



# OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE STANDS WITH ISRAEL

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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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**Saturday,  
March 2 at 6:00pm**  
at Ohr Shalom.



**Kung Fu Panda**

**Havdalah Pajama Family Movie Night!**

**OHR SHALOM**  
*Weekend Retreat*

**Register by  
March 3rd**



**TOT SHABBAT**  
with Jennifer Meltzer

**Saturday,  
March 9 - 10:30am**



**Friday, March 22**  
6:00pm  
**TOTS IN PJS**  
6:30pm

**FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE**

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*By Rabbi Scott Meltzer*



My name is Scott. I was born in the late '60s, in Northern Ohio, and that's the name my parents were excited to call me. Doesn't sound Jewish. Isn't Jewish

in origin. Wasn't given to me as part of any of our traditions – not in memory of anybody.

My parents are both beyond the reach of psychoanalysis to try to unpack how much I got named so “Not Jewish” because they were simply caught up in the moment and it sounded cool, or were they concerned about helping me to pass in this “Not Jewish” world.

I think about it sometimes: did they just like the name, or did they want me to blend in with the Akron, Ohio of that era? I will never be able to answer that question.

But they also gave me another name. A secret name. A traditional name. A name in honor of a great-grandfather I never met. But that name wasn't for public consumption. It was only spoken indoors. In private. In Jewish space.

The only places I have ever been addressed as “Moshe” are synagogues, San Diego Jewish Academy, Israel.

Sounds a lot like one of the heroines of the

Purim story, in fact she's the eponym of the biblical book that we read every year at Purim – the Book of Esther.

Like my name, Scott, Esther is her public name. The name she uses in non-Jewish spaces. In fact her real name, her Jewish name, is Hadassah. Of course, over the intervening more than two-thousand years, “Esther” has become a very traditional Jewish name, but in the context of the Megillah, it is a name of hiding, or passing as not being Jewish. It is the name: the Mordechai told Hadassah to use in the palace, because “Esther did not reveal her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had told her not to reveal it” (Esther 2:10).

I've been thinking about this a lot more this year than ever before. Maybe my parents gave me a very “Not Jewish” name so that I would pass easier in this “Not Jewish” society, but I am confident that they were not fearful for my safety.

But today, here in America, Jews are scared. Lots of Jews are scared. Hard to evaluate the actual level of threat, but I have heard and witnessed the unthinkable – Jews afraid to be identified as Jews in public – no wearing a kippah, nor Jewish jewelry. I even know of some who have taken the mezuzah off their front door.

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**Purim Celebration**  
at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

**Saturday night, March 23**  
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**Purim Carnival**  
at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

**Sunday, March 24, 11-2:30pm**  
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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
President

### Supporting Ohr Shalom and Honoring Jennifer Meltzer and Jennifer Tuteur: The Lights of Ohr Shalom May 19, 2024

This year on **May 19, 2024** we will be honoring two special women, and thanking them for all of their contributions to Ohr Shalom, the San Diego Jewish Community, and the health and well being of the entire San Diego County. I'm sure most of you are well aware of all of the wonderful work each of these women have accomplished. But allow me to share a little with you (much more will be in the Light's Program).

**Jennifer Meltzer** arrived at Ohr Shalom with her husband, Rabbi Scott Meltzer in 2003. At the time they had their daughter Shayna, and Jennifer was pregnant with Nativ. Jennifer started leading a Tot Shabbat program at Ohr Shalom to give her kids something engaging to do. She began teaching parent participation classes at the Nierman Preschool at the Lawrence Family JCC in 2009. Currently she is the Program Coordinator for Nierman, as well as the Music and Judaic Specialist there. She still teaches the parent participation classes, leads Infant Massage Classes and is part of the Shalom Baby Team at the J. At Ohr Shalom she returned to "Tot Shabbat" after a break and started teaching the monthly Ta'am Torah program for 4 year olds several years ago. And, just this year she began teaching the Vav/Zayn class at our Religious School. And for those who have been present, isn't it wonderful when we are fortunate to hear her beautiful singing, as she and Zeji are leading the Friday night services. Yes, service to Ohr Shalom and San Diego's Jewish Community is Jennifer Meltzer!

**Dr. Jennifer Tuteur** arrived in San Diego in 1997. She then worked as a family practice physician and served in leadership roles at Community Health Centers. In 2018, she proudly accepted the role of Deputy Chief Medical Officer at the County of San Diego, and led the County's role, in partnership with UCSD and JFS, at the Shelter for Asylum Seeking Families. A member of Ohr Shalom since 2017, we have benefited from Dr. Tuteur's expertise, wisdom, and guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. She led the Ohr Shalom Reopening Taskforce, providing expert information helping members of our Kehillah (community) to navigate the uncertainty, fear, and illness, helping us stay healthy (in mind, body and spirit) during

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the pandemic, and in fact helping us to have a very low incidence of Covid within our Synagogue. She also provided members with many Zoom information presentations, and patiently answered questions that significantly helped to reduce stress, anxiety, and illness. Dr. Tuteur **currently serves as** the Assistant Chief Medical Officer, Medical Care Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency. Yes, she is a San Diego County Chief Covid 19 spokesperson and expert!

We are over two months away from the Lights evening on May 19, 2024. Why am I writing this now? Because, we need you to support Ohr Shalom and these two women in two ways.

**One** – purchase a congratulatory ad in our **Tribute Journal**. For those of you not familiar with the Journal, this is printed out and distributed to everyone at the Lights evening event (and additional copies are available for those unable to attend). The announcement for the Tribute Journal ads are located on page 5 of this Davar. By placing an ad in the Journal, you are in a tangible and visible way, expressing your appreciation for both of them, and Ohr Shalom Synagogue. In the congratulatory notice, depending on the size you purchase, you can say whatever you deem appropriate as a public "shout out" to either or both of them as well as Ohr Shalom Synagogue. And please, don't forget - perhaps you have some stores, business associates, and/or work friends who may also be interested in placing an ad? Be sure to send them the announcement in this Davar, or contact Gillian who will be glad to forward it to them.

**Two** – purchase a **ticket(s)** to attend the Lights of Ohr Shalom evening. If you have attended one of these in the past, you already know how enjoyable these are. They are an opportunity to socialize with longtime Ohr Shalom friends and an opportunity to make new friends. Eating, drinking, and wonderful entertainment enjoyed in a festive setting; along with the tribute to these two women and fundraising for Ohr Shalom. Many members already have this evening circled on their social calendar as the event

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## OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	March 1	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	March 2	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	March 8	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Choir
Saturday	March 9	9:30am	Shabbat Service
		12:30pm	Lunch & Learn
		10:30am	Tot Shabbat with Jennifer Meltzer
Friday	March 15	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 16	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	March 22	6:00pm	Tots in PJs
		6:30pm	Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 23	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	March 29	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 30	9:00am	Shabbat Service

**Bat Mitzvah: Shira Levy**

*NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.*



## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING March 2024

### PARSHAT KI TISA

Fri: March 1 | 21 Adar I 5:28pm  
Sat: March 2 | 22 Adar I  
Torah: Exodus 30:11-34:35  
Haft: I Kings 18:1-39

### PARSHAT VAYAKHEL SHABBAT SHEKALIM MEVARCHIM CHODESH

Fri: March 8 | 28 Adar I 5:33pm  
Sat: March 9 | 29 Adar I  
Torah: Exodus 35:1-38:20; Exodus 30:11-16  
Haft: II Kings 12:1-17

### PARSHAT PEKUDEI

Fri: March 15 | 5 Adar II 6:39pm  
Sat: March 16 | 6 Adar II  
Torah: Exodus 38:21-40:38  
Haft: I Kings 7:51-8:21

### PARSHAT VAYIKRA ERUV PURIM

**SHABBAT ZACHOR**  
Fri: March 22 | 12 Adar II 6:44pm  
Sat: March 23 | 13 Adar II  
Torah: Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Deut. 25:17-19  
Haft: I Samuel 15:2-34

### PARSHAT TZAV

**SHABBAT PARAH**  
Fri: March 29 | 19 Adar II 6:49pm  
Sat: March 30 | 20 Adar II  
Torah: Leviticus 6:1-8:36; Numbers 19:1-22  
Haft: Ezekiel 36:16-38



## Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"

**Friday, March 1 at 6:15pm**

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



**Kabbalat Shabbat**  
*with the Ohr Shalom Choir*  
**Friday, March 8, 6:15pm**



**Saturday, March 9 - 10:30am**

**TOT SHABBAT** with Jennifer Meltzer



**Friday, March 22**  
**6:00pm - TOTS IN PJS**

Bring your infants and toddlers in their pajamas to welcome Shabbat in song.

**LED BY:**  
**ZEJI OZERI,**  
**RABBI & JENNIFER**  
**MELTZER**

**6:30pm - FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE**

### [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**

### 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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## ADULT EDUCATION

Lynn Mendelsohn  
Adult Education Chair

### Where It All Happens: The Gates

When is sha'ar (gate) not a gate and when is rehov (street) not a street?

Lost in translation, or maybe found there?

יְשִׁיחוּ בִּי יְשָׁבֵי שַׁעַר וְנִגְיִנּוֹת שְׁוֹתֵי שַׁכָּר:

"Those who sit in the gate speak against me; and I am the song of the drunkards."

What is there to talk about at the gates?

Why is everyone there?

By looking closely at the Hebrew word Shaar\* we will re-live familiar and less familiar scenes in Biblical times. We will meet noblemen and simple folks, judges and officers, merchants and shoppers, prophets and hecklers and on some occasions, we could be part of a stoning crowd.



Ruth Levy

Language matters, and Biblical Hebrew teaches us a lot more than meaning of words.

Be an investigative reporter following your friendly guide, **Ruth Levy**, as we explore together texts throughout the TaNaKh.

Oh, the places we'll go!

*\*Knowledge of Hebrew is NOT required to come on this trip. All presentations will be in English with ample explanations of Hebrew when necessary.*

**Thursdays, March 7th and 14th, 7:00pm**  
[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

### RABBI'S ARTICLE CONT.

Don't misunderstand. I do not think that is the threat. I do not hesitate to wear my kippah. Can't imagine even considering taking down the mezuzah or hesitating about identifying myself with my people. But I acknowledge that some people are really afraid – and the society around us has definitely changed.

In the end, Hadassah/Esther comes forward, outs herself, and refuses to hide in the shadows. I think we are in a similar moment. We all need to step forward. To acknowledge our Jewish names, our people, our community. This is a moment to stand up, to step forward, to stand out.

Let's face this challenging moment together. Let's join together. Come to the Synagogue. Let's rally outside. Let's talk to our elected officials. Let's write letters.

My name is still Scott, but it is also Moshe, and I say that loudly and proudly.

And come to the Synagogue. **Saturday night, March 23**, come to the Synagogue as we read the ancient, sacred book, about when Hadassah hid herself as Esther, and what happened when she knew the time had come for her to speak out as Hadassah again.

Chag Purim Sameach.

I hope you will join us.

## CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

### Daf Yomi - Wednesdays, 10:00am

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



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### Psalms - Wednesdays, 11:00am No Class March 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.

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### Slow Read Book Club

• Fridays, 11:00am

**The Periodic Table** by Primo Levi

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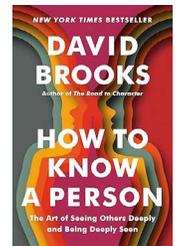
### Readings with the Rabbi

• Thursday, March 21

**How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen**

by David Brooks

As David Brooks observes, "There is one skill that lies at the heart of any healthy person, family, school, community organization, or society: the ability to see someone else deeply and make them feel seen—to accurately know another person, to let them feel valued, heard, and understood."



And yet we humans don't do this well. All around us are people who feel invisible, unseen, misunderstood. In *How to Know a Person*, Brooks sets out to help us do better, posing questions that are essential for all of us: If you want to know a person, what kind of attention should you cast on them? What kind of conversations should you have? What parts of a person's story should you pay attention to?

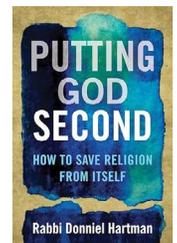
The act of seeing another person, Brooks argues, is profoundly creative: How can we look somebody in the eye and see something large in them, and in turn, see something larger in ourselves? *How to Know a Person* is for anyone searching for connection, and yearning to be understood.

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• Thursday, April 18

**Putting God Second** by Doniel Hartman

In *Putting God Second*, Rabbi Doniel Hartman tackles one of modern life's most urgent and vexing questions: Why are the great monotheistic faiths—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—chronically unable to fulfill their own self-professed goal of creating individuals infused with moral sensitivity and societies governed by the highest ethical standards?



To answer this question, Hartman takes a sober look at the moral peaks and valleys of his own tradition, Judaism, and diagnoses it with clarity, creativity, and erudition. He rejects both the sweeping denunciations of those who view religion as an inherent impediment to moral progress and the apologetics of fundamentalists who proclaim religion's moral perfection against all evidence to the contrary.

# Save the Date!



## Ohr Shalom's 19th Annual

# Lights of Ohr Shalom

### Honoring the Two Jens – Jennifer Meltzer and Jennifer Tuteur

### Sunday, May 19, 2024, 5:00pm Ohr Shalom Social Hall



## Lights of Ohr Shalom Tribute Journal

I would like to place a greeting or ad in the journal

- GOLD Fancy Full Page ..... \$1800
- SILVER Fancy Full Page ..... \$1500
- FULL PAGE ..... \$1000
- HALF PAGE ..... \$600
- QUARTER PAGE (2" x 3.50") ..... \$350
- EIGHTH PAGE (2" x 1.65") ..... \$200
- CONGRATULATIONS (Name Listing) ..... \$100

**Lights of Ohr Shalom and its Tribute Journal are Ohr Shalom's primary annual fundraising effort.**

**Please** place a greeting for Jennifer Meltzer & Jennifer Tuteur or advertise your business. Thank you for your contribution! You can order your ad by emailing content to Andrea at [graphics2@ohrshalom.org](mailto:graphics2@ohrshalom.org) or call (619) 231-1456 by Friday, April 26 to place your greeting or advertisement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see a proof?  Yes  No

Check Enclosed OR  Bill my Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Purim Celebration

at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

**Saturday night, March 23**

5:30pm - Kid-Friendly Dinner & Activities

6:15pm - Minyan

6:30pm - Singing, Kids' Megillah, Shpiel

7:30pm - Dessert

8:00pm - Full Megillah Reading



# Purim

## Mini-Carnival

at Ohr Shalom Synagogue

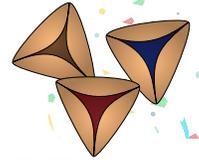
**Sunday, March 24, 11-2:30pm**

\*Bounce House

\* Hamantashen

\* Face Painting

\* Pizza Lunch Fundraiser for USY



## Ohr Shalom Synagogue's Community 2nd Night Seder

**Tuesday, April 23, 6:00pm**

You are invited to join us for our traditional  
Second Seder led by Rabbi Scott Meltzer.

**Members \$60 adults - \$35 children under 13**  
**Nonmembers \$75 adults - \$45 children under 13**  
**5 & under FREE**

Call the office (619) 231-1456, email

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

RSVP to the office by Monday, April 15

### MOVIE NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Come join us for Movie Night!**  
**Sunday Night, March 31**  
**at 7:00pm**

Movie to be announced

### WE NEED YOU!

*Did you promise yourself you would get more involved in the community this year?*

Now is your chance. Volunteer for one of our Ohr Shalom committees to help shape the programs you want to see and help people in our community.

**Email one of our chair people today!**

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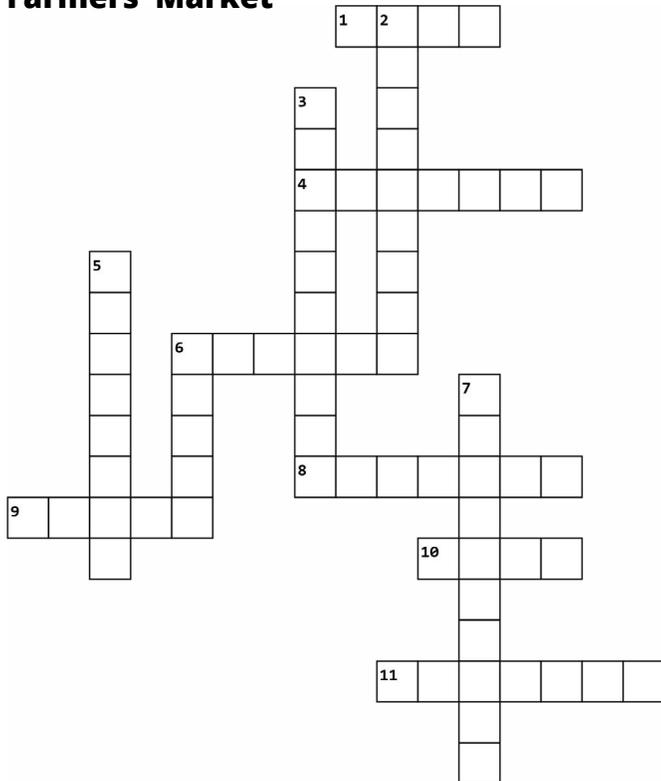
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Farmers' Market



#### Across

1. rough and tough trendy leafy green that is often served cooked or in smoothies
4. thick, fleshy, edible root bulb similar to a rutabaga
6. sour yellow citrus fruit
8. leafy green that is favored by Popeye
9. bright pink/maroon with an earthy taste
10. 'just two \_\_\_\_ in a pod'
11. looks like pink celery, goes great in pie, very bitter

#### Down

2. green vegetable that grows in spears
3. you have to peel back the layers to get to the heart of this vegetable
5. little salad vegetable with leafy greens on top and a bright pink bulb on the bottom
6. taste like a milder onion and go great in mashed potatoes
7. large pink citrus fruit that is bitter and sour

## 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, come join us at 7:00pm on the following Mondays in March:

**Monday, March 4**

**Monday, March 11**

**Monday, March 18**

**Monday, March 25**

Please contact [elishevaedelson@gmail.com](mailto:elishevaedelson@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Alex van Frank**  
Membership Chair

## New Connections: Celebrating Our New Members

In January we welcomed new members into our fold, and the experience was nothing short of heartwarming. As we gathered something magical unfolded—a beautiful tapestry of stories, laughter, and newfound connections. Each new member brought with them a unique story; a perspective colored by their individual journeys. From different walks of life, we converged, united by our shared desire for connection and belonging.

I devised a “Who is This?” game and it was one of the most delightful aspects of our gathering. In the RSVPs I had asked for an interesting fact or quirk to share. It was a fun moment of revelation, as we peeled back the layers of our identities to reveal the hidden gems within. From quirky hobbies, unexpected talents, and celebrity experiences we discovered the kaleidoscope of interests and experiences that make each of us truly special. It was an individual game that wound up being a communal storytelling experience.

Among our new members, we found individuals accomplished in unexpected arenas. A few of them have great courage to explore the world. We heard the story of Pamela who had a harrowing adventure in Egypt while looking for one of the oldest synagogues. Speaking of travel, we also had Kim who spent a month bicycling through Vietnam. There was also Julia who trekked to the Arctic to witness a world of frozen beauty.

But most inspiring of all (for me) was the story of Joel, whose honesty had been rewarded in unexpected ways. He shared how he once made an illegal U-turn and when the police offer asked him if he had seen the sign Joel responded, “yes.” A simple act of integrity had earned him the respect and admiration of the police officer who sat all day giving people tickets (none of whom admitted to seeing the sign). This was a reminder that honesty truly is the best policy, even in a world often marked by deceit and deception.

As the morning unfolded, we found ourselves drawn deeper into the tapestry of stories, weaving connections that transcended the boundaries of time and space. In sharing our interests, we discovered shared passions. In a world often marked by division and discord, our gathering was a reminder that despite our differences, we are all interconnected, bound together by our love for our Jewish community and values.

The laughter, the stories, the bonds helped us all bond a little better. At our next gathering, the Ohr Shalom Weekend Retreat March 15-17, I propose we play this game again. The richness of experience and interests in this community is fascinating. We are all kindred souls with whom we share the journey ahead and isn't it nice to see who we are traveling with?



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

## HAIMISH

(the Yiddish word not a Scottish man)

**Pronounced hay-mish, this Yiddish term describes something or somewhere that is homey, warm and unpretentious. In traditional Jewish times, it was used to indicate something reminiscent of a Jewish home.**

As I sit and listen to the rain falling heavily on the streets outside the shul, all I can think about is a piping hot bowl of my Bubbe's chicken soup with kreplach and kneidlach (Yiddish for matzah balls). She had the most *haimish* smelling house. You could smell her apartment (in a good way) the second you parked the car outside her building in the cold Massachusetts suburbs. It didn't matter that it was icy and freezing, that soup made everything better.



*Haimish* is another Yiddish word I learned very early on from my father. Last month, I wrote about how he would compliment me by calling me a balabusta. I left out that he would walk into my house and tell me how haimish it smelled on Pesach or at any other time I was making matzah ball soup. That always felt like an accomplishment, like I had reached the Jewish goal of a good chicken soup.

It's also a feeling of being at home and welcome. There are so many examples of times in my life where I walk into a Jewish space and automatically know this is the place for me. Three of my life-changing moments started with the overwhelming feeling of being in a *haimish* space; 1) Walking into the UofO Hillel house for the first time my sophomore year where I would spend the next three years cooking, laughing and finding community with peers. 2) Sitting in the lobby of the LFJCC waiting for my first interview, smelling the cafe and watching the preschoolers walk by and the seniors on their way to work out. 3) Arriving at Ohr Shalom with the hope of working with this community and feeling I had come home.

Ohr Shalom is a *haimish* and sacred space. I truly believe that people feel at home, safe and warm here. We are your Jewish home and I hope that you feel it too.



## NOTES FROM AN ECO YENTA

**Allyson Darroch**

## On Beyond the Grocery Store

A chartered jet was about to crash. The pilot got on the intercom to explain the situation to the four passengers. Oddly enough the passengers were a prominent politician, a technocrat billionaire, a cub scout, and, of course, a rabbi. The pilot conveyed his sincere apologies but due to a computer error there were only three parachutes available for the passengers. His parachute was connected to his ejection seat and could not be shared.

The politician grabbed one of the parachutes saying that the fate of the world was in his hands so he must, regretfully, save himself and jumped out of the plane. The techno-billionaire said he was known as the smartest guy in the world and was working on certain inventions that would save all of humanity and he quickly followed. The child sighed and handed the rabbi a parachute. The rabbi protested saying that he was old and quite ready for death whereas the boy had his whole life to live. The boy smiled and said "that's ok Rabbi I have a parachute too the smartest guy in the world jumped out with my backpack."

We love technology. We often believe it will solve whatever problems our bad old technology, or lack of it has caused. But sometimes, with a little effort, we can manage well without it. Take shopping, for example. Try buying local produce from a CSA or at a farmer's mark-et (there are several in San Diego <https://www.sandiego.org/explore/things-to-do/shopping/san-diego-farmers-markets.aspx>), The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the weaknesses and lack of adaptability in our current food system. The severe disruptions to our standard food supply chains created enormous challenges for both producers and consumers. Over the past year, our local farmers, food producers and marketers across our region have stepped up and adapted to meet the demand for local food. They have worked tirelessly to be a reliable food source for our communities. You won't find the exotica available from Trader Joe's at a Farmers Market, but the produce is fresher and cheaper than anything you will get at the supermarket. There may be an espresso stall with fresh pastries, stalls offering sweets, snacks, local meats, and cheeses. The exercise, fresh air and sunshine are free. If you opt for scheduled CSA delivery you can get an array of just harvested produce, eggs, jams, honey, flowers, and herbs delivered to your door, or even picked up at Ohr Shalom all in an extremely useful reusable box. As a healthy bonus you get veggies you would have never bought, but now offer you the opportunity to expand your culinary horizons. Green doesn't have to be dull.

## Men's Club Meeting

**Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm**

All Ohr Shalom men invited.

Bring your programming ideas.

RSVP to [yusjoe1@gmail.com](mailto:yusjoe1@gmail.com)



## RABBINIC INTERN

**Brianah Caplan**  
Rabbinic Intern

### We Are Here for a Reason

We are just around the corner from Purim, one of my favorite days on the Jewish calendar. We are reminded on Purim of the profound role of Queen Esther in our timeless narrative of resilience and redemption. Esther, whose name signifies “hiddenness,” emerged from obscurity to become a beacon of hope and salvation for our people.

In the Book of Esther, we witness how Esther, a humble Jewish woman, found herself elevated to the esteemed position of queen in the Persian court. But her rise to power was not merely a stroke of fate; it was a divine appointment, orchestrated by God. When the dark clouds of persecution loomed over our people, it was Esther who courageously stepped forward to confront the forces of tyranny and oppression.

In Esther 4:14, Mordecai imparts to Esther a timeless message that resonates with us to this day:

כִּי אִם־הִתְחַרְשׁ סִמְרָיִשׁי בְּעֵת הַזֹּאת רַחַם וְהִצְלָה יַעֲמֹד  
לְיְהוּדִים מִמָּקוֹם אֲחֵר וְאֶת וּבֵית־אָבִיהָ תִּאֲבְדוּ וּמִי יוֹדֵעַ אִם־  
לַעֲתָת כְּזֹאת הִגְעַת לְמַלְכוּת:

*“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

These words remind us that even amid tragedy and uncertainty, there is a divine purpose at work. Esther’s journey from orphan to queen was not without its trials and tribulations, yet she remained steadfast in her faith and conviction. She teaches us that even in the darkest of times, we can find solace in knowing that God’s providential hand is guiding us, and that God has placed us where we are for a reason.

As we celebrate Purim amidst a world filled with turmoil and strife, Esther’s story serves as a poignant reminder that joy can be found even in the most challenging of circumstances. Despite the threats that surrounded her, Esther chose to embrace courage over fear, hope over despair, and joy over sorrow.

In a world that often feels besieged by tragedy and injustice, Purim offers us a timely message of resilience and hope. It reminds us that even when the shadows of darkness loom large, we must not lose sight of the light that shines within us. Just as Esther’s bravery illuminated the path to salvation for our people, so too can our own acts of courage and kindness illuminate the world around us.

May this year’s Purim inspire us to embrace joy, to kindle the flames of hope, and to continue writing our own stories of redemption and renewal.



## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

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

Hope everyone is keeping warm and dry.

In times of illness or when just feeling under the weather, a comforting bowl of soup can work wonders. Marci, our dedicated volunteer, is known for her delicious Shabbat Dinners at Kehillatit. She offers her culinary creations to those members in need of a little extra care and comfort.

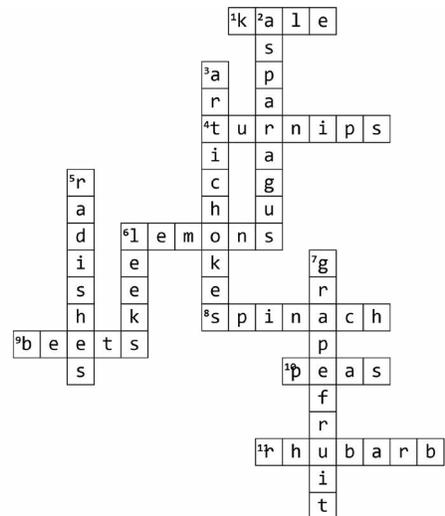
Her soups are not just food; they are a symbol of warmth, love, and care. Made with the freshest ingredients and cooked to perfection, each spoonful is a taste of comfort and healing.

Whether you are battling a cold, feeling fatigued, or simply in need of a pick-me-up, Marci’s homemade soups are a perfect choice. From classic recipes to hearty lentils, her soups are made with care and attention to detail, ensuring that each bowl is packed with flavor and nutrition.

If you or a member is feeling unwell and could use a comforting bowl of soup, don’t hesitate to reach out to me. Her soups are available upon request, and she is always happy to help those in need.

Call me or email me or come say hi to me at the next Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner, I’d be happy to give you more information and answer any questions about the Chesed Committee. Aviva Rosenberg 619 621 7212 [chesed@ohrshalom.org](mailto:chesed@ohrshalom.org)

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Jim Lewis, A Featured Poet at Jewish Poets - Jewish Voices

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm

Astor Judaica Library, Lawrence Family JCC

Ohr Shalom member Jim Lewis will be reading his poetry as one of the featured poets at the next Jewish Poets - Jewish Voices.



Jim joined the Navy and arrived in San Diego in July, 1987. He spent his spare time on ship reading, starting with Roman History and English Literature, then "stumbling" onto poetry. Jim found writing groups in the early 90s and joined a Monday Night Poetry reading group in Hillcrest. He read his poetry in public for the first time in 2001. He began writing poetry of the HIV experience, adding elements of his personal life and experience.

Other poets to be featured: Phyllis Schwartz, writer of children's poetry, and the poetry of Gloria Gervitz, Mexican-Jewish recipient of the Pablo Neruda prize. The readings will be followed by an open mic.

Price: Free. Registration: <https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/poets.aspx>

### Disney's Finding Nemo

Presented by JCompany Youth Theatre

March 2 - March 10

David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family JCC

The musical is based on the plot of the film Finding Nemo. It revolves around Marlin, a widowed clownfish who is desperate to find his son Nemo, who was snatched away by a diver in the ocean.

Price: \$22 | JCC Member: \$20 | Day of show: \$27. For information on this season's JCompany shows: [https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/jco\\_youth\\_theatre.aspx](https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/jco_youth_theatre.aspx)

### Shabbat Market

Thursday, March 21 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Back Parking Lot off of Eastgate Mall  
Lawrence Family JCC

Shabbat Market features vendors selling a wide range of foods, Judaica, Challah, items to make your table, and more! There will be a chance for you to sit and enjoy dinner, reconnect with friends, and buy items for Purim. Vendors will have all you need to create your special Mishloach Manot for you and yours! To learn more and to RSVP for this event: <https://www.lfjcc.org/about/shabbatmarket.aspx>

### UCSD Holocaust Living History Workshop

An Anti-Semitic Double Murder: The Forgotten History of Right Wing Terrorism In Post-War West Germany

Thursday, March 7 | 5 - 6:30pm

In Person at the Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Dr. | Virtual on Zoom

On December 19, 1980, Shlomo Lewin, the former chairman of the Jewish community in Nuremberg, and his partner Frida Poeschke were shot dead in their house in Erlangen. In this lecture, the German historian Uffa Jensen reconstructs the crime and its motivations, in the process unearthing a history of violence, trivialisation and repression that continues to this day. Free and open to the public, but registration is required. In person: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/697038389587?aff=oddttdtcreato> Virtual: <http://tinyurl.com/36kzk52z>.

## SOCIAL ACTION

### Ongoing Food Drive for JFS



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

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

### TAY ACADEMY

Hunger, poverty and youth homelessness are on the rise for many youth and their families today. TAY helps meet these basic needs for youth. They provide safe places to live and long-term solutions through shelter, foster homes, community centers and housing. Through prevention, early intervention and treatment, we also help youth before they need higher levels of care or become homeless.

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.



### 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.

**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.

March: 10 & 24

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



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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Maggy Dujowich**  
Religious School Principal



# The Magic of Forever Friendships: Why Religious School Pals Stick Around

Picture life as a big storybook, with friendship and community as the heartwarming chapters that make our tales special. In this lively mix, religious schools play a cool role, turning classmates into buddies for life. Let's dive into why the friendships formed in those early years are like hidden treasures that stay with us forever.



Religious schools aren't just places for learning; they're like schools for being good humans. We learn about kindness, caring, and doing the right thing. Sharing these lessons creates a special bond among students. These connections become the strong foundation for friendships that last a long, long time.

Our school is like a friendly club where everyone knows everyone. The feeling of belonging is powerful. Friends aren't just study buddies; they're companions through the ups and downs of growing up. Celebrating religious festivals together and supporting each other during tough times makes these friendships super strong.

In religious schools, you not only learn about faith but also get lessons for life. Friends help each other out and stand by one another. They become a reliable team, facing problems and enjoying good times together. These friendships teach us to be kind, to understand others, and to celebrate our differences.

The stories made in religious schools become the favorite tales we share later in life. From giggles during religious studies to teaming up for community projects, these memories create bonds that last. These experiences become the glue that sticks friends together, making their friendship tapestry unique and memorable.

The bonds made in religious schools don't easily break. Even if friends move away or follow different paths, the shared beliefs and values keep them connected. Going to religious events or just catching up on life updates becomes a way of staying close, no matter the distance.

Friendships from religious schools aren't just ordinary friendships; they're like hidden treasures that grow more valuable with time. These connections aren't just about sharing classes; they're about sharing values, beliefs, and adventures. The supportive vibe in religious schools not only gives us a good education but also gifts us with friendships that prove the strength of faith, unity, and shared values. As we journey through life, these early friendships become more precious, reminding us that the ties we build in religious schools are indeed for a lifetime



## LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Springsong Weiner Cooper  
Religious School Committee Chair*

**Question: For Purim we celebrate the bravery of Queen Esther for telling the King she was Jewish and asking him to save the Jewish people from Haman's decree. When is a time that you stepped outside of your comfort zone and did something brave?**

**Aviva (Kitah Zayin):** when I was seven years old we went to Costa Rica with my family and we were going zip lining and my brother got scared and didn't want to do it. I was scared too but then I decided to do it and it was fun.



**Amelia (Kitah Daled):** There was this time there was a snake in our backyard and I helped my dad catch it and then release it in the wild.



**Jojo (Kitah Aleph):** A boy in my class always chases me and once I just ignored him and stayed still. After a while, he quit chasing me.

## 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:**  
 March 3 • April 14 • May 19  
**Cost: \$25: Individual session**



**Susie Meltzer**  
Israel Desk

## 25 More Reasons We Hold Israel Close To Our Hearts

It is March 2024 and Israel is on my mind every day. Last September I shared 25 reasons taken from the American Jewish Committee’s article “75 Reasons We Love Israel” celebrating Israel’s 75th birthday.

Then on October 7th Israel sustained unthinkable horror and life there turned upside down. Yet according to both residents and visitors the strength, resilience, and spirit are visible throughout the country. Israel today shines its light on the world with contributions that continue to make every Jew proud. Here are 25 more reasons.

1. Israeli banknotes have Braille on them to assist the blind.
2. Israel has its own day-long festival of love, called Tu B’Av.
3. Jewish and proud! Israel is the only country in the world with a majority Jewish population.
4. Israel has the largest central bus station in the Middle East, located in Tel Aviv.
5. Tae Kwon Do fighter Avishag Semberg, age 19, at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics was the first Israeli to win a medal.
6. There are more than 250 Kibbutzim, communal settlements, that are unique to Israel. The first known Kibbutz was Deganya Aleph, founded in 1910.
7. Sufganiyot (doughnuts) on Hanukkah is a BIG DEAL, with many flavors and toppings. Did you know you can even inject your own favorite filling into the doughnuts?
8. Matkot is the sound of summer – the paddle ball game is everywhere on Israel’s beaches.
9. Diversity: You can find Jewish communities from every corner of the world from Bukhara to Ethiopia.
10. A land for learning: Israel is home to multiple important historical sites and is a paradise for curious historians.
11. The inspiration nation: Israel’s story, from its origins as a tiny country with a simple hope, a Tikvah, to let Jews live freely in their homeland, serves as an important reminder to never give up.
12. Who runs the world? Golda Meir, Israel’s Prime Minister, in 1969 became the fourth elected woman head of state in the world.
13. Did you know that you can ski in Israel? While the southern portion of Israel may be desert, up north, you can glide down Mount Hermon.
14. Israel tops the world in altruistic kidney donations, with over 1,000 since 2009.
15. Israel’s Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, has more than 450,000 photographs and 179 million pages of documents.
16. Actress and model Gal Gadot was born in Rosh HaAyin.

In 2018, Time Magazine included her on the list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

17. Kosher fast food, anyone? There are more than 40 kosher McDonald’s in Israel.
18. Farewell, chametz! Jaaber Hussein, an Israeli-Arab hotel manager, purchases all the state’s chametz (leavened products) for Passover.
19. Haifa’s subway system is one of the world’s smallest, with four carriages and just over one mile of track.
20. Israel’s Save a Child’s Heart organization performs lifesaving, free of charge heart operations for children from across the world, including many Palestinians.
21. Thirsty? In Israel, there are more than 35 commercial wineries and 250 boutique wineries.
22. Hatikvah, the national anthem of Israel, is all about hope: It has a powerful message of resilience that connects to the Jewish people’s history of perseverance.
23. Space for Spirituality: People from across the globe, including world leaders and celebrities, come to pray at one of Judaism’s holiest sites, the Kotel, the Temple’s Western Wall.
24. Soccer star Manor Solomon was born in Kfar Saba. The Israeli attacking midfielder produces plenty of goals and assists for Fulham of the English Premier League, which is one of the top soccer leagues in the world.
25. 75 years young. Jews around the world older than the establishment of the State of Israel have vivid memories of where they were when the announcement came, like dancing in the streets of New York on that momentous day.

Currently, I feel I am standing shoulder to shoulder with my Jewish brothers and sisters around the world, praying for peace in Israel and with their neighbors.

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE CONT.**

of the year. Attend this year and experience an enjoyable night, as well as show your appreciation for all that both women, and Ohr Shalom have done for each of us. There is also an opportunity to purchase additional tickets and invite friends and co-workers to attend and join in the celebration.

As a reminder: this is Ohr Shalom’s only fundraiser of the year. We need your support and participation as an entire Kehilla (Community) to help us “keep the lights on.” With your financial support we can maintain our sound financial footing, allowing us to run programs, pay for needed repairs and upkeep, and support everyone at Ohr Shalom no matter what are their financial resources.



## SISTERHOOD CORNER

**Eti Chall**  
Sisterhood President

Dear Members of our Beloved Synagogue,

As we enter the joyous month of Adar, our hearts are filled with mixed emotions. Traditionally, Adar is a time of celebration, marked by the joyous holiday of Purim. Yet, this year, our joy is tempered by the weight of recent events and the stark reality of antisemitism in our world.

The story of Purim, set in the court of King Ahasuerus, holds lessons that resonate deeply with our current challenges. It is a tale of courage, resilience, and the triumph of good over evil. Queen Esther, with her bravery and wisdom, exposed the treachery of Haman, the king's advisor, who sought to destroy the Jewish people.

In the aftermath of the devastating October 7th massacre, as we grieve for the lives lost and confront the resurgence of antisemitism, the story of Purim takes on renewed significance. Like Esther, we are called upon to confront the forces of hatred and injustice that threaten our community.

But how do we find joy in the midst of adversity? How do we reconcile the celebration of Adar with the pain in our hearts? I have a hard time finding joy and inner light when our hostages are still in the tunnels, suffering and in darkness. How do we rejoice when they are not home?

The answer lies in our resilience as a community and our commitment to collective action. Just as Esther found the strength to stand up against oppression, so too must we unite in the face of adversity. Our Synagogue, our Sisterhood, must be a beacon of light in a world too often darkened by hatred and bigotry.

This Adar, let us channel the spirit of Esther and draw inspiration from her courage. Let us honor the memory of those we have lost by renewing our commitment to fighting antisemitism in all its forms. Let us come together as a community, supporting one another in times of need and standing up for justice and righteousness.

In the words of the Talmud, "When Adar enters, we increase in joy." Embrace this tradition not as a denial of our pain, but as a declaration of our resilience. Even in the face of adversity, even in the depths of sorrow, we find joy in our solidarity, in our shared heritage, and in our unwavering commitment to one another. The joy of Adar is not just a fleeting moment, but a lasting testament to the strength of our people. We prevail, we overcome, and we rise- through the love we share, again and again. What is our secret weapon? Blessings and gratitude. Every Jew, upon waking, starts the day with a blessing of gratitude for another day. We may be kvetchers, but we know, deep down...we are loved, we have faith and hope. Together, we can overcome any obstacle, defy any adversary, and build a future where the light of justice and compassion shines brightly for all.

With hope, resilience and determination,

Eti Chall  
President, Ohr Shalom Sisterhood

To join Sisterhood, volunteer or suggest activities, please contact Eti Chall at [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org)



## YOUTH GROUP

**Michelle Gurr-Barbour**  
USY Youth Director



## The Tenacity of Teens

The absolute most amazing part of working with teens is seeing how dedicated they are to causes they care about. Our USY board has been working tirelessly for months already to welcome our 6th-8th graders on to campus the weekend of April 12th-13th. This Shabbaton is being completely planned by our youth and if you haven't been before, you should take a chance to shake their hand and let them know how impressed you are with them. It has been a long time since I had the opportunity to work with a group of teens that was this dedicated to their synagogue and the future is bright!

We all know the hardest years to maintain children in the youth group demographic are the 6th through 8th graders. We acknowledge this is due to the commitment to Bar/Bat mitzvah studies, which is of course completely valid. However, having additional religious outlets is as imperative as reserving and maintaining friendships and relationships with and within the synagogue.

This weekend is sure to be a hit and our goal is to look for grants and scholarships to ensure it is affordable for all that want to attend. The teens are working tirelessly on programs, games, events and more as well as running USY style services Friday night (if you haven't been, these aren't Savta's traditional services) and reading all the torah portions for services Saturday morning. We are thrilled to be able to offer this weekend and truly can't wait to show off all the teens of our community can do !

### Please join us for the following events:

#### **Kinder through 6th- March 3rd Purim Fun Day from 12:00 noon to 1:30pm**

Join us as we play games, work on a service project, make misloach manot and more! It will be sure to be a program you won't want to miss! Please send your child with a dairy lunch.



#### **Teen Purim Prep Day- Sunday March 3rd 12:00 noon to 3:00pm**

Calling all teens! We need your help in preparing games and activities for Purim, all ages 8th-12th welcome!



#### **San Diego USY Into the Night- Saturday March 9th-10th 8th through 12th graders- \$72**

You won't want to miss this epic night with teens from all over San Diego, while we can't tell you the activities because it is all designed to be a surprise, what we can tell you is this event is worth the money and is sure to be one that you don't want to miss!

**TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS**

**Thank you for your generous donations in February:**

**SYNAGOGUE FUND**

**In loving memory of Vanina Bunton**  
Laura Bloom

**In loving memory of Doris Glickman**  
Harriet and Shelden Wolpoff

**In honor of the Bris of Benjamin Searle**  
David and Naomi Searle

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Midge Pasternack

**Thank you for the Bris of Benjamin Searle**  
David and Naomi Searle

**In honor of the Bris of Benjamin Searle**  
Stuart Rubenstein

**TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT SPONSORS**

Alice Broudy Cupples  
Melissa and Gregorio Galicot  
George and Susan Kaplan

*We apologize for any omissions*

**Todah Rabah**  
to **Jason Bercovitch** for Ballot Measure discussion and making the election more understandable for all of us.

**MAZAL TOV**  
**Stephanie Wells and Jared Wells** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Golda Wells**.

**CONDOLENCES**  
**Tricia Pummill** on the passing of her former husband, **Bernie Semel z"l**, brother of **Judy (Reuven) Rohn** and **Debbie (Mark) Evans**, stepfather of **David (Rola) Johnson** and grandfather to **Ava, Adam** and **Benjamin**.  
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**Rene (Vida) Sportes** on the passing of his beloved sister, **Yvette Sportes Vogel z"l**.  
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**Luna Levy Keller** on the passing of her beloved brother, **Joseph Hassin z"l**, father of **David Hassin** and brother of **Isaac** and **Eli Levy**.  
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**Dora Miller, Jaime Miller and Julie Miller** on the passing of their beloved son and brother, **Joe Miller z"l**.

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or commemorate a loved one's **yahrzeit** with your **Ohr Shalom** family by sponsoring **Kiddush**.  
**Shabbat Morning Kiddush**  
**Sponsorship: \$180**  
  
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**office@ohrshalom.org**

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

LeAnne Adams	Eli Meltzer
Ilan Awerbuch	Jennifer Meltzer
Jason Bercovitch	Susie Meltzer
Sue Brown	Bryce Mendelsohn
Joe Castiglione	Ivan Mendelsohn
Allyson Darroch	Lynn Mendelsohn
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Yiftach Levy	Marvin Yudkovitz
Yonatan Levy	Jane Zeer

**Todah Rabah** to Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky, Rene Beiza and Jim Lewis for a delectable Kehillatit dinner.  
**Office volunteer:** Jim Lewis.

## YAHREZITS

Samuel Goldberg	Esther Tishman's Brother .....	1-Mar/21 Adar I
Juliet Green	Remembered by Elizabeth Green.....	1-Mar/21 Adar I
*Hyman Joseph Kaplan	George Kaplan's Father .....	2-Mar/22 Adar I
Edward Mayer Argoff	Remembered by Jeanne Argoff.....	3-Mar/23 Adar I
Leonardo Kobisher	Aida Kobisher's Father.....	3-Mar/23 Adar I
Doris Broudy Goodman	Alice Broudy Cupples' Aunt.....	4-Mar/24 Adar I
David Palmer	Remembered by Sara Zands .....	4-Mar/24 Adar I
Aida Heller	Remembered by Allan Wolf.....	5-Mar/25 Adar I
*Leah Lazard	Morris Lazard's Mother .....	5-Mar/25 Adar I
Bernie Moss	Remembered by Gillian Moss .....	5-Mar/25 Adar I
*Julia Winsberg	Susan Kaplan's Grandmother.....	5-Mar/25 Adar I
Leib Ben Aaron Finkler	Aaron Rubinstein's Uncle.....	6-Mar/26 Adar I
David Goldstein	Don Goldstein's Father and Jennifer Meltzer's Grandfather .....	6-Mar/26 Adar I
Gladys Marco	Love Zubiller's Grandmother.....	6-Mar/26 Adar I
*Blanche Goldstein	Ellen Statman's Mother and Robyn Casuto's Grandmother.....	7-Mar/27 Adar I
Sari Rose	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt .....	7-Mar/27 Adar I
Tillie Wolf	Allan Wolf's Mother.....	7-Mar/27 Adar I
Richard Fordham	Jeanne Argoff's Father and Gillian Argoff-Treseder's Grandfather .....	8-Mar/28 Adar I
Michael Frank	Jeremy van Frank's Father.....	8-Mar/28 Adar I
Dotty Madwatkins	Al Madwatkins' Mother and Pam Grant and Allison Madwatkins' Grandmother.....	8-Mar/28 Adar I
*Nissim Capelluto	Stella Salzmänn's Father .....	9-Mar/29 Adar I
Nathan Epstein	Remembered by Marda Rose.....	9-Mar/29 Adar I
Max Burgman	Karen Rund and Susie Meltzer's Grandfather .....	10-Mar/30 Adar I
*Kathleen Winsor	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	11-Mar/1 Adar II
Judith 'Lela' Lindenfeld Gorsd	Vivien Ressler's Mother .....	14-Mar/4 Adar II
John Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro .....	15-Mar/5 Adar II
Chaya Lisker	Remembered by Susanne Lisker .....	15-Mar/5 Adar II
George Wolf	Allan Wolf's Father .....	18-Mar/8 Adar II
*Robert Shoman	Marty Shoman's Father .....	19-Mar/9 Adar II
John Bunton	Jeremiah, Noah, Shoshannah and Nechama Bunton's Father.....	20-Mar/10 Adar II
Albert Sportes	Rene Sportes' Brother .....	22-Mar/12 Adar II
Frank Marco	Love Zubiller's Grandfather .....	24-Mar/14 Adar II
Eliezer Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Father .....	26-Mar/16 Adar II
Jeff Cohn	Becky Zipp and Melanie Davidson's Uncle .....	26-Mar/16 Adar II
Benjamin Goldberg	Lina Gorinstein's Father .....	26-Mar/16 Adar II
Eleanor Straling	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother .....	26-Mar/16 Adar II
David Maizel	Louis Maizel's Father .....	27-Mar/17 Adar II
Alvin Friedman	Evette Weiss' Father.....	29-Mar/19 Adar II

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **MARCH 2024**

**Adar I 5784/Adar II 5784**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<p><b>1</b> <b>21 Adar I</b>            11:00am - Slow Read Book Club            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"   5:28pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>22 Adar I</b>  <b>Parshat Ki Tisa</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service            6:00pm - PJ Movie Night   6:29pm</p>
<p><b>3</b> <b>23 Adar I</b>            9:30am - Religious School            10:30am - Ta'am Torah            12:00pm - USY Purim Fun Day/Prep Day            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>24 Adar I</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>25 Adar I</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            5:00pm - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal            7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>26 Adar I</b>            10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>27 Adar I</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Ruth Levy Class</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>28 Adar I</b>            11:00am - Slow Read Book Club            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service with The Choir   5:33pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>29 Adar I</b>  <b>Parshat Vayakhei</b>  <b>Shabbat Shekalim</b>            Mevarchim Chodesh            9:30am - Shabbat Service            10:30am - Tot Shabbat            12:30pm - Lunch &amp; Learn   6:35pm</p>
<p><b>10</b> <b>30 Adar I</b>  <b>TURN CLOCKS AHEAD</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</b>            9:30am - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>1 Adar II</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>2 Adar II</b>            5:00pm - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>3 Adar II</b>            10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi            11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>4 Adar II</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Ruth Levy Class</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>5 Adar II</b>  <b>Weekend Retreat</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   6:39pm</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>6 Adar II</b>  <b>Parsha Pekudei</b>  <b>Weekend Retreat</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service   7:40pm</p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>7 Adar II</b>            No Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>8 Adar II</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>9 Adar II</b>            5:00pm - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>10 Adar II</b>            10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi            11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>11 Adar II</b>  <b>Fast of Esther</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Readings with the Rabbi</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>12 Adar II</b>            11:00am - Slow Read Book Club            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:00pm - Tots in PJs            6:30pm - Family Kabbalat Service   6:44pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>13 Adar II</b>  <b>Parshat Vayikra</b>  <b>Erev Purim</b>  <b>Shabbat Zachor</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service            5:30pm - Purim Celebration   7:45pm</p>
<p><b>24</b> <b>14 Adar II</b>  <b>Purim</b>            9:30am - Religious School            11:00am - Purim Carnival (See page 6 for details)            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>15 Adar II</b>  <b>Shushan Purim</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>16 Adar II</b>            I 6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>17 Adar II</b>            10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi            11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Men's Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>18 Adar II</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>19 Adar II</b>            11:00am - Slow Read Book Club            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   6:49pm</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>20 Adar II</b>  <b>ParshatTzav</b>  <b>Shabbat Parah</b>  <b>Bat Mitzvah:</b>  <b>Shira Levy</b>            9:00am - Shabbat Service   7:50pm</p>
<p><b>31</b> <b>21 Adar II</b>            No Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Movie Night</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>22 Adar II</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>23 Adar II</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>24 Adar II</b>            10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi            11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>25 Adar II</b>            No Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Ruth Levy Class</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>26 Adar II</b>            11:00am - Slow Read Book Club            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat "Ask the Rabbi"   6:54pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>27 Adar II</b>  <b>Parshat Shemini</b>  <b>Shabbat HaChodesh</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service   7:55pm</p>