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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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**TOT SHABBAT**  
with Jennifer Meltzer

**Saturday, April 13 - 10:30am**

## Promise for the Future - From Bondage to Freedom



By Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Every year we celebrate Pesach – I love Pesach! We talk and sing about what God did for us when we were slaves and God saved us. We are commanded, according to the Mishnah (Pesachim 10:5) – to see ourselves as if we personally went out from Egypt.

I encourage everybody to be aware and educated about the issues that are around us – including hateful vandalism, and aggressive threatening shouting, but also the attempts to include antisemitic curricula in our schools through Ethnic Studies, the overt antisemitism from a number of candidates, locally and nationally and much more.

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Most years, we have been so fortunate to see ourselves in a free space, with our redemption in the past, and our obligation to be active to let “all who are hungry come and eat, and all who are in need to observe Pesach” (Haggadah).

If you are not on the mailing lists for the ADL and the AJC, you should be. You should also support their work, since it helps to keep all of us safe.

This year feels different. Fundamentally different. There is much for which we give thanks as we acknowledge our past deliverances – as we have in past years – but this year as we pray for others in need we are aware of how different our condition feels.

We should also make sure we are present and speaking with our elected officials, and that the needs of our community are presented at every opportunity.

So we prepare for Pesach. We have a whole lot to clean. Dishes to pack up and unpack. And very expensive shopping to do.

As we acknowledge that Israel is engaged in active warfare, with tragic loss on all sides and over 100 hostages still being held in horrific conditions, we are also aware that our situation feels much more precarious than any of us remember here in the United States.

In a few weeks we will gather around our tables for Seder, if you are available, we would love to share second Seder with you at the shul, and we will give thanks for our deliverance from Egypt. We will see ourselves as if we personally went free from Egypt.

Antisemitic incidents have skyrocketed. For a number of years we have been experiencing historic increases in antisemitic incidents, and the past six months have increased far beyond what we experienced before.

And this year, more than any other year in my lifetime, we will be praying for the safety and well-being of Jews here in San Diego, in the United States, in Israel and around the world.

People are afraid. There are people who have removed their mezuzot from their front doors – a reality that I never would have believed could happen in the US, but now there are some who are that afraid.

Whole-heartedly we will conclude our Seders with a prayer that next year in a Jerusalem blessed with peace.

Chag kasher vesameach, may you have a joyful and kosher Pesach.

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Saving lives. It's in our blood.

In this time of war in Israel there are many opportunities to offer support. All donations will be earmarked for use in Israel. When needed, the blood will be sent to Israel to help keep up with their needs during this crisis.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Ohr Shalom Synagogue / Blood Mobile

**Sunday, April 28, from 9:00 - 2:00pm**

We strongly encourage appointments. [sandiegobloodbank.org/donate](http://sandiegobloodbank.org/donate)



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
President

It's been almost two years since I dedicated this column to the weekday minyan. So it's again time to encourage everyone one in the Ohr Shalom community to participate. What is the daily minyan, when does it occur, what happens at it, and why is it so important to the spiritual and communal health of Ohr Shalom?

At Ohr Shalom the **weekday services** are held every evening, Sunday – Thursday at 6:15 pm on Zoom (some services are also held in person and on Zoom). The only instances when this is not so are on Jewish holidays and some Federal holidays. The time for the services are consistent throughout the year. During the year, the service recited will depend on the setting of the sun. In some of the fall and winter months, we will be reciting the evening (ma'ariv) service. During some of the spring and the summer months it will be the afternoon (mincha) service. The typical service includes the Hebrew prayers led by the leader and silent prayers (in language of your choice) of all participants. Everybody comes together for the prayer for the ill (mi sheberach), when participants are asked by the leader to say the name(s) of those they are hoping for strength and healing.

This then leads to (for me) the most moving part of the service – the **yahrzeits** (anniversary date of the death) and if appropriate, **shiva** (seven days of mourning). This is the time for members to share memories and feelings about their departed family members. Those of us in attendance have heard stories about grandparents who arrived in Mexico and the U.S. from Eastern Europe without any money or language and built a business and a family, mothers who cooked wonderful meals that the children and grandchildren have tried to copy, parents who were nurturing, and relationships that were strained. But what each of these has had in common – we all shared in their stories being told. Those of us in attendance have been the support system for those telling the stories and sharing their grief, love, humor, and sadness. By knowing more about each of our family members, it makes all of us an even more cohesive and inclusive family.

We then end the service with prayers for Israel and peace. Typically the service lasts about 30 minutes.

Preceding the 6:15 minyan, many members choose to attend the supplementary program known as the "**Minyan Minute**" which is actually as long as ten minutes,

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beginning at 6:05. This is where a fellow Ohr Shalom member will tell a story, read a poem, present some information, or something entirely different. For instance, many of mine are related to art, Lynn Mendelsohn relates to Jewish historical figures or locations, Rocky Reid offers words of wisdom whether from Snoopy or Yogi Berra, and Eli Meltzer tells folk tales. While most times this has Jewish content, that is not necessarily always the case. We've all been buoyed by the poetry of Jim Lewis and others stories. And occasionally, members have used the minyan minute to read a special poem, story, or song on the day of their family member's yahrzeit to further honor their memory, and bring that person's essence closer to all of us.

So what are the role(s) you can play:

1. **Lead a service.** The primary role in every service is the individual who leads this afternoon or evening service. Is your Hebrew good enough to do this right now? Then please consider volunteering one or two days a month. Or maybe you need some practice, mentoring, or teaching – that can be arranged. The following congregants have offered to teach or mentor this: Morris Lazard, [moloans@cox.net](mailto:moloans@cox.net); Ivan Mendelsohn, [mendbi44@gmail.com](mailto:mendbi44@gmail.com), and Eli Meltzer, [eliomeltzer@gmail.com](mailto:eliomeltzer@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact any one of them. Also if you are interested, but need more assistance in learning or improving your Hebrew reading, we will again be offering classes for this. Please let Gillian know of your interest.

2. How about a "**Minyan Minute**"? Another option is to present a 5-10 minute reading of a poem, showing a video, or presenting something you have written prior to the start of the minyan. This is called our "Minyan Minute," which begins at 6:05. If you want to run some ideas for this by one of us, feel free to contact any of the people listed above or Jonah Weinberg, [Jonahbw@gmail.com](mailto:Jonahbw@gmail.com). We very much need additional people to help with Minyan Minutes. In the past four years, they have been fun, humorous, informative, thoughtful, emotional, and spiritual. We would love to have every member of Ohr Shalom give one of these.

*Words from the President continued on Page 14*

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## OHR SHALOM SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Friday	April 5	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	April 6	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	April 12	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 13	9:30am	Shabbat Service
		10:30am	Tot Shabbat with Jennifer Meltzer
		12:30pm	Lunch & Learn
Friday	April 19	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 20	9:30am	Shabbat Service
			<b>Bat Mitzvah: Mirabelle Vann</b>
Friday	April 26	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 27	9:30am	Shabbat Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting



### Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"

Friday, April 5 at 6:15pm With Rabbi Caplan

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



**Saturday, April 13 - 10:30am**

## TOT SHABBAT

with Jennifer Meltzer



### Shabbat Morning Service & Lunch & Learn



**Saturday, April 13**

Shabbat Service at 9:30am | Lunch & Learn at 12:30pm

### 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

## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING



April 2024

### PARSHAT SHEMINI SHABBAT HACHODESH

Fri: April 5 | 26 Adar II 6:54pm  
Sat: April 6 | 27 Adar II  
Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47; Exodus 12:1-20  
Haft: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18



### PARSHAT TAZRIA

Fri: April 12 | 4 Nisan 6:59pm  
Sat: April 13 | 5 Nisan  
Torah: Leviticus 12:1-13:59  
Haft: II Kings 4:42-5:19



### PARSHAT METZORA SHABBAT HAGADOL

Fri: April 19 | 11 Nisan 7:04pm  
Sat: April 20 | 12 Nisan  
Torah: Leviticus 14:1-15:33  
Haft: Malachi 3:4-24



### SHABBAT PESACH

Fri: April 26 | 18 Nisan 7:09pm  
Sat: April 27 | 19 Nisan  
Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:19-25  
Haft: Ezekiel 37:1-14



### [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**

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## ADULT EDUCATION

Lynn Mendelsohn  
Adult Education Chair

### 20 Years Without Naomi:

Naomi Shemer

1930 to 2004

### A Life Through Poetry and Song

An appreciation, with words, pictures and music, of the life and accomplishments of Israel's beloved composer.

Presented by

Elisheva Edelson

Using wonderful words and melodies, Naomi Shemer has made us connect with our roots, our origins, and the early years of Zionism. As we remember her, we bow our heads in sadness and admiration, and we thank her for the magnificent gift she has left to us: Her songs.

In the [Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)



Three sessions,  
on Zoom:  
Thursdays  
May 2, 9 and 16.  
All at 7:00 pm

## SAVE THE DATE Yom HaAtzmaut Choir Concert

**May 13, 7:00pm**

Featuring the music of NAOMI SHEMER

## 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 No Class April 3 & 24

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 No Class April 5

**The Periodic Table** by Primo Levi

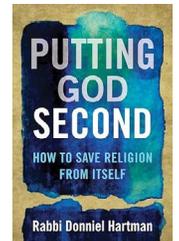


### **Readings with the Rabbi**

• Thursday, April 23

**Putting God Second** by Donniel Hartman

In *Putting God Second*, Rabbi Donniel 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.



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

Ticket Price: \$200 per person

RSYP by May 10th



## 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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# 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 Meltzer & Rabbi Caplan.

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

Use QR code to RSVP or email [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org).  
RSVP by Monday, April 15



## **Mechirat Chametz (Selling Chametz)** 5784/2024

Every year our synagogue provides the opportunity to sell your chametz at Passover. Rabbi Meltzer (and the rabbis of other synagogues) act as agents in selling your chametz to a non-Jew. At the end of Passover Rabbi Meltzer will repurchase the chametz, and ownership will be returned to you.

Please complete the information below to sell all of your *chametz* before *Pesach* and return to Ohr Shalom by **Wednesday, April 17**.

Email: [rabbi@ohrshalom.org](mailto:rabbi@ohrshalom.org)

### **The Selling of Chametz**

*I hereby authorize Rabbi Scott A. Meltzer to serve as my agent in selling all of the chametz at the following address(es):*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

## **PESACH SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Monday, April 22  
**Erev Pesach – 1st Seder**  
**Candlelighting: 7:06pm**

Tuesday, April 23  
**Pesach Morning Service: 9:30am**  
**Community 2nd Seder: 6:00pm**

Wednesday, April 24  
**Pesach Morning Service: 9:30am**

Friday, April 26  
**Shabbat Pesach Service: 6:15pm**

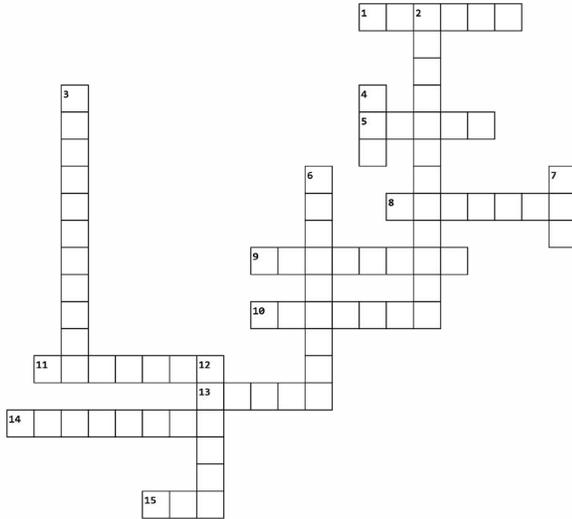
Saturday, April 27  
**Shabbat Pesach Morning Service: 9:30am**

Monday, April 29  
**Pesach Morning Service: 9:30am**

Tuesday, April 30  
**Pesach Morning Service with Yizkor: 9:30am**  
**Havdalah and End of Passover: 8:12pm**



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Not an insect! It has 8 legs
5. A young insect
8. The bottom section of an insect
9. Long feelers, on the head of the insect
10. These insects build huge mounds of sand, dung and saliva
11. They can make noise with their wings
13. Sweet nectar produced by insects
14. This insect likes human blood!
15. Number of legs on an insect

### DOWN

2. Animals with no backbone
3. Baby butterfly
4. Insects are the only invertebrates to do this
6. Beautiful insect that comes out of a cocoon
7. These insects exist in huge colonies with a queen, drones and workers
12. The middle section of the insect.

## 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, April 1**  
**Monday, April 8**  
**Monday, April 15**

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

## MENS CLUB

# Men's Club Announcement

*By Joe Hartman*

I am pleased to announce the upcoming plans for the Ohr Shalom Men's Club.

Among the activities are speakers with different areas of interest.

Our next speaker, **Bob Chandler**, is scheduled for Sunday, **April 7, 2024 at 10:00am**. He is the former announcer for the San Diego Padres and will be discussing baseball in San Diego. I encourage all to participate in this interesting conversation.

In the future we hopefully will schedule outings for Padre games.

Other speakers are in the pipeline for the future.

We hope to form chevrot from the Men's Club membership. Social interaction activities including Poker Nights and Golf outings are planned.

Holiday activities such as making latkes and hamantaschen as well as Sukkah building will be planned. Also B'nai Mitzvah siddurs, Yom HaShoah candles and Tikkun Olam involvement are anticipated.

Israel solidarity, monitoring leaders and charity donations are topics for future discussion.

I look forward to everyone participating in our activities

## 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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Announcing the Ohr Shalom Calendar for 5785 (2024—2025)

# An Ohr Shalom Scrapbook

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Ohr Shalom Synagogue, our new calendar will be a souvenir **collage of photographs** supplied by YOU, the Ohr Shalom community. Each month's facing page will feature a particular era, event, family simcha, or other happening, tracing Ohr Shalom's quarter-century of history. To make the 5785 calendar into the keepsake it promises to be, YOU must send, bring, email or text your PHOTOS to us. Please ask yourselves:

- What events from my life, and those of my family members, happened at Ohr Shalom? Bar or Bat Mitzvahs? A bris? A **wedding**?
- Was I present for any of the **Great Moments** in Ohr Shalom history? The "shtetl wedding" of Beth Tefilah and Adat Ami in 1999? The procession that moved the Torahs into the Third-and-Laurel building in 2001? Rabbi Meltzer's arrival in 2003? The reopening of the remodeled building in 2011? The dedication of the pillars of cloud and flame in the sanctuary in 2016?
- What parties or **celebrations** have I attended at Ohr Shalom? For Purim? For Chanukah? For Lights of Ohr Shalom?
- and the Big Question: Where did I put those photos????

We will compile the calendar during the early summer. But **NOW-TODAY** is the time to start chasing down those pictures!

Please send – by whatever means you chose -- your photographs, with dates (if you know them), names of those in the pictures, and a short **caption**, to Gillian in the Ohr Shalom office ([office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)), or to Lynn Mendelsohn ([mendelynn0511@gmail.com](mailto:mendelynn0511@gmail.com)).

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Celebrate ....

- Rosh Hashanah
- Chanukah
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- B'nai Mitzvot
- Weddings
- Advertise your business

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—	2.25" x 2.25"	\$50
—	4.5" x 2.25"	\$75
—	Month Sponsor (10" x 0.75")	\$250
—	Calendar Sponsor	Call Office

**Happy Birthday  
(Name Here!)  
June 8**

**Line Greetings  
\$25**

**2.25" x 2.25" \$50**

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## OHR SHALOM RETREAT WEEKEND 2024



I've always believed in the power of nature to connect - with ourselves, one another, the natural world around us, and the spiritual divine. Ohr Shalom's weekend retreat at Camp Marston was no different. Ever since joining the synagogue during the pandemic, I have slowly been getting to know the rest of the community, mostly through

children's programming for Joshua. But, something special always happens for me at camp. When we go to camp, we leave our daily lives behind and create a new reality grounded by the land, the people, and the activities immediately around us. As a result, we become bonded with our camp kin. Individuals, couples, and children of all ages bonded over the weekend of special experiences that only happen at camp: a sudden curtain of hail at the onset of shabbat prayers, early morning walks around a steaming lake, singing 70's and 90's songs to the guitar in a multigenerational circle and jigsawing the words together as a team, cheering each other on up the rock wall, and celebrating each and every one who got up on stage for our Ohr Shalom camp talent show. My heart sang most watching Joshua blossom as he tried new activities with the other kids and teens without his mom standing over him at every moment, thanks to the caring teens (thank you, Milo!) and adults of Ohr Shalom. You'll see this happy camper at next year's retreat, and I hope to see you next year, too!

Alison Black, Ed.D.





## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

### Pushke - פּוּשְׁקֶה \PUSH-ke\ Noun

Tzedakah Box

One of the first mitzvot I learned was the act of giving tzedakah. My Bubbe always had a *Pushke* in her kitchen and I would put pennies in there each time we went to visit. She always had a Jewish National Fund (JNF) *Pushke*. When it would get full, we would sit and roll the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters which she would then take to the shul office in a well-used plastic bag. We would talk about the good this donation could do in the lives of people who needed food and clothes. There is something special about filling a *Pushke* until you can't push anymore money into the box and then deciding where you will donate that tzedakah.

Each Religious School class has its own *Pushke* and the kids decide where to send the tzedakah at the end of each school year. Some years all the money goes to helping animals (always a favorite with kids) and other years, each class picks a unique beneficiary ranging from organizations that focus on food insecurity to helping kids in Israel. This process reinforces the mitzvah of tzedakah and teamwork. Our Religious School also gives each Bar/Bat Mitzvah a tzedakah box to help them continue to put good into the world.

Giving tzedakah during daily Minyan is another beautiful mitzvah. During the pandemic, we continued this tradition by posting a link in the chat for our "Virtual *Pushke*." At some point, we forgot and kept forgetting. So, I would like to bring back our "Virtual *Pushke*." Starting in April, we will try to remember to post the link to make a small donation during Minyan. These donations will be anonymous and no amount is too small, too late or too big. (You can also decide to donate monthly on autopay if that is easier for you, just call the office.)



## NOTES FROM AN ECO YENTA

**Allyson Darroch**

### BUGS ..... EWWWW

We have had a lot of rain. It's been a cold wet winter and spring so far. Looking forward to summer? Evenings on the patio, walks along the beach, dinner at a café downtown, sitting outside, watching the world walk by? AND then EWWWW Bugs!! Mosquitoes, flies, gnats, ants . Note that nobody says, "ugh a butterfly, stomp on it!"

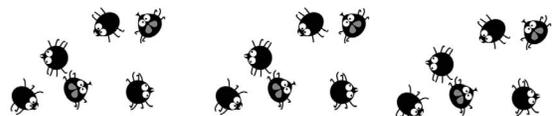
So, before you start swatting think on this:

Whether they crawl, fly, squirm, or slither, insects maintain healthy soil, recycle nutrients, pollinate flowers and crops, and control pests. But by the end of the century, up to 40% of the world's insect species may go extinct owing in part to habitat loss. In fact, many insect populations—bees, grasshoppers, moths, butterflies, beetles, and ants—are already plummeting in our ecosystem. But gardeners, homeowners, policymakers, Native American nations, ranchers, and others are finding ways to protect insects, from planting native gardens to avoiding pesticides to conserving habitats.

Here are some local bugs and their jobs in this bug eat bug world.

Ninety-six percent of North American birds feed insects like yellow-jacket wasps to their young. One study estimates that, worldwide, birds consume up to five hundred tons of insects each year. Of the approximately one million known insect species in the world, only 0.5% damage crops. In fact, predatory insects such as ground beetles increase crop yields by keeping weeds and pest species in check. Wasps and other important predators help prevent populations of caterpillars, spiders, and crickets from reaching pest levels, providing an estimated \$416 billion in pest control each year. Dragonflies, who first appeared on Earth more than one hundred million years before the rise of dinosaurs, are voracious predators of mosquitoes which are vectors for various infectious diseases. . So, ok to swat but mosquitoes are a food source for fish, birds, and lizards. Ladybugs are predatory insects, and their main source of food is aphids. Aphids can stunt plant growth, turn leaves brown and kill plants. Ladybugs can eat more than 5,000 aphids in their lifetime. Praying Mantises are fascinating to watch. They feed on anything they can catch. Decollate snails feed on their cousins, the brown garden snail. Once they rid your garden of brown snails, they feed on leaf litter and other organic material, helping the composting process. Green lacewings are aphid exterminators. They also feed on mealybugs, scale spider mites, thrips, whiteflies, small caterpillars, insect eggs and larvae.

Insects form the base of the food web, and to quote Don Marquis, author of Archy and Mehitable, Archy is a poetry writing cockroach by the way, "Unless we eats, we dies"





## RABBINIC INTERN

**Brianah Caplan**  
Rabbinic Intern

עֲשֵׂה לָךְ רֵב, וּקְנֵה לָךְ תַּבָּר

### “Make for yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend.” (Pirkei Avot 1:6)

During my first year as an undergraduate student at San Diego State University, I took a Gen Ed Intro to Bible course with a fabulous instructor – Professor Scott Meltzer. It was a course that I loved deeply (and greatly prepared me to learn about source criticism in the Bible in rabbinical school!). I also remember my professor inviting us to his home for lunch one weekend, something none of my other professors at SDSU had ever done. It was a real treat to be able to meet Jennifer, my professor’s wife, and interact informally with someone I had only known in a formal setting.



Professor Meltzer, who I later learned was a rabbi of a local synagogue, and I stayed in touch even after I graduated. He was thrilled for me that I was going to rabbinical school, and we even got together for coffee a few times when I would come back to visit San Diego after moving to Los Angeles. During my second year of school, a friend of mine named Shanee told me she had this great internship in San Diego at a synagogue called Ohr Shalom with Rabbi Meltzer. I knew she was graduating at the end of the year, which of course would mean Ohr Shalom would be left without an intern!

I reached out to Rabbi Meltzer asking if he would be interested in an intern for the following year, and after a couple of rounds of phone tag over the summer, and being introduced to Gillian via email, we had finalized my internship for the 2023-2024 year.

During my first weekend as Ohr Shalom’s intern, I went to the Meltzers’ for lunch during Sukkot, where Rabbi Meltzer had also invited his students from his SDSU class. As we sat in their backyard, it occurred to me that it was exactly this moment nearly 5 years ago that led me here – Rabbi Meltzer is not simply a teacher. Even from the beginning, he was a mentor, and a great friend. It is something I cherish deeply about him – and I am sure I am not alone in that sentiment. It was his menschiness that led me to reach out again, because I knew it would be a blessing for me to be able to work with him and get to know his community. I was more right than I could have ever known.

I chose to write this because next week is Rabbi Meltzer’s birthday (don’t forgot to call him on April 10th). Not only will we all send many blessings to him, but the Talmud teaches us that on one’s birthday, they have a special ability to bestow blessings upon others. As far as I’m concerned, Rabbi Meltzer has already given me a blessing of the highest degree – the gift of being not only my rabbi, but my friend too.

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Meltzer!

עַד מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים – May you live to be 120!



## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

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

### Set the Scene, Adding Joy

As Passover approaches, Jewish families around the world prepare to commemorate the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It’s a time of reflection, storytelling, and, of course, gathering with loved ones to share in the Passover Seder. For many, inviting friends to join in the celebration adds an extra layer of joy and meaning to the holiday.

While Passover is deeply rooted in family traditions, it also emphasizes the importance of community and inclusivity. Inviting other members to join in the Seder embodies the spirit of hospitality and extends the celebration beyond the confines of one’s immediate family. It’s a chance to welcome friends, neighbors, and even strangers into the fold, fostering connections and creating memories that last a lifetime.

Inviting members over for Passover is about more than just sharing a meal; it’s about sharing in a timeless tradition that celebrates freedom, resilience, and the power of community. By opening your home and your heart to other members, you not only enrich your own experience of the holiday but also embody the spirit of hospitality and inclusion that lies at the heart of the Passover story. So, this year, as you gather around the Seder table, may the warmth of loved ones and the joy of shared traditions surround you. Hag Pesach Sameach! (Happy Passover!)

Set the scene for your Seder with festive decorations, such as floral arrangements or symbolic Passover-themed centerpieces. Consider providing Haggadahs for guests to follow along with the readings and prayers.

Encourage Participation: Make your guests feel like active participants in the Seder by assigning roles for reading from the Haggadah, asking questions, and engaging in discussion about the themes of freedom and redemption.

Express Gratitude: Take a moment during the Seder to express gratitude for the blessings of freedom and community. Encourage guests to share their own reflections and experiences, fostering a sense of connection and solidarity.

**Save the Date**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 9, 4:30pm**  
Bring your ideas.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



# FRIENDSHIP WALK & FAIR SD 2024

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**  
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## SOCIAL ACTION

### Passover Drive

Benefiting the JFS Hand Up Food Pantry



Hunger is a major challenge facing many San Diegans. As many as 33% of our neighbors do not have enough food to last the month. Help us fight food insecurity in our community by donating healthy non-perishable items to the JFS Hand Up Food Pantry. **Your healthy food donations will help us stock the shelves and allow us to help our neighbors in need.**

#### Preferred Non-Perishable Food Items

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



#### To Donate:

1. Look for the **blue bins** in locations throughout the Jewish community through **Sunday, April 14, 2024**.
2. Coordinate drop-off at JFS by **Friday, April 12, 2024** by contacting Dalia Perez, Center for Jewish Care Community Engagement Coordinator at [DaliaP@jfsd.org](mailto:DaliaP@jfsd.org) or (858) 637-3264.



[www.CenterForJewishCare.org](http://www.CenterForJewishCare.org)



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## 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 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.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



# TAPESTRY

A DAY OF JEWISH COMMUNITY AND EXPLORATION



**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

**9:00am-3:30pm**

**Price: \$36 | JCC Members: \$30**

Ticket includes full Sunday program, light breakfast, class sessions, lunch and ending celebration.

For tickets go to [LFJCC.ORG/TAPESTRY](http://LFJCC.ORG/TAPESTRY)



**TODAH RABBAH TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

**Hamantashen:**

Elaine and Mark Smith - *Head Bakers*  
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 Amy Epstein  
 Aaron Lipner  
 Lina Martinico  
 Irma Martinez  
 Al Shelden

**Purim Shpiel:**

Elisheva Edelson - *Director*  
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 Dean Laurens  
 Maria Laurens  
 Morris Lazard  
 Jessica Lemoine  
 Amy Morris  
 Marvin Yudkovitz  
 Jane Zeer  
 Joe Castiglione - *Set Design*

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Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb -  
*Ritual Chair*  
 Pamela Castillo  
 Jessica Lemoine  
 Jim Lewis  
 Earl McNicholls  
 Aviva Rosenberg  
 Melanie Rubin  
 Sylvie Sternlieb  
 Avi Sternlieb  
 Becky Zipp

**Purim Carnival:**

Maggy Dujowich - *Religious School Principal*  
 Springsong Cooper Weiner -  
*Religious School Parent Board*  
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 Ariella van Frank  
 Eliora Weissler  
 Micah Weissler  
 Golda Wells  
 Stephanie Wells  
 Marvin Yudkovitz  
 Abraham Zipp  
 Becky Zipp

**Dinner:**

Marci Prag  
 Matthew Razinsky

*We apologize for any omissions*



## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

**Eva Brzezinski**  
Ohr Shalom Board Member

Pesach commemorates the exodus from Egypt. In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means “to pass over”), because G-d passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve. It is also a holiday in which we eat unleavened bread.

Passover is divided into two parts:

The first two days and last two days (the latter commemorating the splitting of the Red Sea) are full-fledged holidays. Holiday candles are lit at night, and *kiddush* and sumptuous holiday meals are enjoyed on both nights and days. The middle four days are called Chol HaMoed, semi-festive “intermediate days,” when most forms of work are permitted.

To commemorate the unleavened bread that the Israelites ate when they left Egypt, we don’t eat—or even retain in our possession—any chametz from midday of the day before Passover until the conclusion of the holiday. *Chametz* means leavened grain—any food or drink that contains even a trace of wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt or their derivatives, and which wasn’t guarded from leavening or fermentation. This includes bread, cake, cookies, cereal, pasta, and most alcoholic beverages. Moreover, almost any processed food or drink can be assumed to be *chametz* unless certified otherwise.

Ridding our homes of *chametz* is an intensive process. It involves a full-out spring-cleaning search-and-destroy mission during the weeks before Passover, and culminates with a ceremonial search for *chametz* on the night before Passover, and then a burning of the *chametz* ceremony on the morning before the holiday. *Chametz* that cannot be disposed of can be sold to a non-Jew (and bought back after the holiday).

The highlight of Passover is the Seder, observed on each of the first two nights of the holiday. The Seder is a fifteen-step family-oriented tradition and ritual-packed feast.

The focal points of the Seder are:

- Eating matzah.
- Eating bitter herbs—to commemorate the bitter slavery endured by the Israelites.
- Drinking four cups of wine or grape juice—a royal drink to celebrate our newfound freedom.
- The recitation of the Haggadah, a liturgy that describes in detail the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The Haggadah is the fulfillment of the biblical obligation to recount to our children the story of the Exodus on the night of Passover. It begins with a child asking the traditional “Four Questions.”

Passover, celebrating the greatest series of miracles ever experienced in history, is a time to reach above nature to the miraculous. But how are miracles achieved? Let’s take our cue from the matzah. Flat and unflavored, it embodies humility. Through ridding ourselves of inflated egos, we can tap into the miraculous well of divine energy we all have within our souls.

Information adapted from [Chabad.org](http://Chabad.org).

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE CONT.

How to sign up as a leader or to give the minyan minute reading? It’s very simple - just contact Jonah Weinberg to schedule.

3. **Attend** the 6:05 minyan minute or 6:15 service. The word minyan means ten Jewish adults. In order to conduct portions of the service, we need ten adults. We need ten Jewish adults in order to have a minyan, which allows the attendees to recite portions of the service, and very importantly; allows those in mourning and/or observing a *yahrzeit* to read the Kaddish Yatom, the Mourner’s Kaddish.

So have I convinced you to attend more regularly? Maybe just one additional service a week, or a month? And of course, this becomes a wonderful way to spiritually recharge during the work week, as well as get to see and become better acquainted with other synagogue members. And it will help us to ensure that we have ten attendees nightly.

How to notify the community of how many attendees we have for every service? We ask those attending minyan, to sign into **What’s App**, the day they will be attending. Once you have the What’s App on your phone, contact Morris Lazard or Ivan Mendelsohn to be included in the group. This helps us to know that we have a minyan.

Maybe you’re interested in helping to encourage others to attend? After many years of Ivan Mendelsohn carrying the load on this task, for the past several months Al Shelden has been sending out regular reminders to attend. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Al at [mashelden@gmail.com](mailto:mashelden@gmail.com) to arrange.

All minyan minutes and daily minyan services are accessible through the Ohr Shalom Zoom Room - (**ID: 831 0750 1072, Passcode: myshul**)

Marvin Yudkovitz  
[president@ohrshalom.org](mailto:president@ohrshalom.org)  
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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Maggy Dujowich**  
Religious School Principal



## Embracing the Joy of Purim: A Celebration of Fun and Happiness

As the month of Adar arrives, so does one of the most vibrant and joyous festivals on the Jewish calendar – Purim. With its colorful costumes, delectable treats, and raucous celebrations, Purim encapsulates the essence of happiness and merriment like no other holiday.

Purim, rooted in the biblical story of Queen Esther and the miraculous deliverance of the Jewish people from the villainous Haman, is a time of jubilation and rejoicing. It's a time when we come together as a community to commemorate our triumphs, embrace our traditions, and revel in the sheer delight of being alive.

At the heart of Purim lies the custom of dressing up in costumes – a tradition that dates back centuries and adds an element of whimsy and playfulness to the festivities. From courageous heroes and heroines to mischievous clowns and fantastical creatures, Purim costumes allow us to express our creativity, imagination, and individuality in the most delightful of ways.

But Purim is not just about dressing up – it's about letting go of inhibitions, embracing laughter, and finding joy in the simplest of pleasures. Whether it's the joyous sounds of children playing, the aroma of freshly baked Hamantaschen filling the air, or the sight of families coming together to share meals and celebrate, Purim is a time to savor the small moments of happiness that make life truly magical.

And let's not forget about the Purim carnival – a whirlwind of excitement and entertainment that captivates young and old alike. From games and rides to live performances and delicious treats, the Purim carnival is a testament to the spirit of community and camaraderie that defines this special holiday.

But perhaps the most enduring symbol of Purim's joy and happiness is the mitzvah of giving gifts to friends and those in need, known as mishloach manot. In a world often fraught with challenges and hardships, Purim reminds us of the importance of spreading kindness, generosity, and love to all those around us. Whether it's a simple basket of treats or a heartfelt gesture of friendship, mishloach manot embodies the true spirit of Purim – a spirit of joy, abundance, and goodwill towards others.

As we prepare to celebrate Purim once again, let us embrace the joy, the laughter, and the happiness that this special holiday brings. Let us come together as a community to rejoice in our shared heritage, to celebrate our triumphs, and to spread love and happiness to all those around us.

Hoping you all had a Purim filled with laughter, love, and endless moments of joy.

## 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:**

April 14 • May 19

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

## LAUREL STREET BEAT

from **Springsong Weiner Cooper**  
*Religious School Committee Chair*

**Question:** During the Passover seder we read about how the Israelites had to leave Egypt quickly -- with very little time to pack -- they didn't even have time to let the bread rise before cooking it. If you had to leave your home suddenly, what items would you quickly grab to bring with you?

**Devorah (Kitah Gan):** I would grab my dolls and my dog, and my toothbrush. I would also grab my family and if possible, take the toilet so we would have a place to go to the bathroom. But you would have to cut it out of the ground. So maybe my pillow and sheets to have a comfortable bed!



**Joshua (Kitah Aleph):** A thing of uncooked bread, shoes, a backpack, a pillow, and my dog William.



## Did you know Ohr Shalom has an Instagram page?

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

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



Stay tuned for more content on our Instagram page. If you have any content to share for our Instagram Contact me at [chesed@ohrshalom.org](mailto:chesed@ohrshalom.org)



## ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer  
Israel Desk

# Israel Prepares for Eurovision 2024: Not Without Controversy

Eurovision, the Eurovision Song Contest, is the largest music competition and the longest-running annual international televised music competition in the world. It is organized annually by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the first contest was held in Switzerland in 1956.



Each participating country submits an original song to be performed live and transmitted to national broadcasters. Competing countries then cast votes for their ten favorite songs with each country combining scores of both a national jury of music professionals and their viewing public through televote. The song receiving the most points is declared the winner. Thousands of spectators attend each year with a global viewing audience that has grown to approximately two hundred million people.

Israel in 1973, became the first non-European country to enter Eurovision and has won the Eurovision competition four times. Not surprisingly however, its participation and hosting of the event have regularly run into controversy. This year several broadcasters protested Israel's entry song "October Rain" with claims it was too political. Israel reluctantly revised the lyrics after they risked being disqualified by the EBU, especially after receiving the following advice from President Isaac Herzog: "Despite our disagreement with the Eurovision Supervisory Committee's wanting to disqualify Israel's submission on the grounds that it was 'political in nature,' I must emphasize that precisely at a time when those who hate us are trying to shun and exclude the State of Israel from every platform, Israel must continue proudly and with its head held high to make its voice heard and to fly its flag at every international forum, especially this year."

Israel also found support around the world. For example, an open letter of encouragement to the EBU's public commitment to include Israel was released by the non-profit organization Creative Community for Peace and signed by four hundred celebrities including Helen Mirren. It read "the current round of fighting is not a war that Israel wanted or started. To punish Israel would be an inversion of justice." With responses like this and despite the backlash, the EBU announced that Israel would be able to participate in this year's contest. In a statement released to the Belgian newspaper, Het Laatste Nieuws, the company stated: "The Eurovision Song Contest is a competition for public broadcasters from all over Europe and the Middle East. It is a contest for broadcasters – not for governments – and the Israeli public broadcaster has been participating in the contest for 50 years.

Israel's reworked song, "Hurricane" was submitted and has been accepted. Israel has selected 20-year-old Eden Golan as its representative for the Eurovision Song Contest which will take place in Malmo, Sweden this May. The theme for the contest this year is "United by Music". The betting table



Eden Golan wins the contest to perform at Eurovision.

for the winner is currently led by Croatia and Ukraine with Israel ranked 11th.

We will be watching closely to see the response to Israel's song.

## 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.



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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.

April: 14 & 28

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



## TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

### Thank you for your generous donations in March:

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### *Share a Simcha*

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Contact Gillian  
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**Rebecca F. Zipp**, of San Diego, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Diego County Superior Court. Zipp has been Of Counsel at Seltzer Caplan McMahan Vitek since 2023. She served as a Chief Deputy City Attorney at the San Diego City Attorney's Office from 2019 to 2023. Zipp served as a Deputy District Attorney at the San Diego District Attorney's Office from 2008-2019. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the New York University School of Law and a Master of Science degree in Education from Mercy University. Zipp fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Jose Castillo to the Court of Appeal. She is a Democrat.

#### MAZAL TOV

**Pam and Ben Grant** on the birth and Bris of their son  
**Noah**, grandson of **Al** and **Carol Madwatkins**.

Rebecca (Becky) Zipp on becoming a **San Diego Superior Court Judge!**

**Leah and Michael Golembesky** on the Bar Mitzvah of  
their son, **Michael David Golembesky**.

**Jennifer Tabak Levy and Yiftak Levy** on the Bat Mitzvah of  
their daughter, **Shira Levy**.

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

LeAnne Adams	Yonatan Levy
Jeanne Argoff	Eli Meltzer
Ilan Awerbuch	Jennifer Meltzer
Sue Brown	Susie Meltzer
Joe Castiglione	Ivan Mendelsohn
Allyson Darroch	Lynn Mendelsohn
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Joe Hartman	Brian Stannard
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Hadarya Levy	Micah Weissler
Jennifer Tabak-Levy	Margalit Wollner
Shira Levy	Marvin Yudkovitz
Yiftach Levy	Jane Zeer

**Todah Rabah** to Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky, Rene Beiza and Jim Lewis for a delicious Kehillatit dinner.

**Office volunteers:** Jim Lewis and Debbie Suissa.

# Yahrzeits

Benjamin Koisten	Remembered by Tricia Pummill.....	1-Apr/22 Adar II
Eleanor Braun	Gary Brown's Mother .....	2-Apr/23 Adar II
Judy Davis	Bonnie Tabak's Sister .....	3-Apr/24 Adar II
*Rabbi Aaron Gottesman	Elaine Gottesman's Husband .....	4-Apr/25 Adar II
*Maurice Polichar	Raulf Polichar's Father.....	4-Apr/25 Adar II
*Gloria French	Remembered by Reyna Forman .....	9-Apr/1 Nisan
Iris Moss	Remembered by Gillian Moss .....	9-Apr/1 Nisan
Eve Pollack	Remembered by Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn .....	9-Apr/1 Nisan
Joan Leslie Gross	Dale Gross' Mother.....	11-Apr/3 Nisan
Mane Katz de Schwarzblat	Dan Schwarzblat's Grandmother .....	11-Apr/3 Nisan
*Laura Casuto	Remembered by Doreen Casuto .....	12-Apr/4 Nisan
*Yuriy Glozman	Golda Slutskaya's Father .....	12-Apr/4 Nisan
Marcus Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Great Uncle .....	13-Apr/5 Nisan
Herbert Kay	Koba's Father.....	14-Apr/6 Nisan
Hayim Levine	Ana Galicot's Father .....	14-Apr/6 Nisan
*Ruth Okin	Michael Okin's Mother .....	14-Apr/6 Nisan
Tony Pascal	Jeanne Argoff's Uncle.....	14-Apr/6 Nisan
Jaime Tacher	Salomon Tacher's Father.....	14-Apr/6 Nisan
Yosef Govezensky	Bertha Szmuiłowicz's Father.....	15-Apr/7 Nisan
Moises Strimling	Yahel Yanofsky's Father.....	15-Apr/7 Nisan
Annette Greene	Richard Greene's Mother.....	16-Apr/8 Nisan
Ana Rosental	Ruben Rosental's Mother.....	16-Apr/8 Nisan
Theodore Schiffman	Judie Dresser's Father and Samantha Hardy's Grandfather.....	16-Apr/8 Nisan
Harold Haber	Ellen Haber's Father.....	17-Apr/9 Nisan
Shoshana Bielas Kababie	Efrain Bielas's Sister.....	17-Apr/9 Nisan
Enid Levy	Avigayil Levy-Yochanan's Grandmother.....	17-Apr/9 Nisan
*Joseph Schor	Renee Schor's Grandfather.....	17-Apr/9 Nisan
Sara Slutskaya	Golda Slutskaya's Grandmother .....	17-Apr/9 Nisan
Min R. Tarlov	Norman Greene's Aunt .....	17-Apr/9 Nisan
Raquel Grinberg	Ruben Rosental's Grandmother.....	18-Apr/10 Nisan
Norma Weinshanker	Stuart Weinshanker's Mother.....	18-Apr/10 Nisan
*Caroline Ornstein	Remembered by Sisterhood.....	19-Apr/11 Nisan
Rivkah Yehudit Sheehan	Remembered by Anita Nemoj and Justina Nemoj.....	19-Apr/11 Nisan
Gertrude Weinstein	Sheldon Wolpoff's Mother .....	19-Apr/11 Nisan
Henry Green	Barbara Haislip's Father	20-Apr/12 Nisan
*Rosa Antokolsky de Maya	Emma Bielas's Mother, Mina Cohen, Wolf Bielas and Simon Bielas's Grandmother.....	21-Apr/13 Nisan
Mildred Green	Barbara Haislip's Mother .....	21-Apr/13 Nisan
*Ruth Ressler	Remembered by Vivien Ressler .....	21-Apr/13 Nisan
Graciela Kantorovich	Remembered by Sara Zands .....	22-Apr/14 Nisan
Jack Linsk	Amy Morris' Father .....	22-Apr/14 Nisan
Ruth Levitan	Marilyn Levitan's Grandmother .....	23-Apr/15 Nisan
Isaac Veinbergs	Miguel Veinbergs' Father .....	23-Apr/15 Nisan
Rabbi Leo Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Father.....	25-Apr/17 Nisan
Matilda Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother .....	25-Apr/17 Nisan
Rose Slovis	Lisa Slovis Mandel's grandmother .....	26-Apr/18 Nisan
Elsie Hirsch	Evelyn Schwimmer's Mother .....	27-Apr/19 Nisan
*Irving Krantz	Remembered by Richard Scholten .....	27-Apr/19 Nisan
Manuel Rechtman	Sara Fainstein's Uncle.....	27-Apr/19 Nisan
*Robert J. Kolkey	Debbie Reid's Father.....	28-Apr/20 Nisan
*Samuel Szmuiłowicz	Bertha Szmuiłowicz' Husband, Isaac Szmuiłowicz and Eva Zagursky's Father .....	29-Apr/21 Nisan
*Samuel Wasserman	Jacquelin Ander's Father .....	29-Apr/21 Nisan
Abraham Berman	Remembered by Roz Berman .....	30-Apr/22 Nisan
Leizer Edelson	Elisheva Edelson's Father.....	30-Apr/22 Nisan
Jeannette Hamui Abadi	Alberto Hamui's Sister.....	30-Apr/22 Nisan
Jean-Claude Lemoine	Richard Lemoine's Father .....	30-Apr/22 Nisan
*Gert Thaler	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	30-Apr/22 Nisan
*Arthur Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Father.....	30-Apr/22 Nisan



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**APRIL 2024**

**Adar II 5784/ NISAN 5784**  
 FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>GET THE DAVAR BY EMAIL!</b></p> <p>Contact Andrea at <a href="mailto:graphics2@ohrshalom.org">graphics2@ohrshalom.org</a></p>	<p><b>1 22 Adar II</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2 23 Adar II</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>3 24 Adar II</b></p> <p>10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>4 25 Adar II</b></p> <p>No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>5 26 Adar II</b></p> <p>2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"</p> <p> 6:54pm</p>	<p><b>6 27 Adar II</b></p> <p><b>Parshat Shemini Shabbat HaChodesh</b> </p> <p>9:30am - Shabbat Service</p> <p> 7:55pm</p>
<p><b>7 28 Adar II</b></p> <p>No Religious School 10:00am - Men's Club Speaker 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>8 29 Adar II</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>9 1 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>10 2 Nisan</b></p> <p>10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>11 3 Nisan</b></p> <p>4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>12 4 Nisan</b></p> <p>11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service USY SHABBATON</p> <p> 6:59pm</p>	<p><b>13 5 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Parshat Tazria</b> </p> <p>9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 12:30pm - Lunch &amp; Learn USY SHABBATON</p> <p> 8:00pm</p>
<p><b>14 6 Nisan</b></p> <p>9:30am - Religious School 10:30am - Ta'am Torah 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>15 7 Nisan</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>16 8 Nisan</b></p> <p>6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>17 9 Nisan</b></p> <p>10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>18 10 Nisan</b></p> <p>4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Readings with the Rabbi</p>	<p><b>19 11 Nisan</b></p> <p>11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p> <p> 7:04pm</p>	<p><b>20 12 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Parsha Metzora</b> </p> <p><b>Shabbat HaGadol Bat Mitzvah: Mirabelle Vann</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service</p> <p> 8:05pm</p>
<p><b>21 13 Nisan</b></p> <p>9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>22 14 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Erev Pesach Fast of the Firstborn</b> First Seder at Home</p> <p> 7:06pm</p>	<p><b>23 15 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach I</b> Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service 6:00pm - 2nd Night Community Seder</p>	<p><b>24 16 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach II</b> Omer Day 1 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service</p> <p> 8:07pm</p>	<p><b>25 17 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach III</b> Omer Day 2 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>26 18 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach IV</b> Omer Day 3 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p> <p> 7:09pm</p>	<p><b>27 19 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach V</b> </p> <p>Omer Day 4 9:30am - Shabbat Service</p> <p> 8:10pm</p>
<p><b>28 20 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach VI</b> Omer Day 5 9:00-2:00pm - Blood Drive 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p> <p> 7:10pm</p>	<p><b>29 21 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach VII</b> Omer Day 6 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service</p>	<p><b>30 22 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Pesach VIII</b> Omer Day 7 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service</p> <p> 8:12pm</p>	<p><b>1 23 Nisan</b></p> <p>Omer Day 8 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>2 24 Nisan</b></p> <p>Omer Day 9 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Elisheva's Class</p>	<p><b>3 25 Nisan</b></p> <p>Omer Day 10 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p> <p> 7:14pm</p>	<p><b>4 26 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Parshat Achrei Mot Mevarchim Chodesh</b> </p> <p>Omer Day 11 9:30am - Shabbat Service</p> <p> 8:15pm</p>
<p><b>5 27 Nisan</b></p> <p>Omer Day 12 9:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>6 28 Nisan</b></p> <p>Omer Day 13 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>7 29 Nisan</b></p> <p>Omer Day 14 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>8 30 Nisan</b></p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</b> Omer Day 15 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>9 1 Iyar</b></p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</b> Omer Day 16 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Elisheva's Class</p>	<p><b>10 2 Iyar</b></p> <p>Omer Day 17 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat "Ask the Rabbi"</p> <p> 7:19pm</p>	<p><b>11 3 Iyar</b></p> <p><b>Parshat Kedoshim</b> </p> <p>Omer Day 18 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 12:30pm - Lunch &amp; Learn</p> <p> 8:20pm</p>