shalom
May 7 & 21
Sundays, 10:30-11:30am
\$20 each session
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

Religious School at Costal Roots Farm





Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

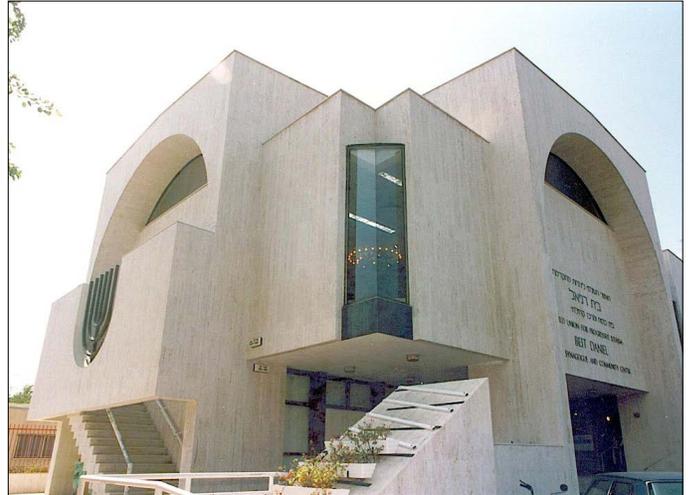
UPDATE ON ISRAEL FROM THE DANIEL CENTERS

I was recently invited to lunch with Israeli **Rabbi Meir Azari** by **Daniel Pick**, long-time member of Ohr Shalom. Rabbi Azari, who is the Senior Rabbi of **The Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism**, gave me his interpretations of the current political upheaval in Israel. He also introduced me to the accomplishments of The Daniel Centers.

The Daniel Centers, founded in 1991 with Rabbi Azari as their leader, is the pluralistic, inclusive and tolerant center for the Reform movement and is based in Tel Aviv. With Rabbi Azari's help, The Daniel Centers have built five Reform synagogues around Tel Aviv (see the photo of Beit Daniel on this page), and serves hundreds of members plus thousands who come through its gates not just for prayer, but also for weddings and bar mitzvahs, conversions, and life cycle ceremonies. The Daniel Centers is a leader and stands at the forefront of the struggle for Jewish religious and cultural pluralism in Israel.

Regarding current events, Rabbi Azari informed me how Netanyahu is working to dismantle and cripple Israel's precious democracy of 75 years. Overall, the ultra-Orthodox, one-fourth of the population, do not serve in the army, or pay taxes, or pay yeshiva tuitions. Women's rights are being threatened. Women no longer serve as ministers in Parliament and women's health is being compromised, with an increase in breast cancer rates because Orthodox women are discouraged from mammograms. Future administration plans include separation of men and women in public spaces, such as buses and hospitals, and canceling the Women's Wall. Even the music played on public radio is under the current government's fire.

Rabbi Azari described Israel's crisis as a clash between modernity and fundamentalism. He was passionate and personal while relaying events. He talked about the ongoing demonstrations, describing why Israeli flags became the symbol for the masses of Israeli protesters. He explained



Beit Daniel Tel Aviv

that for many years only right-wingers and settlers walked around waving the Israeli flag. The recent broad-based protest movement cuts across political, religious, and ethnic divisions. It, therefore, is appropriate that demonstrators would choose the Israeli flag as their symbol of democracy.

Thanks to Daniel Pick I also joined a Daniel Centers webcast with former Supreme Court Justice Hanan Meltzer. He provided both historical and unique procedural features of Israel's Supreme Court, which is a constitutional court. For example, unlike in the US, any Israeli citizen, including Palestinians from West Bank and Gaza, can petition directly to their Supreme Court. Also, in a country of 10 million people, their Supreme Court processes 10,000 cases a year versus 100 in the US. The right-wing Netanyahu government is trying to change current procedures along with major alterations in how judges are selected and how judges of the Supreme Court have power to balance that of the executive and legislative branches of the government.

Judge Meltzer, like everyone, was surprised by the strength of the country's citizens' reactions. At each weekend event, there have been up to 300,000 protesters in the streets, followed by responses by pilots and army officers that brought about substantial interruptions of activities. No one knows what is next. Judge Meltzer called it "Not a reform but a revolution." Netanyahu stands on a precipice between indictment and his coalition. Judge Meltzer does not believe a compromise can happen now and that changes should take effect with the next election.

Much is happening as of this writing. We will continue to watch and pray for Israel's democracy.



Israelis wave flags at rally against the judicial overhaul



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Allyson Darroch
Environmental Projects Chair

WHAT IS BLACK AND BLUE AND GREEN ALL OVER SAN DIEGO?

I know it's the new trash cans policy. It used to be so easy wasn't it? You could dump all your stuff in a trash can and on a certain day in the early hours of the morning it would disappear. Where did it go? Who cared? It's been standard practice in one form or another since humans started settling in one place. Much useful information about the lives of ancient people is gleaned from the middens (trash heaps) of early communities. That being said, we need to accept the fact that the easy way isn't always the wisest course of action.



In the 1880s, San Diego did little to manage waste. As a result, according to historian Richard Crawford, "San Diego had become appalling. With a rapidly growing population... San Diego was becoming a dump. Without an organized system of trash pickup, residents disposed of their refuse any way possible. Waste was tossed in the streets, discarded in empty lots, or thrown into the Bay. Professional 'scavengers' collected garbage for a fee and dumped it on a 2-acre plot at the foot of the Ninth Street pier, where it was said, 'poisonous vapors . . . wafted by the breeze over the city.'"

In 1887, the City Health Officer poured crude oil onto dump sites and lit them on fire to try to deal with the problem. Eventually the Secretary of the City Health Department, Dr. Thomas L. Magee, convinced the City Council that the City should hire a private contractor to haul the refuse out to sea. The City selected Captain J. D. Barton, who operated from a wharf at the foot of Market Street. Residents hauled their refuse to the wharf, where it sat until crews loaded it onto the City garbage scow. The centrally located wharf brought the odiferous cargo in proximity to J. D. Spreckels' pier. Spreckels complained that the rotting garbage caused 20 of his workers to get sick.

The next step was incinerators, either public or private. This also was fraught with technical issues. The incinerators couldn't get hot enough to effectively burn the waste. The residue was dumped in the bay.

The remaining option: Landfills. Lots of them. Dump it here, dump it there, all on undeveloped land. Great until the land was developed with houses, streets, shopping centers. Where do you live? If you said "Paradise Valley," did you know it was originally a landfill? Should make for some interesting digging in your garden. As it happens, when landfills are sealed, nothing rots. You have instant archeology.

And now. The complexity of this service is ever-increasing. Over time, regulations become more intricate, the City population grows, and the nature of the waste stream itself changes. The current system relies heavily on the West Miramar Landfill for financial subsidies for necessary functions such as old disposal site maintenance. This facility is expected to reach capacity in 2025. Options that are economical and environmentally sound must be identified to replace this valuable resource. The strategic plan recently investigated options such as "zero waste" approaches, including an emphasis on producer responsibility. High technology solutions that generate commodities such as biofuel or compost have been evaluated, although the financial challenges of providing services are expected to continue. Don't just recycle – upcycle, reuse, choose environmentally friendly packaging. Its not easy, but surely it's better than living in a dump!



Memorial Plaques

Memorial Plaques must be ordered by Friday, July 14, 2023 to be installed on our Memorial Board by Selichot on Saturday evening, September 9, 2023.

Each bronze engraved remembrance plaque is available for **\$360**.

Please contact Gillian at office@ohrshalom.org or call (619) 231-1456 for more information.



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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

Ahava Yisrolit **אהבה ישראלית**

For the last few years, I have shared many of my thoughts and pieces of my life with you through the pages of the Davar. This month (her birthday month), I thought I'd let you know more about **Andrea (Andi) Luck**, our Graphic Designer and Office Assistant.

Born in Chicago and raised in Skokie with her brother Neal, and sister Cheryl, she had the same friends from kindergarten through high school and they are still friends today. In 1980, Andi moved to San Diego with her parents, Ina and Harold. Unfortunately, Harold passed away in 1983. They were wonderful, loving examples of unconditional love and friendship. Ina worked for Dr. Joel Snyder for 23 years before she retired at 85 years old...she's now 90 and still playing mahjong. She and Andi are very close.

Andi attended San Diego City College and Mesa college majoring in Graphic Design/Commercial Art. After working for the Union Tribune for 3 years, she moved to San Jose and worked for the *San Jose Mercury News* for 24 years as a Graphic Arts Technician/Pagination Specialist.

After moving back to San Diego in 2012 with 12 year old Hannah, she worked at National Pen and volunteered at the G'Mach, The San Diego Jewish Gift Closet and became Secretary of their board of directors.

Then in 2017, she applied to a Craigslist ad for part-time graphic work at a synagogue in Bankers Hill. She called on Friday and was scheduled for an interview the following Monday. That Saturday night, Andi met Ina and some of her mahjong friends, and one nice lady said, "Oh, my son is the Rabbi there." (*I think you know how the interview went...*)

A few years later, another mahjong friend helped Andi get an apartment at Beth Jacob. Soon after she was also hired part-time at Beth Jacob as their office manager.

Andi never completed Hebrew School in Skokie. She started re-learning Hebrew with Sue Brown but stopped when the pandemic caused classes to go online. Once at Beth Jacob, she took an excellerated Hebrew class with the rabbi and she and Hannah are planning to take the B'nai Mitzvah class this year with Rabbi Meltzer.

She loves being a part of San Diego's Jewish Communities and learning from both shuls; seeing the generosity of heart the people show with so many anonymous generous donations and actions.

In her personal life, she has become a mega-fan of Lin-Manuel Miranda and comedian/podcaster Moshe Kasher. Kasher was in San Diego and she and Hannah got the chance to meet him. She had planned to see Hamilton a few times but it never happened. Her other hobbies include trivia games, TV, music and loving dogs (even though she doesn't have one). Through Ohr Shalom and Alex van Frank she now loves yoga too. She also paints a bit in her free time, an old



At the La Jolla Comedy Store last December, Andi with her favorite stand-up comedian, Moshe Kasher.

hobby she recently picked up again.

For many years Andi shied away from attending Shabbat services but after Covid, she began to attend Kabbalat Shabbat more regularly. "First I stayed for various reasons but eventually, I realized I was staying because I love the music, prayers and closeness I feel with the community when I participate. I love the song *Ahavat Olam* best, and my Hebrew name is Ahava Yisrolit (To Love Israel) because I was born on May 14th, the day Israel became a State. I now hear Zeji's singing and guitar playing with prayers even when he's not playing."

Andi is an integral part of our Ohr Shalom family. You wouldn't be reading this Davar, Calendar, Tribute Journal or seeing any other printed or online materials without her. Thank you Andi for all you do for all of us! And Happy Birthday!

COMMUNITY EVENT

75 YEARS OF COMING HOME

Celebrate Israel with a fun-filled day of family activities, food and performances

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

12 PM - 4 PM

Exclusive performance of IDF's "Special In Uniform" band!

FREE ADMISSION
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Special guest:
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TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Thank you for your generous donations in April:

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We apologize for any omissions.

MAZAL TOV

Rachel Treseder for becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

Rabbi Shanee Michaelson on her ordination, completion of her internship here at Ohr Shalom and new position as Assistant Rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom in Las Vegas.

CONDOLENCES

Alicia Rosenthal on the passing of her beloved husband, **Marcos Rosenthal z"l**, father of **Simon (Linda), Jacobo (Debbie), Aaron (Gaye), Sore & Jane Rosenthal**, grandfather and great-grandfather to many.

Renee, Barbara and **Hilary Schor** on the passing of their beloved mother, **Judith Silberg z"l**.

Alberto (Michal) Hamui on the passing of his beloved sister, **Janette Hamui Abadi z"l**, aunt of **Margo, Nataly & Teddy**.

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

LeAnne Adams	Jessica Lemoine	Bill Morris
Jeanne Argoff	Hadarya Levy	Rocky Reid
Ilan Awerbuch	Eli Meltzer	Aviva Rosenberg
Sue Brown	Jennifer Meltzer	Ruben Rosental
Nechama Buntton	Susie Meltzer	Brian Stannard
Joe Castiglione	Maital Meltzer	Alex van Frank
Elisheva Edelson	Ivan Mendelsohn	Jonah Weinberg
Jonathan Geiger	Lynn Mendelsohn	Springsong Weiner
Joe Hartman	Rabbi Shanee Michaelson	Margalit Wollner
Alberto Hamui	Phil Miller	Milo Wolpoff
Koba	Rachel Millstone	Marvin Yudkovitz
Morris Lazard	Amy Morris	Abraham Zipp
		Jane Zeer

Todah Rabah to **Marci Prag** and **Matthew Razinsky** for a delicious Kehillatit dinner. Office volunteers: **Julia Gleichman Miller** and **Allison Madwatkins**

YAHARZEITS

Hyman J. Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Father	1-May/10 Iyar
Rosemarie Franklin	Christine Eisenberg's Mother	1-May/10 Iyar
Leah Goldman	Harriet Wolpoff and Alma Geiger's Aunt.....	1-May/10 Iyar
Ana Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Mother	1-May/10 Iyar
Francois Lellouche	Remembered by the Buntton Family.....	1-May/10 Iyar
Lilly Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Mother	2-May/11 Iyar
Irving Tabak	Mel Tabak's Father and Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandfather	2-May/11 Iyar
Gerald Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Brother	2-May/11 Iyar
Sara Lipowsky	Salomon Lipowsky's Mother	3-May/12 Iyar
Jose Zaidman	Aaron Zaidman's Father	3-May/12 Iyar
Matilde Alvo	Rosie Veinbergs' Mother	4-May/13 Iyar
Walter Cohn	Becky Zipp's Grandfather	4-May/13 Iyar
Rochelle Wolf	Allan Wolf's Wife.....	4-May/13 Iyar
Bud Straling	Elizabeth Green's Grandfather	4-May/13 Iyar
Stephen Blum	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	6-May/15 Iyar
Harry Forman	Remembered by Reyna Forman	7-May/16 Iyar
A.R. Hollender	Jonathan Geiger's Grandfather	7-May/16 Iyar
Myer Rabinovitch	Bonnie Mantel's Father	7-May/16 Iyar
Leah Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Mother	7-May/16 Iyar

Yahrzeits

Luis Zachs	Reina Shteremberg's Brother	7-May/16 Iyar
Carmen V. Gomez	Daniel Pick's Grandmother	7-May/16 Iyar
Saul Waisbord	Samuel Waisbord's Father	8-May/17 Iyar
Fela Groswirt	Miguel Veinbergs' Mother	8-May/17 Iyar
Cecilia Artenstein de Katz	Becky Margolis' Mother and Remembered by Sara Artenstein	9-May/18 Iyar
Emma Bielaz	Efrain Bielaz' Wife, Siman Bielaz, Wolf Bielas and Mina Cohen's Mother	10-May/19 Iyar
Estelle Dunst	Remembered by Ohr Shalom and Alberto Hamui	10-May/19 Iyar
Arthur Mostel	Linda Mostel's Father	10-May/19 Iyar
David Altaf	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein	10-May/19 Iyar
Alexander Capelluto	Stella Salzman's Nephew	11-May/20 Iyar
Arthur Karns	Remembered by Marda Rose	11-May/20 Iyar
Elene Solomon	Naima Solomon's Grandmother	11-May/20 Iyar
Jose Seferman	Elena Waisbord's Father	11-May/20 Iyar
Raquel Levy	Vicky Cohen's Sister	12-May/21 Iyar
Robert Samuel Chall	Jayson Chall's Father	12-May/21 Iyar
Jennie Goldberg	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandmother	13-May/22 Iyar
Manuel Waisbord	Silvia Waisbord's Husband and Daniel Waisbord's Father	14-May/23 Iyar
Glenn Weinberg	Judy Gaines' Father	14-May/23 Iyar
Jerry Hirsch	Remembered by Evelyn Schwimmer	14-May/23 Iyar
Edye Mayers	Sherry Berlin's Sister	15-May/24 Iyar
Joseph Razinsky	Elias Razinsky's Father and Matthew Razinsky's Grandfather	15-May/24 Iyar
Herbert Shaw	Peter Shaw's Father	15-May/24 Iyar
Isidor Spellman	Roberta Greene's Grandfather	15-May/24 Iyar
Esther Berman Levy	Alberto Levy's Mother	15-May/24 Iyar
Guillermo Sod Novy	Rebeca Sod's Husband	16-May/25 Iyar
Claire Cohen	Tricia Pummill's Grandmother	16-May/25 Iyar
Dorothy Yudkovitz	Marvin Yudkovitz's Mother	17-May/26 Iyar
Jalla Zyman	Pepe Zyman's Mother	17-May/26 Iyar
Albert Goodman	Alice Broudy Cupples' Uncle	17-May/26 Iyar
Morris Rossen	Janice Boner's Father	18-May/27 Iyar
Joseph Zouari	Remembered by the Bunton Family	18-May/27 Iyar
Jose Chayet	Zack Chayet's Brother	18-May/27 Iyar
Sam Ressler	Jeffrey Ressler's Father	19-May/28 Iyar
Zelda Berman	Remembered by Roz Berman	19-May/28 Iyar
Helen Rosenfeld Horn	Jerry Horn's Mother	20-May/29 Iyar
Julio Sloatizki	Miguel Sloatizki's Father	21-May/1 Sivan
Roger Van Vloten	Alex Van Frank's Father	21-May/1 Sivan
Rita Kublin	Remembered by Roz Berman	21-May/1 Sivan
Helmut May	Miriam Burakoff's Father	22-May/2 Sivan
Richard Schriger	Geoffrey Sternlieb's Father	22-May/2 Sivan
Joseph David Weissman	Rebecca Wollner's Grandfather	22-May/2 Sivan
Hal Wingard	Eileen Wingard's Husband	22-May/2 Sivan
Dawn Escoffery	Yvonne Scarlett's Aunt	22-May/2 Sivan
Jennie Kohen	Marda Rose's Grandmother	23-May/3 Sivan
Zel Camiel	Judi Gottschalk's Uncle	23-May/3 Sivan
Ofelia Palmer	Sara Zands' Mother	24-May/4 Sivan
Rabbi Dr Nathaniel Pollack	Remembered by Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn	24-May/4 Sivan
Boleslaw Ratniewski	Alfredo Ratniewski's Father	24-May/4 Sivan
Corinne Bunton	Remembered by the Bunton Family	24-May/4 Sivan
Rose Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Grandmother	25-May/5 Sivan
Szymon Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Father	26-May/6 Sivan
Carole Eisenberg	Brad Eisenberg's Mother	26-May/6 Sivan
Gary Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Uncle	26-May/6 Sivan
Pablo Brenner	Sara Fainstein and Izzy Braun's Cousin	27-May/7 Sivan
Gloria Giraldi	Bethann Giraldi's Mother	28-May/8 Sivan
Gertrude Grossman Myers	Sherry Berlin's Aunt	28-May/8 Sivan
Lois Roberts	Bill Morris' Sister	28-May/8 Sivan
Tonia Avidgor	Alain Avidgor's Mother	28-May/8 Sivan
Jakov Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Great Grandfather	29-May/9 Sivan
Lilian Shemtov	Michal Hamui's Mother	29-May/9 Sivan
Steve Conway	Remembered by Roberta Shoman	29-May/9 Sivan
Stella Green	Louis Green's Mother	30-May/10 Sivan
Adela Sack Renner	Fay Rozen's Mother	30-May/10 Sivan
Al Eisman	Naomi Ruth Eisman's Husband	31-May/11 Sivan
Grace Sunny Polichar	Raulf Polichar's Sister	31-May/11 Sivan

* denotes a memorial plaque was purchased in memory of a loved one



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2023

Iyar/Sivan 5783

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10 Iyar Omer Day 25 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	2 11 Iyar Omer Day 26 6:15pm - Minyan	3 12 Iyar Omer Day 27 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	4 13 Iyar Omer Day 28 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	5 14 Iyar Pesach Sheini Omer Day 29 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:15pm	6 15 Iyar Parshat Emor Omer Day 30 9:30am - Shabbat Service 8:16pm
7 16 Iyar Omer Day 31 9:30am - Religious School 10:00am - Bankers Hill Walking Tour 10:30am - Ta'am Torah 6:15pm - Minyan	8 17 Iyar Omer Day 32 7:00pm - Choir Practice Lag B'Omer at Rabbi Meltzer's House 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Kumzitz	9 18 Iyar LAG B'OMER Omer Day 33 6:15pm - Minyan	10 19 Iyar Omer Day 34 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	11 20 Iyar Omer Day 35 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	12 21 Iyar Omer Day 36 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir 7:20pm	13 22 Iyar Parshat Behar- Bechukotai Omer Day 37 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:30pm - Lunch & Learn 8:21pm
14 23 Iyar MOTHER'S DAY Omer Day 38 No Religious School No Minyan HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15 24 Iyar Omer Day 39 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	16 25 Iyar Omer Day 40 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	17 26 Iyar Omer Day 41 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	18 27 Iyar Omer Day 42 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	19 28 Iyar YOM YERUSHALAYIM Omer Day 43 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kehillatit Shabbat Service & Dinner 7:25pm	20 29 Iyar Parshat Bamidbar Mevarchim Chodesh Omer Day 44 9:30am - Shabbat Service 8:26pm
21 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan Omer Day 45 9:30am - Last Day of R.School 10:30am - Ta'am Torah 10:30am - Adult B'nai Mitzvah Meeting 6:15pm - Minyan	22 2 Sivan Omer Day 46 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	23 3 Sivan Omer Day 47 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	24 4 Sivan Omer Day 48 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	25 5 Sivan Omer Day 49 EREV SHAVUOT I 2:00pm - Office Closes 7:30pm - Tikkun Leyl Shavuot 7:29pm	26 6 Sivan SHAVUOT I Office Closed 9:30am - Shavuot Morning Service 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm	27 7 Sivan SHAVUOT II 9:30am - Shabbat Shavuot Service with Yizkor 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn 8:45pm - USY Sleepover 8:31pm
28 8 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan	29 9 Sivan MEMORIAL DAY No Minyan No Choir Practice	30 10 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	31 11 Sivan 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	1 12 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan	2 13 Sivan 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 7:34pm	3 14 Sivan Parshat Naso 9:30am - Shabbat Service 8:35pm
4 15 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan	5 16 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	6 17 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	7 18 Sivan 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Annual Congregational Meeting	8 19 Sivan 6:15pm - Minyan	9 20 Sivan 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:37pm	10 21 Sivan Parshat Beha'lotcha 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:00pm - Lunch & Learn 8:38pm