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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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## To Be a Free Nation in Our Land

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer



We were first an independent people back in the days of the Kings of Israel and Judah. Once more, we have been an independent people in our land since May 1948. In between those two, we had another period of independent monarchy, but we don't tend to tell the story that way. When we talk about Chanukah, we talk about rededicating the Holy Temple. From there we get the miracle of the oil, latkes and sufganiyot and the holiday that we know so well.

But that period of our history, beginning with the war against Antiochus IV and the Seleucid Empire, is marked by the return to monarchy – the establishment of a new line of Jewish kings. Rather than being descendants of David, these kings were Hasmonean, a group of priests, descendants of Moses's brother Aaron, of the tribe of Levy.

There are two theories I have heard for why the rabbinic tradition doesn't focus on the return to monarchy as being the central feature of the history that makes the holiday of Chanukah. The more common explanation is that the rabbis of the Talmudic Period were uncomfortable with the Hasmonean monarchy because, ultimately, they are the kings who make an alliance with the young Roman Empire, and that alliance will prove disastrous for the Jewish people.

The second explanation is that the rabbis were uncomfortable with remembering kings who were not descendants of King David. In the

aftermath of the end of the Hasmonean Dynasty, and the destruction of the Holy Temple, the rabbis focus on the biblical covenant of eternal kingship that passes through the line of David. As they look ahead to the fulfillment of the messianic future, their hope is tied to the old promise of King David, and the Hasmoneans – who we usually call the Maccabees – don't fit their narrative. So, they focus on Temple and oil.

Whichever theory sounds more plausible, or perhaps the truth is something different, we have within our history different expressions of Jewish peoplehood as an independent nation within our land. We are living during the third great expression of Jewish independence. The reality of Israel is complicated, filled with innumerable moments to celebrate, and far too many to mourn.

These past two months have been very difficult. As I write this and wonder what will be when you read this, I am confident that the standing of world Jewry will continue to be inextricably linked to the roughly 50% of the Jewish people whose Jewishness is tied to their nationality.

Not a monarchy, but an evolving modern democracy, the State of Israel represents a return to Jewish

independence, and an incredible opportunity and challenge as the Jewish people have returned to self-rule, and have become a player as a nation-state on the world stage.

As we suffer the attack and losses of October 7, and as Israel continues to ensure that all of the hostages will

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with Jennifer Meltzer  
Saturday,  
December 16 - 10:30am

**Rabbi's Return from Israel: Our Israel Conversation Part 2**  
Sunday,  
December 17th, 7:00pm



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
President

### Our Ohr Shalom Sisterhood Is Back!

I hope that all of you have caught the fever of the excitement with the rebirth of our Ohr Shalom Sisterhood? Under the leadership and energy of **Eti Chall**, the Sisterhood is now up, running, generating new programming, and quickly developing into a viable and important part of Ohr Shalom.

First, let me share with you some Sisterhood history:

The first Sisterhood of our community was established in 1983, when Congregation Or El was founded with Emma Kucinski z"l and Raquel Moscona as the first Presidents. The Sisterhood was a group of very active women from the Mexican Jewish Community. They had several committees and ran various programs.

Next Adat Ami was formed in 1989 (after Or El no longer existed). Many women from various Synagogues and the San Diego community joined and formed a new Sisterhood and added some additional programs. Roberta Shoman was the first Adat Ami Sisterhood President.

When Beth Tefilah merged with Adat Ami, the two Sisterhoods also merged in 1998, with Miriam Plotkin and Louise Chandler (respectively) as Presidents, and then formed Ohr Shalom with a symbolic wedding in 1999. Many programs continued, expanded, modified, or were added. The Sisterhood focused on specific programming for women, fundraising, and social action. After a period of some dormancy, Linda Mostel restarted the Sisterhood in 2006 and served as the President, followed by Naima Solomon Bercovitch and Marda Rose.

Various programs begun and run by these sisterhoods over the 40 years have included:

- Holidays celebrations
- Educational Programs for Women and Men
- Welcome Committee for new members
- Shabbat Dinners
- College in Touch
- Fundraising
- Theater nights
- Shuli (program for children during the High Holy Days)
- Rosh Chodesh meetings/ceremonies for women
- Trivia night
- Trips
- Women's Torah Study Group

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Sisterhood has run a gift shop since 1999, thanks to Jackie Ander, Evie Sevel, Tracy Raz, and Linda Mostel.

When I met with Eti Chall at the end of May this year, we discussed potential leadership roles for her at Ohr Shalom. As I went through some of our openings and needs – she saw Sisterhood listed as Vacant, and immediately said yes, that's what she wanted to do – revive our Sisterhood. And she has done that!

Perhaps you attended the first Challah making event? Many women were there! They had a great time, and I've heard that the challahs made the next day tasted great. Or maybe you were involved in preparing gift bags for our Shinshinim and Israeli soldiers in October? And there are several wonderful events planned including Rosh Chodesh celebrations, social get togethers, care packages for Israelis during the recent war, and learning.

So what's in store for the Sisterhood, and what can be your role?

First of all, please join! For information on how to join Sisterhood, please see page 6. By joining, you will be able to help plan for the future of the Ohr Shalom Sisterhood. And as a member, you can join the Sisterhood leadership by serving as an officer (yes there are needs for VP, Treasurer, Secretary) and Board members. And did you know - the Sisterhood has its own Bylaws and functions as a separate organization within Ohr Shalom, so a Board is necessary.

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## OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	December 1	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" with Rabbi Caplan
Saturday	December 2	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	December 8	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Choir
Saturday	December 9	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	December 15	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service
Saturday	December 16	9:30am	Shabbat Service
		10:30am	Tot Shabbat with Jennifer Meltzer
Friday	December 22	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	December 23	9:30am	Shabbat Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.



### Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"

Friday, December 1 at 6:15pm

Your opportunity to ask the questions you have always wanted to.



**Kabbalat Shabbat**  
with the *Ohr Shalom Choir*  
honoring musically the Maccabees from the past  
and the ones in the present: The IDF soldiers.  
Friday, December 8, 6:15pm

### Shabbat Kehillatit

Friday, December 15

Family-friendly service: 6:15pm

Community Dinner: 7:15pm

RSVP for dinner by December 13

for Member Price. Please contact office.

#### Members\*

Adults: \$18

Children: \$10

(3-13 years old. Children under 2 FREE)

\*Please note that the cost of dinner has increased due to inflation and rising food costs.

#### Non-Members\*

Adults: \$25

Children: \$12



### PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING December 2023

#### PARSHAT VAYISHLACH

Fri: December 1 | 19 Kislev

Sat: December 2 | 20 Kislev

Torah: Genesis 32:4-36:43

Haft: Obadiah 1:1-21



4:24pm

#### PARSHATVAYESHEV MEVARCHIM CHODESH SHABBAT CHANUKAH

Fri: December 8 | 25 Kislev

Sat: December 9 | 26 Kislev

Torah: Genesis 37:1-40:23; Numbers 7:18-29

Haft: Zechariah 2:14-4:7



4:25pm

#### PARSHAT MIKETZ

Fri: December 15 | 3 Tevet

Sat: December 16 | 4 Tevet

Torah: Genesis 41:1-44:17

Haft: I Kings 3:15-4:1



4:28pm

#### PARSHAT VAYIGASH

Fri: December 22 | 10 Tevet

Sat: December 23 | 11 Tevet

Torah: Genesis 44:18-47:27

Haft: Ezekiel 37:15-28



4:29pm

#### PARSHAT VAYECHI

Fri: December 29 | 17 Tevet

Sat: December 25 | 12 Kislev

Torah: Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haft: I Kings 2:1-12



4:33pm

### Ohr Shalom's Choir

We meet at 7:00pm on the following Mondays: **December 4, 11, 18**. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Elishva Edelson at

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

#### [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

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**



Saturday, December 16 - 10:30am

### TOT SHABBAT

with Jennifer Meltzer



### Ohr Shalom Virtual Programming [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

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

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## CHANUKAH CORNER

### \$36 GIFT BAGS FOR CHANUKAH



Help your friends and family have a gourmet Chanukah! Send some light, love and fun. Bags will include one-of-a-kind artisan bowl, rose quartz homegoods, recipes, sweet treats, Dead Sea bath salts and more!

Bags will be delivered locally or can be picked up at Ohr Shalom. Call the office or email [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org) to place your order. Buy one for your friends and grab one for yourself!!

**Order by Thursday, December 7.**



### Ohr Shalom's Annual CHANUKAH PARTY

**Bring your Chanukiah and let's celebrate Chanukah together!**

**Sunday, December 10, 5:00pm**

**Join us for singing, games and lots of latkes and donuts!**

5:00 pm - Sufganiyot Dough Prep with Sisterhood

*\$9 donation for dough only or \$18 for dough and squeeze bottle with jelly. **Proceeds will benefit Magen David Adom***

5:30 pm - Singing with Zeji

6:05 pm - Chanukiah Lighting

6:15 pm - Minyan - Kid-friendly dinner & games

\*Suggested donation: \$10/Adult and \$5/child 12 & Under

Contact us at (619) 231-1456 or [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)

### CHANUKAH COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHTING ON ZOOM



**at 6:05pm during the Minyan Minute  
December 7 thru December 14**

### Rabbi's Return from Israel: Our Israel Conversation Part 2

**Sunday, December 17th, 7:00pm**  
in person at Ohr Shalom and Zoom



### Calling all Ohr Shalom Men "BREWS AND BAR B-QUES" Sunday, Jan 7, 7:00pm

Come meet fellow Synagogue members (men age 21 and older) at the home of Rabbi and Jennifer Meltzer for a Bar-B-Que. We'll have a selection of local beers, non-alcoholic drinks, and food.

This will be an opportunity to schmooze with fellow Ohr Shalom men and discuss ideas for future get togethers and other activities.

**Please RSVP by Jan 2** so that we can have an adequate amount of food and drinks. RSVP is also needed due to the size of the available space.

*Thanks to generous donations from men interested in achieving a strong turnout, there is no charge for this event. We want to see you there!*

To register go to call office or go to <https://forms.gle/6Yt1eqJgTVTFPvWm9>



### December is Year-End Donation Month!

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



## ADULT EDUCATION

Lynn Mendelsohn  
Adult Education Chair



Seongpa, Fierce Tiger Woke Up, 2012, courtesy of the artist

**Join Museum Docent Marvin Yudkovitz for  
A Tour of a Very Special Exhibition of  
Korean Art "Korea in Color: A Legacy  
of Auspicious Images"**  
at the San Diego Museum of Art

**2 Sundays: December 17 and January 14  
at 3:30pm**

The San Diego Museum of Art has arranged for a very special exhibition of art from the National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea. This exhibition features 50 works of art from over 29 artists, and though most are contemporary, there are also masterpieces from previous centuries. Some of the art fills entire walls and galleries, others are much smaller. And some of these have never been seen before outside of Korea. This wonderful exhibition is not to be missed!

Here is a link to an article about this very special exhibition:  
<https://tinyurl.com/korean-art-exhibit>

Please contact Lynn Mendelsohn if you are interested in attending either tour and indicate the number of people in your group: [mendelynn0511@gmail.com](mailto:mendelynn0511@gmail.com) or text (619) 980-1801. *If anyone needs it, Marvin may be able to assist with the entry fee (but hopefully many of you are now members).*



Kim Chonghak, Metamorphosed Peony, 2006, courtesy of the artist

## OHR SHALOM WELLNESS

### Meditation

*with Alex van Frank*  
**Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:30pm**

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

## 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 Resumes December 6

The class is discussing the Book of Psalms, usually one psalm per week, viewing them as sources of prayer, and discovering their various translations and interpretations.

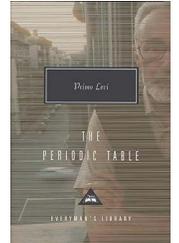
### **Slow Read Book Club**

• Fridays, 11:00am Resumes January

#### **The Periodic Table**

by Primo Levi

*The Periodic Table* is largely a memoir of the years before and after Primo Levi's transportation from his native Italy to Auschwitz as an anti-Facist partisan and a Jew.



It recounts, in clear, precise, unfailingly beautiful prose, the story of the Piedmontese Jewish community from which Levi came, of his years as a student and young chemist at the inception of the Second World War, and of his investigations into the nature of the material world. As such, it provides crucial links and backgrounds, both personal and intellectual, in the tremendous project of remembrance that is Levi's gift to posterity. But far from being a prologue to his experience of the Holocaust, Levi's masterpiece represents his most impassioned response to the events that engulfed him.

*The Periodic Table* celebrates the pleasures of love and friendship and the search for meaning, and stands as a monument to those things in us that are capable of resisting and enduring in the face of tyranny

### **Readings with the Rabbi**

• Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm

#### **The Flowering: The Autobiography of Judy Chicago**

by Judy Chicago

(amazon.com) Judy Chicago is America's most dynamic living artist. Her works comprise a dizzying array of media from performance and installation to the glittering table laid for thirty-nine iconic women in *The Dinner Party* (now permanently housed at the Brooklyn Museum), the groundbreaking *Birth Project*, and the meticulously researched *Holocaust Project*. She designed the monumental installation for Dior's 2020 Paris couture show and, in 2019, established the Judy Chicago Portal, which will help to accomplish her lifelong goal of overcoming the erasure that has eclipsed the achievements of so many women



### **Next Readings with the Rabbi:**

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00pm

#### **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**

by James McBride



## SISTERHOOD CORNER

**Eti Chall**  
Sisterhood President

### Celebrating Chanukah: A Season of Light, Unity, and Giving Back

As we gather to celebrate the Festival of Chanukah, also known as the Festival of Dedication, we are reminded of the importance of unity, perseverance, and the miracles that can happen when we come together.

The story of the oil that lasted eight days in the Temple is a symbol of hope and resilience, and it's a message that resonates with us all.

“Festival of Dedication” underscores the historical significance of Chanukah and the resilience of the Jewish people in preserving their faith and traditions during challenging times. It's a celebration of dedication to one's beliefs and the triumph of light over darkness.

This December, our Sisterhood is honored to sponsor a fundraiser for Magen David Adom of Israel, an organization dedicated to saving lives and providing essential medical services in Israel. During the current war, we understand the significance of supporting initiatives that bring relief and care to those in need. Magen David Adom's work embodies these principles, and we are privileged to be part of this noble cause.

Just as the chanukiah's candles illuminate the darkness, our collective effort will shine a light on those facing adversity. Through our support, we aim to spread hope, health, and happiness amidst this dark and painful time. Let us remember that the true essence of Chanukah lies not only in the lighting of the candles but also in the illumination of our hearts through acts of kindness and support.

Wishing you all a joyous and blessed Chanukah season!

### FROM THE RABBI (CONT.)

return home, and that no terrorist organization will sit on its borders waiting for its next attack, we all should reflect on our connections and commitments to the State of Israel.

By the time you read this, I will either be on the plane returning from Israel, or already back in the US. I hope you have followed my trip through my blog (<http://rebmeltz.weebly.com>) and shared your comments and reactions.

Thank you to everybody who donated towards the *tzedakah* and *gemilut chesed* of this trip, and perhaps the day will come soon when we will walk the streets of Israel together.

I invite you to join me in prayers for peace and security for Israel, and Jews everywhere.

Have a wonderful Chanukah.

### Sisterhood Event December 10

Ohr Shalom Social Hall

#### Fundraiser for Magen David Adom

#### Sufganiyot Dough Preparation at the Ohr Shalom Chanukah Party!

Make your dough, take it home and make delicious sufganiyot:



**Sufganiyot Basic** -Take home dough. **\$9**

**Complete Sufganiyot Kit** - Take home dough, with strawberry jam squeeze bottle for filling. **\$18**

### JOINING SISTERHOOD

If you are interested in joining Ohr Shalom's Sisterhood, please contact Eti, [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org), or Gillian, [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org) or 619-231-1456.

### SISTERHOOD VOLUNTEERS

If you enjoyed the Sisterhood Challah Prep session and would like to see additional Ohr Shalom Sisterhood programs, please let Eti know that you would like to help plan or present a program. Do you have experience working in or running a gift shop? The Sisterhood gift shop (located on the second floor) will be reopening in the future and volunteers will be needed. Please contact Eti at [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org) or text/call her at 619-772-5001 to let her know how you can help.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### A Blueprint for Our Future San Diego Community Study Conversation & Reception

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 3:30-6:30pm**

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center

We're at an unprecedented moment for our Jewish Community in San Diego. More than 100,000 strong, we are reeling from the war in Israel and a dramatic rise in antisemitism. Being Jewish has never been more significant. Please join this community-wide gathering to engage in crucial dialogue about who we are, how we view the most important issues facing us today, and what it means to be Jewish. We'll unveil the results of our San Diego Jewish Community study, collected and analyzed over two years. Together, we will use this data to reveal the unique fabric of our Jewish Community, hear your insights and discuss the future we hope to see. Conversation and small group discussion, followed by reception from 6pm-6:30pm. For link to register, go to: <https://www.lfjcc.org/about/blueprint.aspx>.



## SOCIAL ACTION

**Brad Eisenberg**  
Social Action Chair



### Update on TAY Academy Part 2



As reported last month, Stephanie Wells led a small Ohr Shalom delegation to visit the TAY Academy (“TAY”), and she returned with a plethora of ideas on what we can do to assist their mission. One of our congregants was inspired to provide a special gift to TAY. In memory of

Marilyn Shelden’s z”l devotion for years coordinating weekly meals to TAY, Al Shelden recently donated women’s clothes for the young women who use the facility.

Due to limited space, our previous update summarized some ideas at a high level. In this part 2 update, Stephanie provides further information to inspire the congregation on how we can assist TAY:

TAY offers laundry machines, lockers, showers, and bathrooms, along with toothbrushes and toothpaste. The large main room houses a TV and old worn leather couches that have seen better days. During the visit the delegation saw a homeless 18-year-old boy with a younger looking girl and their baby.

TAY provides a small kitchen and a computer room so they can look for jobs and stay in touch with loved ones. The clients can charge their phones, watch TV and talk with the staff—many of whom are bilingual and trained trauma counselors.

There is an art room and an outside patio without any patio furniture. They have dreams of starting a garden in front of their facility.

Ohr Shalom is blessed to be a varied community with a multitude of skills and assets I believe TAY can use. There are many many ways we can support TAY, such as donating time, old furniture, or clothing. Maybe you are a doctor and can offer a few hours of time teaching youth how to keep their immune system healthy. When you think “out of the box” there is much we can do. TAY also has two vans that they use to pick up donations making it super simple to donate.

Consider the little things you can do such as cleaning out your and/or your kids’ closets and giving unneeded items to TAY so their kids can have warm clothes for winter. Or the next time you replace your furniture, let Stephanie, Brad, or the office know, so we can help arrange TAY to pick it up from you. Their needs are many, and this is just our beginning.

We believe in our community, in our compassion and generosity. We know our community has both skills and experience to help inspire and make an impact in the life of a young homeless youth. Think about what it is you would like to contribute and let’s keep the discussion rolling.

Please feel free to email Stephanie at [stephanie068@hotmail.com](mailto:stephanie068@hotmail.com) or Brad at [socialaction@orhshalom.org](mailto:socialaction@orhshalom.org) if you want to be a part of this movement, to share some ideas or want to donate.

### Ohr Shalom is hosting Toy Drive for Toys for Tots

Please bring your **new, unwrapped** toys to the **Toys for Tots** donation barrel in the Ohr Shalom lobby **by Monday, December 11**. The goal of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to help less fortunate children in our community experience the joy of the holiday season; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of our community in a common cause during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

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



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 15-17**

YMCA Camp Marston Julian, CA

#### ACTIVITIES

- Friday night dinner services
- Saturday morning services
- Discussions, activities, games
- Saturday night Havdalah and bonfire
- Sunday morning services
- Games, activities, lunch

All congregants, all ages, families with children, welcome! Activities will be geared to all ages that are attending.

Save the date, talk to your family and friends. Sign-ups to be arranged in the near future.



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

### Where Do Our Hearts and Minds Meet?

Is there a bridge between “the more the merrier” and “misery loves company?” Where do our hearts and minds meet during a time of struggle or a time of joy or when the two happen simultaneously? The through-lines are community and action. For Jews, that connection comes through social action.

I am writing this article two days after a remarkable turnout for our Blood Drive. Through our collective effort, we were able to collect over 20 pints of blood, which will save over 60 lives. We also earned a credit of blood pints that will be available to Israel if needed. During the same time period, many of you responded immediately to a call to action to raise funds for our local friends at Christie’s Place to help their constituents provide a Thanksgiving meal for their families. Thank you!

Over the past few months, we have had the opportunity to come together for Shabbat, Shabbat Kehillatit dinner, talks about Israel and vigils for Israel. Our hearts and minds long to be together in community. Let’s continue to gather at Ohr Shalom for times of comfort, times of action and times of joy. Join us for the Chanukah Party on December 10, bring toys for our toy drive, continue to send money to Israel, continue to pray for our friends and family together with your community at Ohr Shalom. Let’s stand together for Israel and for those here in San Diego who need our support.

Sending you all a hug and thank you for being part of Ohr Shalom.

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Have you noticed the showcase display in our lobby? Happily, we will see the Sisterhood gift shop (located on the second floor) reopening in the next few months. But we need your assistance. Gift shop volunteers will help to inventory what we have on hand, order new items, monitor what our members want to purchase, and of course help with sales. The initial plan is to start out on Sundays while Religious School is open, and then expand the hours depending on how many volunteers are helping and the demand. Let Eti know you want to help out. Even better – tell her you want to coordinate the volunteers and “run” the gift shop.

There are a lot more events and ideas that the Sisterhood will generate. But as Eti will say – We Need Your Involvement. Please join, contact her and discuss her vision and ideas, share your thoughts, ideas and dreams for the Sisterhood.

We hope that 5784 will realize the full flowering of the Ohr Shalom Sisterhood and we will recall years from now, how it was rebuilt – with your efforts, time, commitment, and love.



## RABBINIC INTERN

**Brianah Caplan**  
Rabbinic Intern

As we are just days away from the first night of Chanukah, we are reminded of the profound significance embedded in the flickering flames that dance before us. Chanukah, often referred to as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the miraculous events that unfolded centuries ago, when a small group of Jewish warriors, the Maccabees, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. In the face of overwhelming odds, they witnessed the miracle of a single day’s worth of oil lasting for eight days—a testament to the divine presence that guides us through the darkest of times.

The story of Chanukah is not just a historical account but a timeless reminder that miracles, both grand and subtle, surround us in our daily lives. It is a celebration of the extraordinary that can emerge from the seemingly ordinary, encouraging us to recognize and appreciate the miracles that unfold in our own lives.

In the Talmud - Shabbat 21b to be specific - we find wisdom that resonates with the spirit of Chanukah. In a sea of logistical conversation about how to light our Chanukah candles properly (yes, this is where you can find the famous Hillel and Shammai debate!), Rabbi Eliezer teaches us that miracles occur constantly, but they often go unnoticed by those who fail to perceive the extraordinary within the ordinary. It is a call to open our eyes to the miracles that transpire in the mundane aspects of our lives—to see the divine hand at work in the simple joys, the unexpected blessings, and the moments of grace that unfold around us.

Chanukah teaches us that even when the odds seem insurmountable, and the darkness threatens to overwhelm, a small flame has the power to dispel the shadows. Similarly, in our own lives, the smallest acts of kindness, the moments of resilience, and the bonds of community have the power to illuminate the path ahead.

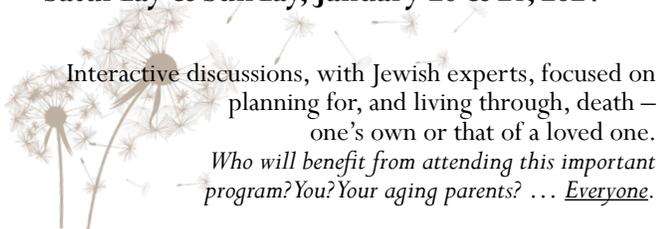
As we light our Chanukah candles, and as we watch those lights grow each night, let us not only recall the miracles of ancient times but also acknowledge and celebrate the everyday miracles that shape our lives. Let us strive to be present, to be grateful, and to cultivate a consciousness that recognizes the divine spark within ourselves and others.

May this Festival of Lights inspire us to seek and cherish the miracles that unfold in our lives each day. And in doing so, may we become vessels of light, spreading warmth, hope, and the enduring message that even in the ordinary, the extraordinary is ever-present.

Ohr Shalom Synagogue presents two days of learning:

## AS A JEW, HOW DO I PREPARE FOR DYING, DEATH AND MOURNING?

Saturday & Sunday, January 20 & 21, 2024



### Events Schedule (Free to the Public)

#### Saturday, January 20, 1:00pm

Lunch & Learn following Shabbat morning service

#### *Embracing Grief & Preparing for the Inevitable*

Alex van Frank, Attorney, Death Doula, Meditation & Yoga Therapist.

#### *Hamakom Yenachem: Finding Comfort During Times of Loss*

Rabbi Aliza Berk, LMFT Licensed Psychotherapist, Jewish Spiritual Director.

#### Saturday evening, January 20, 7:00pm

#### *What Do I Do When a Loved One Dies?*

Rabbi Scott Meltzer, Rabbi, Ohr Shalom, SDSU Lecturer in the Study of Religion.

#### *How to Alleviate the Emotional and Financial Burden on Your Survivors When Your Time Comes*

Peter Krantz, Licensed Funeral Director, Am Israel Mortuary, and Vince Stornio, Licensed Pre-Need Insurance Specialist, Am Israel Mortuary.

#### Sunday morning, January 21, 10:00am

#### *Planning Ahead for End of Life Issues*

Rabbi Ralph Dalin, Jewish Community Chaplin, Jewish Federation of San Diego, and Rabbinic Director, Ohr Ami, The Jewish Hospice Program.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Ohr Shalom office by January 14. [Office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:Office@ohrshalom.org)

*These events are made possible through a generous grant from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ).*



## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

**Aviva Ilanit Rosenberg**

Chesed/Community Caring Chair

Our **Chesed Committee's** biyearly meeting was at the end of October. It was a great meeting, attended by new and current committee members. We discussed wonderful new ideas as well as current projects such as the Yahrzeit candle distribution and meal trains.

Thank you to **Marci Prag**, whose culinary talents have added a tasty touch to our meal trains. When a congregant is sick and unable to attend our Shabbat Dinners, the committee steps in to deliver Marci's delicious soups to their doorstep.

Thank you to **Alma and Jonathan Geiger** for their hard work coordinating and delivering Yahrzeit candles, as well as coordinating the tea deliveries to members who aren't feeling well. Koba will now be coordinating and delivering the Yahrzeit candles.

Thank you to everyone on the Chesed Committee for their time and dedication, whether it's delivering challah and wine in your neighborhood for a Shiva or calling a member in our community over the phone.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the committee. There is something for everyone. Being a volunteer is an opportunity to make a positive impact. In the spirit of spreading kindness, even a small gesture can brighten someone's day, fostering a sense of connection and support within our community.

If you would like to be a part of the Chesed Committee and have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm more than happy to provide information. Together we can continue making a positive impact and spreading kindness within our community.

## CSA BOXES

Sundays, 11:45am-12:15pm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes from Rodney Kawano Farms will be delivered to Ohr Shalom twice a month on Sundays from 11:45am-12:15pm.



**venmo**

**How to Order:** Boxes cost \$30 payable by Venmo (use the QR code included here) or cash upon pickup. The boxes must be ordered by 5:00pm on Fridays for Sunday delivery by texting Kim, Rodney's sister, at 619-917-7540. Tell her you are from Ohr Shalom and how many boxes you are ordering.

Please make sure to pick up your box(es) promptly! Let's make this our own successful farm-to-table program feeding the Ohr Shalom community.

December: 3 & 17 | January: 7 & 21

*Call Evette with any questions (619-299-1938/619-885-4000 text).*

## Save the Date for *Lights of Ohr Shalom* Sunday, May 19, 2024

Please mark your calendars for our next *Lights of Ohr Shalom* as we honor **Jennifer Meltzer** and **Jennifer Tuteur** for their many contributions to our Synagogue.

**Stay tuned for more information!**



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

**Allyson Darroch**  
Environmental Projects Chair

### The Primary Colors of Trash

Once upon a time there was a trash can. It was black. Whatever you threw away, went into it.

Then “yard waste cans” arrived on the scene for grass clippings, fallen leaves, hedge trimmings and sticks but no stones, or dirt for that matter. One day, large blue trash bins referred to as recycle bins were dropped off with instructions about cardboard, clean glass bottles and jars, some specially marked plastics, milk cartons, Styrofoam, aluminum cans and junk mail. This seemed complicated at first but manageable. It would be sorted out by the folks at the landfill. There were a few caveats about folding the cardboard, not putting things in plastic bags and washing out jars and cans before you pitched them.

All good, except that it wasn’t enough. Mountains of recyclable refuse were looming. This year San Diego got a new green bin which seemed to be a replacement for the old yard waste can but added food waste to the mix.

It was a bit daunting and would not have been too bad; except in the meantime consumers have been presented with a variety of goods labeled “compostable” or “recyclable” in the title but in fact do not qualify as either recyclable or compostable for our green or blue bins. Say what???

Confused? You are not the only one. “Compostable” is a very flexible and extremely marketable term. Some things like eggshells and food-soiled paper are quickly broken down in the soil. Other things like reusable bamboo plates take much longer. Certain plastics labeled “compostable” will eventually decompose within a few years but not quickly enough.

We at times suffer from too much information: Here is a simpler way to look at it.

*Green Bin:* If it grows, it goes. In other words, anything that was once living or made from a living thing, like a tree or plant such as food or paper plates or pizza boxes or grass clippings, goes in the green bin.

*Blue Bin:* Cleaned, or at least rinsed out, aluminum cans and foil, glass bottles, jars, milk cartons, Styrofoam and any plastic items marked “1-PET” or 2-HDPE . There are a few other plastics that CAN be recycled but generally are not, so they don’t go in the blue bin.

*Black Bin:* Almost everything else, including all other plastics, even those marked compostable. Items that are soiled with human or pet waste (yes, they were once food, but a lot has happened to them since, so they don’t go in the green bin). EXCEPT LED or fluorescent light bulbs, no paint cans or electronics or hazardous waste. But you already knew that. There is a lovely little flyer you can stick on your fridge here. [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/what\\_goes\\_where\\_guide\\_english.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/what_goes_where_guide_english.pdf)

### Ohr Shalom is starting an Environmental Programs Committee.

Would you like to see Ohr Shalom become “greener”? Do you have some ideas as to how we can achieve that? Perhaps you know a little about new and varied efforts we can undertake at our synagogue to help our planet and help all of us with that goal as part of Tikkun Olam? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, we want you to be a part of this brand new undertaking, continuing the work so ably done by Allyson Darroch.

Please contact Gillian Argoff-Treseder at [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org) or Marvin Yudkovitz at [president@ohrshalom.org](mailto:president@ohrshalom.org) to find out more. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Gillian ([office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)) or Marvin ([president@ohrshalom.org](mailto:president@ohrshalom.org)). Our goal is to have the first meeting in mid-December.



## YOUTH GROUP

**Michelle Gurr-Barbour**  
USY Youth Director



### Finding Light

If your house is anything like mine, everything becomes a request this time of year. Can I have this [... insert some \$80 item here...] for Chanukah? What about this? I want to add this to my list too! Let’s just ignore the fact that Chanukah has already started. That means nothing when it comes to these requests. However, the one benefit of this seasonally inflamed argument between my daughter and me is that it leads right into a discussion encouraging her, and all of us really, to focus on what we can give rather than what we get at this time of year. I feel like the easiest thing that we can give is spreading light, particularly in this time that feels especially dark in a lot of ways. We need to find pockets of joy, especially Jewish joy, throughout our days and in the days of our children.

One thing I have noticed is the maturity of youth today when it comes to discussing and dealing with harsh realities of our world. But I also noticed that while we were there for these difficult discussions, I was seeing fewer smiles than I was used to. This is understandable of course, but I feel like my role as a Youth Director is to be there for those tough conversations, but also be there to remind them of the joys and all the amazing parts of being Jewish. I want to check in with them but I also want to plan events that let them just be teens again. I want to hear their struggles and then give them opportunities to be Jewish and proud in safe settings with their peers. It is a delicate balance and one that I don’t take lightly. I am proud of my work with the Jewish youth of the Conservative movement and look forward to creating connections and relationships with the youth and teens in this congregation. I hope to be a resource for them from school visits to Jewish clubs to letters of recommendations, advice and more. It is for that reason that I hope to see your children at the upcoming USY events.

### USY Upcoming Events

**San Diego Kadima Day Ice Skating at UTC Ice for 3rd-6th graders:**

**Sunday, December 3rd, 1:30-4:00pm**

**USY Youth Chanukah Party for K-7th graders:**

**\*Date and Time TBD.**

**USY Teen Chanukah Party for 8th-12th graders:**

**\*Date and Time TBD.**

\*Please email [usy@ohrshalom.org](mailto:usy@ohrshalom.org) for more information and to be added to our weekly newsletter. Michelle Gurr-Barbour, USY Youth Director  
[usy@ohrshalom.org](mailto:usy@ohrshalom.org)



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Maggy Dujowich**  
Religious School Principal



### Chanukah : Teaching Children the Meaning of Miracles

As the month of Kislev approaches, the children in our Religious School eagerly anticipate the arrival of Chanukah. This special time not only brings joy and festivities but also provides a unique opportunity to instill in them a deeper understanding of miracles in the Jewish faith. For our young learners, a miracle is more than just a surprising event; it's a testament to the enduring power of faith and the strength it imparts to our community.

For our students, miracles are the extraordinary moments in Jewish history that resonate with their own lives. It's the stories of courage, resilience, and unwavering belief that inspire them to face challenges with confidence. These tales serve as a reminder that they are part of a rich and storied tradition, where miracles have played a pivotal role in shaping their identity.

The story of Chanukah holds a special place in the hearts of our children. They learn about the brave Maccabees, a small group of individuals who, against all odds, stood up for their faith. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and creative activities, our students come to understand the power of faith and unity, and how these elements can lead to triumph in even the most daunting circumstances.

During this month, our young learners will embark on a journey of discovery. They will delve into the historical accounts of Chanukah, exploring the nuances of each chapter in the Maccabean saga. Through engaging lessons tailored to their age group, they will grasp the significance of miracles and learn how they continue to shape their lives in the present day.

Chanukah is a time for our students to come together with their families in celebration and reflection. Through hands-on activities like candle lighting, dreidel games, and festive meals, they will experience the warmth and unity that this festival brings. Together, they will reflect on the blessings of being able to practice their faith and uphold their traditions.

As we enter the month of Kislev, let us recognize the invaluable opportunity we have to nurture the understanding of miracles in the hearts of our young learners. Through the teachings of Chanukah, they will not only connect with the past but also carry forward the enduring spirit of faith, unity, and gratitude. May this month be a transformative experience, instilling in our children a profound belief in the miraculous and the strength it provides to navigate life's challenges.

## LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Springsong Weiner Cooper  
Religious School Committee Chair*

**Question: We will be celebrating Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, beginning in early December.**

**What is your favorite Chanukah tradition?**

**Dayne (Kitah Bet):** Lighting the candles because it smells good. [Dayne told me he lights Chanukah candles with a menorah he made at Coastal Roots Farm].

**Shira (Kitah Zayin):** Going to Indio with my family and family friends. We rent a timeshare, play games, light candles and have a lot of fun. A few years ago we made menorahs out of chocolate and had a competition. It was really fun!



## TA'AM TORAH A TASTE OF TORAH



Program for 4-year-olds at Ohr Shalom  
**Introduction to Religious School**  
with Jennifer Meltzer

**Sundays 10:30-11:30am:**  
• January 7 • February 4 • March 3  
• April 14 • May 19

**Cost: \$25: Individual session**

## KIDS IN COLLEGE?

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



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

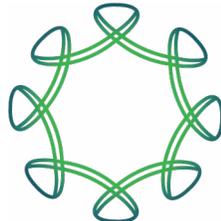


## ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer  
Israel Desk

# How to Continue Our Humanitarian, Political and Financial Support of Israel

As I write this, it is the beginning of November and the Israel Defense Force is bravely fighting to bring the hostages home from Gaza and eliminate the Hamas terrorist group permanently. I am filled with emotion for all those suffering, both Israelis and Palestinians. At this moment, I am the Ohr Shalom "Israel Desk". I am also part of the Jewish people and my heart and mind remain absorbed by the loss and suffering in Israel that began on October 7th and the enormous needs going on in the country now.



Guidestar Israel

There have been over 1400 Israelis killed, over 3800 injured and approximately 240 hostages from babies to Holocaust survivors being held by Hamas terrorists as of this writing. In addition, the attack has displaced 130,000 Israelis from their homes.

Following the initiation of the attack the call to send money to Israel was met with an immediate response here at Ohr Shalom and across San Diego. Our Jewish community stepped up and raised millions of dollars through The San Diego Jewish Federation. Now, a month later, Jewish communities around the world are attempting to deal with the current situation in both Israel and Gaza, and trying to determine ways to provide the help that is so desperately needed.

First, there are boundless places to contribute. Besides our San Diego Jewish Federation that continues sending donations through the Israel Emergency Fund, there are incredible sites that describe how to aid citizens of Israel and Gaza. For example, The International Committee of the Red Cross is donating medical supplies for the wounded and sick in Gaza through the Palestine Red Crescent

Society while working with Israel's Magen David Adom to help identify missing people. At another, the World Central Kitchen Israel & Gaza (WCK) is helping people caught in the middle of this volatile situation in both Gaza and Israel to provide critical food support to families at risk.

Within Israel, the Ministry of Justice of Israel has published a list of over a hundred Non-Profit Israeli organizations to direct current donors. *GuideStar Israel*, online English platform - GuideStar only lists sites contributing to the civil and military efforts in the war effort against Hamas. Whether you would like to support IDF soldiers or affected civilians evacuated from their homes by providing food, equipment, or even emotional support - it's in your hands.

Among the many non-profits listed on *GuideStar Israel*, just one example is Leket Israel, the National Food Bank (website; <https://www.leket.org/en/>). Established to rescue surplus nutritious food and deliver it to the needy, they work to eradicate food insecurity. Considering the current situation, Leket Israel launched three emergency relief programs in Southern Israel and along the Gaza border. Leket purchases cooked meals for homebound individuals and seniors, distributes essential supplies, including food, diapers, and formula for families, and also provides financial assistance to help individuals affected by the war.

There are organizations coming from all sectors aiding Israelis in distress right now. Israel is a family in pain, our Family. We remain ready to stand with her and help. Give what you can afford. We all can play a role. Donate. Reach out to your congressmen. AIPAC is a valuable organization which supports the Israel-US bond. Consider joining. Together, we are helping to write the current chapter of Jewish history.

### Ohr Shalom is Bringing Back the Purim Shpiel!!



#### Calling All Actors, Singers and More...

On Saturday evening March 23, 2024, Ohr Shalom will be presenting "A Purim Fiasco," originally written and presented by Debbie Friedman z"l.

We need lots of singers, actors, some musicians, and people working behind the curtain. All ages are welcome.

Rehearsals will be held in person at Ohr Shalom on Tuesdays. The first session will be on January 2nd at 5:00pm.

If you are interested in participating, contact Elisheva Edelson by email at [elishevaedelson@gmail.com](mailto:elishevaedelson@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ISAAC BRYNJEGARD-BIALIK HEROES AND LEGENDS

November 14, 2023 - February 16, 2024

Gotthelf Art Gallery,  
Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Find the links to registering for these events at  
[https://www.lfjcc.org/about/upcoming\\_events.aspx](https://www.lfjcc.org/about/upcoming_events.aspx)

### **NORTH COUNTY LECTURE SERIES: Facing Freedom: Portraits, Power and Early American Jewish Identity**

**Monday, December 4, 2023 | 10:30 am - 12:00pm**  
Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane

This is an object-centered exploration of the idea of freedom in early American Jewish history. Dr. Joellyn Zollman will use portraits and sculpture as springboards for discussion of the meaning, purpose, challenges and benefits of freedom in American Jewish life.  
Free.

### **Treasures of the Jewish Music Collection The Music of Hanukkah**

**Thursday, December 7 | 2:00 - 3:30pm**

Astor Judaica Library, Lawrence Family JCC  
Join Eileen Wingard and guest Judith Rubinstein for an afternoon of showcasing Hanukkah music from the Library's Music Collection. In collaboration with the Astor Judaica Library, San Diego Center for Jewish Culture and JCC's Senior & Adult Dept. RSVP one week prior to event.

### **MANDLEBAUM FAMILY LECTURE SERIES: The Matriarchs of the Mountains: Beloved Jewish Mothers Who Made the Catskills Feel Like Home**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023 | 10:30 - 11:30am**

Winn Room, Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue  
In this lecture, Dr. Samantha Goldstein will help us explore the role of women like Jennie Grossinger and Helen Kutsher in shaping the haimish (homey) reputation of the Catskills.

These women amongst many others helped to create a welcoming atmosphere that is remembered today just as fondly by former guests as the tumblers and comedians, and sometimes even more.

### **Lo-Mein Laughs Presents Simply Barbra Monday, December 25 | 6:00pm**

David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family JCC  
Steven Brinberg is the premier Barbra Streisand impressionist, performing his incredible show, Simply Barbra, to international acclaim as he pays homage to all that is Streisand. An evening of comedy cabaret where Brinberg looks and sounds more like Barbra than Barbra. Enjoy your vegan Chinese food as Brinberg makes Barbra come to life before your very eyes! Price: \$65 | JCC Members \$52 (all tickets include Dinner)

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS CHAVURAH



Ohr Shalom's Outdoor Adventurers Chavurah braved chilly night temperatures to enjoy a starry sky campout at the beautiful Palomar Mountain Observatory campground.

## TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

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

LeAnne Adams	Jennifer Meltzer
Alain Avigdor	Susie Meltzer
Ilan Awerbuch	Ivan Mendelsohn
Sue Brown	Lynn Mendelsohn
Joe Castiglione	Rachel Millstone
Allyson Darroch	Amy Morris
Elisheva Edelson	Rocky Reid
Hudi Eshel	Ruben Rosental
Jonathan Geiger	Brian Stannard
Lou Green	Jonah Weinberg
Joe Hartman	Springsong Cooper Weiner
Koba	Margalit Wollner
Morris Lazard	Marvin Yudkovitz
Jessica Lemoine	Jane Zeer
Eli Meltzer	

**Today Rabah** to Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky, Rene and Jim Lewis for a flavorful and enjoyable Kehillatit dinner.

**Office volunteers:** Jim Lewis and Aviva Rosenberg

# TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS (CONTINUED)

## Thank you for your generous donations in November:

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Eileen Wingard

**In memory of Bea Davis**

Rosalie Ulrich

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**In memory of Rebecca Bog**

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**TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT SPONSORS**

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*We apologize for any omissions.*

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Daniel Solomon

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**MAZAL TOV**  
**Dana and Gordon Frumer** on the Bat Mitzvah of  
**Emma Cripps.**

**CONDOLENCES**  
**Vicky Cohen** on the passing of her beloved sister, **Rebeca Levy z"l**, mother of **Jamie** and **Danny Munro**, and aunt of **Lina, Beto & David Cohen** .  
  
**Julie Phillips** on the passing of her beloved sister, **Sara Phillips Piatt z"l**.  
  
 Former Ohr Shalom member **Fredy Kohn z"l**, beloved father of **Yariv Kohn** and grandfather of **Jonah, Maya and Evan**.

# YAHARZEITS

*Pauline Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Mother and Remembered by Gertrude Cohen .....	2-Dec/19 Kislev
Sydney Pick	Daniel Pick's Grandfather .....	2-Dec/19 Kislev
Shana Rubin	Joe Rubin's Daughter .....	2-Dec/19 Kislev
*David Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Father.....	2-Dec/19 Kislev
*Bertha Smith	Mark Smith's Mother .....	2-Dec/19 Kislev
*Marvin Smith	Mark Smith's Brother.....	2-Dec/19 Kislev
Martin Manuel Dresser	Samantha Hardy's Father .....	3-Dec/20 Kislev
Sophie Gorad	Koba's Grandmother .....	3-Dec/20 Kislev
Tinok Iden Hamilton	Rebecca Iden's Son .....	3-Dec/20 Kislev
Anson Levitan	Marilin Levitan's Father .....	3-Dec/20 Kislev
Fannie Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Aunt .....	3-Dec/20 Kislev
Bella Green	Elizabeth Green's Step Grandmother.....	5-Dec/22 Kislev
*Benjamin Kalinka	Brenda Bielas' Father.....	5-Dec/22 Kislev
Nathan Gordon	Denise and Andrew Gordon's Son, Rosa and Alfredo Ratniewski's Grandson and Esther Tishman's Great-Grandson.....	6-Dec/23 Kislev

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*Minnie Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Mother .....	7-Dec/24 Kislev
Joseph Reitsky	Remembered by Al Shelden .....	8-Dec/25 Kislev
Rebeca Levy	Alberto Levy and Beatriz-Levy Israel's Mother .....	10-Dec/27 Kislev
Haya Abramovic	Faye Levy's Mother .....	10-Dec/27 Kislev
Galiah Bukszpan	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	11-Dec/28 Kislev
Klara Finkel	Tito Salzmann's Grandmother .....	11-Dec/28 Kislev
Jack Hartman	Joe Hartman's Father .....	11-Dec/28 Kislev
Chris Cannizzaro	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Husband .....	11-Dec/28 Kislev
*Alberto Levy	Vicky Cohen's Father and Beto Cohen's Grandfather.....	12-Dec/29 Kislev
Betty Stopnik	Roz Berman's Mother .....	12-Dec/29 Kislev
Sidney Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Father and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather .....	13-Dec/1 Tevet
Pola Gitler	Sara Fainstein's Aunt .....	13-Dec/1 Tevet
Elaine Green	Marda Rose's Aunt.....	13-Dec/1 Tevet
Gil Liberberg	Liza Tacher's Father .....	13-Dec/1 Tevet
*Rabbi Jacob Goldberg	Esther Tishman's Father, Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather .....	14-Dec/2 Tevet
Manuel Green	Louis Green's Father .....	14-Dec/2 Tevet
Ruth Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandmother .....	14-Dec/2 Tevet
Anna Paget Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Grandmother.....	15-Dec/3 Tevet
Rose E. Rose	Marda Rose's Grandmother .....	15-Dec/3 Tevet
*Helen Zipp	Elaine Smith and Janice Zipp Cannizzaro's Mother.....	16-Dec/4 Tevet
Abraham Cohen	Remembered by Aaron Rubinstein .....	17-Dec/5 Tevet
Clifford Francis	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandfather .....	17-Dec/5 Tevet
Esther van Vloten	Alex van Frank's Mother.....	17-Dec/5 Tevet
*George Millstone	Rachel Millstone's Father .....	18-Dec/6 Tevet
Rae Tenen	Remembered by Joe Rubin .....	18-Dec/6 Tevet
Ethel Boner	Steve Boner's Mother .....	19-Dec/7 Tevet
Lenora Levin Wollman	Alice Broudy Cupples' Aunt.....	19-Dec/7 Tevet
Steve Shoman	Marty Shoman's Brother .....	19-Dec/7 Tevet
Frances Sutker Goldstein	Don Goldstein's Mother and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandmother .....	19-Dec/7 Tevet
Hyman Wolpoff	Sheldon Wolpoff's Father.....	19-Dec/7 Tevet
Samuel Alvo Shemaria	Rosie Veinbergs' Brother.....	20-Dec/8 Tevet
Miriam Miliband	Jared Solomon's Grandmother .....	20-Dec/8 Tevet
Daryl Ross Baks	Naomi Ruth Eisman's Son .....	21-Dec/9 Tevet
*Andres Cohen	Enrique Cohen's Father.....	21-Dec/9 Tevet
Jack Mandel	David Mandel's Father.....	21-Dec/9 Tevet
*Thomas Weston	Allison Wolpoff's Father .....	21-Dec/9 Tevet
Luis Goldberg	Lina Gorinstein's Brother .....	23-Dec/11 Tevet
Roslyn Kanevsky	Alberto Levy's Aunt .....	23-Dec/11 Tevet
*Frieda Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Mother.....	23-Dec/11 Tevet
*Harry Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Brother.....	24-Dec/12 Tevet
*Alberto Hecht	Ruth Fastag's Father .....	24-Dec/12 Tevet
Sheila Schwartz	Elizabeth Schwartz's Mother.....	24-Dec/12 Tevet
*Ilan Cohen	Trudy Cohen's Husband and Eddy Cohen's Brother .....	25-Dec/13 Tevet
Marie Lyons	Lynn Mendelsohn's Mother .....	25-Dec/13 Tevet
Honey Mark	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	25-Dec/13 Tevet
Mollie B. Ward	Joshua Goldman's Grandmother .....	25-Dec/13 Tevet
Matilde Galicot	Jose Galicot's Mother and Remembered by Sylvia Galicot .....	26-Dec/14 Tevet
Thomas Levin	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandfather .....	26-Dec/14 Tevet
Geraldine Sorin	Sue Brown's Cousin .....	26-Dec/14 Tevet
Anna Burgman Kuttner	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandmother.....	27-Dec/15 Tevet
David Wolpoff	Sheldon Wolpoff's Nephew .....	27-Dec/15 Tevet
Shlomo Broder	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandfather .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
Hugh Douglas	Avigayil Levy-Yochanan's Grandfather .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
Regina Gross	Elaine Gottesman's Grandmother .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
Jacqueline Horstein	Alma Geiger and Harriet Wolpoff's Mother .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
Isaac Penhas	Sally Maizel's Father .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
*Evelyn Shelden	Al Shelden's Mother .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
Leah Solomon	Jared Solomon's Grandmother .....	28-Dec/16 Tevet
*Ema Halio	Vida Sportes, Maryam Sloatizki and Reyna Forman's Mother.....	29-Dec/17 Tevet
Gary Krout	Bill Morris' Brother.....	30-Dec/18 Tevet
Arthur Weiss	Nathan Weiss' Father.....	30-Dec/18 Tevet
Kalman Tishman	Remembered by Esther Tishman, Elisheva Edelson, Rosa Ratniewski and Lilian Deicas' Grandfather.....	31-Dec/19 Tevet

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



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**DECEMBER 2023**

**Kislev 5784/Tevet 5784**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

							<b>1</b> <b>18 Kislev</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service Ask the Rabbi" 4:24pm	<b>2</b> <b>19 Kislev</b> <i>Parshat Vayishlach</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:25pm
<b>3</b> <b>20 Kislev</b> 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>4</b> <b>21 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>5</b> <b>22 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>6</b> <b>23 Kislev</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Board Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>24 Kislev</b> <b>Erev Chanukah</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 5:15pm	<b>8</b> <b>25 Kislev</b> <b>Chanukah Day 1</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service with The Choir 4:25pm	<b>9</b> <b>26 Kislev</b> <i>Parshat Vayeshev</i> Mevarchim Chodesh <b>Chanukah Day 2</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:25pm     5:26pm		
<b>10</b> <b>27 Kislev</b> <b>Chanukah Day 3</b> 9:30am - Religious School 5:00pm - Chanukah Party 6:15pm - Minyan 5:15pm	<b>11</b> <b>28 Kislev</b> <b>Chanukah Day 4</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice 5:15pm	<b>12</b> <b>29 Kislev</b> <b>Chanukah Day 5</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank 5:15pm	<b>13</b> <b>1 Tevet</b> <b>Chanukah Day 6</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan 5:15pm	<b>14</b> <b>2 Tevet</b> <b>Chanukah Day 7</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Readings with the Rabbi 5:15pm	<b>15</b> <b>3 Tevet</b> <b>Chanukah Day 8</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kehillatit Service with Community Dinner 4:26pm	<b>16</b> <b>4 Tevet</b> <i>Parsha Miketz</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 5:28pm		
<b>17</b> <b>5 Tevet</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>18</b> <b>6 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>19</b> <b>7 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>20</b> <b>8 Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>21</b> <b>9 Tevet</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>22</b> <b>10 Tevet</b> <b>Fast of Tevet</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:29pm	<b>23</b> <b>11 Tevet</b> <i>Parshat Vayigash</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:30pm		
<b>24</b> <b>12 Tevet</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>25</b> <b>13 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan No Choir Practice	<b>26</b> <b>14 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>27</b> <b>15 Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>28</b> <b>16 Tevet</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>29</b> <b>17 Tevet</b> 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:33pm	<b>30</b> <b>18 Tevet</b> <i>Parshat Vayeichi</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:34pm		
<b>31</b> <b>19 Tevet</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>1</b> <b>20 Tevet</b> <b>New Years Day</b> Office Closed No Minyan No Choir Practice	<b>2</b> <b>21 Tevet</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>3</b> <b>22 Tevet</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>4</b> <b>23 Tevet</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>5</b> <b>24 Tevet</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service Ask the Rabbi" 4:38	<b>6</b> <b>25 Tevet</b> <i>Parshat Shemot</i> Mevarchim Chodesh 9:30am - Shabbat Service <b>Afternoon Bar Mitzvah: Mateo Alpert</b> 5:39pm		