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DAVAR MEGILLAH

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The Rabbi, the Reverend and Jerusalem: Can Fiction heal what Politics Can't?

featuring

Rabbi Phil Graubert and Reverend Michael Kinnamon

September 7th, 1:00pm

at Ohr Shalom

Please RSVP to office.



Join Rabbi Philip Graubart and Reverend Michael Kinnamon as they discuss their new books and how fiction can help us find a path to healing. *Here There is No Why*, is set in Jerusalem and raises issues of Jewish history and identity. *A Rooftop in Jerusalem*, entwines a deeply moving love story with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



Who could resist such a program?!

Now is the Time



Rabbi Scott Meltzer

There is so much going on. I am assaulted daily, constantly, with news from Israel, from Gaza,

with national news, local news ... way too much of it violent ... way too much of it awful. It is demoralizing. It is paralyzing. I want to crawl back into bed.

Maimonides teaches that the call of the shofar is: "Awake you sleepers from your slumber" (*Hilkhot Teshuvah* 3:4). Oh how I need the shofar to be blown every morning during this month of Elul, as is the tradition, but not because I am asleep, resting, and peaceful. I need the shofar because I am so agitated, distracted, overwhelmed, drowning, and I need to be shocked back to here and now. I need to be awakened to the work that I am commanded to do at this time of year. The work I need to do.

And as much as this year is so different from previous years, it is also exactly the same. It is so different because the issues, the tragedies, the threats seem so much more frightening and consequential than at any other point in my lifetime. Yet it is exactly the same in that I know what I have to do.

These are the weeks when I must figure out who I am, who I want to be and whom I am meant to be, and how then to behave in this world. With deep introspection, I need to figure out how I have failed to be that in the past year. When I have come up short. Where I have missed the mark.

My *teshuvah*, repentance, this year like

in the past, begins with my attempting to figure out what I need to fix, to whom do I need to apologize.

This year, I am trying to access memory and journaling exercises that I am cycling through, and then repeating. I am journaling and reflecting through time. With my journal on the desk in front of me, and my pen in my hand, I am reviewing: where was I last October? What did I do? What did I do wrong? What could I have done better? And what about November? December?

I am journaling and reflecting through my core relationships. As I remember this past year, what can I learn and what do I need to fix with Jennifer? With each of my children? With the people with whom I work? Those with whom I interact at the synagogue? With my friends and extended family? With myself?

I am journaling and reflecting through space. I map out this past year. I begin journaling and reflecting in my bedroom where I start each day. I travel around my house, room-by-room. I come to the synagogue. SDSU. Other spaces I have visited.

Over this month, I work my way through these three exercises, and then I start over and do it again. I have 29 days. How much can I accomplish?

I am tired and weary, but I am awake and redoubling my effort.

I encourage you to take this month seriously and find a way to do your own reflection and repair work in preparation for the New Year, and I hope to see you when we will sound the shofar together on **Saturday, September 13 at Selichot**.

Selichot Service
with the
Ohr Shalom Choir
Saturday Evening,
September 13, 8:00pm
See details inside

BLOOD DRIVE
Ohr Shalom Synagogue
Sunday, September 14 from
9:00am - 2:30pm
Blood Mobile San Diego Blood Bank
We strongly encourage appointments.
[Register Online](#) (619) 400-8251

Choir Concert in Honor of Ana Galicot
Celebrating 10 years of Ohr Shalom Choir
Monday, September 15, 6:30pm
RSVP to the office
Minyan at 6:00pm

Blanket Drive for Kindness Initiative
(New blankets only please.)



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marvin Yudkovitz
President

Start the New Year with These Three Ways That You Can Contribute to Ohr Shalom, and Receive a Huge Benefit in Return

1. Join a committee or suggest starting a new one

This year, during the High Holidays, we will again have committee program “houses” for you to join by placing your names in as many as you want. By entering the house with your name, phone number, and email address, the relevant Chairperson will reach out to you about exciting opportunities for you to contribute your time, expertise, ideas, and energy. Examples of these are: various Chavurot, Chesed Committee, Sisterhood, Ohrzennials (20-40 year olds), and more. Note that when we did this in the past, we sent you a printout of your name and identifying information. We realized this was wasteful of paper and printing. This year we ask that you identify which of these houses you want to enter and make up your own information to put inside. Those of you with business cards can use those or simply cut some paper about 3x5 and write in that information. Additional notes to the Chairpersons can also be made at that time, or when you are contacted. And this year we will have even more houses for you to consider, including one that will go to me, identified as “New Program Ideas.” And of course, after entering your name in one of these houses – follow up by being involved in all or any of

the programs that you identified (and encourage your friends to do so as well). As those of you who have been involved in committees in the past/present, this is a fantastic way to increase your social interactions in Ohr Shalom and become friendly with some wonderful people.

2. Pay dues – increased amount, become an Ohr Shalom Sustaining Member

By now, you have received your annual dues statement from the office. Please respond as soon as possible with your annual dues payment. If you are paying over the course of the year (monthly or quarterly), please be sure that we have an up to date credit card on file and you have contacted the office by phone, email, or letter with the amount to be charged.

Perhaps you are feeling more financially secure, and ready to become a Sustaining Member. This involves paying full dues, plus your annual pledges at Kol Nidre and Lights of Ohr Shalom, plus an additional amount for the next three years. If so, contact our VP, Finance, Ray Sachs (3raymar@gmail.com or (619) 980-4150) to discuss the specifics with him. Benefits include recognition as a Sustaining Member, High Holiday parking in the garage, payments for Kehillatit dinners, special activities for

Sustaining Members, and a branch on our Tree of Life in the Synagogue lobby.

3. Join the Ohr Shalom Legacy Society.

We’ve been talking about the Legacy program for several years, so I’m guessing most of you know what this is. But just in case – the Legacy Society is a way for you to leave something behind after you are no longer living, which will benefit a program(s) in the Jewish Community. This is done by specifying that program in your will or trust with money, property, or other investments, or your IRA or other savings as a beneficiary. We ask that Ohr Shalom be that program (or one of the Jewish programs so specified). I realize that for many of you, thinking of this may be difficult, seem too far away, or uncomfortable. As someone who has done this in the past year, it is a very clarifying exercise. By carefully thinking this through, it leads to determining what is important, how you want to use your hard earned savings, and how you can assist Ohr Shalom (and others) for the future. We have made some progress, with some members joining our Legacy Society, and hope many will in the near future and long term. This is truly one of the bedrocks of the future of our Synagogue. Very soon, we will

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OHR SHALOM'S SEPTEMBER SHABBAT SERVICE

Services are in person and on **Zoom**

Friday	September 5	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	September 6	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday	September 12	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	September 13	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
		10:30am	Tot Shabbat
		12:30pm	Lunch & Learn
Friday	September 19	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service
Saturday	September 20	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday	September 26	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	September 27	9:30am	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service
		12:30pm	Lunch & Learn

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting Available



PARSHIYOT & CANDLE LIGHTING September 2025

PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

13 Elul - Candle Lighting: 6:49pm
Fri: September 5
Sat: September 6
Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haft: Isaiah 54:1-10

PARSHAT KI TAVO

20 Elul - Candle Lighting: 6:40pm
Fri: September 12
Sat: September 13
Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haft: Isaiah 60:1-22

PARSHAT NITZAVIM

27 Elul - Candle Lighting: 6:30pm
Fri: September 19
Sat: September 20
Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Haft: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

PARSHAT VAYEILECH SHABBAT SHUVAH

5 Tishrei - Candle Lighting: 6:20pm
Fri: September 26
Sat: September 27
Torah: Deuteronomy 31:1-31:30
Haft: Isaiah 55:6-56:8

Back by popular demand.....

HOT DOG KABBALAT SHABBAT!!

Friday, September 5
after Shabbat service



Please RSVP to the office

Shabbat Kehillatit

Friday, September 19

Family-Friendly Service: **6:15pm**

Community Dinner: **7:15pm**

Your Dinner RSVP **by Monday, Sept 15**
to the office is appreciated.

Members*

Adults: \$20

Children: \$12

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

Non-Members*

Adults: \$35

Children: \$15



SAVE THE DATE!



Ohr Shalom Centennial Celebration

**Sunday,
May 3, 2026**

Discover Mexico City with Ohr Shalom

A Journey of Culture, History, and Heart "A Tale of Two Histories:
México City and Its Jewish Community"

January 11-16, 2026

Rates for the trip are as follows:

Single Occupancy: \$3,700.00 per person

Double Occupancy: \$2,900.00 per person

Additional Shabbat in Mexico Option

Included in your trip package will be:

- Airfare
- 5 nights of hotel accommodations in Mexico City
- All land transportation
- All tours and talks included
- Meals

For more information contact Marvin
president@ohrshalom.org



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PRESIDENT (cont.)

be recognizing all Ohr Shalom Legacy members in a tangible way.

If you are interested in learning more about this, including the various steps that are designed to lead you through the process, how to set all of this up, and if you need referral information, please contact Jonah Weinberg at jonahbw@gmail.com or (619) 846-9733, or Gillian at the office. We also have a committee working on this, and Jonah or Gillian can provide names of committee members with whom you can speak about this.

And note - Ray and Marcia Sachs are continuing their very generous offer to assist with payment of the will preparation (if Ohr Shalom is specified as a beneficiary) with either payment of legal fees up to \$1000 or a donation to the Synagogue of \$1000.

I want to wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.

L'shana tovah u'metukah

HIGH HOLY DAYS

OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

2025 HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES ☎ 5785-5786

Services will be both in-person and on Zoom

SELICHOT

Selichot Service with Choir.....Saturday, September 13, 8:00pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh HaShanah.....Monday, September 22, 7:00pm

Rosh HaShanah Day 1.....Tuesday, September 23, 8:30am

Tashlich at Playa II, Mission Bay.....5:00pm

Rosh HaShanah Day 2.....Wednesday, September 24, 8:30am

YOM KIPPUR

Erev Yom Kippur.....Wednesday, October 1

Family Kol Nidre.....3:00pm

Kol Nidre.....5:45pm

Kol Nidre Violin Prelude by Eileen Wingard

Yom Kippur.....Thursday, October 2

Morning Service with Yizkor.....8:30am

Afternoon Activities & Study.....2:30pm

Mincha and Ne'ilah.....4:00pm

Break the Fast.....7:13pm

Tickets required for all attendees over 13 years old.

CALLING FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS USHERS

Below are some basic guidelines for ushering during the High Holy Days.

☆ Greeting congregants and making them feel welcome and comfortable.

☆ Checking that all males are wearing a Kippah and Jewish males over 13 years of age are wearing a Tallit during Shacharit (morning services) and Kol Nidre.

☆ Delaying entrance to the Sanctuary during the Rabbi's Sermon.

☆ Keeping noise levels down outside the Sanctuary.

☆ Making sure **no** electronics are in use in the synagogue building.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up to usher for 1-hour time slots using *SignUp Genius* (link will be coming shortly) or contact the Ohr Shalom office.

Kids High Holy Days Services & Programming

REGISTRATION REQUIRED *Please check your High Holy Days mailing*

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 - Tuesday, September 23

Babysitting.....9:00am

Tot Service.....9:15am

Family Service.....10:00am

Kids Programming.....11:00am

Tashlich.....5:00pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 - Wednesday, September 24

Babysitting.....9:00am

Tot Service.....9:15am

Family Service.....10:00am

Kids Programming.....11:00am

Wednesday, October 1

Family Kol Nidre.....3:00pm

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Kids Programming.....11:00am

Afternoon

Kids Programming.....4:00pm

BABYSITTING - (0-4) For children in preschool and younger. Includes playtime, stories, songs, and snacks.

KIDS PROGRAMMING An opportunity for kids to play games, do crafts and on Yom Kippur participate in the Helping Hands service project.

FAMILY SERVICE Family service is geared toward elementary-aged children but all are welcome. Parents are encouraged to participate. However, CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-6 can attend without an accompanying adult. All younger children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

TASHLICH SERVICE

Tuesday, September 23, 5:00pm

with Congregation Dor Hadash

Join us for our annual visit to Mission Bay to cast our sins in the sea.

Tashlich (and Reverse Tashlich) will be at Playa 2 with Dor Hadash at 5:00pm on Friday, October 4.

Rabbi Meltzer and Rabbi Rothman will lead a short ceremony then congregants will have an opportunity to participate in traditional Tashlich (casting away of sins) and/or Reverse Tashlich (beach & park clean up - picking up sins).

Google Maps address: 2195 E. Mission Bay Drive. I-5 to Exit 22: Clairemont Drive / Mission Bay Drive. Drive west towards the bay. Turn left (south) on East Mission Bay Drive. Drive 0.2 miles and turn right into parking lot. We will be near the blue-roofed gazebo.



(The Hilton Hotel is south of our gathering.)

KEVER AVOT V'IMAHOT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICES



Sunday, September 28, 10:00am
Home of Peace

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Selichot Service with the Ohr Shalom Choir

Saturday Evening, September 13, 8:00pm
At Ohr Shalom and on Zoom

Dedication of Memorial Plaques
installed during the past year.

Dessert Reception to follow



Lulav and Etrog: The Four Species

To order your own Lulav and Etrog set at
\$65/set, call the office (619) 231-1456

ORDER DEADLINE:
Monday, September 15, 2025



YOM TOV FLOWER SPONSORS

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$180
Call or email the office for details



EXTRA PARKING DURING HIGH HOLY DAYS

at St. Paul's parking lot on the corner of
Third Ave. and Maple St. after 5:00pm ONLY on:
Erev Rosh HaShanah - **Monday, September 22**



Call the office if you are interested in reserved parking.
St. Paul's Cathedral at 6th & Olive for a donation of \$100.

SUKKOT 5786 Services & Events

Sukkot Morning Service

Tuesday, October 7 & Wednesday, October 8.....9:30am

Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor

Tuesday, October 14.....9:30am

Simchat Torah Celebration

Tuesday, October 14.....5:00pm

Simchat Torah Morning Service

Wednesday, October 15.....9:30am



5786 - 2025 Memorial Book

Honor your loved ones by placing an
entry in our Memorial Book.

Contact the office or send in this form.

___ Full Page: \$236 \$ _____
___ Half Page: \$136 \$ _____
___ Quarter Page: \$72 \$ _____
___ Collective Page in memory of
a loved one: \$36 per name \$ _____

Repeat my Memorial Book entry from last year.
Please add these names: _____

Honored by: _____

Email: graphics2@ohrshalom.org or Call: (619) 231-1456

Or Mail: Ohr Shalom Synagogue
2512 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103

Deadline, Monday, September 15

Shabbat Kehillatit in the Sukkah



Friday, October 10

Family-Friendly Service: 6:15pm

Community Dinner: 7:15pm

RSVP by October 6

Scan QR Code or

Contact Office:

(619) 231-1456

office@ohrshalom.org



Members Non-members

Adults: \$20 Adults: \$35

Children: \$12 Children: \$15 5-12 years old.

Children under 5 FREE

Erev Simchat Torah

Tuesday, October 14



5:00pm - Tots Simchat Torah Service

5:30pm - Simchat Torah Dinner and Activities

6:30pm - Simchat Torah Service and Celebration

Please RSVP to the Ohr Shalom office





FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

L'Shana Toyva Tikasevu! L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu!

Some things aren't that different in Yiddish and Hebrew. I do remember my father adding the extra "oy" when he would greet people with a little extra Yiddish flair. He loved the traditions of the High Holy Days and always made sure I made it into the "big" service to hear the Shofar when I was a kid. If he came and got me too early, I would pass the time by braiding the tzis-tzis (tzit-tzit) on his tallis (tallit). We always had apples and honey, my Bubby's apple pie, and on Yom Kippur we would break out the crockpot to make the cholent for dinner. At some point, we became the "break the fast" house for our chavurah. My mother and I would stay home in the afternoon and get everything ready, and my father would go back to shul (after his Yom Kippur nap), for Ne'ilah. There were no cell phones, so we just guessed that our house would suddenly get packed about 45 minutes after sundown.

And of course, I love the High Holy Days for reasons above and beyond my love of apples and honey and round challah with goodies inside.

The traditions of the High Holy Days are wonderful, but as I began to delve deeper into the meaning of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur in college and grad school, the spirituality and intention behind teshuva and atonement with others, myself and with G-d took on a greater significance. I really let my mind reflect over my actions of the previous year. When was I negligent, hurtful, or absent minded? How can I try harder and be better in the coming year?

Of course, this is what we are supposed to be thinking about as Jews at this time of year but thinking and doing don't always come together. This year I plan to do a lot more "doing." Rather than just contemplating making that extra donation to Ohr Shalom during Kol Nidre, or supporting Magen David Adom, and the Humane Society, I plan to actually do these things as well as making time to volunteer with animals, taking that extra shift with JFS Safe Parking and spending more time with friends and family.

It's easy to get lost in our everyday

lives, but the High Holy Days help me refresh and reframe my purpose every year. I hope you find some meaning in them this year and I look forward to seeing at Ohr Shalom for Selichot (9/13), Rosh HaShanah (9/22-24), Yom Kippur (10/1-2), Sukkot (10/6-14) & Shabbat Kehillatit during Sukkot (10/10) and Simchat Torah (10/15).

Wishing you a healthy, happy, sweet 5786!



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Minyan at 6:00pm



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Ohr Shalom Leadership Development Institute

Beginning in the Fall of 2025, Rabbi Meltzer and Synagogue President Marvin Yudkovitz will be conducting a seven session program focusing on connecting Jewish Learning with Communal and Synagogue Leadership. The program will be conducted from October to May 2026, meeting on Sundays from 9:45-12:00.

Please contact Marvin at president@ohrshalom.org if you are interested in participating.



NOTES FROM AN ECO YENTA

Allyson Darroch
Davar Editor

Saving Paper, Saving Trees, Saving Time?

Mr. Slivowitz was standing in line at Costco to buy a case of paper for his shul's newsletter. All around him the waiting people were studying their phones, reading emails, articles, doomsurfing, playing games. Wait... what was that? Reading news on their phones? What if his shul's newsletter was available on a phone? How much money would be saved in paper, ink, electricity, printing time? What about Mr. Slivowitz's time standing here at Costco waiting to check out? And what about the trees? Mr. S is no Eco Warrior, but this was something worth thinking about.

When he dropped off the reams of paper he asked the Executive Director some questions. As it turned out the synagogue does publish a digital version of the monthly newsletter. There is a link on the synagogue website to it, and it is sent to all the members in an email. In color even. Members have the option of choosing to have a digital copy of the newsletter. It can be downloaded and printed and read on any laptop, phone, nook or kindle, but according to the analytics, (reflecting the number of "hits" on the site), just not many choose to read it.

He sat in the office and found out that of about 300

members only 34 have opted for a digital copy. The newsletter is around 16 pages. He got out his phone and began to do the math; Let's see, 250 copies of a 16 page newsletter, that's 4,000 pages (times 12), since it comes out monthly, that's 48,000 pieces of paper. One ton of magazine paper made from virgin fiber requires fifteen trees. Those trees can remain in the ground if they aren't used for paper. It is estimated that a standard pine tree, with 45 ft of the usable trunk and a diameter of eight inches, will produce around 10,000 sheets of paper. To consider this in another way, one ream of paper (which is 500 sheets) will use 5% of a tree.

Ok how about cost? A ream is about \$8.00 ...48,000 sheets of paper is 96 reams. Mr. S's head began to swim. Math was never his strong point, but it was clear even without considering the ink, the electricity, the cost of the office printer and postage, if more members chose a digital copy, it would save not just trees but a good chunk of the synagogue's operating expenses. For himself, he liked reading his newsletter, but he could print out his own copy then he wouldn't have to worry about if it fell in the bathtub or not. Something to think about in the New Year. L' Shana Tova.

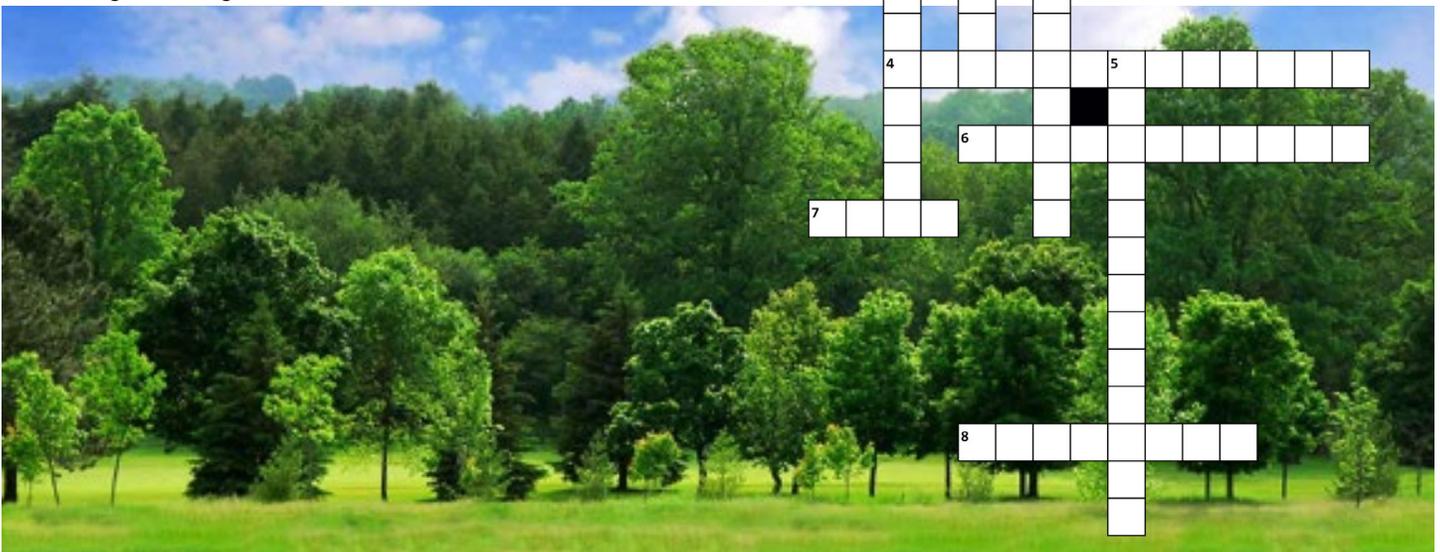
CROSSWORD PUZZLE (ANSWERS ON PAGE 10)

Across

- Plants change _____ back to oxygen to enable us to live.
- Place most threatened by deforestation
- A tall plant with a wooden stem and large branches
- One of the four things a tree needs to grow (think summer and heat)

Down

- Poet who really loved trees
- One way we can lower demand for products made from trees.
- The wearing away of the land by forces such as water, wind, and ice
- Clearing, or cutting down, of forests





SISTERHOOD

Eti Chall
Sisterhood Chair

Round Challah, Full Circle: Cultivating Friendship and Community

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, there's a quiet shift in the air. A time to reflect, reset, and reconnect—with our values, with tradition, and most importantly, with each other. The High Holidays are about return, but return doesn't happen in isolation. It happens in community.



That's what we're building in the Ohr Shalom Sisterhood: not just a calendar of events, but a circle of connection. A space where women of all ages and backgrounds can come together, support one another, and find joy in shared experiences.

I am excited to kick off this season with our first big event of the year:

• **Sisterhood Round Challah Bake**
Sunday, September 21
10:00am – 12:00pm at Ohr Shalom Synagogue
Please RSVP - space is limited to 30 participants.

Sisterhood@ohrshalom.org

Fee: \$18

We will send you home with two challahs to bake at home.

Whether you're new to the community or a long-time member, whether you've baked challah before or not—we'd love to have you there. It's about the dough, yes. But even more, it's about the friendships that rise alongside.

The round challah we make for Rosh HaShanah isn't just about the bread itself. Its circular shape reminds us that

relationships—like time—move in cycles. We show up, again and again, for each other. We gather, we laugh, we listen, and we grow. Each gesture of friendship adds to the whole.

Sisterhood is about making space for meaningful moments. Reconnecting with joy and curiosity. And in doing so, helping each other enter the new year with a sense of belonging.

As we step into 5786, may we be blessed not only with sweetness on our tables, but with warmth in our relationships and strength in our community.

L'shana tova,

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about our monthly Rosh Chodesh gatherings—resuming this fall!



SECURITY

Alain Avigdor
Security Committee Chair

Safeguarding Our Community: Vigilance and Hospitality at Ohr Shalom

Introduction

At Ohr Shalom, our strength comes from a united, welcoming congregation. Every smile and friendly word not only brightens someone's day but also reinforces our collective security. By combining warm hospitality with mindful awareness, we can ensure that our synagogue remains both safe and inviting for all.

Why Vigilance Matters

Our world has changed, and places of worship are not immune to security challenges. Remaining alert helps protect everyone—families, seniors, children, and visitors alike. When we pay attention to who comes through our doors, we reduce risks and create a more secure environment for prayer, learning, and community gatherings.

Welcoming New Visitors

Creating a genuine connection with those we haven't met before serves two purposes: it makes guests feel

valued, and it helps us recognize when something feels out of place. Here's how to strike that balance:

- Greet newcomers with a warm hello as they enter the sanctuary or social hall.
- Introduce yourself by name and share a brief overview of our services, classes, or upcoming events.
- Offer printed materials or direct them to our welcome table for more information.

Practical Steps to Engage and Alert

1. Smile and stand in visible areas near entrances, the social hall, or the lobby.
2. Ask simple questions: "Is this your first time here?" "Can I help you find our sanctuary or restrooms?"
3. Observe behaviors without profiling. If someone seems lost, confused, or unusually hesitant about answering basic questions, that could warrant a friendly escort to the office or security

desk.

4. Report concerns right away to a member of the security team, staff, or ushers. Prompt communication prevents small uncertainties from turning into larger issues.

Know Who to Contact

Keeping our community secure relies on knowing who to reach in any moment of doubt:

- Security Committee Chair and Board Member: Alain Avigdor
- President of the Board: Marvin Yudkovitz
- Synagogue Executive Director: Gillian Argoff-Treseder

Next Steps

Together, by blending genuine warmth with mindful vigilance, we uphold the values of tikkun olam—repairing the world one caring interaction at a time. Let's commit to watching out for one another and extending heartfelt welcomes to every face we see.



RABBINIC INTERN

Brianah Caplan
Rabbinic Intern

When the Plan Changes: Finding Steadiness in the Unpredictable

This summer, I had a plan. I would spend two months in Jerusalem through Ziegler’s summer program, soaking in the rhythm of the city, the scent of fresh za’atar at the Shuk, the stillness of Shabbat on stone streets. But the plan didn’t unfold that way.

The war with Iran escalated. Security alerts flared. And just as the political and military landscape shifted beneath our feet, my own body—already weary from months of health challenges—spoke up, too. In the end, what was supposed to be a season of spiritual grounding and learning in the land of our ancestors became something messier: a scramble for safety, a return flight, and a quiet reckoning with disappointment.

I’ve been thinking a lot about what it means to be handed a life for which you didn’t plan.

There’s a teaching in Pirkei Avot (2:4) from Rabbi Gamliel that has anchored me:

“Do not separate yourself from the

community, and do not trust in yourself until the day of your death, and do not judge your fellow until you have reached their place.”

While this verse might not seem immediately relevant to canceled flights or medical setbacks, I’ve come to hear in it something deeper: a gentle humility about the unpredictability of life. We cannot know where we’ll end up, or how we’ll be changed by the journey. Our footing may falter. Plans may break. The only certainty is uncertainty itself—and the need for compassion, both for others and for ourselves.

In Jewish tradition, this uncertainty is not something to conquer, but to hold with tenderness. The Israelites wandered for forty years with no map, led only by a cloud by day and fire by night. The Talmud is a sea of disagreement and redirection, scholars changing their minds mid-argument. Even God, in our tradition, changes course—deciding not to destroy Nineveh

or choosing to listen when Moses pleads for mercy on behalf of the people. Flexibility, it turns out, is holy.

So, what do we do when the ground shifts?

We gather what we can. We rest when we must. We listen closely to our bodies and to each other. We remind ourselves that while we are not in control of the outcomes, we can shape how we respond. And sometimes, as our sages teach, we find kedusha—holiness—not in the original plan, but in how we adapt.

This summer was not what I hoped for. But I found comfort in community, in texts that make room for struggle, and in a tradition that understands disappointment not as failure, but as part of the human story.

May we all be blessed to navigate the unexpected with grace, and to find meaning not only in the destination, but in the twists and turns along the way.



CHESED

Aviva Rosenberg
Chesed Committee Chair

Chesed Committee Message: Welcoming Rosh Hashanah with Kindness

As we prepare to welcome Rosh HaShanah, the Chesed Committee invites you to enter the New Year with hearts full of compassion and hands ready to help.

This sacred time reminds us that every small act of kindness—whether it’s a phone call, a meal, a ride, or a simple smile—can be a blessing to someone in our community. As we reflect, repent, and renew, let’s also recommit to being there for one another.

If you or someone you know could use a little extra support this season, please don’t hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make sure no one begins the year feeling alone.

Shanah Tovah U’Metukah—may it be a year of health, sweetness, and abundant kindness.

Warmly,

The Chesed Committee

RUN AHEAD

Say goodbye
To unfettered days.
To watching shadows stretch
Out across the pool.
Say goodbye to
Light suppers, and late nights.
Say goodbye to things that
Will henceforth become memories.
Turn around. Run ahead to
A new promise, Rosh HaShanah.
Run ahead to hanging out in the Sukkah.
Singing at Simchat Torah.
Run ahead to the semblance of
Mar Cheshvan.
And, yes the one consolation of
School starting, run ahead
To Chanukkah!

Jim Lewis

Join me at the San Diego Museum of Art
for a private Ohr Shalom tour of

BALBOA PARK
THE SAN DIEGO
MUSEUM OF ART

“Eduardo Chillida: Convergence” Sunday, October 26, 3:30-5:00pm

Featured with over 100 works including the full range of the highly celebrated artist’s practice, including early forged iron sculptures, massive structures made from oak, glowing sculptures cut from alabaster, solid clay forms, and works on paper. A highlight of the exhibition is an immersive virtual reality experience of Comb of the Wind XV, 1977 (see photo above), his site-specific installation at La Concha Bay, San Sebastián, Spain. Chillida’s body of work is closely linked to the landscape and traditions of his Basque Country homeland in northern Spain. This is the most comprehensive survey of his work in North America in nearly half a century.



Please RSVP to Marvin Yudkovitz (president@ohrshalom.org) with number of attendees. I may have some museum passes available if anyone needs them. (Note – the exhibition will run until Feb 8, so I may offer one additional tour if there is sufficient demand.)

Ohr Shalom on the Town is Going to the Brand New

**Joan and Irwin Jacobs Performing
Arts Center at Liberty Station**

to see:

**Cygnnet Theater’s
Production of The Broadway Classic**

FOLLIES

Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim/Book by James Goldman

Sunday matinee, September 14, 2:00pm

Follies is set in a crumbling Broadway theater, set for demolition, but previously the home to a musical revue based on the Ziegfeld Follies. We witness a reunion of the “Weismann Girls,” showgirls who performed there just prior to World War II. Some reprise their old numbers, often accompanied by the ghosts of their younger selves. The score is a pastiche of nostalgic 1920s and 1930s musical styles. The original 1971 Broadway production of Follies was nominated for 11 Tony Awards and won seven.

**Group discounted tickets for the Cygnnet Theater performance
cost \$61 each (Please pay Ohr Shalom).**

The new theater is located at 2880 Roosevelt Road, San Diego 92106

To attend, please contact Lynn Mendelsohn,
via email or text, at mendelynn0511@gmail.com or 619-980-1801,
by Friday, September 5th.



MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP

the next meeting will be

Thursday, September 18, 7:00pm

Pure Project
2865 5th Ave.



**Topic: ‘How am I Doing Communicating
with my spouse, partner, ex?’**

For more information contact:

Robert McNeese (robertmcneese50@gmail.com)
Robert Houston (bayfruitandherb@gmail.com)

Announcing: Ohrzennials!

Hello! My name is Juli and I’m a newer Ohr Shalom member. This is actually the first shul I’ve become a member of outside of the one I attended growing up in Philadelphia. I feel a big reason was having trouble finding and connecting to a community of Jewish peers my age.

That’s why I am so excited to introduce Ohrzennials (Ohr Shalom + Gen Z + Millennials). Our goal for this group is to bring together San Diego Jewish Gen Z and

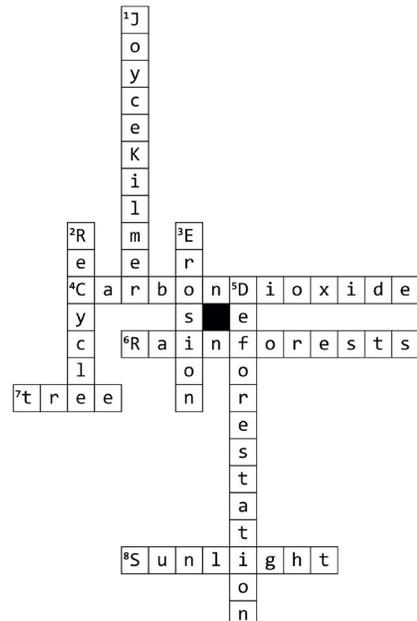


Millennials in their 20s-40s. Our first official event—a Lag B’Omer beach bonfire sponsored by YALA (USCJ)—was a success! We look forward to many more fun events and gatherings in the future.

If you are interested in joining or helping plan, please reach out to me at juliannebwest@gmail.com.

Thank you!

CROSSWORD ANSWERS





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Maggy Dujowich
Religious School Principal



New Beginnings at Ohr Shalom Religious School

As we open the doors to a new school year, we are filled with excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate together. The first month of religious school is always a time of new beginnings—new friendships, new lessons, and new memories waiting to be made. Walking through our classrooms, you can already feel the energy and joy of our students as they dive into Jewish learning in ways that are engaging, meaningful, and fun.

The timing of our school's beginning aligns beautifully with the High Holidays—a season of reflection, renewal, and hope. Just as we guide our students in

discovering the beauty of Judaism, we too take these days to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the year ahead. Together, as a school community, we move forward with open hearts, carrying with us the timeless values of Torah, tefillah, and love for Israel.

On behalf of the entire Religious School staff, I want to wish each of our families a *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah*—a good and sweet New Year. May this year bring health, happiness, and moments of deep Jewish connection for your children and your families. We look forward to growing and celebrating with you throughout the year ahead.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAS STARTED.

Sign Up Here for Religious School:

<https://www.cognateforms.com/OhrShalom/>
L 20252026/ReligiousSchoolRegistrationForms

Scan to Join Religious School:



SCHOOL CALENDAR 25/26



YOUTH GROUPS

Michelle Gurr-Barbour
USY Youth Director



A Big Weekend of Fun for Our Youth!

We're starting the New Year with not one, but TWO awesome youth events—and you won't want to miss either one! Mark your calendars and get ready for a weekend filled with friends, laughter, and adventure.

First up, on Saturday, September 20th from 7:00–9:00pm, all 7th–12th graders are invited to join Jewish teens from across San Diego for a Mall Scavenger Hunt at UTC Mall. Imagine racing through the mall with your friends, following clues, completing hilarious challenges, and snapping photos along the way. You'll team up, put your problem-solving skills to the test, and see who can crack the scavenger hunt first. Even better, you'll get to hang out with teens from all different synagogues and youth groups across the city. It's a night of fun, connection, and a little friendly competition that you'll be talking about long after the last clue is solved!

Then, the very next day, it's time for our younger crew to shine! On Sunday, September 21st from 12:00–1:30pm, all K–7th graders are invited to our Youth Game Day in the Youth Lounge. From classic board games to silly group activities, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Want to roll the dice, test your memory, or outsmart your friends in a round of trivia? We've got you covered. Plus, there will be snacks to fuel the fun and plenty of chances to make new friends as we kick off another amazing year together.

This special back-to-back weekend is all about celebrating our youth community. Whether you're a teen ready for an exciting night out at the mall or a younger student looking forward to a playful afternoon in the lounge, these events are the perfect way to connect, laugh, and create memories. We can't wait to see you there!

Laurel Street Beat

Springsong Weiner Cooper, *Religious School Committee Chair*

Brucha Haba'ah to Our New Shinshin Libi!

Where are you from in Israel?

- I'm from Shoham, it's a small town near the Ben Gurion airport

What's your favorite food in Israel?

- Definitely Jachnun

What's your favorite food in San Diego (so far)?

- My host parent Daniel's fish tacos

What's your favorite movie?

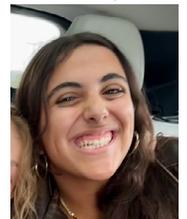
- I have many that I love but my favorite must be either Forrest Gump, the Truman show or Fight Club

What's your favorite song? In Hebrew? In English?

- My favorite song in Hebrew changes all the time but for now, I think it's "אין אני" by "שוטי הנבואה" ("En ani" by "Shotei Hanevuah"). My favorite English song at the moment is "American Pie."

What's something you wanted to do in San Diego that you can't do in Israel?

- Watch a baseball game, visit the zoo, and order food from a drive-thru!





Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

Ophir's Nominated Films Reveal a Look Inside Israel

The Israeli Academy of Film and Television announced the nominees for this year's Ophir Awards, Israel's Oscar equivalent. As expected, the hostages and the war feature prominently in several of the nominated films. Three outstanding films about the war received nominations for Short Documentaries. *Screams Before Silence* reports the sexual violence committed by terrorists on October 7. Former Meta COO Sheryl Sandberg, who interviews survivors and witnesses, has been promoting the movie around the world. *Table for Eight*, about four-year-old Israeli-American citizen Abigail Mor Idan, who was kidnapped into Gaza by Hamas terrorists after they murdered her parents, was made for the investigative television program Uvda. *#Nova* tells the story of the massacre of over 360 at the Nova Music Festival through video and audio clips recorded by the victims and survivors. *A Letter to David*, a portrait of still held hostage David Cunio and his family, and *The Boy*, about a troubled father and son whose relationship reaches a point of crisis as the kibbutz where they lived faced rocket attacks, were also nominated for Best Short Feature Film.

Movies chosen by Ophir were not limited to the subject of war. Films nominated for Best Picture also include a wide range of topics about life inside Israeli society. *The Sea* tells the story of a Palestinian child who sneaks into Israel to visit the beach for the first time, and whose father, a construction worker, searches for him after he goes missing, led with 13 nominations. Acclaimed filmmaker Nadiv

Lapid's *Yes* is a critique of Israel's leadership, guaranteed to offend. *Dead Language* is about a woman who impulsively pretends to be the driver for a stranger at the airport, and *Come Closer* tells the story of an obsessive friendship that develops between a young woman mourning her brother's sudden death and his girlfriend. Also nominated is *Eid*, the first full-length drama by a Bedouin director, Yousef Abo Madegem, tells the story of a Bedouin construction worker from Rahat, dreaming to be a playwright while struggling to fulfill his parents' expectations.

In addition, this year there was attention given to firsts for female-directed movies. Five of the six films nominated in the Best Feature Film Category were women. Besides *Eid* and *Come Closer*, the nominees include *The Milky Way* by Maya Kenig, the story of a young mother who sells her breast milk to a wealthy family; *Halisa* by Sophie Artus, about a childless nurse who bonds with a young mother at her Haifa clinic, *Highway 65* by Maya Dreifuss, the story of a tough, tactless police detective investigating a murder in a small town, and *Girls Like Us* by Lee Gilat, about a teen from a broken home who falls for the female soldier who is counseling her. These films also reflect a broad section of Israeli life today.

The Ophir Awards will be presented at a ceremony on September 16 in Tel Aviv. The winner of the Best Feature Film Award will be Israel's official selection for consideration for a Best International Feature Oscar.



The Sea



The Boy



Highway 65



Eid



RITUAL

Phil Miller
Ritual Chair

Need Help Building a Sukkah?



As you read this, the month of Elul has begun. With that, summer has wrapped up, school has resumed, and we have just three weeks until Rosh Hashanah! The High Holidays are a busy time around Ohr Shalom, with extensive programs and services for adults and kids, study opportunities, and community gatherings. I urge you to read the calendar in this Davar and the weekly Kol to find everything you want to participate in, and RSVP when necessary as soon as possible.

Looking a bit past Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we have Sukkot beginning the evening of Monday, October 6th. During the festival of Sukkot, we are commanded (among other things) to build a sukkah and to dwell in it. I'm calling on the entire Ohr Shalom congregation to help one another in fulfilling these mitzvot.

If you're planning to build a sukkah, why not invite other members of the community to help with construction? If you weren't planning a sukkah, but want to have one, maybe we can help

arrange the necessary materials and effort to make it happen.

If you want to contribute to building a sukkah, I want to help match you up with people who could use the help, or just want to share in the joyous labor. Even if you feel your sukkah-building ability is limited, I want to help you find a chance to take part and fulfill the mitzvah, so please reach out.

Once all these sukkot are built, ideally we all get a chance to fulfill the mitzvah of dwelling in it, and shaking the lulav and etrog. If you have a sukkah, and can welcome guests, that would be wonderful. Hosting people for meals is admirable, but even simply inviting others to come and enjoy your sukkah on their own would be greatly appreciated.

To coordinate in all of these opportunities to fulfill and share in the mitzvot of Sukkot, please email me at ritual@ohrshalom.org and let me know how you'd like to participate.



SOCIAL ACTION & SUSTAINABILITY

Davin Widgerow
Social Action Chair

Shalom, klal Ohr Shalom!

I am thrilled to be joining the board as chair of the Social Action and Sustainability Committee. Ohr Shalom welcomed me with so much love when I first started attending the shul in September 2024. Since then, I launched into religious life, and I often leyn Torah and lead services on Shabbat and the weekday Mincha. Here is a little more about me and my goals for the Committee.

I was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1983. South Africa hosted a thriving Jewish community for decades, and I enjoyed the best that the South African Jewish community offered: I attended Jewish day school at the King David Schools; became bar mitzvah at the "Sandton Shul," the *Beth HaMedrash HaGadol*; and enjoyed several summer camps with the *Bnei Akiva Zionist* youth movement. Judaism was central to my life, and participating in Ohr Shalom's services and community life signifies a return—a *t'shuva*—to my love of our ancient faith and culture.

In December 2001, I immigrated to Orange County after finishing high school in South Africa. I lived with my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, who immigrated to Orange County in the 1980s, while I attended community college in Irvine. I transferred to UC Berkeley in 2003, and graduated with a B.A. *cum laude* in Political Science in 2005. After three years working at a

law firm in Los Angeles, I attended law school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and earned my J.D. in 2011. I was admitted to the California Bar the same year.

My legal career started at a firm advocating for disabled individuals seeking disability benefits—work that required representing people in hearings all over the United States. In 2013, I moved to San Diego to begin a job at a law firm representing public agencies in environmental cleanup matters. Three years later, in 2016, I became a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego, and in 2020, I began service as a Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice. At both agencies, I handled a broad range of pollution control and environmental justice matters. In March 2024, I became a partner at the law firm of Burke, Williams & Sorensen, a firm with a century-long history representing public agencies, and my practice remains focused on representing agencies in both advisory and litigation roles. I specialize in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act, CERCLA, hazardous waste laws, toxic tort law, and related laws and regulations involving air quality, water quality and flood control, public contracting, open meetings laws, and public records, among others.

In my spare time, I love backpacking, hiking, and photography. I have completed about 65% of the John Muir Trail on annual summer backpacking trips to the high Sierra Nevada. On these trips, I amassed tens of thousands of lovely photos that, for now, remain unprocessed in my computer hard drive. I also enjoy photography road trips, especially to the desert southwest. But my favorite activity by far is spending time with my 5-year old nephew and 1-year-old niece who live in Orange County—they are the lights of my life!

All of which brings me back to the Social Action and Sustainability Committee. Thank you so much to Stu Weinshtanker for his amazing work setting up so many of this Committee's programs—it has made my transition infinitely easier, and I pledge to continue these efforts. Our regular **JFS Safe Parking Volunteer Catering** events will continue, as will our Beach Cleanup Events, our Thanksgiving Meal Program, and others—thanks to all the hardworking people who continue to donate time and money to these important *tikkum olam* initiatives. Several folks also have new ideas for the Committee that I am eager to explore, and we are considering additional ways to improve sustainability and reduce our environmental footprint. In sum, some exciting stuff ahead, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know even more members of the Ohr Shalom community!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS IN AUGUST

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In memory of Esther Tishman
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In memory of Lilian Bendah
Jim Lewis

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All Souls Episcopal Church

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We apologize for any omissions.

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

Jonathan Geiger	Amy Morris
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Thank You To Our Volunteer Help in August:

Jim Lewis, Debbie Suissa, Ezra Shachar, office volunteering.

Share a Simcha

or commemorate a loved one's yahrzeit with your Ohr Shalom family by sponsoring Kiddush.

Shabbat Morning Kiddush Sponsorship: \$180

Donations to the Shabbat Kiddush fund can be made at any level.

Contact Gillian
office@ohrshalom.org

Condolences To:

Barbara Hartman on the passing of her beloved husband, **Joe Hartman z"l**, father to **Elizabeth**.

Rachel (Salomon) Lipowsky on the passing of her beloved mother, **Lilian Bendah z"l**, beloved wife of **Joseph Bendah**, mother of **Morris (Shula) Bendah, Pnina Olsher, Joshua Bendah, David Bendah** and **Golda Bendah**, grandmother of fourteen and great-grandmother of three.

Roberta Shoman on the passing of her beloved husband, **Martin Shoman z"l**, father of **Greg** and **Evan**, and grandfather of **Alexander, Nicholas** and **Jordan**.

Mazal Tov To:

Emily and David Ostler on the birth and bris of their new baby, **James Solomon Ostler**.

Rebecca and Daniel Zipp on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Benjamin Zipp**.

LeAnne Adams on the wedding of her daughter **Marion**.

ELUL-TISHREI Yahrzeits at Ohr Shalom

Federico D'Larenas	Maria Gomez' Father	1-Sep/8 Elul
Adolf Braun	Gary Brown's Grandfather	2-Sep/9 Elul
Maureen Burke	Beth Vann's Mother	2-Sep/9 Elul
*Ida Abrams	Evie Sevel's Aunt.....	3-Sep/10 Elul
Harold Simon	Gillian Moss' Father	3-Sep/10 Elul
Sadi Sportes	Remembered by Vida Sportes	3-Sep/10 Elul
*Ruben Veinbergs	Miguel Veinbergs' Brother	3-Sep/10 Elul

* Denotes a memorial plaque was purchased in memory of a loved one. Contact office@ohrshalom.org to order a memorial plaque.

ELUL-TISHREI YAHRZEITS AT OHR SHALOM



Yehezkiel Cohen	Nili Feuerstein's Father.....	4-Sep/11 Elul
Robert Gottschalk	Judi Gottschalk's Husband.....	4-Sep/11 Elul
Kalman Grun	Elizabeth Green's Great Grandfather.....	4-Sep/11 Elul
*Paul Weil	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	4-Sep/11 Elul
*Ketty Capelluto	Stella Salzman's Mother.....	5-Sep/12 Elul
Miriam Haber	Ellen Haber's Mother.....	5-Sep/12 Elul
Susanne Lisker	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	5-Sep/12 Elul
Hertha Sherwood	Doreen Casuto's Mother.....	5-Sep/12 Elul
Hilda Cohen	Santiago Cohen's Mother.....	6-Sep/13 Elul
Sally Lombrozo	Jose Lombrozo's Mother.....	6-Sep/13 Elul
*Zachary Lachow	Lillian Lachow's Father.....	7-Sep/14 Elul
Lena Toby Spellman	Roberta Greene's Grandmother.....	7-Sep/14 Elul
Jessie Tabak	Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandmother.....	7-Sep/14 Elul
Juan Finkelberg	Jorge Finkelberg's Father.....	8-Sep/15 Elul
Nathan Cutler	Amy Morris' Grandfather.....	9-Sep/16 Elul
*Israel Louis Lacher	Roberta Shoman's Father.....	9-Sep/16 Elul
Paul T. Linsk	Amy Morris' Uncle.....	9-Sep/16 Elul
Israel Tiger	Stan Tiger's Father.....	10-Sep/17 Elul
Max Zands	Samy Zands' Father.....	11-Sep/18 Elul
Joel Nemoy	Anita Nemoy's Husband and Justina Nemoy's Father.....	13-Sep/20 Elul
*Beatrice Zeer	Jane Zeer's Mother.....	13-Sep/20 Elul
Feliciano Artenstein	Remembered by Sara Artenstein.....	14-Sep/21 Elul
BJ Dyer-Rubin	Remembered by Joe Rubin.....	14-Sep/21 Elul
Bessie Eichenbaum	Remembered by Joe Rubin.....	14-Sep/21 Elul
Phyllis Kanter	Miriam Plotkin's Mother.....	14-Sep/21 Elul
Violet Dascal	Remembered by Brett Thronburg & Sharon Talerman.....	15-Sep/22 Elul
Anita Ruth Stuppler	Remembered by Anita Nemoy and Justina Nemoy.....	15-Sep/22 Elul
*Fannie Loeserman	Debbie Reid's Grandmother.....	16-Sep/23 Elul
*Lou Dunst	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	17-Sep/24 Elul
*Irving Rosenfeld	Jerry Horn's Grandfather.....	17-Sep/24 Elul
*Harry Sevel	Remembered by Evie Sevel.....	17-Sep/24 Elul
Alfred Tobias Brauer	Sandra Finkelberg's Father.....	18-Sep/25 Elul
Vera Kwilecki	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	18-Sep/25 Elul
*Sylvan Silberg	Remembered by Renee Schor.....	18-Sep/25 Elul
Ernest Abraham	Janet Algazi's Father.....	19-Sep/26 Elul
Ruthy Braun	Sara Fainstein's Cousin.....	19-Sep/26 Elul
Norman Lipner	Aaron Lipner's Father.....	19-Sep/26 Elul
Alice Starobin	Barrett Avigdor's Grandmother.....	19-Sep/26 Elul
Sam Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Uncle.....	19-Sep/26 Elul
*Bettie R. Greene	Norman Greene's Mother.....	20-Sep/27 Elul
*Linda Rose	Susan Kaplan's Sister.....	20-Sep/27 Elul
Vida Levy	Vida Sportes, Miryam Slovatzki and Reyna Forman's Grandmother.....	21-Sep/28 Elul
*Byron Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Father.....	22-Sep/29 Elul
*Louis J. Greene	Norman Greene's Father.....	22-Sep/29 Elul
Annette F. Kronich	Louise Chandler's Mother.....	22-Sep/29 Elul
*Cynthia Fox	Steve Fox's Mother.....	22-Sep/29 Elul
*Shura Gurvich	Remembered by the Veinbergs Families and Sylvia Galicot.....	23-Sep/1 Tishrei
Benjamin Rosental	Ruben Rosental's Father.....	23-Sep/1 Tishrei
*Hilde Sachs	Ray Sachs' Mother.....	23-Sep/1 Tishrei
*Aaron Louis Solof	Susan Kaplan's Father.....	23-Sep/1 Tishrei
Max Wachterman	Susan Hagler's Father.....	23-Sep/1 Tishrei
Albert Goldberg	Susie Meltzer's Uncle.....	23-Sep/1 Tishrei
Lois Green	Elizabeth Green's Mother.....	24-Sep/2 Tishrei
*Rebeca Lan	Rashel Galicot's Mother.....	24-Sep/2 Tishrei
Jerilyn Mantel	Barry Mantel's Mother.....	24-Sep/2 Tishrei
Steven Lawrence Green	Elizabeth Green's Brother.....	26-Sep/4 Tishrei
Jane Ruth Rykerd	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	26-Sep/4 Tishrei
*Cecilia Sommer	Elena Kucinski's Mother.....	27-Sep/5 Tishrei
Henry Sportes	Remembered by Vida Sportes.....	27-Sep/5 Tishrei
Sara Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Grandmother.....	27-Sep/5 Tishrei
Laurie Beth Lovell	Steve Fox's Sister.....	29-Sep/7 Tishrei
William Mostel	Linda Mostel's Grandfather.....	30-Sep/8 Tishrei

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2025 / ELUL-TISHREI 5785-5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8 Elul Labor Day Office Closed No Minyan No Choir Practice	2 9 Elul 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank	3 10 Elul 9:30am - Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	4 11 Elul 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	5 12 Elul 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" Hot Dog Shabbat 6:49pm	6 13 Elul Parshat Ki Teitzei 9:30am - Shabbat Service 7:48pm
7 14 Elul 9:30am - Religious School 1:00pm - Adult Ed: Program 6:15pm - Minyan	8 15 Elul 6:15pm - Minyan 6:45pm - Choir Practice	9 16 Elul 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank	10 17 Elul 9:30am - Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	11 18 Elul 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	12 19 Elul 12:00pm - Slow Read 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:40pm	13 20 Elul Parshat Ki Tavo 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 12:30pm - Lunch & Learn 8:00pm - Selichot 7:39pm
14 21 Elul 9:00am-2:30pm - Blood Drive 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	15 22 Elul 6:00pm - Minyan 6:30pm - Choir Concert in honor of Ana Galicot	16 23 Elul 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank	17 24 Elul 9:30am - Daf Yomi 11:00am - Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	18 25 Elul 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	19 26 Elul 12:00pm - Slow Read 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Shabbat Kehillatit Service & Community Dinner 6:30pm	20 27 Elul Parshat Nitzavim 9:30am - Shabbat Service 7:29pm
21 28 Elul 9:30am - Religious School 10:00am - Sisterhood Challah Bake 6:15pm - Minyan	22 29 Elul Erev Rosh HaShanah 7:00pm - Rosh HaShanah Evening Service 6:24pm	23 1 Tishrei Rosh HaShanah I Office Closed 8:30am - Rosh HaShanah Morning Service 5:00pm - Tashlich	24 2 Tishrei Rosh HaShanah II Office Closed 8:30am - Rosh HaShanah Morning Service 7:22pm	25 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedaliah No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	26 4 Tishrei 12:00pm - Slow Read 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:20pm	27 5 Tishrei Parshat Vayeilech Shabbat Shuvah 9:30am - Shabbat Service 12:30pm - Lunch & Learn 7:19pm
28 6 Tishrei 9:30am - Religious School 10:00am - Kever Avot at Home of Peace 6:15pm - Minyan	29 7 Tishrei 6:15pm - Minyan 6:45pm - Choir Practice	30 8 Tishrei 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank	1 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur 2:00pm - Office Closes 3:00pm - Family Kol Nidre 5:45pm - Kol Nidre Service 6:14pm	2 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Office Closed 8:30am - Morning Service with Yizkor 4:00pm - Mincha & Neilah 6:15pm - Yom Kippur Evening Service 7:13pm	3 11 Tishrei 12:00pm - Slow Read 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi" 6:12pm	4 12 Tishrei Parshat Ha'azinu 9:30am - Shabbat Service 7:08pm
5 13 Tishrei 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	6 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 6:15pm - Minyan 6:45pm - Choir Practice 6:06pm	7 15 Tishrei Sukkot 1 9:30am - Sukkot Morning Service	8 16 Tishrei Sukkot 2 9:30am - Sukkot Morning Service 7:04pm	9 17 Tishrei Sukkot 3 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	10 18 Tishrei Sukkot 4 12:00pm - Slow Read 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Shabbat Sukkot Kehillatit Service & Community Dinner 6:00pm	11 19 Tishrei Sukkot 5 9:30am - Sukkot Shabbat Service in the Sukkah 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 12:30pm - Lunch & Learn 6:59pm