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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

OCTOBER 2025 • MONTHLY NEWSLETTER • TISHREI/CHESHVAN 5786

## YOM KIPPUR

**Erev Yom Kippur Wed. October 1**  
 Family Kol Nidre 3:00pm  
 Kol Nidre 5:45pm  
*Kol Nidre Violin Prelude by Eileen Wingard*

**Yom Kippur Thurs. October 2**  
 Morning Service with Yizkor 8:30am  
 Afternoon Activities & Study 2:30pm  
 Mincha and Ne'ilah 4:00pm  
 Break the Fast 7:13pm

## Shabbat Kehillatit in the Sukkah

**Friday, October 10, 6:15pm**

RSVP by October 6

Scan or click QR Code



## 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

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Upcoming Events

**EVERYDAY PRACTICAL  
WAYS TO USE AI**  
 Sunday, October 19, 10:00am

**EXPLORING THE LIFE OF  
WILD ANIMALS ON FOUR  
CONTINENTS**  
 Sunday, November 16, 10:00am

**HOW TO HELP YOUR  
LOVED ONES WHO ARE  
HOSPITALIZED**  
 Sunday, December 14, 10:00am

## A Sukkah from Leviathan's Skin



Rabbi Scott Meltzer

**And Rabba says that Rabbi Yohanan says: In the future, the Holy One, Blessed be He, will prepare a Sukkah for the righteous from the**

**skin of Leviathan** (Babylonian Talmud, Baba Batra 75a).

I am confident that you are not planning on building your Sukkah with the skin of Leviathan. Palm fronds are much nicer; and halachically speaking, one is not permitted to use animal skins in the covering of the Sukkah.

So what in the world is Rabba teaching in the name of Rabbi Yohanan? Why will we use Leviathan's skin one day in the building of the Sukkah?

Besides that I love building the Sukkah, eating in it, sleeping in it, and everything about Sukkot, the holiday also has much greater depth than simple joy (not to minimize joy). We often talk about Sukkot as the holiday of God's protection – as we pray every night year round that God should spread over us the Sukkah of peace.

We also often talk about getting outside of our solid walls, our comfortable homes, and being in the world in which we are created, the world to which we belong.

But the skin of Leviathan brings another meaning to Sukkot. The skin of Leviathan, the great sea monster, is an image of redemption. It is promised that when the ultimate redemption comes, God will fish Leviathan right out of the sea and grill it up for the meal of the righteous to celebrate the redemption. And, at least according to Rabbi in the name of Rabbi Yohanan, use its skin to make the Sukkah.

So Sukkot is also linked to that ultimate redemption – the promise of a day of peace, a day of reuniting parents and children, a day of reuniting all Jews. It is why one of the metaphoric images associated with Sukkot is the rebuilding of David's fallen Sukkah – a metaphor for independence, peace, security and prosperity for the Jewish people in Israel.

We usually associate Pesach with being the time of redemption – the day when with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm God brought us out from Egypt.

And it says about Sukkot that God made us live in Sukkot when God brought us out of Egypt (Lv 23:43).

So Pesach is when we were freed, but Sukkot is about living in that world of freedom. We need Pesach to deliver us, but we need Sukkot to dwell in and celebrate that freedom and that peace.

I am certainly looking forward to Pesach in five-and-a-half months, and I loved Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur this year, but I really long for Sukkot. I pray and yearn for a day of peace, and it will be okay with me if some want to sit in the shade of the Sukkah and others in the shade of their fig trees.

Build a Sukkah. Invite friends, acquaintances, even strangers into your Sukkah. Be a guest in another person's Sukkah.

We need the Sukkah. We need Sukkot. Let us all pray for the day when all will sit in freedom and in peace, regardless of the material from which the Sukkah will be made.

*Chag sameah* – may your Festival be joyous.



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
President

# October brings opportunities for Prayer, Giving, Sharing, and Celebrating

We begin the month of October with **Kol Nidre** Wednesday evening October 1st. As is the custom at Ohr Shalom, I will address the congregation with a brief overview of our accomplishments and changes during the past year, and asking for your financial support in conjunction with this High Holy Day. Financially supporting the synagogue, for some of you at Kol Nidre is a family custom extending back generations. For others it may be more recent, and for some, not something you have done in the past. As I will discuss in my address, I encourage each of you to consider a **pledge** of any amount. Our 10 Days of Awe, Yamim Noraim, beginning with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are a time of reflection including prayer, growth, change, and charity. In this regard, beginning the 25 hours of prayer, fasting, reflection, and personal and spiritual growth at Yom Kippur with a financial pledge to Ohr Shalom, one that will assist those in our community who don't have the financial means to support all of our activities and help to ensure our financial stability, may help to facilitate this process. And, if you don't make a pledge on the evening of Kol Nidre, but decide to do so later, you can easily do so from our website or by calling the office. It's never too late!

The next morning begins the full day of **Yom Kippur** on Thursday, October 2nd. Please see other sections of this

Davar, as well as information mailed to you and online for times and all of the various programs scheduled. And speaking of giving, if you are reading this early enough, you may be able to sign up as a greeter or usher during the holiday. Again, see a different page of this Davar for the SignUp Genius link. If it's too late to sign up, but you are interested in helping out, check with Gillian or a greeter when you arrive. And of course, consider doing this next year on a day of Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. We always need more people!

In October, in less than one week, begins the joyous pilgrimage holiday of **Sukkot**. Did you understand that sentence? If not, be sure to look it up, and come to a service and learn more. This year, our Ritual Chair, Phil Miller is helping to arrange **private sukkah** building opportunities for all members, whether you put up your own, or want to assist others with theirs. He is offering to facilitate the following: for first time builders - identifying materials needed and possible helpers to assist; and for those erecting their own - finding others to assist, and join in on this mitzvah. And that's not all, Phil is also arranging to secure invitations to join each other in private sukkot. We are commanded to "dwell" in a temporary dwelling called a sukkah for seven days, spending as much time as possible inside, including eating all meals, and ideally

sleeping there as well. Have you been to a private sukkah? It's a lot of fun to say a prayer and sit, shake the lulav and hold the etrog, and even have a meal. If you'd like to invite others, or get an invitation, contact Phil at [ritual@ohrshalom.org](mailto:ritual@ohrshalom.org) and see his announcement in another area of this Davar.

By the way, when you read this column, we may still be looking for helpers to put up, or take down our **Synagogue sukkah**. Contact Steve Rose, our Building and Grounds Chair ([steverose@san.rr.com](mailto:steverose@san.rr.com)) or Phil ([ritual@ohrshalom.org](mailto:ritual@ohrshalom.org)) if you want to help.

Beginning on Monday evening October 6th, **Sukkot** starts. Festival services for the holiday are held in the mornings of October 7 and 8. We sing the Hallel prayer, praising God and expressing our appreciation, and blessings over the lulav and etrog, while enjoying the outdoor space and beauty of our community's sukkah. Next up is the special eighth day holiday of Shemini Atzeret, beginning Monday evening October 13 and with a full morning service the next day. Don't know about this holiday - look it up, or better yet, come to services that day and find out. This service also features Yizkor service, the memorial for our deceased ancestors, relatives, and friends.

And then we conclude with dancing

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Services are in person and on **Zoom**

Friday	October 3	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	October 4	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday	October 10	6:15pm	Shabbat Sukkot Kehillatit Service/Dinner
Saturday	October 11	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
		10:30am	Tot Shabbat
		12:30pm	Lunch & Learn
Friday	October 17	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	October 18	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday	October 24	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	October 25	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday	October 31	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	November 1	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting Available



## PARSHIYOT & CANDLE LIGHTING October 2025

### PARSHAT HA'AZINU

12 Tishrei - Candle Lighting: 6:12pm  
 Fri: October 3  
 Sat: October 4  
 Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52  
 Haft: II Samuel 22:1-51

### SUKKOT V

19 Tishrei - Candle Lighting: 6:03pm  
 Fri: October 10  
 Sat: October 11  
 Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26;  
 Numbers 29:23-28  
 Haft: Exekiel 38:18-39:16

### PARSHAT BERESHIT MEVARCHIM CHODESH

26 Tishrei - Candle Lighting: 5:54pm  
 Fri: October 17  
 Sat: October 18  
 Torah: Genesis 1:1-6:8  
 Haft: Isaiah 42:5-43:10

### PARSHAT NOACH

3 Cheshvan - Candle Lighting: 5:47pm  
 Fri: October 24  
 Sat: October 25  
 Torah: Genesis 6:9-11:32  
 Haft: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

### PARSHAT LECH LECHA

10 Cheshvan - Candle Lighting: 5:40pm  
 Fri: October 31  
 Sat: November 1  
 Torah: Genesis 12:1-17:27  
 Haft: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

## Shabbat Kehillatit in the Sukkah



### Friday, October 10

Family-Friendly Service: 6:15pm  
 Community Dinner: 7:15pm  
 RSVP by October 6 Scan or click QR Code



<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-members</b>
Adults: \$20	Adults: \$30
Children: \$12	Children: \$15 5-12 years old.
Children under 5 FREE	

## 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



## Erev Simchat Torah Tuesday, October 14



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Please RSVP to the Ohr Shalom office





## CHESED

**Aviva Rosenberg**  
Chesed Committee Chair

### Chesed Committee: Spreading Kindness, One Act at a Time

As autumn leaves begin to fall and the days grow cooler, we are reminded that the High Holidays have passed, but the work of tikkun olam (repairing the world) continues. At our synagogue, the Chesed Committee is dedicated to ensuring that kindness and compassion remain at the heart of everything we do, not just during the holy days, but all year round.

#### What is Chesed?

The Hebrew word Chesed translates to “loving-kindness,” and it represents one of the fundamental values of our faith. Whether it’s offering a helping hand to a neighbor, providing a meal to someone in need, or simply lending a listening ear, every act of kindness has the potential to make a profound impact.

In our community, the Chesed Committee is the driving force behind many of these acts, coordinating efforts to support congregants through times of illness, loss, or difficulty, and spreading joy and warmth throughout our synagogue family.

What We’ve Done – And What’s Coming Up This past year, the Chesed Committee has been involved in numerous initiatives that reflect our community’s deep commitment to kindness and support. Some of our efforts include: Meal Delivery: We’ve been able to provide meals for families facing illness, new parents, and those recovering from surgery. These small gestures go a long way in offering practical support and showing that no one is alone in their time of need. Visiting the Sick: Whether through hospital visits or home check-ins, our committee members have made sure that those who are ill or homebound feel connected and cared for. In a world where isolation can feel overwhelming, our visits bring warmth and comfort. Shiva and Bereavement Support: In times of grief, the Chesed Committee offers comfort by organizing meal deliveries, coordinating minyan services, and simply providing a compassionate presence for families in mourning.

As we look ahead to October and beyond, we have several exciting initiatives and opportunities for the congregation to get involved in

#### How You Can Get Involved

There are many ways for you to participate in the Chesed Committee’s work, and we invite everyone in the congregation to join us in spreading kindness. Whether you can offer your time, your talents, or even just a kind word, every contribution helps.

- 1. Volunteer:** We are always looking for volunteers to help with meal deliveries, visits, and other services. Even an hour of your time can make a world of difference.
- 2. Donate:** Monetary donations are crucial to helping us cover the cost of meals, care packages, and other necessary resources. Any contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.
- 3. Share Your Ideas:** We are always open to new ideas for how we can better serve the community. If you have suggestions for how we can improve or expand our efforts, please don’t hesitate to reach out.
- 4. Lend a Listening Ear:** Sometimes, simply being there for someone can be the most meaningful act of all. If you know someone who could use a kind word or a visit, consider reaching out to them.

It’s easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, but it’s important to remember that Chesed doesn’t have to be grand or complicated. Often, the smallest acts of kindness can have the biggest impact. A phone call to check in, a meal shared with a friend, or a note of encouragement can brighten someone’s day and remind them that they are not alone.

As we move into this new season, let’s continue to strengthen the bonds of our community by living out the values of Chesed in everything we do. Whether we’re offering practical support or simply showing empathy and love, we all could make a difference in each other’s lives.

If you’re interested in getting involved with the Chesed Committee or would like more information about how you can help, please reach out to [chesed@ohrshalom.org](mailto:chesed@ohrshalom.org). Together, we can make this community one that is defined by compassion, care, and kindness.

### PRESIDENT (cont.)

and song for Simchat Torah. Tuesday evening October 14 are meals and programs for children and adults. A lot of fun. And then the next day for the morning services, more dancing and singing as we conclude the reading of the Torah, and immediately begin again. Two special members of the congregation are honored as the Kallah or Chatan Torah (Bride or Bridegroom of the Torah) who receives the Aliyah of the last portion of the old year’s Torah, from the Book of Deuteronomy. The other is the Kallah/Chatan Bereshit (Bride/Bridegroom of Genesis) who reads the first

portion of the new year’s Torah, from the Book of Genesis (Bereshit). These are great honors and are usually offered to members of the congregation who have made a significant contribution in some way to the life of the community. Come to the service, find out who is being recognized and honored, and participate in the festivities.

So, join us for some or, even better, all these special events. See you at Ohr Shalom.



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

# Reflections on 5785

5785 (2024-25) has been a bumpy road. I remember loving bumpy roads or dips in the road when I was a kid. One dip on the way home from kindergarten would make my stomach flip, but at that time I liked it and would always say, “that tickles my tummy,” and then my parents would smile. Now, the bumpy roads and big dips still make my stomach flip, but not in a fun way. Yet, there are still so many things to be grateful for from the past year.

The month of Elul certainly held me in a time of reflection, introspection and *cheshbon hanefesh* (accounting of the soul). I found myself thinking all the way back to my professor/Rabbi from my Judaic Studies classes and Hillel, Hanan Sills Z”L. It was Oregon and he was a pretty granola/hippy Rabbi. I’ll admit it took a little while to warm up to his style, but then we developed a real connection and I learned so much from him about Judaism and myself. He helped me break down the Jewish concepts of *Teshuva* and Atonement as a free thinking adult versus the definitions we were given as children in Religious School.

He was the first to explain *Teshuva* as “missing the mark” and giving ourselves forgiveness for having done so. That

resonated with me as I navigated the complicated relationships in college, the work load and the pressure I was putting on myself to be perfect at all of those things simultaneously. For those who know me well, I am still working on these issues, but every year I take this time to take a moment to forgive myself for not living up to my own expectations. I can still hear and see him giving this lecture and I can feel myself having that “AHA” moment of this is what Yom Kippur is all about.

He also broke apart “Atonement” into “AT-ONE-MENT.” Meaning, this was our time to come together and forgive each other and become one. (I told you he was a hippy.) As cheesy as that sounded and still sounds outside the bounds of Yom Kippur and thinking about forgiveness with intention, it also brought the concept to life for me. As Jews, we are here to work together to do *Tikkun Olam* and *Gimilut Chasadim* and improve the world one bit at a time while we are on this earth. Holding grudges with others or ourselves inhibits our ability to be a cohesive community that can bring about positive change.

So, what are my reflections on 5785 other than reminiscing about one of my

favorite teachers and mentors...This year was hard! It was hard to maintain hope. It was hard to watch the news and it was hard to stay positive. However, I was heartened to see our congregation continue to support one another on an individual level and at the larger community level. The humanity and kindness that flows in and out of Ohr Shalom every day is what inspires me. At least once a day I receive a kind email, text or call. Our volunteers and donors continue to give selflessly and bring joy and hope to our lives.

As far as *Cheshbon HaNefesh* - accounting for the soul, through my interactions with you and your thoughtful guidance, I feel like my soul is always well tended and fed. You make me think and take stock of what I have and help me realize how lucky I am to be in a soul nourishing environment. Thank you for giving me hope and may I do the same for you in the coming year.

Even though you might read this after Yom Kippur - Please forgive me if I have offended or wronged you in the past year. I am truly sorry.

*G’Mar Chatimah Tovah* - May you be sealed in the Book of Life.

## California State Ballot Measure Discussion

with **Jason Bercovitch**,  
District Director Policy Advisor to  
Congressman Scott Peters

**Sunday, October 12 at 10:00am**  
**in the Ohr Shalom Zoom Room**

Join us to learn about all the Ballot Measure. Jason Bercovitch will give a non-partisan, unbiased presentation.



## 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.



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. We look forward to 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](mailto:juliannebwest@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE!



# Ohr Shalom Centennial Lights Gala

**Sunday,**  
**May 3, 2026, 4:30pm**



**Allyson Darroch**  
Davar Editor

## Should Mr. Slivowitz Go Fishing?

Luckily, it wasn't Shabbat. It was Mr. S.'s turn to host the Men's Club Poker Night.

Sophie Slivowitz had brought some lox and bagels in when someone at the table said "So Slivowitz, old man, what about organizing a sport fishing event for the Men's Club? By sport fishing I mean catch-and-release fishing -- fishing for fun and adventure, not for food."

**A sharp intake of breath was heard from the kitchen. Mr. S knew what Sophie's response would be and this time he agreed.** Mr. Slivowitz, ordinarily a quiet man, spoke "I don't have a problem with someone who takes a salmon or trout out of the water and eats it for dinner, even if he really enjoys the taking. What appalls me is fishing for its own sake. If it's thrilling to drag a fish through the water by a barbed hook in its mouth, or that there is pleasure in making it struggle frantically, or that it is exciting to force a wild creature to exhaust itself in a desperate bid to get free. That's not just right. This started a considerable amount of heated discussion "Imagine using worms and flies to catch mountain bluebirds or maybe eagles and ospreys and hauling them around on 50 feet of line while they tried to get away. Then when you landed them, you'd release them. No one would tolerate that sort of thing with birds. But we

will for fish because they're underwater and out of sight, said Pair of Jacks. Three of a Kind nodded and said, "There is that crazy PETA billboard with a dog with a barbed hook through its lip, If you wouldn't do this to a dog, why do it to a fish?" "Oh" said I Fold, "everyone knows that fish don't feel pain." At that point Almost a Flush jumped in. "Current research with rainbow trout proves the presence of pain receptors in fish, show that fish undergoing a 'potentially painful experience' react with profound behavioral and physiological changes over a prolonged period comparable to those observed in higher mammals. A sport that depends for its enjoyability on forcing an animal to fight for its life is wrong. Wrong for what it does to the fish. Even more wrong for what it does to the fisherman. Hunters don't torment their prey or force it to engage in frenzied combat." The game was forgotten; the stakes and tempers were much higher now. Who knows how the evening would have ended but that Mr. Slivowitz's Uncle Jake, a retired cantor, in a perfect imitation of the Borsch Belt comedian, Jackie Mason, said "Jews don't hunt, we shop. Halakha forbids a person to wantonly kill or injure an animal just for fun." The delivery was droll and laughing, the men all sat down again. Mr. Slivowitz asked Sophie to bring some glasses. Schnapps anyone? L'Chaim.

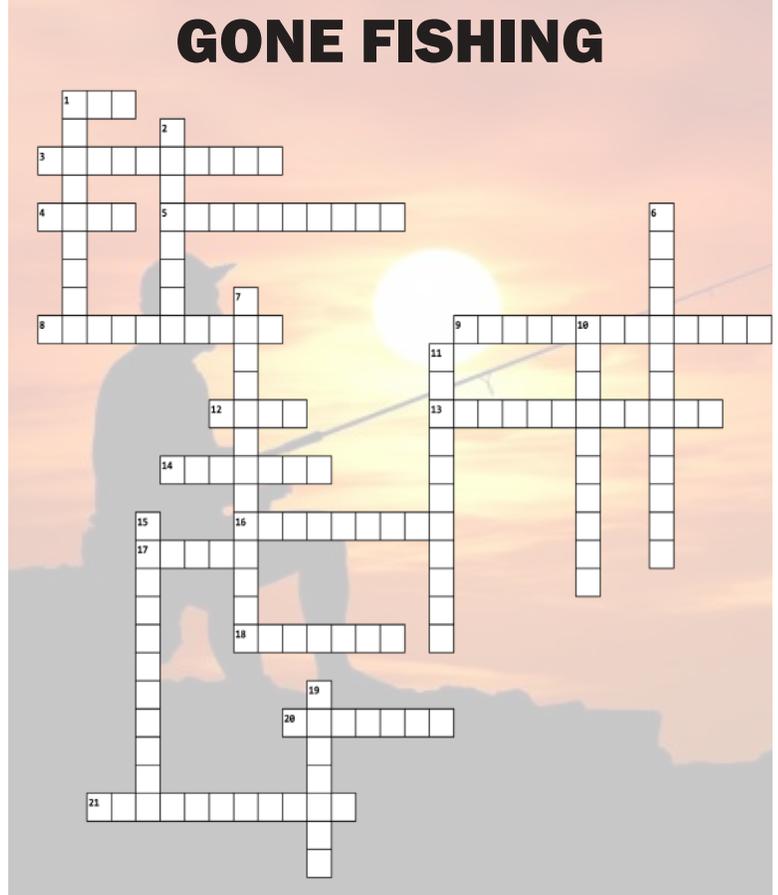
### CROSSWORD PUZZLE (ANSWERS ON PAGE 10)

#### Across

- United Nations organization for food
- Fishing in order to sell for food and nutrients
- United States law to prevent overfishing
- Balanced amount of fish production
- 10% of fishing is done by this method
- Area which government has blocked off from people to prevent overfishing in a section of the ocean
- National organization helping to prevent overfishing in the U.S.
- Fishing technology; surrounding net around population
- Unwanted organisms being caught
- Other way which humans impact fish population and underwater ecosystems
- Set amount of fish to be caught by companies
- Largest group of an organism which can reproduce with one another
- Commercial fishing docks and sites
- Ruining the stock of fish

#### Down

- Basis of predator vs. prey relationship
- Fishing technology; vertical hanging nets underwater
- Fishing that harms fish population
- Example of closed area to overfishing
- Fear of overfishing for some fish species
- Fishing to assure that the environment and fish population are not harmed
- Human way of keeping fish stocks
- Fishing technology; wall of net to have fish heads stuck





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**Eti Chall**  
Sisterhood President

# Tishrei's Pulse: From Yom Kippur's Quiet to Sukkot's Joy

Join us for the next  
**Rosh Codesh,**  
Wednesday, October 22,  
5:30-7:00pm Happy Hour.  
RSVP for Location

Growing up in Israel, the arrival of Tishrei had a distinct feel—an immersion in a collective experience. The High Holiday season was a part of the culture, a vibrant, growing and evolving Jewish homeland. If you've been in Israel during Yom Kippur or Simchat Torah, you know the pulse of it. Here, we preserve our Judaism with a thriving community—holding the warp and woof of the weave in our prayers and Jewish life.

Yom Kippur was quiet. No radios. No cars. People walked in the middle of the street. We stayed up late, gathering in the big public garden, where a tank monument stood. Families, adults, and teens lingered there on Yom Kippur night. The longer you stayed, the later you slept.

The memories are flashes; shards etched in vivid details. I smell and taste them:

my grandmother's pound cake and sweet Wissotsky black tea she drank to break her fast while heating food. The sound of the gate creaking as my grandfather stepped into the garden in his synagogue clothes, tallit bag in his hands.

Then the hammer and palm fronds signal Sukkot. My grandfather built a small sukkah every year, and we all crammed in. We made paper chains, hung drawings and pomegranate branches, and ate every meal inside. Sukkahs were everywhere — fresh, colorful, bright, and welcoming; people walked from sukkah to sukkah to visit. Apartment balconies became sukkot on the mirpeset (מרפסת), and large buildings constructed communal sukkot. It was festive and alive.

After September rains, wildflowers

bloomed. We took day trips to nature preserves as the harsh summer heat broke. The weather turned crisp and perfect.

I still love Sukkot. I cherish the gathering, hosting, and easy socializing. After the hard inner work of Yom Kippur—purified and clear—we arrive and make our space. The sukkah symbolizes deliverance and renewal. Security and knowing we will be provided for. Exalted, we pause and enter the year anew—a deep restoration.

So, we sit in our sukkah, exhale, share a meal, and enjoy a deserved respite. We worked hard, and we arrived. And in that shelter of branches, I offer a prayer: may the hostages come home soon and may they—and all of us—dwell in safety and peace beneath the sukkah's loving shade.

*L'shana Tova Tichatevu VeTichatemu.*



## SECURITY

**Alain Avigdor**  
Security Committee Chair

🛡️ **Reassuring Our Community:** Security and Safety During the High Holidays

As we continue to gather for the High Holidays our hearts turn toward reflection, renewal, and connection. At Ohr Shalom, we are equally focused on ensuring that these sacred days are not only spiritually uplifting but also safe and secure for every congregant.

Thanks to ongoing collaboration with the Secure Community Network (SCN), local law enforcement, and our dedicated volunteer security team, we've implemented robust measures to protect our community during this season of heightened attendance and visibility.

🔒 **What We're Doing to Keep You Safe**

- **Enhanced Security Presence:** Trained volunteers and professional security personnel stationed throughout the premises during all High Holiday services.
- **Facility Assessments:** Our building

has undergone a comprehensive security review, with upgrades made to access control, surveillance, and emergency protocols.

- **Law Enforcement Coordination:** We maintain direct communication with San Diego Police and other agencies to ensure rapid response capability and situational awareness.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Our team has participated in SCN's High Holiday training series, equipping us with best practices for threat prevention and response.

🧠 **Safety Tips for Congregants**

Your awareness and cooperation are essential to maintaining a secure environment. Here are a few simple but powerful steps you can take:

- **Arrive Early:** Give yourself time to pass through security checks and settle in calmly.
- **Bring Only Essentials:** Limit bags and personal items to reduce screening time and avoid congestion.
- **Stay Alert:** If you see something unusual or concerning, notify a

security volunteer or staff member immediately. Board members will be identified with name tags.

- **Know Your Exits:** Familiarize yourself with emergency exits and evacuation routes upon arrival.
- **Respect Protocols:** Follow instructions from security personnel without hesitation—they're here to protect us all.

👥 **A Shared Responsibility**

Security is not just about protocols—it's about people. It's about the volunteers who give their time, the professionals who lend their expertise, and the congregants who remain vigilant and supportive. Together, we create a sanctuary not only of prayer but of peace.

If you're interested in joining our volunteer security team or learning more about our safety initiatives, please reach out. Your involvement strengthens our collective resilience.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, meaningful, and joyous High Holiday season.



## RABBINIC INTERN

**Brianah Caplan**  
Rabbinic Intern

We say it every evening in the Hashkiveinu prayer: “Ufros aleinu sukkat shlomecha” — spread over us the shelter of Your peace. The image is gentle but powerful. Not a fortress, not a wall, but a sukkah — a fragile structure, open to the elements, offering only partial shade and protection. Why would we pray for peace to come in the form of a sukkah?

The Talmud (Sukkah 2a) explains that a sukkah must be temporary, “dirat arai,” a dwelling not meant to last forever. It is sturdy enough to live in, but not unshakable. That fragility is precisely what makes the sukkah such a fitting metaphor for peace. Peace, like a sukkah, must be continually maintained. It is never permanent, never guaranteed. It requires daily care, adjustments, and, sometimes, repair.

The prophet Isaiah envisions a time when God will spread over Jerusalem “a canopy and a sukkah for shade by day from the heat, and for refuge and shelter from storm and rain” (Isaiah

4:5–6). Here, the sukkah is not just flimsy; it is protective. It gives refuge. Even in its imperfection, it creates a space where life can continue, where community can gather. That is the paradox of peace in our world: it may not be unbreakable, but even a fragile peace can shelter us long enough to breathe, to dream, to live.

Today, we are surrounded by strife — in Israel and Gaza, and in our own country. Social media amplifies every conflict until it feels as though the whole world is shaking. Against that backdrop, the prayer for a sukkat shalom feels almost naïve. What good is a sukkah against bombs, against hatred, against the storms of violence and despair?

And yet, our tradition insists that this is precisely what we should ask for: a sukkah, not a bunker. The Midrash (Vayikra Rabbah 30:11) teaches that the sukkah represents the “clouds of glory” that accompanied the Israelites in the wilderness. The clouds could

not be touched or grasped, but they surrounded and protected. Likewise, peace may never be fully solid, but its embrace is real.

To pray for a sukkat shalom is to affirm that peace is not about total security, but about creating sanctuaries — however imperfect — where human dignity can flourish. In our homes, that may mean small daily acts of kindness. In our synagogue, it may mean building bridges across differences. In our world, it means refusing to give up on the possibility that fragile shelters can hold.

As we enter the coming weeks of fall — moving from the Days of Awe into Sukkot and beyond — let us hold onto this image: a sukkah of peace, thin branches overhead, open to the stars. May we be strong enough to live in fragility, and brave enough to keep repairing the sukkah whenever it falters. And may God indeed spread over us, and over all the world, a shelter of peace.

## LEGACY

### The San Diego Book of Life

*By Daniel Pick, Ohr Shalom Member*

On August 17, the Jewish Community Foundation sponsored a community-wide signing of the San Diego Book of Life. This event was open to community members who have created a legacy plan in their will or trust to benefit Jewish institutions, both in San Diego and elsewhere, including Israel. The event was held at the beautiful original Temple Beth Israel, now located at Heritage Park in Old Town.

Both the location and date of the event held special meaning for me. I was married there on Lag B’Omer, May 25, 1997, and my mother passed away on August 11, 2019, so to return to that place to commit to leaving a Jewish legacy was very special for me. There were approximately 150 donors in attendance, both singles and couples, and we were all treated to a light breakfast and a performance of the San Diego Jewish Men’s Chorus. Rabbi Emeritus Yael Ridberg of Congregation Dor Hadash, gave a beautiful sermon on the beauty and value of leaving a

Jewish legacy for generations to come, of planting the seeds of trees that will come to fruition after our passing. In my case, I have created an endowment at the JCF to benefit Ohr Shalom, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, and Temple Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv, Israel. All these institutions have played a meaningful role at different times in my life.

We were then all asked to share a brief personal statement to add to the Book of Life. Mine reads:

*Since 1941, the Pick family has been part of San Diego and its Jewish community. My parents Richard and Gracia were married at Tifereth Israel Synagogue in 1957, and they were members of Congregation Beth Israel. My mother was an active participant in the Beth Israel Hunger Project for many years. I was married at this location on Lag B’Omer in 1997.*

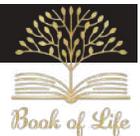
*San Diego and its Jewish community have grown together during my life.*

*The JCC moved from its original home on 54th Street to Jacobs Family Campus, and Congregation Beth Israel moved from its home on Third and Laurel to its new campus near UTC, making room for Ohr Shalom. New synagogues like Beth El and Beth Am were built to serve the growing community, as well as The San Diego Jewish Academy to educate the young.*

*These institutions have deepened and enriched Jewish life in my beloved hometown, and it’s only fitting as a lifelong resident and a Jew that I contribute my share to sustain them for future generations.*

We were all then asked to sign our statements and provide the JCF with a signed copy.

As we conclude the High Holy Days, I hope other members of Ohr Shalom include the Jewish Community Foundation in their estate planning, so that they too may inscribe themselves in the San Diego Book of Life.



# CLASSES WITH RABBI MELTZER

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

## Daf Yomi

Wednesdays, 9:30am Returning October 22nd

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

## Psalms

Wednesdays, 11:00am Returning October 22nd

The class is discussing Psalms, viewing them as sources of prayer and uncovering their meanings.

## Slow Read Book Club / Readings with the Rabbi

Will resume in January 2026

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



# “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](mailto: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.)

# FAMILY TOT SHABBAT

with Jennifer Meltzer



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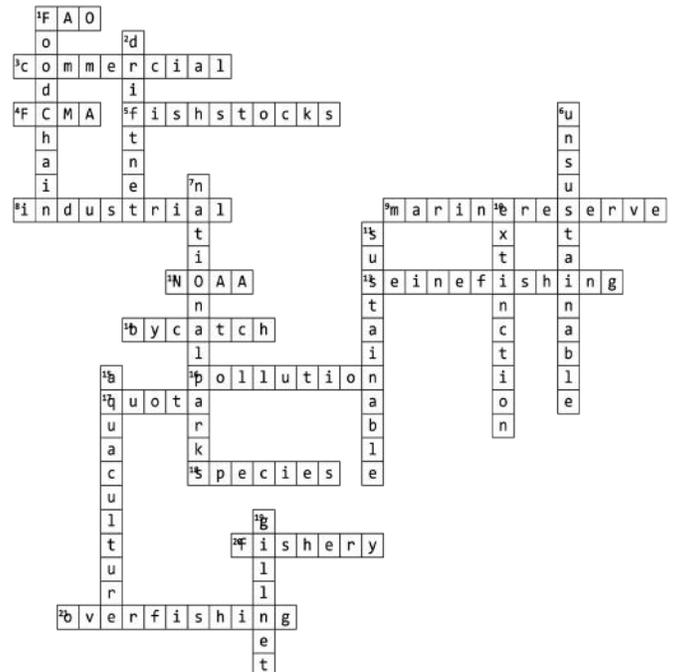
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KIDS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (NON ELECTRIC)

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS



## MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

the next meeting will be

Thursday, October 16, 7:00pm

Pure Project  
2865 5th Ave.



Topic: “When Did You Realize You Were an Adult?”

For more information contact:

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Maggy Dujowich**  
Religious School Principal



Our school year is off to a wonderful start! The children are beginning to feel more comfortable in their classrooms, and the energy is contagious as they dive into learning their Alef-Bet and prayers. It's inspiring to see their enthusiasm grow each week.

We are so grateful for our amazing team, both our new staff, who bring fresh energy and ideas, and our returning staff, who continue to share their experience and dedication. Together, they create a warm and joyful environment for our students.

This month, our celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah fill the school with spirit, color, and excitement. Decorations are flying through the roof, and the joy of these holidays is

shining brightly in our community.

We also held our first parent activity of the year, where families came together to connect, share, and create beautiful pieces of art to inspire us for the new year ahead. It was a meaningful time to strengthen our bonds and set the tone for a year filled with growth and gratitude.

As we enjoy these joyful beginnings, our hearts also remain with Israel. October 7 marked a painful chapter in our history, and even from here in San Diego, we carry the memory of that day with us. We honor those we lost, we pray for healing and peace, and we stand in solidarity with our extended family in Israel. Our children are learning not only letters and prayers, but also the importance of community, resilience, and hope.



### Religious School is in Session - Sign Up Here:

Principal: **Maggy Dujowich** email [principal@ohrshalom.org](mailto:principal@ohrshalom.org)

Scan to Join Religious School:



SCHOOL CALENDAR 25/26



## YOUTH GROUPS

**Michelle Gurr-Barbour**  
USY Youth Director



### OS Youth Group Upcoming Events

October opens right in the middle of the High Holy Days when the scent of apples and honey still lingers, and the sound of the shofar feels fresh in our ears. We've welcomed the new year with sweetness and reflection, and now we get to carry that joy forward with a month packed with playful community fun.

Our teens kick things off in style on Saturday, October 4, with the San Diego USY Skate Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Skateworld. Jewish 7th-12th graders can lace up and roll into 5786 together—no skating experience needed, just a good sense of balance and a lot of laughter.

A few weeks later, it's time for something delightfully messy. On Sunday, October 26, kids from kindergarten through 7th grade are invited to a Slime Party in the Youth Lounge from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. We'll supply everything for colorful, squishy creations and keep the music and snacks flowing.

From the shofar's call to the whirl of skates and the stretch of homemade slime, October is all about celebrating together in ways both sacred and silly. Be part of the sweetness of a new year that's just getting started—because even after the holidays wind down, the spirit of community keeps rolling.

### Teen Skate Night

7th-12th grades

Saturday, October 4, 7:00-9:00pm



**\$28**

Join Jewish teens from across the community for a fun night of skating, music, and hanging out at Skateworld.

Click [HERE](#) to register!



For further questions or assistance please email Michelle Barbour; [usy@ohrshalom.org](mailto:usy@ohrshalom.org) or text 619-245-7244.

### Laurel Street Beat

Springsong Weiner Cooper  
Religious School Committee Chair

**Question: what can you do in the new year to be the best version of yourself?**

**Sam (Kitah Vav):** I want to stop leaving my messes out because I do that a lot and then other people have to clean it up. I also want to keep being kind and respectful.



**Devorah (Kitah Bet):** I can share more with my brother because he's younger than me and sometimes it's hard because he takes my toys and I don't want to share with him and then he gets upset.





Susie Meltzer  
Israel Desk

## Sderot: A Hub of Resilience and Diplomacy During Gaza War

While Israel's war in Gaza continues, within Israel, life is coming back to places attacked on October 7th. A story from photojournalist Noam Bedein describes his observations and family's experience returning to their home recently in Sderot at the Gaza border. He shares some insights of how life and normalcy have resumed there.

*Here is an excerpt from Bedein's story:*

“Sderot — once seen only through the lens of war — is now a global hub of resilience and innovation, where recovery efforts and civic leadership are redefining the region's future. On this past September 1st, the air in Sderot carried two contrasting sounds: children's laughter welcoming the new school year and distant booms from military strikes in Gaza. For my family, walking our sons into their new classrooms was more than routine. It was a declaration that life continues, even on the edge of war.”

Bedein talked about the Torah-Science School, where first graders were greeted with blessings, songs, and blue-and-white balloons soaring into the sky. Parents clapped, teachers smiled, and children's faces glowed with excitement. Yet alongside the balloons stood painted bomb shelters — reminders that every family there has only fifteen seconds to seek safety.

“The booms in the background were not incoming rockets, but the IDF striking Hamas targets inside Gaza. Still, the sound carried weight. It reminded us that our children's schoolyard is a front line. And yet, in the shadow of that noise, we celebrated. That duality — joy and fear, resilience and fragility — defines our lives now on the Gaza border.”

On his return, along with Sderot community leaders, Bedein had the opportunity to meet with US Ambassador Mike Huckabee, whose visit to Sderot was no small gesture. His presence signaled that the stories of parents, teachers, and civic leaders mattered. It affirmed that their stories matter beyond their borders. He heard personal stories of survival, determination and an insistence on life, not abstract words for policy discussions. Their demands were simple: peace and quiet on our borders. One inhabitant told him, “We want to build back, not barricade ourselves in.” Another spoke of the need “to be born again, to plant again.” Still another spoke how October 7th had devastated her family and community, yet she chose to remain in Sderot, and just the day before, she reported sirens had sounded at her kibbutz as her six-year-old prepared for the walk to school. Everyone there was reminded of the stakes: this is not politics, but the fundamental human right to raise children in safety.

In his conclusion, Bedein shared the spirit he now witnessed in Sderot he that called a civic renaissance. The spirit of the community is rooted in tragedy, yet the population is determined to shape the future. The recovery efforts and civic leadership in Sderot are redefining not only how they live there but how the world can learn from them.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

David Kochman

Youth Programs Chair

### New Board Member: Youth Programs

I grew up in San Jose, California, where I was a member of Temple Emanu-El. In 2007, I moved to San Diego to pursue graduate studies in Biomedical Sciences at UCSD, and I now work at a small biotech company downtown called

Novoron Bioscience.

I was first introduced to Rabbi Meltzer and the Ohr Shalom community during the pandemic through my wife, Giselle Wellman Kochman, as we prepared for our wedding in 2022. I now have two children: Jonah, age 14, who celebrated his bar mitzvah at Ohr Shalom last year, and Luca, age 3, who just joined Ta'am Torah.

I am excited to serve as the USY Board Representative. Since we came to Ohr Shalom during the final year of Jonah's Bar Mitzvah preparation, we didn't have the chance to connect with many other families. I look forward to this new role as an opportunity to get to know the community across all generations, while supporting our youth.



Israeli children seen in their classroom on the first day of school in Sderot.



US AMBASSADOR Mike Huckabee holds a private meeting with civic leaders from Sderot



## SOCIAL ACTION & SUSTAINABILITY

**Davin Widgerow**  
Social Action Chair

### Safe Parking = Safe Soul

*Shalom, Ohr Shalom!* This month's Social Action and Sustainability Committee article is the first in a series of articles about the Committee's activities and programs in depth. This article focuses on the Jewish Family Service (JFS) Safe Parking Program and Ohr Shalom's role in providing dinners to the Program's residents on the first Sunday of each month.

I pulled up to the driveway to the Safe Parking Program headquarters on a warm Sunday evening with a car full of delicious hot food, cool water, and tasty soft drinks. Several Ohr Shalom folks and the Program Coordinator were there waiting for me, and greeted me with big smiles. We unloaded the car and set up the food on tables in a small dining hall. Program participants patiently waited outside while we prepared to serve the food.

When we were ready, participants politely lined up to receive dinner. Warm faces were visible all around, and gratitude filled the room. We served about 20 people before the

line slowed down, and the Program Coordinator gave me a tour of the facilities. The campus has clean showers, designated car-camping zones, kitchen and dining facilities, and, notably, areas for young children to play. Sadly, the Safe Parking Program needs to serve families with children as well as single adults. The facilities were impressive, but more impressive was the mentorship and accountability program that Program participants must complete—this program teaches basic budgeting and life skills, and allows participants to restabilize their lives before leaving the Program and returning to independent living.

I left the Safe Parking Dinner event that night with the familiar warm feeling that accompanies performing a *mitzvah*. But I was also convinced that the Program offers *our congregation* significant value in return as well. It is vital to maintain ritual and prayer service, read the Torah, observe the *chagim*, and be knowledgeable about Jewish history.

It is equally important, however, that a congregation provide services and kindness to the larger community. *Gemilut chasadim* is a core Jewish value meaning “acts of loving-kindness,” and refers to gestures performed without any expectation of reward or compensation. *Gemilut chasadim* is intended to be the opposite of the attitudes that caused Jewish exile from the Promised Land—*sin'at chinam*, or baseless hatred. Moreover, the Talmud teaches that God left the Universe just a little “unfinished,” so that we humans may perform the holy work of completing Creation—*gemilut chasadim* is one powerful way to partner with God in enhancing the beauty of Creation. And so, participating in the Safe Parking Program furthers *gemilut chasadim*, improves lives, furthers Creation, and ultimately bestows us mortals with humility and perspective during these holidays. In short, the Safe Parking Program produces safe souls. We hope you will join us at a Safe Parking Program dinner event soon!



## RITUAL

**Phil Miller**  
Ritual Chair

### Need Help Building a Sukkah?

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](mailto:ritual@ohrshalom.org) and let me know how you'd like to participate.



## ADULT EDUCATION

**Evette Weiss**  
Adult Education

On Sunday, September 7th we had an outstanding dialogue between Rabbi Phil Graubart, Reverend Michael Kinnamon and thirty members of Ohr Shalom about their novels, the impact books have in breaking down cultural barriers and the lasting impacts certain books have on their readers. Our adult education programs cover diverse topics that are hopefully both enjoyable and informative. Please mark your calendars now to be sure not to miss any of the great upcoming events. We are always looking for new topics of interest and potential presenters for future programs. New committee members are always welcome.

Evette Weiss, [Evetteweis@aol.com](mailto:Evetteweis@aol.com) 619-885-4000

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **EVERYDAY PRACTICAL WAYS TO USE AI** **Sunday, October 19, 10:00am**

Alison Madwatkins returns for part two of her lecture on artificial intelligence tools. Her first lecture was standing room only so be sure to attend.



#### **EXPLORING THE LIFE OF WILD ANIMALS ON FOUR CONTINENTS**

**Sunday, November 16, 10:00am**

Dr. Fred Bercovitch's lecture will be the first in a series of fascinating talks introducing us to his career as a comparative wildlife biologist and the research he has done on mammals from koalas to giraffes.



#### **HOW TO HELP YOUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED**

**Sunday, December 14, 10:00am**

Dr. Julia Gleichman-Miller will be speaking to us about techniques we can use when visiting patients to help them deal with issues such as confusion and agitation while hospitalized. This is not to be missed.



### NEW CLASS IN DECEMBER

#### **Jewish History of Mexico City** **2-Part Lecture Series**

*with Elisheva Edelson*

**Thursdays, December 4 and 11, 7:00pm**

[ZOOM ROOM](#) (Passcode: myshul)



*Elisheva is the conductor of the Ohr Shalom Choir.*

## October Community Events

by Jane Zeer

### The Lawrence Family JCC

Various locations.

Tickets or RSVP for the events below:

[https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/arts\\_and\\_ideas.aspx](https://www.lfjcc.org/cjc/arts_and_ideas.aspx)

#### **A Letter to David**

*Complimentary Film Screening*

**Wednesday, October 8, 7:00pm**

David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre

On October 7th, David Cunio was abducted from Kibbutz Nir Oz and taken to Gaza, where he remains in captivity. In this deeply personal cinematic letter, filmmaker Tom Shoval revisits his award-winning debut *Youth* — in which David and his brother Eitan played the lead roles — to craft a haunting meditation on memory, loss, and brotherhood. Through raw footage, behind-the-scenes moments, and audition tapes, Shoval weaves a layered reflection on the bond between art and life, and on a past that now feels impossibly distant. Without showing the events of October 7th, *A Letter to David* bears quiet but powerful witness to the unimaginable — and to the enduring presence of those who are missing. The Joyce Short Film Series short film, *Between Bullet and Lens*, will screen before *A Letter to David*. (Event free.)

#### **Traveler's Prayer:**

**Performed by The Braid**

**Sunday, October 19, 3:00pm**

David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre

The Braid is an award-winning Jewish story company. Through captivating performances of true stories, The Braid brings to life diverse voices and experiences from the Jewish community. Funny, poignant, and deeply human, this unique theatrical event blends storytelling and culture for a night that will entertain, inspire, and resonate long after. (Price varies.)

#### **Treasures of the Jewish Music Archives** **Great Jewish Cellists**

*Special guest: Marcia Bookstein,*  
*retired San Diego Symphony cellist*

**Thursday, October 30, 2:00-3:30pm**

Astor Judaica Library

Step into the rich tapestry of Jewish musical heritage with Eileen Wingard and a community of music aficionados as they showcase and appreciate iconic musical gems from the Astor Judaica Library's Jewish music collection. (Event free.)

#### **East County Lecture Series**

**The Colossal Emma Lazarus: Sephardic American Poet, Activist, and Visionary**

**Tuesday, November 4, 10:30am**

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

6660 Cowles Mountain Blvd, San Diego

Dr. Joellyn Zollman will explore American literary icon and Jewish visionary Emma Lazarus, best known for her poem *The New Colossus* on the Statue of Liberty. This lecture places her famous sonnet in the context of Lazarus's remarkable life, work, and enduring impact on Jewish and American identity. (Event free.)

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*We apologize for any omissions.*

Todah Rabah for the High Holy Days will be in the November issue of the Davar.

Thank you in advance to all those who volunteered as Ushers and Greeters during the High Holy Day Services.

## **Mazal Tov To:**

**Jams and Megan Warburg** on the birth of their daughter, Talia Ruth Warburg.

## **Condolences To:**

**The Goldwasser Family** on the passing of **Emilia Goldwasser z"l**, beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

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David Sclar	Remembered by Luis Maizel .....	1-Oct/9 Tishrei
Israel Veinbergs	Remembered by the Veinbergs and Galicot Family .....	2-Oct/10 Tishrei
Emma Kucinski	Monique Lombrozo's Mother .....	3-Oct/11 Tishrei
Rose Spolansky	Jane Zeer's Grandmother .....	3-Oct/11 Tishrei
Flora Kuritsky	Lloyd Kuritsky's Mother .....	4-Oct/12 Tishrei
Tillie Reitsky	Remembered by Al Shelden .....	4-Oct/12 Tishrei
Isaac Rozen	Fay Rozen's Husband .....	4-Oct/12 Tishrei
Sara Feferman	Elena Waisbord's Mother .....	6-Oct/14 Tishrei
*Jaime Zands	Samy Zands' Brother .....	6-Oct/14 Tishrei
Berek Ehrenfried	Judi Gottschalk's Father .....	7-Oct/15 Tishrei
Rabbi Joel David Bakst	Naomi Ruth Eisman's Son .....	8-Oct/16 Tishrei
*Moises Bielas	Freddy Bielaz's Brother, Wolf Bielas, Simon Bielaz & Mina Cohen's Grand Uncle ...	8-Oct/16 Tishrei
Sam Gorad	Koba's Grandfather .....	10-Oct/18 Tishrei
*Adela Hanono	Ezra Hanono's Mother .....	10-Oct/18 Tishrei
Celia Sonia Rossen	Janice Boner's Mother .....	10-Oct/18 Tishrei
Sadie Zir	Jane Zeer's Grandmother .....	10-Oct/18 Tishrei
Sonia Zyman	Remembered by the Zyman, Schwarzblat and Shteremberg Families .....	10-Oct/18 Tishrei
William Willis	Valerie Razinsky's Father, Matthew Razinsky's Grandfather .....	11-Oct/19 Tishrei
*Ana Kalinka	Brenda Bielas' Mother .....	12-Oct/20 Tishrei
David Mendelsohn	Ivan Mendelsohn's Father .....	14-Oct/22 Tishrei
Dorcas Escoffery	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandmother .....	15-Oct/23 Tishrei
Raquel Levitan	Marilyn Levitan's Sister .....	15-Oct/23 Tishrei
Ida Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Grandmother .....	15-Oct/23 Tishrei
Dorothy Sevel	Remembered by Evelyn Sevel .....	15-Oct/23 Tishrei
Olga Meyers	Sara Zands' Sister .....	16-Oct/24 Tishrei
Rita Fordham	Jeanne Argoff's Mother and Gillian Argoff-Treseder's Grandmother .....	17-Oct/25 Tishrei
*Sylvia Solof Cohen	Susan Kaplan's Mother .....	17-Oct/25 Tishrei
*Sheldon M. Golden	Remembered by George and Susan Kaplan .....	18-Oct/26 Tishrei
*Emilia Groswirt	Gloria Talerman's Mother .....	18-Oct/26 Tishrei
Paul Schultz	Marcia Sach's Brother .....	18-Oct/26 Tishrei
Sol Harold Levitt	Rayna Levitt's Father .....	19-Oct/27 Tishrei
Sara Limenes	Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....	19-Oct/27 Tishrei
Fortunee Sportes	Remembered by Vida Sportes .....	19-Oct/27 Tishrei
*Hildeen Estelle Weber	Roberta Greene's Mother .....	20-Oct/28 Tishrei
Charlotte Dantowitz Mostel	Linda Mostel's Grandmother .....	21-Oct/29 Tishrei
Susana Pro	Sara Artenstein's Sister .....	21-Oct/29 Tishrei
*Arthur Schor	Renee Schor's Father .....	23-Oct/1 Cheshvan
Dora Edelson	Elisheva Edelson's Mother .....	24-Oct/2 Cheshvan
Abraham Broudy	Alice Broudy Cupples' Grandfather .....	25-Oct/3 Cheshvan
Laura B. Friedman	Evette Weiss' Mother .....	25-Oct/3 Cheshvan
*Ruth Sclar	Luis Maizel's Sister .....	25-Oct/3 Cheshvan
*Bernard Greenberg	Laurie Slade's Uncle .....	26-Oct/4 Cheshvan
*Martha Hartman	Remembered by Barbara Hartman .....	26-Oct/4 Cheshvan
Robert Loevinger	Nancy Loevinger's Father .....	26-Oct/4 Cheshvan
Rachelle Sitton	Carla Berg's Mother .....	26-Oct/4 Cheshvan
*Albert Cohen	Eddy Cohen's Father, Trudy Cohen's Father in Law .....	27-Oct/5 Cheshvan
Dyna Soberon	Sara Zands' Aunt .....	27-Oct/5 Cheshvan
*James Swartz	Remembered by Ohr Shalom .....	29-Oct/7 Cheshvan
*Harriette Kay	Koba's Mother .....	30-Oct/8 Cheshvan
Adlyn Pick	Daniel Pick's Grandmother .....	30-Oct/8 Cheshvan
David Reitsky	Remembered by Al Shelden .....	30-Oct/8 Cheshvan
Milton Dickman	Jennifer Tuteur's Grandfather .....	31-Oct/9 Cheshvan
*Gizella Kluchin	Elaine Gottesman's Mother .....	31-Oct/9 Cheshvan
*Sara Phillips Piatt	Julie Phillip's Sister .....	31-Oct/9 Cheshvan
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER–NOVEMBER 2025 / TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5786**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>EVERYDAY PRACTICAL WAYS TO USE AI</b>  <i>with Alison Madwatkins</i>  <b>Sunday, October 19, 10:00am</b>  <i>See page 13</i></p>	<p><b>MEN'S CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP</b>   <b>Thursday, October 16, 7:00pm</b>  <i>See page 9</i></p>		<p><b>1 9 Tishrei</b>  <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            3:00pm - Family Kol Nidre            5:45pm - Kol Nidre Service   6:14pm</p>	<p><b>2 10 Tishrei</b>  <b>Yom Kippur</b>            Office Closed            8:30am - Morning Service with Yizkor            4:00pm - Mincha &amp; Neilah            7:13pm - Break the Fast   7:13pm</p>	<p><b>3 11 Tishrei</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"   6:12pm</p>	<p><b>4 12 Tishrei</b>  <b>Parshat Ha'azinu</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service            7:00pm - Teen Skate Night   7:11pm</p>
<p><b>5 13 Tishrei</b>            9:30am - Leadership Training Track            9:30am - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>6 14 Tishrei</b>  <b>Erev Sukkot</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes   6:08pm</p>	<p><b>7 15 Tishrei</b>  <b>Sukkot 1</b>            Office Closed            9:30am - Sukkot Morning Service</p>	<p><b>8 16 Tishrei</b>  <b>Sukkot 2</b>            Office Closed            9:30am - Sukkot Morning Service   7:06pm</p>	<p><b>9 17 Tishrei</b>  <b>Sukkot 3</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>10 18 Tishrei</b>  <b>Sukkot 4</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Shabbat Kehillatit Service &amp; Community Dinner in the Sukkah   6:03pm</p>	<p><b>11 19 Tishrei</b>  <b>Sukkot 5</b>            9:30am - Sukkot Shabbat Service in the Sukkah            10:30am - Tot Shabbat            12:30pm - Lunch &amp; Learn   7:02pm</p>
<p><b>12 20 Tishrei</b>  <b>Sukkot 6</b>            9:30am - Religious School            10:00am - Ballot Measure Presentation            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>13 21 Tishrei</b>  <b>Hoshanah Rabbah</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Minyan   5:59pm</p>	<p><b>14 22 Tishrei</b>  <b>Shemini Atzeret</b>            Office Closed            9:30am - Morning Service with Yizkor            5:30pm - Simchat Torah Celebration   6:58pm</p>	<p><b>15 23 Tishrei</b>  <b>Simchat Torah</b>            Office Closed            9:30am - Simchat Torah Morning Service   6:57pm</p>	<p><b>16 24 Tishrei</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Men's Discussion Group</p>	<p><b>17 25 Tishrei</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   5:54pm</p>	<p><b>18 26 Tishrei</b>  <b>Parshat Bereshit Mevarchim Chodesh</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service   6:54pm</p>
<p><b>19 27 Tishrei</b>            9:30am - Religious School            9:30am - Ta'am Torah            10:00am - Ad Ed: Everyday Practical Ways to Use AI            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>20 28 Tishrei</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            6:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>21 29 Tishrei</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>22 30 Tishrei</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b>            9:30am - Daf Yomi            11:00am - Psalms            5:00pm - Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>23 1 Cheshvan</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>24 2 Cheshvan</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   5:47pm</p>	<p><b>25 3 Cheshvan</b>  <b>Parshat Noach</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service            12:30pm - Lunch &amp; Learn   6:46pm</p>
<p><b>26 4 Cheshvan</b>            9:30am - Religious School            12:00pm - Youth Slime Party            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>27 5 Cheshvan</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            6:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>28 6 Cheshvan</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>29 7 Cheshvan</b>            9:30am - Daf Yomi            11:00am - Psalms            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>30 8 Cheshvan</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>31 9 Cheshvan</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service   5:40pm</p>	<p><b>1 10 Cheshvan</b>  <b>Parshat Lech Lecha</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service   6:39pm</p>
<p><b>2 11 Cheshvan</b>  <b>Turn Back Clocks One Hour</b>            9:30am - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>3 12 Cheshvan</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            6:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>4 13 Cheshvan</b>            6:15pm - Minyan            7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank</p>	<p><b>5 14 Cheshvan</b>            9:30am - Daf Yomi            11:00am - Psalms            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>6 15 Cheshvan</b>            4:30pm - Religious School            6:15pm - Minyan</p>	<p><b>7 16 Cheshvan</b>            2:00pm - Office Closes            6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"   4:34pm</p>	<p><b>8 17 Cheshvan</b>  <b>Parshat Vayera</b>            9:30am - Shabbat Service            12:30pm - Lunch &amp; Learn   5:34pm</p>