

OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE
TRIBUTE JOURNAL
Honoring the **Renovation Committee**



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OHR SHALOM TRIBUTE JOURNAL: Honoring the Renovation Committee

Dear Congregant,

This year, to mark the historic moment and celebrate the accomplishment of renovating our synagogue building, we are pleased to present you with a very special publication – a Tribute Journal honoring the Renovation Committee and Subcommittees together with our “renovation themed” 5772 Annual Calendar.

Throughout the publication, we have included the story of Ohr Shalom Synagogue from its beginnings through today with pictures at various points of the construction process to give you an idea of the immense task that was undertaken.

With pictures and short biographies of the members of the renovation committee and their individual contributions, it is our hope that you will get to know these special people and greet them when you see them on Shabbat, holidays, or special events. The effort and time devoted by the committee members throughout this major endeavor was fueled by their love of Judaism and commitment to the continuity and growth of Ohr Shalom for generations to come. Our gratitude and appreciation is without measure.

As always, the creation of this calendar is a team effort and a labor of love – from interviews with Renovation Committee members, writing, and editing to calendaring, obtaining ads and greetings, design and proofing. We would like to thank the following people for their contributions in creating this publication:

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The Ohr Shalom Calendar Committee

Wish List for Renovation 2006 Master Plan Questionnaire

In keeping with our renovation theme, we decided to look back to where it began – the year was 2006 and the possibility of a major renovation was being seriously discussed and options considered.

A questionnaire was mailed to the congregation asking for input and a wish list. Many took this form seriously and filled it out with great detail. It was an opportunity to communicate opinions and tell the Board and the Renovation Committee what was hoped for that would enhance individual and communal synagogue experiences. All the forms were read and your opinions were carefully considered.

Fast-forward to 2011, and the manila folder that held these forms was still in our file cabinet. Re-reading some of your requests from 2006, we decided to include some of them in this calendar and show you how far we've come in such a short time.

The Calendar Committee gathered the information contained in these pages from a variety of sources and apologize for any inadvertent errors.

Tribute to Ohr Shalom's Renovation Committee

Raulf Polichar, Co-Chair
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Carlos Wellman
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Jeffrey Schwimmer
Isaac Szmuiłowicz
Enrique Zagursky

The Renovation Committee
begins the Torah procession
at the Mezuzah Blessing on
September 4, 2010.





Rabbi's Message

To All Who Made this Project Happen,

For your seemingly limitless time and energy, for your generosity of spirit, enthusiasm, creativity and elbow-grease, for your strong financial support, your buckets of sweat and even your tears, and for helping us restore, revitalize, renew and transform our shared sacred place, thank you.

It has been a project of love and with your constant support we have not only completed the physical renovation, we are approaching the one-year anniversary of our re-entry and mezuzah hanging.

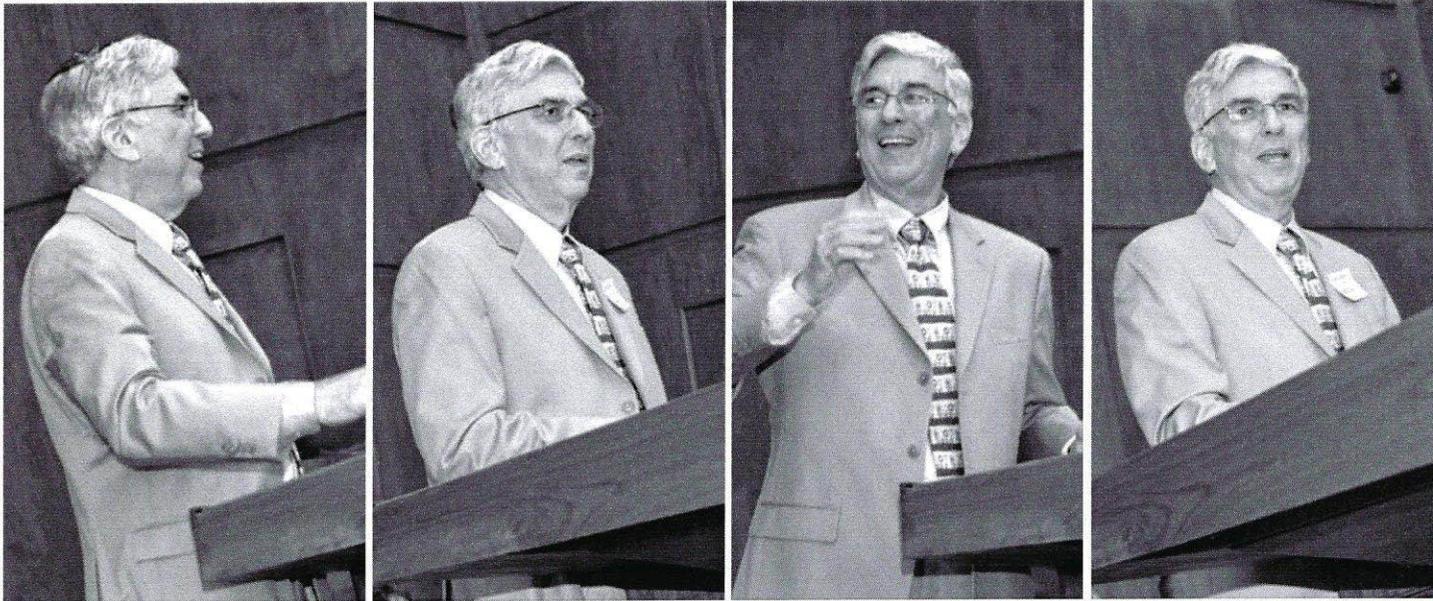
Please God may the building continue to sparkle, may you and your family and friends continue to be ever present in the space and filled with its joyous spirit. May our Third and Laurel home be part of our renewing and revitalizing of our lives, our families, our community, our people and our world!

Thank you again to all who have made this possible,

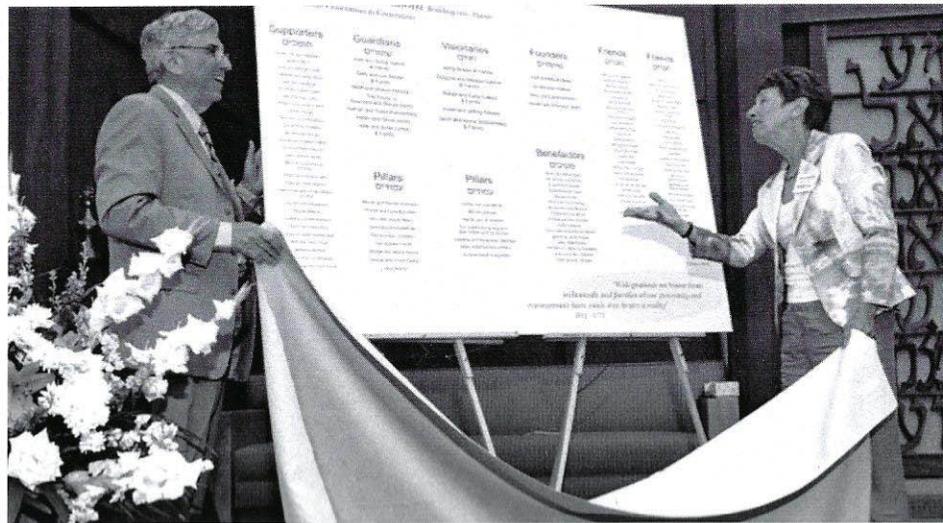
Rabbi Scott Meltzer

Mezuzah Blessing.





Al Shelden welcomes the community to the new building and unveils the tribute to the donors along with Susie Meltzer at Building Dedication on June 5, 2011.



Todah Rabah and Mazel Tov

I want to take this opportunity, to thank the entire Congregation for the financial and spiritual support given to the Board and the Renovation Committee over what has been a very intense, exciting, uncertain and ultimately triumphant 24 + months in the life of Ohr Shalom. While not quite the same as giving birth to a baby elephant, or even a human baby, we were in fact all involved in giving birth to our new Synagogue home. While some were the doctors with various specialties, and others were the anesthesiologists and others the nurses, the rest of us were certainly the midwives. And we all did an excellent job!! **So to all of us, *Todah Rabah.***

But the most heartfelt congratulations and gratitude must go to the members of the Renovation Committee – the co-chairs, Raulf Polichar and David Shteremberg, and all of the members of the various sub-committees Ruben Rosental, Jaime Brener, Gregorio Galicot, Rafael Galicot, Jane Zeer, Carlos Wellman, Ilan Awerbuch, Isaac Szmuilowicz, Susie Meltzer, Luis Maizel, Gerry Wellman, Enrique Zagursky, Jeff Schwimmer, Salomon Lipowsky, Amy Morris, Karyn Rovner-Sklar, and Pam Auerbach. To all of them ***Mazel Tov*** on a job so well done it exceeded all of our expectations.

We can never thank you enough!

Al Shelden, President



Introducing our Renovation Committee

(in alphabetical order)

Pam Auerbach

Pam Auerbach, a native New Yorker, attended Jamaica High School in Queens, where she met her husband, Steve, an immigrant from Philadelphia.



Pam worked in a neuroscience lab at UC Berkeley and managed a neuroscience lab at UCSD.

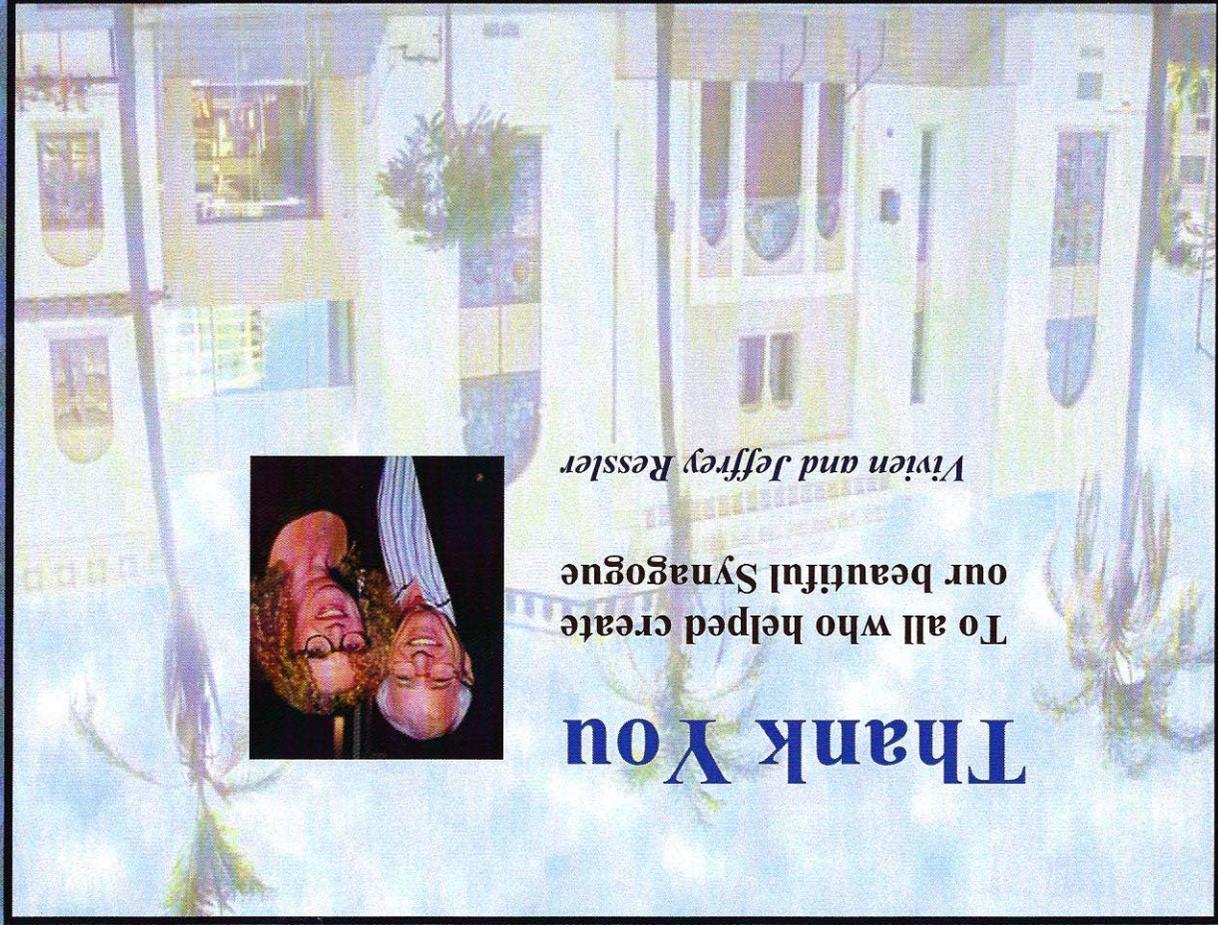
Pam and Steve joined Adat Ami 19 years ago, when they moved to San Diego from the Bay Area. She remembers when Adat Ami was a little room in a commercial building on the south side of Interstate 8, in Mission Valley.

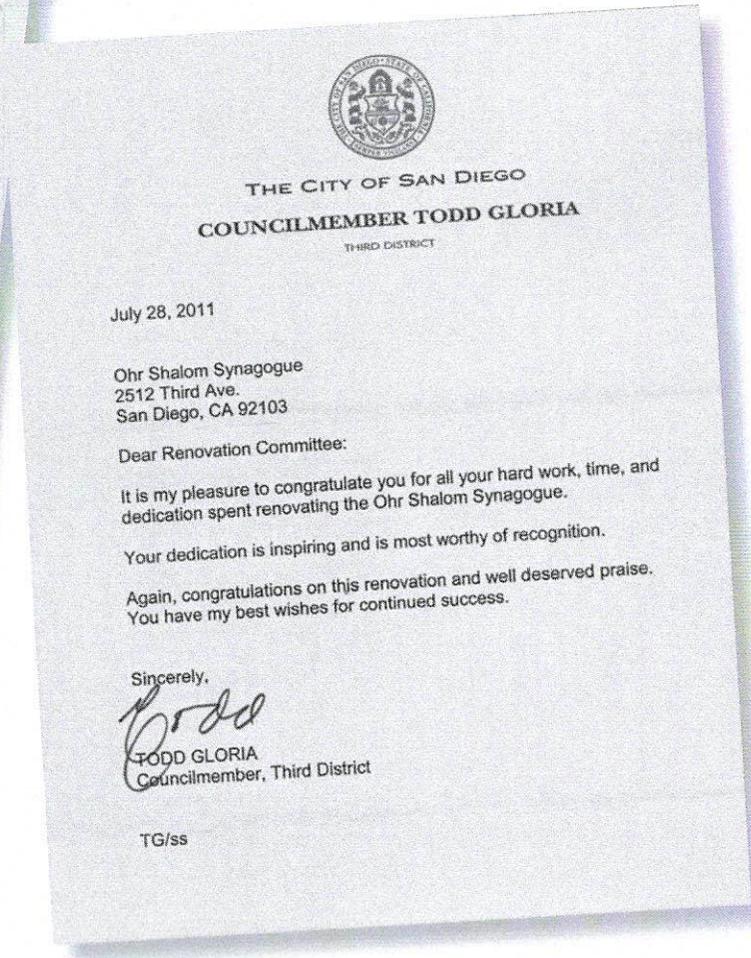
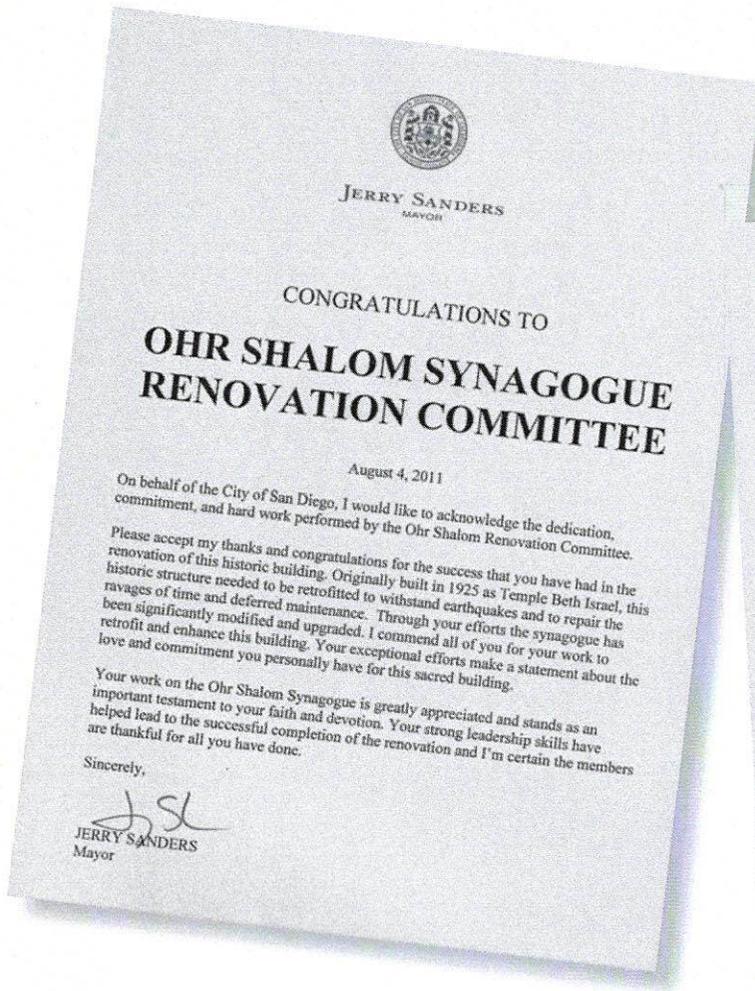
Since retiring from UCSD, Pam has become a watercolor artist. The subjects of her paintings vary from landscapes in the Sierra Nevada, where she and Steve love to backpack, to studies of birds and flowers. Pam has studied Chinese brush painting, including the ancient study of Chinese calligraphy, for several years. As the renovation of the synagogue progressed at a quick pace, and someone realized that paint colors and fabrics had not been selected, the design

Thank You

To all who helped create
our beautiful Synagogue

Vivien and Jeffrey Kessler





subcommittee was quickly formed, and a number of artists were pressed into service. Pam stepped up and worked on the selection of lamps and chandeliers, paint colors, carpet and upholstery fabric, and the design of the pews.

Pam feels that the synagogue is a wonderful building and the renovation has made it even more beautiful, extending the life of the building by many years to come.

Ilan Awerbuch



Ilan Awerbuch and his wife, Lynn, have been members of Ohr Shalom since 1999. Ilan has served on the Board for five years as Vice President and on the Ritual and the Renovation committees. Ilan was actively involved with the Tikkun Olam committee that worked to save this historic building from the developers and provide our congregation with a permanent home.

During the initial days, his work on the Renovation Committee involved discovering all the nooks and crannies of the building — crawling inside the dome on planks, or standing atop the upper roof to survey damage and take in the fabulous city views from our “mountain top.” In addition to managing the roof



Congratulations to all

Our visionaries, Our builders, Our donors, Our congregants and

Our Renovation Committee

All of whom have made

Ohr Shalom the Synagogue

We're proud to call home.

Marilyn and Al Shelden



replacement, Ilan's work included interviewing and selecting architects, and working with structural engineers and HVAC contractors.

Now that the work is complete, Ilan says, "I'm thrilled with the results of many years of dedicated work of so many of our congregants. And I'm so happy we were able to retain the elegance of one of San Diego's premier landmarks, while redesigning the space for a more contemporary use and appeal. I'm particularly proud of the new entrance and the creation of the second floor space, which replaces the two big boxes that impacted the social hall. The resulting buildings are now truly gems."

Ilan lives in Bay Park with his wife Lynn and two dogs Cody and Butter. He is a Mortgage Banker doing Residential and Commercial Loans as well as private investments in his firm UniTrust Mortgage. He is also a member of the Board of the San Diego County Credit Union. In his spare time, Ilan, an accomplished musician, sings and plays guitar with friends.

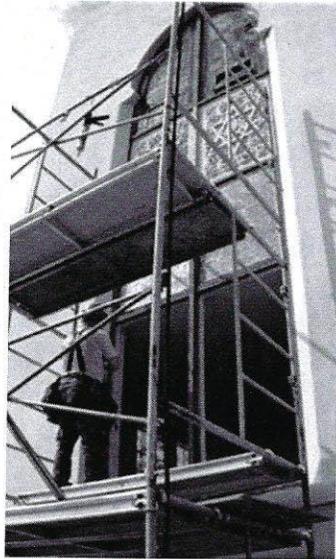
Jaime Brener

Jaime has lived in San Diego for 27 years, and during that time has been a member of Ohr Shalom and the preceding



*Mazal Tov
on a job
well done!*

*Toni and Don
Goldstein*



***Todah Rabah**
to our
**Renovation
Committee**
for your dedication to
Ohr Shalom Synagogue.
We are all proud of and
thankful for what you
have accomplished!*

Board of Directors

*Thank you
to the
Renovation Committee
for your leadership and vision.*

Stephen Blum

congregations. He served on the Board of Adat Ami for seven years as treasurer. As a member of Ohr Shalom's Renovation Committee, Jaime was instrumental in obtaining financing and working on all the financial aspects of the project. He is very happy with the outcome of the renovation, as it gives all of us a new, comfortable place to worship while preserving the building. Jaime's greatest hope is to preserve the congregation as well as we have preserved the building: by having more people get involved and use the space. Though Jaime believes we do not get the participation we expect from the congregation, especially regarding service attendance, he is pleased to see so many young families with children in our community. He hopes to see our congregation continue to grow together, as people become more interested, supportive, and involved.

In his free time, Jaime enjoys reading, classical music, and attending concerts, the theater, and other cultural events. He is now retired, but used to have an electronics business. Jaime has two children, Daniel and Eileen.

Rafael Galicot

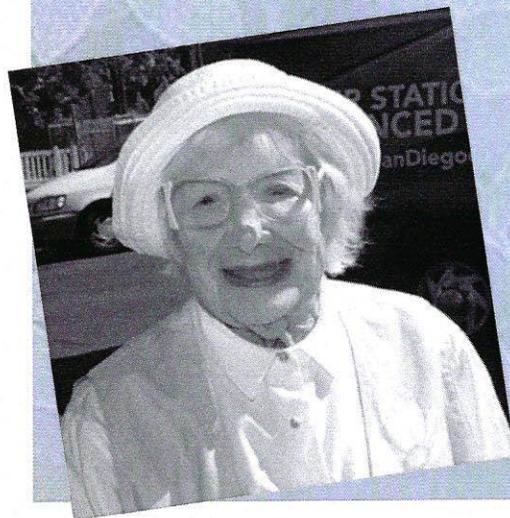
Rafael Galicot and his wife Karla have four beautiful children – Jose, Eduardo, Andrea, and Nicole.



Congratulations to all who helped!

Hazak!

Hazak!



Beverly Schmier



His occupation is telecommunications. A man of many interests, Rafael enjoys running and taking his children to sporting events, like Charger games (he's a fan!). As a founding member of Or El, Rafael has continued his active involvement in the synagogue through all its transformations. He is also involved in the Ken Jewish Community. He believes what has been accomplished at Ohr Shalom is a result of a great communal effort. "We now have the opportunity to enjoy this for many years to come," Rafael says. "It is now our job to participate and make it flourish."

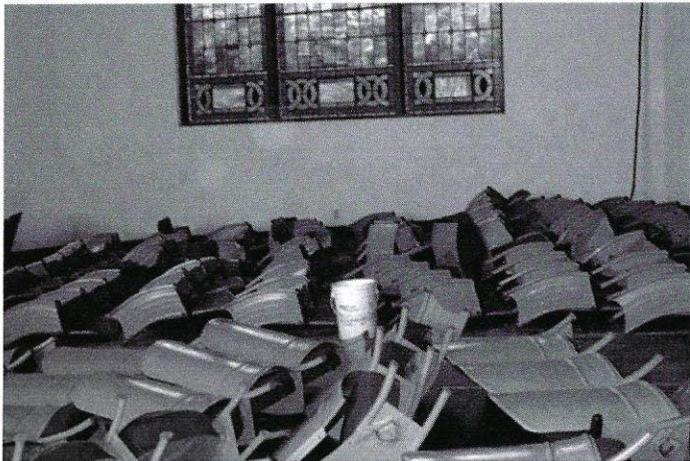
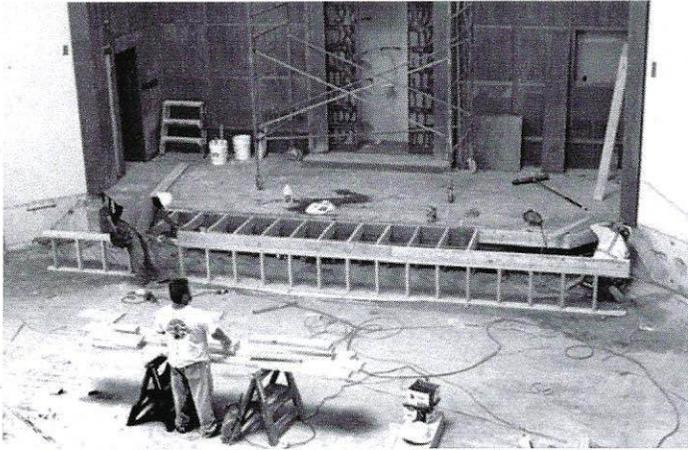
Luis Maizel

Luis Maizel was one of the three original founding members of Or El, which later merged with other synagogues to become Ohr Shalom Synagogue. Therefore, he has been with Ohr Shalom for as long as it has been in existence.



Luis served as a member of the finance committee during the renovation of Ohr Shalom and was also one of the largest contributors to that effort. He is very proud of the outcome of the renovation. He hopes to see Ohr Shalom debt free and cultivating more members who will

The Bimah in the Sanctuary



Removing chairs from Sanctuary

*In honor of
Rabbi Meltzer,
with great
appreciation.*



*Aida Veinbergs
and Family*

take advantage of the many opportunities the synagogue provides. As he says, "A building does not make a community," but we should all try to contribute more to synagogue life, and to enjoy what the synagogue has to offer.

Aside from his work on the Renovation Committee, Luis is also very active in the Ken Community and the Jewish Family Service (JFS). He is also a Board member of the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF).

Luis is married to Sally and works as a money manager in San Diego. They have a son, Jack Maizel, and a daughter, Fanny Wellman. Their two granddaughters are 8 1/2 and 6. Among his many interests, Luis enjoys reading, traveling, and "doing bills."

Susie Meltzer

Susie Meltzer has been a member of Ohr Shalom for over 20 years. During this time she has served as President for two years, on the Executive Committee for eight years, and on the Board of Directors for ten years.



Susie's activities regarding the renovation included selecting Westlake Architects to design the preliminary overall plans; organizing and conducting

In tribute to our parents,



Harvey and Jeanette Goldberg



Jacob and Margie Meltzer

for teaching us the values of our Jewish heritage.

Eli and Susie Meltzer

focus groups for congregant input; leading the remodeling of the Beit Midrash, serving on the Architect Committee that chose Zagrodnik & Thomas to create the final design, raising funds, participating on the Renovation Committee to oversee the project through planning, design decisions, construction and financing; and co-chairing the donor wall and dedication event programs.

In addition to her leadership activities on behalf of Ohr Shalom, Susie is a past president of the Jewish Community Center, a past member of the Board of the Women's Division of United Jewish Federation, a past co-chair of UJF's Super Sunday, and, for many years, she served on Federation's Camp Scholarship, Israel Scholarship, Jewish Continuity and Synagogue Committees.

Susie is married to Eli. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. Susie is also Rabbi Scott Meltzer's aunt.

Amy Morris

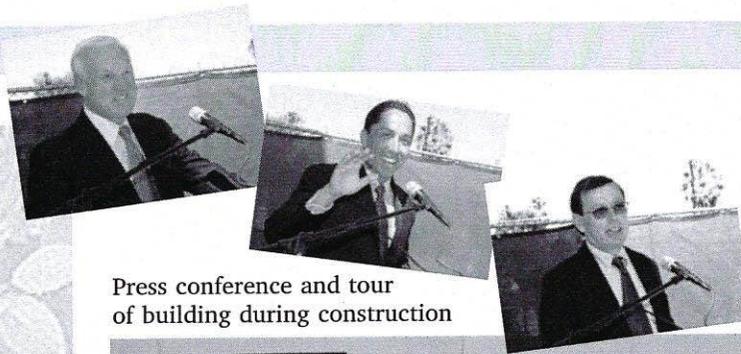
Amy was born in Chicago and raised in Indiana until the age of 11, when her family moved to Redlands, near San Bernardino.

Amy came to San Diego to go to the University of California where she majored in Mathematics. She

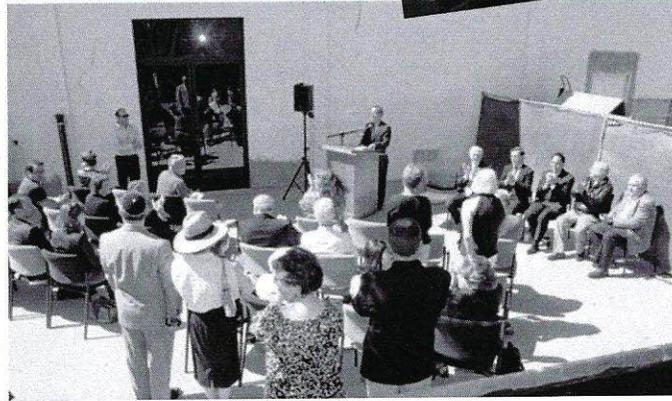


Thank you to everyone
 who worked
 for the beautification
 and restoration
 of our Synagogue.

Mark and Elaine Smith



Press conference and tour
 of building during construction



met her husband Bill at UCSD on a blind date.

Amy worked as a software designer, then later as a technical editor and freelance writer, and very briefly as a slogan writer for a novelty sign company. Fortunately she discovered weaving about 20 years ago and has been involved in fiber arts ever since. (She wove the tallit that her husband proudly wears every Shabbat.) She has recently taken up felting; that is, making felt objects from unspun wool.

In the last few years Amy has also taken up singing as a hobby. This has led to her learning to chant Torah, which she does occasionally on Shabbat morning.

Amy and Bill joined Adat Ami Synagogue a year after it was founded and have been part of that congregation and its successor, Ohr Shalom, ever since. Amy served for many years as the membership chair of Sisterhood. She worked on the organizing committees for the first three Lights of Ohr Shalom events, co-editing one of the tribute journals and spearheading one year's invitation design.

In 2010 she served on the Design Subcommittee for the renovation of our synagogue. She helped research and select the design, wood finish, and upholstery of the sanctuary pews, as well as the selection of carpet, colors, and light fixtures for the whole facility. She



Thank You!

The parents, students and families of the Ohr Shalom Religious School wish to thank the teachers of Ohr Shalom Religious School.

Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and the joy of learning you bring to our families.

- Harriet Wolpoff**.....Principal
- Shiri Ramras**.....Gan
- Lilah Sugarman**.....Alef
- Sherry Berlin**Bet
- Janet Rosenfield**Gimmel
- Sue Brown**.....Dalet
- Judy Goren**Hebrew Resource
- Zeji Ozeri**.....Music
- Nesly Croudo**Assistant Teacher
- Natalie Lazard**.....Madricha



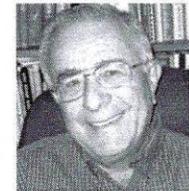
enjoys the results of the renovation every time she comes to shul. And she is very glad that it is over!

“What I like best about Ohr Shalom,” Amy says, “is the feeling of community, relaxed atmosphere, and egalitarian philosophy. My hopes for our congregation are that we will get onto a sound post-renovation financial footing soon, so that we can return our principal focus to creating programs and community and increase our professional staff as our congregation grows.”

Raulf Polichar

Raulf has been a member of Adat Ami and Ohr Shalom since 1991. He has served on the Board as ritual chair, buildings and grounds chair, member at large, and president. As a member of Beth Tefilah, he served on the Board and was chair of the Education Committee, and liaison to the then Bureau of Jewish Education.

As co-chair of the Renovation Committee, Raulf was involved in day-to-day decision-making and contact with the contractor. He feels the extensive renovation was very important; if we had not done it, the building would not have been able to be maintained. Now the building can provide the necessary



Mazal Tov

to the
**Renovation Committee
and Subcommittees!**

Your efforts on behalf of
the congregation are greatly
appreciated and the results
have exceeded our expectations.

Reuben and Jave Artenstein
and Family

Renovation Committee
and Subcommittees:

*Thank you for the hours
spent to create a beautiful
sanctuary and social hall.*

The Razinsky Family
Eli, Valerie, Matt and Marci



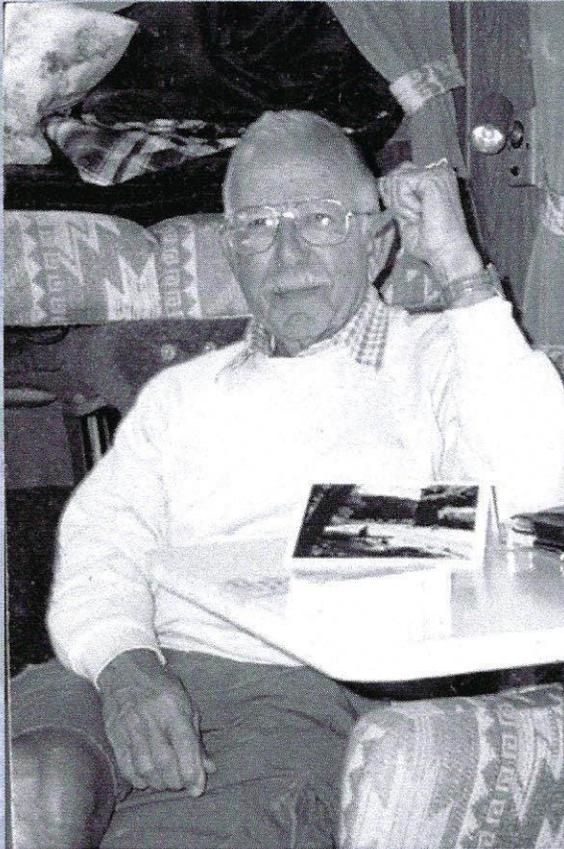
support for growth, and meet the needs
of the congregation for many years.
His greatest hope is that Ohr Shalom
continues as a caring community with
Jewish values. He hopes people feel it is
their building and use it for new projects
and community meetings.

Raulf is a physicist, and works on
applications involving nuclear energy
and detection and identification of
radioactive substances for Homeland
Security. He enjoys music, played viola
in the UCLA orchestra, and later was a
member of a chamber music group. He
also played in the Ann Arbor Symphony
in Michigan, where he lived for ten
years and was an assistant professor of
physics at the University of Michigan.
Raulf also enjoys working with his
hands, tinkering in his workshop, and
restoring antique toy trains, which he
collects. Raulf has been married to
Sharon for 51 years. They have three
children and one granddaughter.

Ruben Rosental

Ruben Rosental was
involved in every aspect
of the renovation,
except for the design
committee! He has
been a member of
Ohr Shalom from its
inception and thinks the fruition of the
renovation is "a dream come true." He





BYRON BENJAMIN BROUDY

July 25, 1922 – September 5, 2010, 4:27pm

Musician,
Teacher,
Photographer,
Naturalist,
Zionist . . .

He loved all of these, but his family was his greatest love.

With great gratitude to G-d for this loving,
caring father.

Dad, I love you and I miss you so much,

You will always be in my heart.

Alice Cupples

hopes we continue to maintain the camaraderie and friendship we enjoy at Ohr Shalom, and that we remain the center of Jewish culture for the central part of San Diego. He hopes that we are able to grow stronger financially and gain new members who will view the synagogue as a central part of their lives.

Aside from his work on the Renovation Committee, Ruben is actively involved in AIPAC. He is also the past President of Jewish Community Junior High, now a part of the San Diego Jewish Academy. He was also formerly active in the Anti-Defamation League.

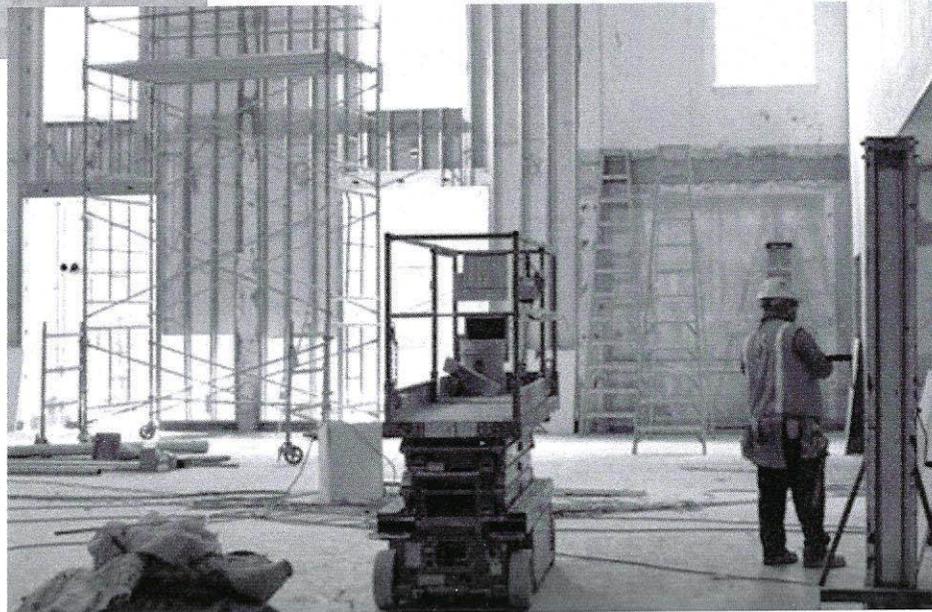
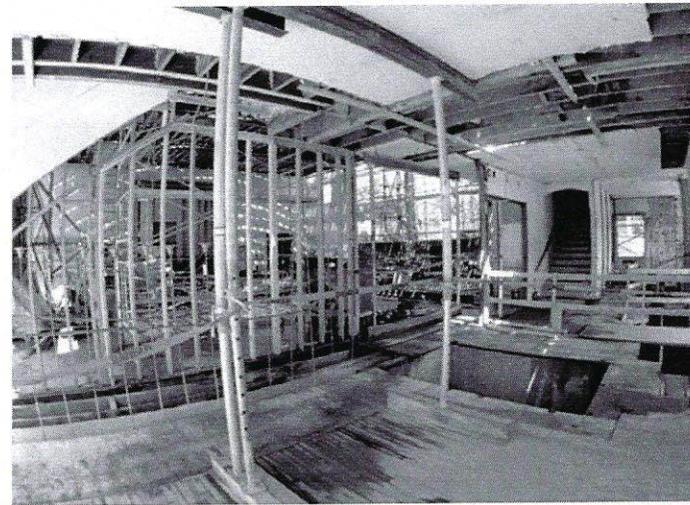
Ruben was born in Mexico City, where he was also actively involved in the Jewish Community. He came to the United States in 1983, and has been married to Fanny for 43 years. Together, Fanny and Ruben work as "Team Rosental" for McMillin Realty. They have three children: Jorge (of blessed memory); Sara (Michael Rosenbaum) and Miryam (Adam Seid). They also enjoy three grandchildren: Noa Rosenbaum (5 ½), Benjamin (2 ½) and Georgi Devora Seid (3 months).

Ruben enjoys classical music, photography, and his beautiful grandchildren.

Ohr Shalom offices and Social Hall

***Congratulations Ohr Shalom
on an outstanding Renovation.***

Adat Amigos Havurah



Karyn Rovner-Sklar



When they got married in 2005, Karyn Rovner-Sklar and her husband Marc became members of Ohr Shalom. Now they have two boys: Elijah, 2 years, and Levi, 3 months. She runs her busy Interior Design practice from her home in La Mesa, yet she still found time to work closely with Susie Meltzer to design and renovate the Beit Midrash. Then Karyn accepted the challenge to join the Renovation Committee on the Design Team with Pam Auerbach, Jane Zeer, and Amy Morris. They worked together to select carpet, paint, lighting, seating and interior finishes.

Now that the work is complete, Karyn states: "I'm impressed with what we were able to accomplish with such a lean budget, especially considering all that needed to be done to the building from an infrastructure and preservation standpoint. I'm so glad that the stained glass windows were repaired and salvaged. I think the new entrance adds a great modern touch to the historic structure and the new kitchen is amazing. It is so welcoming and refreshing to have a clean and restored home for Ohr Shalom where we can feel proud and honored to worship and to celebrate."

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Wishing
Ohr Shalom
Continued
Success
and Growth



*Raulf and Sharon
Polichar and Family*

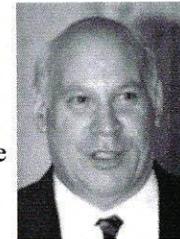
Karyn has been an Interior Designer for over 15 years. You may have seen her work at Tower 23 in Pacific Beach, the Hall of Fame Bar & Grill at Petco Park, Pasquale's on Prospect, Qualcomm Hall, or recently at the renovated University Club. She also has an "industrial Judaica" line of mezzuzot, which she fabricates for special occasions.

Karyn and her husband Marc, an Acupuncturist with offices in Mission Valley and Mira Mesa, enjoy being outdoors —hiking and snow skiing, as well as salsa dancing when they aren't consumed with raising their little ones.

When asked about her hopes for Ohr Shalom, Karyn said, "Oh so many things! First to raise the rest of the funds needed to complete the 'wish list' from the renovation. And wouldn't it be fabulous to renovate the school building and have a preschool at Ohr Shalom? I'd also love to see a Program Director hired so we can enjoy even more successful social programs organized to enjoy throughout the year in our beautiful building."

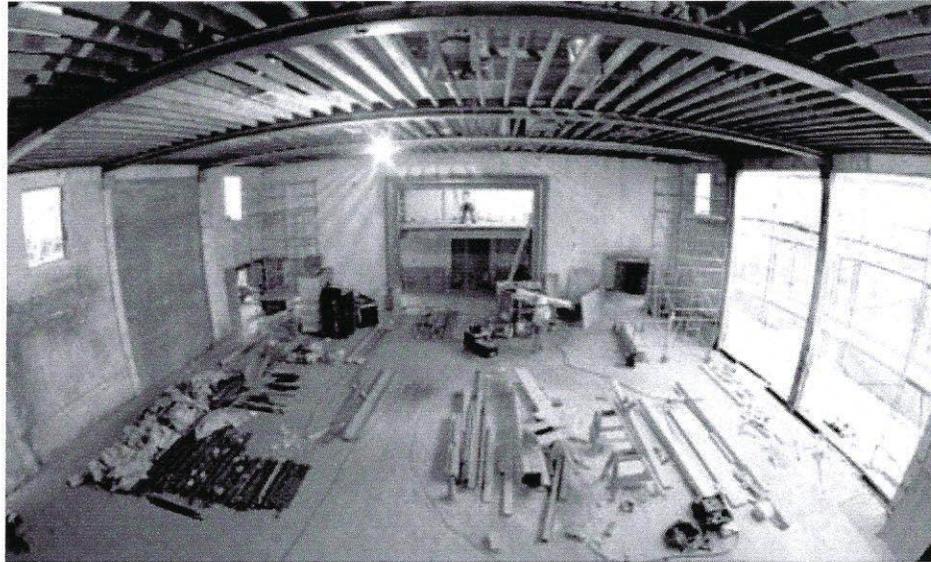
Jeffrey Schwimmer

Jeffrey Schwimmer, who spent his business career in food and catering, was a welcome addition to the kitchen renovation committee.



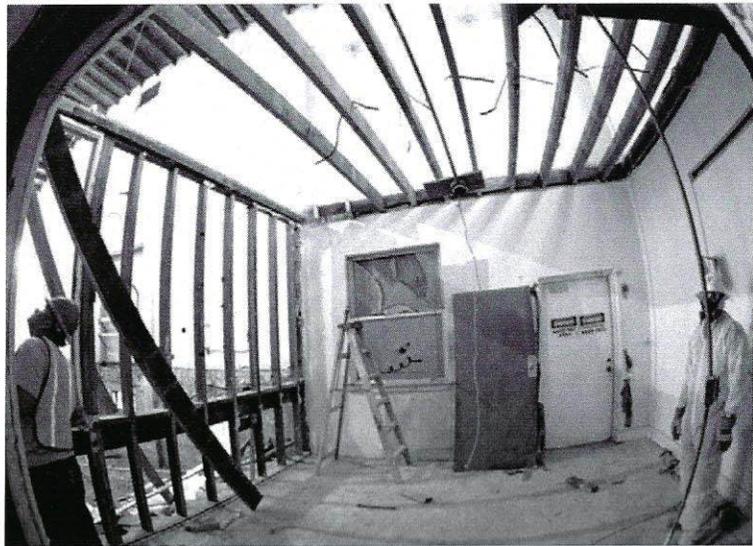
Our gratitude goes to all those who worked tirelessly to make this dream come true.

Alberto and Liliane Algazi

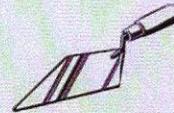


He has been responsible for the food at many Ohr Shalom simchas. He knew the shortcomings of the old kitchen firsthand. He states that his experience on the renovation committee, "...was an honor and a pleasure working with people with positive attitudes." He is glad to have been in the process of moving Ohr Shalom forward as a congregation.

Jeff came to San Diego from Chicago in the '60s. He and his wife Evelyn raised two wonderful daughters here, Carrie and Lisa. They have four grandchildren, two boys and two girls, with whom they love to spend time. Jeff has been interested in cantorial arts all his life. He was a member of Beth Tefilah, and the choir director, when it became Ohr Shalom. Over the years he has served as a cantor for various congregations. He currently conducts Shabbat services in Menifee, California.



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*with love,
Valerie Polichar*



Al Shelden

Al Shelden was a member of Beth Tefilah for close to 20 years before its marriage to Adat Ami created Ohr Shalom. He served in various Board positions, including Men's Club President, Executive Vice-President, and three





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Mazal Tov to the Renovation Committee
Guy, Norma, Samuel and Isabella Reggev

terms as President. Since the merger of the two synagogues, Al has served in an advisory role in several areas including participating as a member of the Rabbi search and negotiating committees. He was appointed president by the Board in 2009 to complete a vacated term and was re-elected last year. As president, he stepped into an active, successful, on-going renovation committee and served to help coordinate the efforts of others in completing the project and to assist in the critical area of fund raising.

In his time away from the synagogue, Al still works part-time as an attorney in the California State Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Unit, of which he was statewide head until his partial retirement two years ago. He revels in his time with his family: wife, Marilyn; daughters and son-in-law, Eileen and Gwen and Jeremy; and grandsons, Ezra, Micah, and Eli.

David Shteremberg

David has been part of the congregation since 1983 when he was a founding member of Or El. From 1984-1986 David was president of the Ken Jewish Community and liaison to the synagogue. At Adat Ami and Ohr Shalom, he has served on the Board





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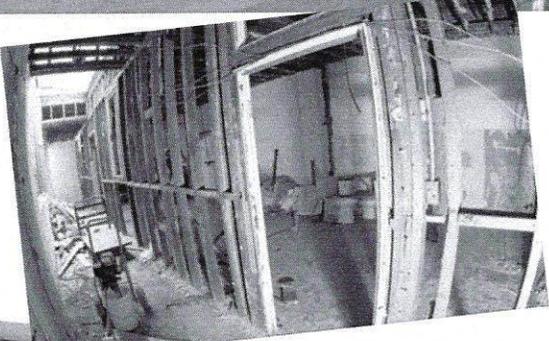
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as a Member-at-Large. As co-chair of the Renovation Committee, David closely monitored the process in order to maintain the original concept so the committee's vision could become a reality. He feels the renovation came out well: it is more functional and has great potential for our future growth.

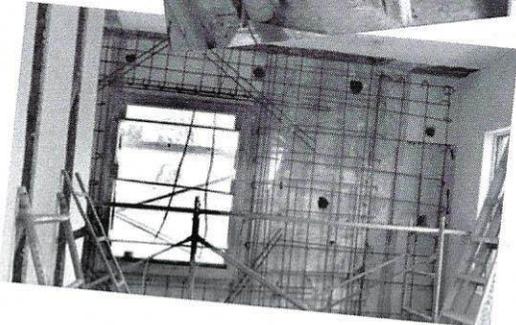
David and Reina have two daughters and six granddaughters. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He finds joy and satisfaction in finding the right people to help and the best way to help them. David is self-employed in an electronics company.

As to the future of Ohr Shalom, he hopes for a working, full-service synagogue 365 days a year, with many activities and people to support a daily minyan.

Downstairs hallway



Upstairs office



*Thanks for
a job well done!*

George and Susan Kaplan

Isaac Szmuilowicz



Isaac Szmuilowicz has a BA in Mechanical Engineer with a Masters in Textile Technology and Management. He is presently working as a consultant in Environmental Health and Safety as well as other entrepreneurial projects. A member of Ohr Shalom since its inception, Isaac has served in different positions on the Board.

Isaac organized and led the Kitchen Renovation Committee. Since he

M'Dor L'Dor: From Generation to Generation

Hazak! Hazak! V'Nithazek!



Social Action Habitat for Humanity Project, 2010

*To the Renovation Committee and Sub-Committees:
Thank you for your leadership in preserving our
Jewish home of Ohr Shalom Synagogue.*

Rachel Millstone, Social Action Committee Chair

“For this commandment that I command you today – it is not hidden from you and it is not distant. It is not in heaven...nor is it across the sea...Rather the matter is very near to you – in your mouth and in your heart – to perform it.”

(Deuteronomy 30:11-14).



“Hineni”
Rachel Millstone,
Beth Israel
Synagogue, c1970

had previous experience planning and supervising construction projects and commercial kitchens, he brought the ideal knowledge about practicality, health regulations and Kashrut requirements.

In addition to Ohr Shalom, Isaac is involved in the San Diego Jewish Academy, Ken Jewish Community, Jewish Family Services and Leukemia Lymphoma Society Team in Training.

Isaac is married to Anita and has two sons, Jacob and Ari.

Carlos Wellman

Carlos Wellman is one of the three members who was at the forefront of the Renovation Committee, along with Raulf Polichar and David



Shteremberg. Together, the three spearheaded the process of architectural design from securing permits, to introducing the synagogue to Swinterton Builders (who took the process through fruition in a timely manner).

Carlos is very pleased with the outcome of the renovation, given the constraints in the project. He hopes that Ohr Shalom members will use the newly renovated facilities available to them, and “bring the building to life” so that

I did not find the world desolate when I entered it;
my fathers planted for me before I was born; So
do I plant for those who come after me.

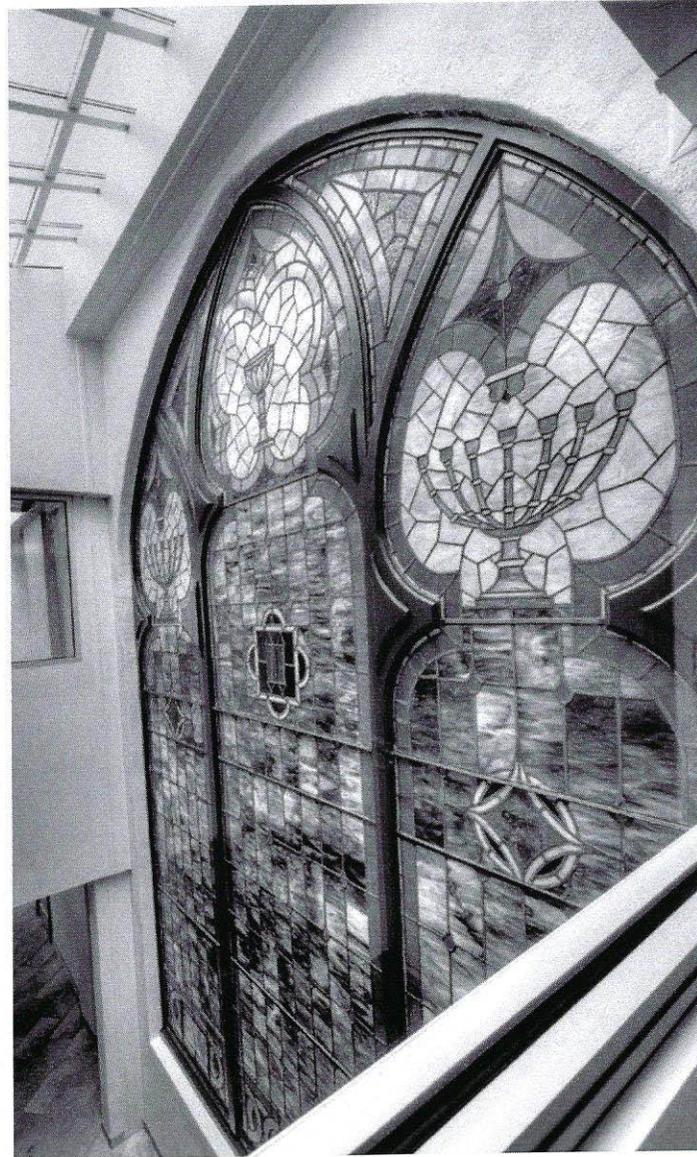
Talmud J:Ta'anit 23a

Congratulations to the

Renovation Committee and Subcommittees,

*and to the many members of Ohr Shalom
who contributed, in one way or another,
to the rejuvenation of our beautiful
synagogue!*

Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn



the synagogue is not a mere “holding tent of architecture.”

Carlos was born in Mexico City, and came to the United States in 2000. He works as an architect, general contractor, and business developer. His interests include architecture and cars.

Carlos has been married to Fanny for ten years. They have two young daughters, Gaby (8) and Alexandra (5), and aside from their involvement at Ohr Shalom, are actively involved with the KEN Jewish Community.

Gerry Wellman

Gerry Wellman was born and raised in Mexico, and has lived in San Diego for 27 years. He and his wife Teshy, have two daughters. Giselle is an executive chef in Los Angeles. Vanessa, a teacher in Beth Montessori, was married to her husband Aaron by Rabbi Meltzer, and the couple has just made Gerry and Teshy grandparents!



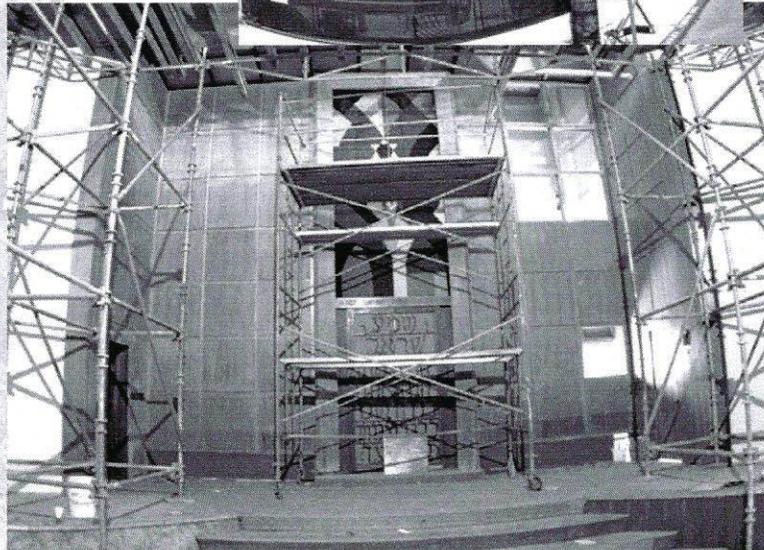
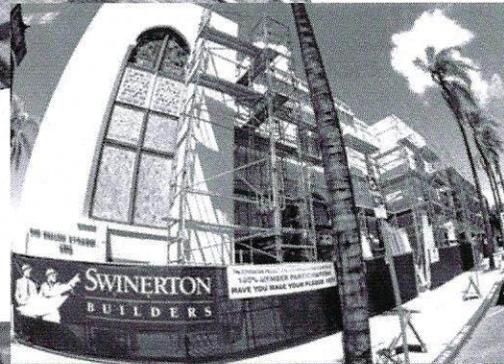
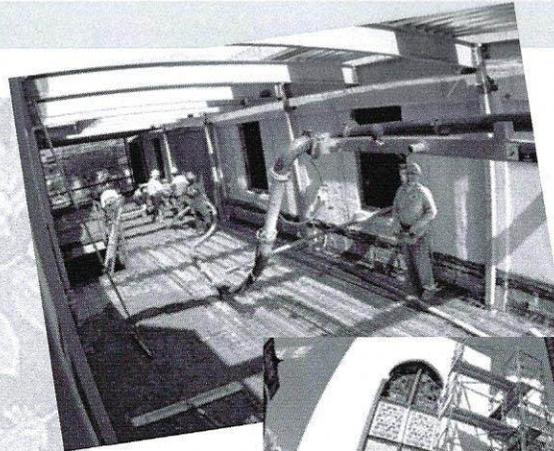
An architect by trade, Gerry has many areas of expertise including banking, plumbing, theater lighting and security. He is currently employed by Pepsico with two main responsibilities: Hispanic marketing nationally, and bottling procedures in Southern California.

Yasher Koach
to all of you!

You are doing an amazing job
and it looks beautiful.

Thank you so much for all your
hard work and efforts.

*Ruben and Susanne Lisker
and Regina Rubinstein*



In addition, Gerry enjoys gourmet cooking, bicycling all around the city, and participating in the Ken Jewish Community where he served as president for three terms.

Of utmost importance in Gerry's life is his family, who have been members of Ohr Shalom since its inception. Gerry had previously served on the Adat Ami board. He initially became involved in the Ohr Shalom renovation when he was asked to clear the building for the contractor, and remained on the committee, making day-to-day decisions regarding the construction. He attended a minimum of three meetings a week, which sometimes lasted four to five hours each. Giving Jewish touches to the building was especially meaningful, such as dedicating places for kippot, tallitot, and hand washing. Yet another emphasis that Gerry was involved with involved the security of the property. He credits the building company for making completion of the project possible.

Gerry is so proud of the finished product of the synagogue, as an architect, a committee member, and a congregant. He considers the new building a part of history and true to its origin. His biggest hope is that the congregation outgrows the building! He believes that with such a fabulous Rabbi--and fabulous building--there are endless possibilities.

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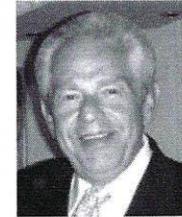
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- Cakes
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Enrique Zagursky

Enrique has a BA in Business Administration and a passion for the food and cooking industry. A member of Ohr Shalom since its creation, he has been active on the Board and presently serves as Member-at-Large. Enrique, who was part of the Kitchen Renovation Committee and contributed many valuable ideas to the project, has been involved in renovation and redesign, as well the restaurant and food manufacturing business, for many years. Since his arrival to San Diego 28 years ago, Enrique has been involved with the San Diego Jewish Community. He is married to Eva and they have three married children and three grandchildren.



*Thank you
for all your work.*

Herb and Wendy Bloom

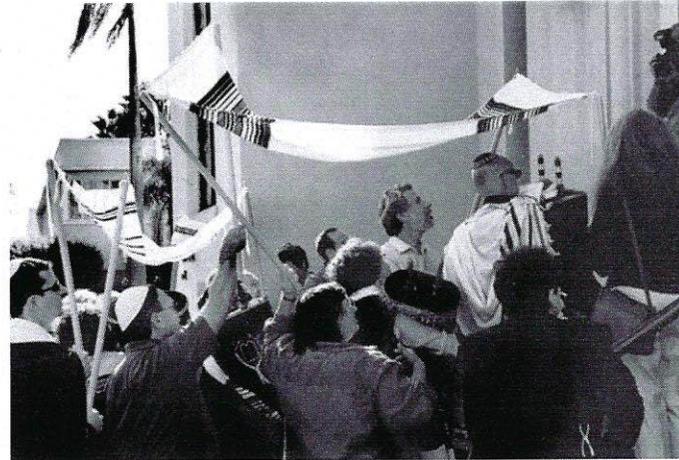
Jane Zeer

Jane Zeer hails from the Bronx in New York City where she attended Stony Brook University. She works for a weather and environmental satellite systems firm in Poway as a technical writer and software trainer.



*In appreciation
of
Raulf Polichar
and
David Shteremberg*

*Michal and Alberto
Hamui*



After each day of work, Jane participates in water aerobics in outdoor pools, even in the winter! She also takes adult education classes through the former AJE, obtains annual passes for the film festival, and joins Social Action events throughout the community.

A member of Ohr Shalom since the Adat Ami days, Jane became a Board member because of her passion for Social Action. As president of the Board and a member of the Renovation Committee, she brought this focus on tikkun olam to ensure there would be disability access to the building and the bimah. There is now a wheelchair ramp to enter the building, an elevator to the second floor, and a wheelchair lift to the bimah. She later formed a design subcommittee, using the artistic talents of congregants, to deal with personal aspects of the reconstruction – colors, fabrics, finishes, and restrooms.

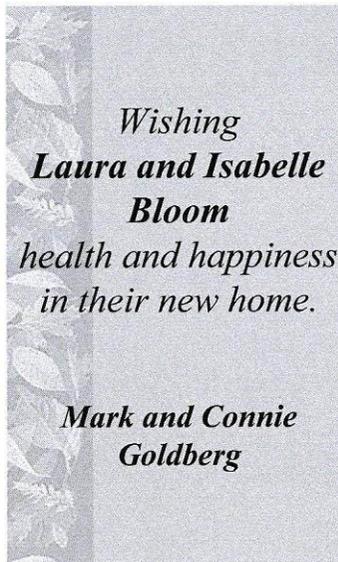
Seeing the Torah marched through the new center aisle is just one of the things Jane loves about the renovation. She considers the addition of sound absorbing baffling in the Social Hall a brilliant solution to the noise problem discovered after the renovation! Jane hopes the congregation will grow, but not necessarily in numbers. She would like the family quality to continue, with increased efforts to meet the diverse spiritual and educational needs of congregants.



Torah Procession upon moving into the Third and Laurel building.

*Bill and Amy
Morris
congratulate
Ohr Shalom
on our beautiful
“new” home.*

*Coming here
now for services
and events –
it’s a mechayah!*



*Wishing
Laura and Isabelle
Bloom
health and happiness
in their new home.*

*Mark and Connie
Goldberg*