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OHR SHALOM
RETREAT
CAMP MARSTON

April 24 - April 26

See details and registration information on Page 3.



Wednesday, April 1
1st Seder at home

Thursday, April 2
Pesach Morning Service 9:30am
Community Seder 6:00pm
(Reservations Required)

Friday, April 3
Pesach Morning Service 9:30am
Shabbat Pesach Service 6:15pm

Saturday, April 4
Shabbat Pesach
Morning Service 9:30am

Wednesday, April 8
Pesach Morning Service 9:30am

Thursday, April 9
Pesach Morning Service
with Yizkor 9:30am

BLOOD DRIVE

Ohr Shalom Synagogue
Sunday, April 19, 9:00-2:30pm

See page 6 for details



Yom HaAtzmaut Sing-Along Concert

with the *Ohr Shalom* Choir
directed by Elisheva Edelson

April 21, 7:30pm
In the
Ohr Shalom Social Hall



DAVAR MEGILLAH

APRIL 2026 • MONTHLY NEWSLETTER • NISAN/IYAR 5786

100 Years and Looking Forward



Rabbi Scott Meltzer

It's almost Pesach. I hope you are as excited as I am. We will change our dishes, tell our stories, eat our special foods, disrupt our lives for eight days, and then ... look forward to Pesach next year.

That's not the whole story. We will also be affected. We will be different people because again we acknowledge that we were slaves. We eat the bread of affliction. We remember that some suffer hunger and some are still enslaved.

Pesach is the epitome of talking about the past, as a way to be aware of the present, so that we are strengthened and prepared to move into the future.

Our building turns 100 in the weeks after Pesach. None of us were here when it was first built and dedicated. It hasn't been "our" building for all of its past. We don't celebrate its birthday every May.

Why is this year different from all other years? Because this year the grandeur of "Third & Laurel" is turning 100. This year we celebrate, we remember, we reflect, we look backwards and forwards, and of course we eat.

I hope you have made your reservations for the Rededication Ceremony on Sunday, May 3. I hope you have bought your tickets for our Gala Lights Dinner after the Ceremony, on that same day.

But I also hope that in the weeks

leading up to the Rededication and the Celebration, from Pesach to May 3, that you will take the time look backwards, to embrace now, and to look forward.

We are the guardians of a treasure, a history and a future that is "Third & Laurel" - the Ohr Shalom building. It has been Ohr Shalom for over a quarter of its history, but all of its history is our history. Our building is the longest continuous visible, physical, dare I say permanent, fixture in San Diego Jewish life.

Imagine the development of American Judaism in general, and San Diego Judaism in particular, from the Spring of 1926 ... through Great Depression, the Second World War, the Shoah, the founding of Israel, and every other Jewish, San Diegan, and American moment from then until now, and our building has witnessed it, survived it, absorbed it.

"Third & Laurel" is part of our connection to the past, it is where we are in the present, and it is our responsibility into the future.

We do so much for the thriving of our sacred community, Ohr Shalom, for a moment we are focused on the history, enduring and thriving of our sacred space - "Third & Laurel." Please join with us in celebrating its first century and rededicating it as it enters its second. Help with your support, your prayers and your presence.

I look forward to sharing a magnificent 100th anniversary, a joyful day, May 3, and the promise of a glorious future!



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marvin Yudkovitz
President

Every 100 Years – Don't Miss Our Building Centennial Celebration and Lights Gala, May 3, 2026

On **May 3, 2026** we will be marking the Centennial anniversary of our glorious building (and celebrating our Congregation) with a late afternoon and full evening of thanksgiving.

First a brief history of our building (much more background information will be provided on May Third): **On May 14, 1926** the "New Temple Beth Israel" was dedicated at the corner of Third and Laurel. During the later 1980's through 1990's, congregation **Or El and later Adat Ami** (which along with Beth Tefilah went on to form Ohr Shalom) rented space in this building for services. By 2002 **Ohr Shalom Synagogue** had purchased and moved into the building. Our building is the oldest Synagogue in continuous use in San Diego, and one of the three oldest in all of California. We have a lot to be proud of, and a lot to celebrate. So that's what we'll do!

Beginning at 4:30pm, the joyful **Rededication** of the building will take place with prayers, song, and speeches. A local Jewish historian, Joellyn Zollman, who holds a PhD in Jewish History from Brandeis University, will give a brief talk discussing our historic building and its connection with the nascent Jewish Community and City of San Diego.

Our choir will help us celebrate with song, enhancing spiritual feeling and connection. Rabbi Meltzer will conduct the rededication ritual. And there will be one or more official recognitions of this historical event from various political bodies. This event is open to the entire community and all that's required to attend is to be registered. There is no cost, (though of course sponsorships will be gratefully accepted). We are hoping for a good representation of elected officials, other dignitaries, members of the community, and most importantly all of you, our Ohr Shalom congregants. The program will be held in the Sanctuary. **Everyone attending MUST register in advance, in accordance with our increased level of security for the event.** Cutoff for registration is April 17.

Following the rededication ceremony, by 5:30pm, we will move to the courtyard for a **Cocktail Reception**. Again, everyone is invited to attend this.

At 6:15pm we will start the 21st annual **Lights of Ohr Shalom Gala**. This year's gala continues the theme of the Centennial. It will be a lot of fun seeing old photos and other reminiscences of the years in our



beautiful "Mediterranean Revival" style building. Tickets are required for the gala dinner and program. See page 5 for the reservation form. Cut-off for the gala is April 17. As our only major fundraiser of the year, we will again hold the annual paddle raiser during the gala event. We are also planning another auction, after the success and fun we had last year. Your financial contributions are gratefully appreciated, and required to help with balancing our annual budget.

Don't forget our special "**Building Centennial Tribute Journal**." This will contain a full history of the building, and is intended as a keepsake. Placing an ad will be your chance to thank the committee for all their work, advertise your business, or

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OHR SHALOM'S SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Services are in person and on [Zoom](#)

Friday	April 3	9:30am	Pesach Morning Service
		6:15pm	Shabbat Pesach Service
Saturday	April 4	9:30am	Shabbat Pesach Morning Service
Friday	April 10	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 11	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
		10:30am	Tot Shabbat with Jennifer Meltzer
		12:30pm	Lunch & Learn
Friday	April 17	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service/Dinner
Saturday	April 18	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday	April 24	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	April 25	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting Available



PARSHIYOT & CANDLE LIGHTING

April 2026

PESACH DAY 3

17 Nisan - Candle Lighting: 6:52pm
 Fri: April 3
 Sat: April 4
 Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26;
 Numbers 28:19-25
 Haft: Ezekiel 37:1-14

PARSHAT SHEMINI MEVARCHIM CHODESH

24 Nisan - Candle Lighting: 6:57pm
 Fri: April 10
 Sat: April 11
 Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47
 Haft: II Samuel 6:1-7:17

ROSH CHODESH IYAR PARSHAT TAZRIA-METZORA

1 Iyar - Candle Lighting: 7:02pm
 Fri: April 17
 Sat: April 18
 Torah: Leviticus 12:1-15:33;
 Numbers 28:9-15
 Haft: Isaiah 66:1-24

PARSHAT ACHREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

8 Iyar - Candle Lighting: 7:07pm
 Fri: April 24
 Sat: April 25
 Torah: Leviticus 16:1-20:27
 Haft: Amos 9:7-15

Pesach
SHABBAT
SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3 at 9:30am
Friday, April 3 at 6:15pm
Saturday, April 4 at 9:30am

SHABBAT KEHILLATIT SERVICE AND COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, April 17

Family-friendly service: 6:15pm
 Community Dinner: 7:15pm

MEMBERS*

Adults: \$20

Children: \$12

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

NON-MEMBERS*

Adults: \$30

Children: \$15



RSVP by Monday, April 13 Please contact office or scan QR Code.

Reservations after April 13 will pay nonmember price.

Help those with food insecurity - Bring a nonperishable item for the JFS Food Bank bins in the Ohr Shalom lobby!



OHR SHALOM

RETREAT

Register Now!



CAMP MARSTON

April 24 - April 26

REGISTER NOW!

Adult (age 21 and over) - \$275 (by April 1); \$300 (after April 1)

Children over the age of 4 - \$115 (by April 1); \$125 (after April 1)

Private Rooms: (available on a first-come, first-serve basis) for an additional \$225.

RSVP cut-off date
Friday, April 10



To make reservations, Scan QR Code



To sponsor activities, Scan QR Code



Ohr Shalom Choir

Ohr Shalom
Choir
Practice

Mondays, 6:45pm
Ohr Shalom and ZOOM

April 6, 13 & 27



Sponsorship Opportunities for the Centennial Celebration of the Ohr Shalom Synagogue Building

The Rededication Ceremony – followed by a Gala Dinner Celebration (aka Lights of Ohr Shalom) celebrating the 100th birthday of our building – is only two months away:

May 3, 2026

At this time, Ohr Shalom is extending to everyone interested in supporting our synagogue, and in making the May 3rd event as festive as possible, an opportunity to provide sponsorship funding. Sponsorship categories – and the advantages of each – are listed below.

L'Dor V'Dor

Centennial Gala Sponsor **\$18,000**

- Two reserved tables of 8 (16 tickets)
- Back Cover Centennial History Journal
- Top-tier recognition on digital & print materials
- Permanent recognition on a Centennial Plaque
- Tax deductible minus the FMV of tickets

Centennial Platinum Legacy **\$10,000**

- Two reserved tables of 8 (16 tickets)
- Full page Centennial History Journal
- Top-tier recognition on digital & print materials
- Permanent recognition on a Centennial Plaque
- Tax deductible minus the FMV of tickets

Fair Market Value (FMV) \$125

Centennial Legacy **\$5,000**

- One reserved table of 8 (8 tickets)
- Full page Centennial History Journal
- Top-tier recognition on digital & print materials
- Permanent recognition on a Centennial Plaque
- Tax deductible minus the FMV of tickets

Centennial Supporter **\$1,800**

- Two Gala tickets
- Half page Centennial History Journal
- Recognition on event acknowledgments
- Permanent recognition on Centennial Plaque
- Tax deductible minus the FMV of tickets

Centennial Friend **\$613**

- Two Gala tickets
- Business Card size Centennial History Journal
- Recognition on event acknowledgments
- Tax deductible minus the FMV of tickets

Standard Gala ticket

\$250 per ticket

Sponsor a Gala Ticket

\$250 per ticket – Sponsor a ticket for a Member of our Beloved Community

Sponsor a Table

\$2,500 table of 8 (reserved)

If you decide to sponsor – Thank you!

Please let Gillian know: (619) 231-1456 office@ohrshalom.org.

OHR SHALOM *invites you to JOIN US*
as our **BUILDING** turns

100

Sunday
May 3, 2026
Rededication
Ceremony
in Synagogue
Sanctuary
4:30pm

2512 Third Avenue
San Diego 92103
619.231.1456
office@ohrshalom.org

Complimentary Cocktail Reception: Following Rededication Ceremony

Gala Dinner: Begins 6:15pm*

\$250 per person*  **RSVP By April 17th****

SPONSOR A TICKET: \$250 per ticket
Sponsor a ticket for a Member of our Beloved Community

PURCHASE A TABLE: \$2,500 table of 8 (*reserved*)

*Ticket needed for dinner only.
Kosher Dietary laws observed.



**Security requires an
RSVP for all events.



Building Centennial RSVP & Gala Dinner Ticket Order

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____

I will attend only the Rededication Ceremony (4:30pm) and Cocktails (Free of charge. RSVP required. No dinner ticket necessary.)

I am purchasing tickets for the Gala Dinner (6:15pm) at \$250 per person
Number of tickets _____

Please indicate choice of Entrée:

Sea bass OR Vegetarian

Check Enclosed OR Bill my Credit Card

Card Number _____

Exp. Date ____/____/____ 3-Digit Security Code (required) _____

Mail to: Ohr Shalom Synagogue
2512 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103
Email: office@ohrshalom.org or scan QR Code.

Please call the synagogues with any questions (619) 231-1456

Reservation deadline is Monday, April 17



Building Centennial History Journal Ad

Place an ad or greeting in the souvenir journal commemorating building centennial

- BACK COVER Full Page Color + 2 tickets to event \$2000
- INSIDE BACK COVER Full Page Color + 2 tickets to event \$1800
- GOLD Full Page + 2 tickets to event \$1500
- SILVER Full Page \$1000
- FULL PAGE* \$800

- HALF PAGE\$600
- QUARTER PAGE\$300
- EIGHTH PAGE (Business card size).....\$175
- CONGRATULATIONS (Name Listing)\$54

Mail Ad content with this card to the office or e-mail information to graphics2@ohrshalom.org by **Monday, April 6.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Would you like to see a proof? Yes No

Check Enclosed OR Bill my Credit Card #: _____

Exp: ____/____/____ Security Code: _____



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director

Ruach – Spirit רוח

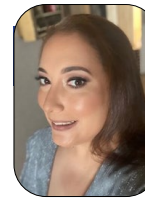
The literal interpretation of ruach is “wind,” but it also means “spirit.” Spirit can take on many definitions too, including “to embody energy,” or “the energy of someone or something.” When I was in USY, I was the Seaboard Region Ruach Chair—basically, I was the cheerleader responsible for pumping up the campers after meals and singing silly Jewish songs at the top of our lungs. You could feel the excitement, love, passion and spirit for Judaism in the room during every ruach session. These are among the core life-shaping moments in my life.

My passion for Judaism and the Jewish community have only grown stronger as I have gotten older. I changed my major in college from Science to Religious Studies and was deeply involved in Hillel and helping the University of Oregon initiate the research to add a Jewish Studies Department. The ruach I found in USY was and is still with me. That is the power of positive spirit.

Today, I still feel like I am still a Ruach Chair. My position here at Ohr Shalom allows me to be an active part of the Jewish community every day, promoting my love for Judaism and for engagement in Jewish organizations.

Working in this beautiful and historic Jewish building also feeds my soul. To be able to recognize one hundred years of Jewish spirit in San Diego by celebrating the Centennial of this synagogue building is a rare opportunity. I’m excited to share its history and Ohr Shalom’s contribution to continuing the Jewish spirit of those first Jews in San Diego with the vision to create a lasting legacy. I hope you join us on May 3, for the Centennial Celebration and Rededication and Lights of Ohr Shalom Gala.

**Centennial
RSVP QR Code**



CHESED

Aviva Rosenberg
Chesed Committee Chair

Pesach and Freedom

The festival of Pesach is not only a celebration of freedom, but also an opportunity to renew our commitment to acts of chesed—loving-kindness and compassion.



The Exodus narrative teaches us that redemption is not a solitary journey; it is made possible through collective support, empathy, and care for one another. As we gather around our Seder tables, let us remember that every act of kindness—large or small—brings us closer to the ideals of freedom and dignity for all. Chesed is woven throughout the rituals and stories of Passover, from opening our doors to welcoming guests, to ensuring that all who are hungry have a place to eat.

This Passover, may we allow the spirit of chesed to inspire us to reach out to those in need, to listen with open hearts, and to support each other in both joy and challenge. Together, as a community rooted in compassion, we have the power to create lasting change and to make our world a little brighter—one mitzvah at a time.

Wishing everyone a meaningful and joyous Pesach, filled with acts of chesed and the warmth of community.

FROM PRESIDENT (CONT.)

say hello to our community. We also have **opportunities** to sponsor tables, make additional contributions, and in other ways financially assist with this major undertaking. See page 4 of this Davar for this information, or contact our Executive Director, Gillian Argoff-Treseder to discuss how you can help.

A significant thank you goes out to **Lynn Mendelsohn** for overseeing and coordinating all of the events on May Third. She formed and chairs four subcommittees: Host, History, Rededication, and Gala. Thanks also to all of the many committee members and volunteers who have been planning, meeting, and working very hard to make this an historic event for Ohr Shalom and San Diego.

Of course, this type of event comes only every 100 years. “Most” of us won’t be here for the next one, so be sure to attend this year! Hope to see everyone on May Third.


BLOOD DRIVE

Ohr Shalom Synagogue

Sunday, April 19
9:00am-2:30pm
In front of synagogue

We strongly encourage appointments.
sandiegobloodbank.org/donate
(619) 400-8251







SISTERHOOD

Eti Chall
Sisterhood Chair



Clearing Space for Freedom

Every year when I begin the Passover cleaning, I have the same moment of disbelief. How did so many crumbs end up in places I barely remember opening? Cabinets, drawers, corners of shelves—suddenly everything needs attention. What begins as a practical task often turns into something a little more reflective.

This year, the first night of the Seder falls on April 1st. The date made me smile when I first noticed it. April Fool’s Day is known for surprises and reversals, and in many ways the Passover story is exactly that. The world turns upside down. Slaves become a free people. What once felt permanent suddenly changes.

But before we arrive at the Seder table, most of us spend quite a bit of time preparing.

In many homes, it is often the women who take on the familiar work of Passover cleaning: opening cabinets, checking shelves, sweeping corners, and removing the chametz that quietly accumulates over the year. It can feel like a lot of work. And sometimes it is. But there is something meaningful about the ritual of it.

Once a year, Jewish life asks us to clear things out. We look into places we don’t always examine and remove what has become stale. Chametz is more than crumbs of bread; it

reminds us that when things are left unattended, they accumulate. The act of searching, sweeping, and clearing becomes its own kind of reflection. Where have things stagnated? What needs attention? What are we ready to let go of?

By the time we sit down at the Seder table, the house feels different. Lighter. And we gather to do what Jewish families have done for thousands of years: tell the story again.

Passover is not just about remembering that our ancestors left Egypt. It is about remembering what it means to move from a place that is narrow, frightening, or oppressive toward something freer. The Israelites did not know exactly where they were going. They followed Moshe and Aaron into uncertainty, trusting that something better lay ahead.

And yet, as the Torah honestly tells us, they complained along the way.

That detail always stands out to me. Jewish tradition does not expect blind obedience. We question. We wonder. The Seder itself is built around questions. Our history encourages us to think, to wrestle, and to seek understanding.

At the same time, Passover also reminds us that trust matters.

There is a delicate balance between questioning everything and allowing a process to unfold. When something is uncomfortable, it is easy to doubt the path forward. The Israelites experienced that tension in the desert, just as we often do in our own lives.

This year, many of us are watching events in Israel and the broader Middle East with concern. Moments like this remind us how precious safety and freedom are. The Passover story speaks directly to that feeling—the experience of uncertainty, and the courage it takes to keep moving forward even when the path isn’t entirely clear.

This is where the scaffolding of Jewish life becomes so powerful. Our rituals, holidays, and traditions create a rhythm that holds us steady even when the world feels unsettled. Year after year, we clean, prepare, gather, and tell the story again.

And in doing so, we remind ourselves that freedom is not only something that happened once long ago. It is something we continue to move toward—step by step, generation by generation.

Wishing everyone in our Sisterhood and community a meaningful and joyful Passover.

Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

Sunday,
April 19, 10:00am-12:00pm
at Ohr Shalom



Eti will lead an activity on the counting of the Omer. Please make sure to bring your journals and colored pencils for the activity. Please contact Eti to RSVP



Please complete our [membership form](#) or the OS website. Contact Eti, sisterhood@ohrshalom.org, if you have any questions about joining the Ohr Shalom Sisterhood!

Board Member Nomination Announcement



We will be electing a new Board of Directors for Ohr Shalom Synagogue for the period of July 1, 2026-June 30, 2028.

If you wish to be considered for a Board member position, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee **before April 10**. The Nominations committee members are:

Joy Heitzmann, Chairperson;
Davin Widgerow and Aviva Rosenberg.

Note that any member in good standing, who is not chosen for a position on the slate can, per our Synagogue by-laws, also petition (with five signatures) the Nominations committee to be added to the election ballot, for a non-officer position by submitting the petition by **April 15**.



MEN'S CLUB

Aaron Lipner
Men's Club President

Shalom from the Men's Club

Shalom!

Purim is behind us, and Passover is here. Men's Club keeps growing, and new faces are joining every month.



A quick thank you to **Jeff Gumbayan**, who came out to help at the Purim Carnival. It was great to have the Men's Club represented, and I'm excited that more men signed up to get involved and stay in touch.

We have two exciting Men's Club events coming up to put on your calendar.

Join us for **Happy Hour Thursday, April 23, 5:00-7:00pm** at Laurel and 5th, the **Corner Drafthouse**. Open to all Ohr Shalom men. Come out, grab a drink, and meet some of the guys.

Join us for the **1st Annual Men's Club Lawn Bowling, Sunday, May 17 from 12:00 to 3:00pm** at **Balboa Park**. Open to all Ohr Shalom adults 21+. Cost is \$25 per person, payable via [PayPal](#). No experience needed. It will be casual, easy, and a lot of fun. Details to follow.

Please RSVP to mensclub@ohrshalom.org and comment in the PayPal link "Lawn Bowling." Reservations and payment are due by May 8th. PayPal: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=P3ZGMHPHRKFLY

If you have been thinking about checking out Men's Club, this is a great time to jump in. No commitment required. No need to know anyone ahead of time. Just show up and see how it feels.

Men's Club is open to Ohr Shalom adult men. Whether new to the synagogue or here for decades, retired or raising kids, it does not matter. There is a place for you here.

To join and stay in the loop, please fill out a membership form: <https://forms.gle/e1oqajUwA9esogP48>

Email us at mensclub@ohrshalom.com for more information.

Join the WhatsApp group [via link](#) or QR code: WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bg6JqQtwdSk20lQFBx7gO6?mode=hq2tswi>



Chag Sameach, and looking forward to seeing you soon at Ohr Shalom or at the Corner Drafthouse.

Usher Mitzvah

We have a new program at Ohr Shalom Synagogue to improve our already great security in these difficult times. We need volunteers to serve as ushers.

It's simple: We need just one person at a time (but couples are welcome) to stand at the leather doors to the sanctuary and greet those coming in. There are 1 hour periods to sign up for on Shabbat or holidays. This mitzvah is part of being a welcoming Synagogue but it also adds another layer of security.

- Friday night's schedule needs just one usher. The usher will begin at 6:15pm and serve until the conclusion of the service.
- Saturday and Chag ushers will be in one hour increments beginning at 9:30am. We also have slots for 10:30am and 11:30am.
- Ushers who sign up have three main duties:
 - Greeting individuals as they arrive for services
 - Carrying a walkie-talkie (for which they will be trained)
 - During an emergency, closing the wooden doors when it is safe
 - Optional: tell people the page number where we are in the service

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Synagogue website. You can see who has already volunteered and for which time slots and (hopefully) add your name to a convenient time for you. For more info, or to sign up for a slot, you can email Beth Flowers at usher1@ohrshalom.org.



Help keep Ohr Shalom safe and volunteer today.



2025-2026 / 5785-5786



APRIL 11

10:30AM START
KID-FRIENDLY SERVICE
STORYTIME
LUNCH PROVIDED

MAY 9



JUNE 20

AUGUST 8

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



SECURITY

Alain Avigdor
Security Committee Chair

Strengthening Communication for a Safer Community: Why Board Members and Teachers Use Walkie-Talkies at Ohr Shalom

At Ohr Shalom Synagogue, our commitment to creating a safe, welcoming environment is woven into everything we do—from Shabbat services and holiday celebrations to school programs and community gatherings. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance situational awareness and emergency readiness, volunteer Board members and teachers now use walkie-talkies during events.

This simple, low-tech tool plays a vital role in keeping our community informed, connected, and protected.

A Practical Tool for Real-Time Awareness

Walkie-talkies allow trained volunteers and staff to communicate instantly across our campus. In the unlikely event that an intruder or suspicious activity is observed, the ability to relay information immediately—without relying on cell service, apps, or delays—can make a meaningful difference.

This system ensures that:

- Information reaches the right people at the right time. Board members, greeters, and teachers can alert one another discreetly and quickly.
- Everyone receives consistent, coordinated instructions. Whether the situation calls for sheltering in place or evacuating, communication is unified and clear.
- Response time is minimized.

Seconds matter in emergencies. Walkie-talkies eliminate the lag that can occur with phones or word-of-mouth communication.

Supporting Safety During Shabbat and School Activities

During Shabbat services, Board volunteers carry radios in the sanctuary to maintain awareness of entrances,

hallways, and gathering spaces. Their role is not only to welcome congregants but also to monitor the environment with calm attentiveness.

Similarly, during school hours and youth programs, teachers and staff use walkie-talkies to stay connected across classrooms, playgrounds, and common areas. This ensures that any concern—whether a safety issue or a logistical need—can be addressed immediately.

A Thoughtful, Community-Centered Approach

The use of walkie-talkies is part of a broader safety methodology that emphasizes:

- Preparedness without alarm
- Visibility without intrusion
- Communication without disruption to prayer, learning, or celebration

Our goal is not to create a sense of fear, but rather to reinforce the confidence that comes from knowing our community is cared for and protected.

Continuing to Evolve Our Safety Practices

The Security Committee regularly reviews best practices and adapts our procedures to meet the needs of our congregation. Walkie-talkies are one of several tools that help us maintain a secure environment while preserving the warmth and openness that define Ohr Shalom.

We are grateful to our Board members, teachers, and volunteers who dedicate their time and attention to this important work. Their quiet vigilance helps ensure that every person who walks through our doors can focus on what truly matters—prayer, connection, learning, and community.

PURIM 2026



Todah Rabah to our Purim Carnival Volunteers:

- Springsong Cooper Weiner
- Jeff Gumbayan
- Nadia Gumbayan
- Joy Heitzmann
- Aaron Lipner
- Jeanne Peters
- Maya Rich
- Melanie Webb

Erev Purim Celebration:

- Shoshanah Sternlieb - Chair
- Max Holston
- Jessica Lemoine
- Aviva Rosenberg

Ohr Shalom Business Directory (OhrList)

Introducing the **Ohr Shalom Member-to-Member Business Directory - OhrList!** It's an opportunity for Ohr Shalom congregants to let each other know about business services they can provide. It's a way for congregants to connect without the need for advertisements or schmoozing at the shul.

OhrList- it's your list! This is only for congregants; please no outside companies. If you're looking for a CPA, attorney, computer maven, dentist, contractor, elder care, pet sitter, etc. and would like to connect with a fellow member, take a look at the directory. There will be separate pages for licensed professionals, other home and personal services, and student provided services.

No likes, upvotes, or stars - but if you've satisfactorily used the services of a fellow congregant on the list, let the business directory know and we'll add a check mark of acknowledgment.

Ohr Shalom members - if you personally own, provide, or otherwise work at a business and would like others to know about it, please provide the information below to businessdirectory@ohrshalom.org.

OhrList will be a live GoogleSheet for view only and updated regularly.

Company name:

Specific service offered:

Website link:

Other social media link:

Ohr Shalom congregant name:

Preferred contact phone number:

Preferred contact email address:

Other contact information:

Please note: The Ohr Shalom Member Services Directory provides a listing of services for informational purposes only. Ohr Shalom does not endorse, guarantee, or take responsibility for the accuracy, reliability, or quality of the services provided by the listed entities. All listed parties are independent contractors/companies, and any engagement is solely between you and them. Ohr Shalom disclaims all liability for any damages arising from the use of this directory.



RABBINIC INTERN

Brianah Caplan
Rabbinic Intern

The Counting of the Omer

Each spring, beginning on the second night of Passover, we begin the quiet spiritual journey known as *Sefirat HaOmer*, the counting of the Omer. For forty-nine days we mark the passage of time from liberation at Passover to revelation at Shavuot. On its surface, the practice is simple: each evening we recite a blessing and count the day. But Jewish tradition invites us to see these days not merely as a countdown, but as a period of inner preparation.

Kabbalistic tradition teaches that the forty-nine days of the Omer correspond to seven *sefirot*, or divine qualities, through which the world is sustained and through which we cultivate our own spiritual character. Each week focuses on one core quality, and each day explores how that quality interacts with another. The seven sefirot traditionally associated with the Omer are: *chesed* (lovingkindness), *gevurah* (strength or boundaries), *tiferet* (harmony or compassion), *netzach* (endurance), *hod* (humility), *yesod* (connection), and *malchut* (presence or dignity).

You may notice that these qualities are not abstract metaphysical ideas. They are deeply human traits. The Omer asks us to consider not only how these attributes exist in the divine, but how they show up in our own lives and relationships.

For example, the first week focuses on *chesed*, loving kindness. On the second day of that week, we reflect on *gevurah shebechesed* - the strength within lovingkindness. What does it mean to care for someone while also maintaining healthy boundaries? Later in the Omer we encounter combinations like *tiferet shebegevurah* (compassion within strength) or *hod shebenetzach* (humility within endurance). Each day becomes a small lens through which to examine how different virtues balance one another.

This framework transforms the



Omer from a simple counting practice into a daily opportunity for reflection. It is a spiritual check-in: a chance to ask ourselves what kind of people we want to become as we move toward Sinai.

There is no single "correct" way to engage in this process. The most basic practice is simply remembering to count the Omer each evening. Even that small act reminds us that time itself can be sacred. But many people find it meaningful to add a personal practice alongside the counting.

Some keep a short Omer journal, writing a few sentences each day about the quality associated with that day's *sefirah*. Others choose a small intention — perhaps performing one act of kindness during the week of *chesed* or practicing patience during the week of *gevurah*. Some read a short meditation or teaching each night after counting.

What matters most is consistency and awareness. The Omer offers us a structure: forty-nine small steps of growth, reflection, and preparation.

As we move through this season together, I invite everyone in our community to try some form of Omer practice this year. Whether it is simply counting each evening, reflecting on the sefirot of the day, or jotting down a few thoughts in a journal, these moments can help turn the weeks between Passover and Shavuot into a meaningful spiritual journey.

Day by day, blessing by blessing, we count our way not only through time — but toward becoming the people we hope to be.



NOTES FROM AN ECO YENTA

Allyson Darroch
Davar Editor



The Spices of Life

Sophie Slivowitz isn't the greatest cook. She gave up trying to top her in-laws' kugels and challahs and her latkes are well, sort of meh, but she is justifiably proud of her matzah ball soup and Passover is her chance to shine.

The broth is utterly slurpable. The secret is in the spices. Years ago, she was given a cookbook with the deceptively simple title, *Sephardic Cooking* by Copeland Marks. More than a 600 recipe cookbook it was a look inside Sephardic kitchens from Morocco to India. It was also an introduction to spices: cardamom, coriander and its leaf cilantro, turmeric, cumin, basil, saffron, garlic and chilies from everywhere. These ingredients in careful measure created a complex and rich broth; in a vegetable stock, (store bought), there was no need for chicken so that even daughter Tams in her new found vegetarian obsession (a mother's worry: Was she getting enough protein?) and her vegetarian sister-in-law could have it.

But where did these spices come from? Were they sustainably sourced and grown without oppressive labor or pesticides? Was it ECO KOSHER??

She found that a more sustainable, ethical spice trade is growing. Laura Shumow, Executive Director of the [American Spice Trade Association](#) (ASTA), wrote "we expect that in the future, sustainability will become a baseline requirement for the entire industry." Even McCormick & Co., [the world's largest seasonings company](#), has announced much-publicized commitments to sustainability and economic resilience for farmers. Last year, ASTA signed a memorandum of understanding with the [Sustainable Spices Initiative](#) (SSI), a project that brings together companies and NGOs, which Shumow says "is working against specific benchmarks" for future production.

It's also worth reflecting on history and the unjust systems that have been created in the name of these flavors. Look for brands that are actually managed and owned and operated by the people impacted by those colonial structures. Ask yourself, "Who can I support?" Sophie's advice is be adventuresome and add a little spice.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Spices of the World

Across

- 6. Expensive spice for paella
- 7. Warm spice for desserts
- 10. Spice with notes of clove and cinnamon
- 13. Spice for licorice flavor
- 15. Herb and seed spice

Down

- 1. Golden spice for curries
- 2. Sweet spice for desserts
- 3. Tangy spice in Middle Eastern cuisine
- 4. Aromatic spice for chai
- 5. Licorice-flavored spice
- 8. Grated spice for baking
- 9. Spicy root for tea
- 11. Red spice from peppers
- 12. Earthy spice in chili
- 14. Spice used in mulled wine



Answers on Page 17



Lynn Mendelsohn
Imm. Past President/Special Projects

The page facing April in this year's Ohr Shalom calendar provides recipes for yet more Passover goodies. Probably the oldest and most family-tested of these is the one shared by **Eileen Wingard: Grandmother Dveira Markin's Fruit Compote**. Eileen tells us that Dveira Uretzky Markin was born in 1876 in Slabotka, within the Greater Russian Empire. That's 150 years ago! Here is what Eileen has to say about her:

My grandmother Dveira was a strong, hard-working woman who had a great influence on my life. Unlike other girls of her generation, she received a Jewish education. Her parents insisted that the melamed (teacher) they hired for her three younger brothers also would teach her, so she was knowledgeable in Tanakh and the Hebrew language.



When Dveira's first husband died of consumption, he left her a widow with a young child, so she decided to marry my grandfather, Yitzhak Markin, a widower with two children who lived in a town called Yurovitch, in the Province of Minsk. Dveira and Yitzhak had five children together, including my mother, Rose. Struggling to survive, they ran a small store, often bartering with customers the contents of packages they received from America – from Dveira's brother, Oscar Uretsky, who lived in Great Falls, Montana. In the early 1900s, pogroms were terrible, and one of them decimated the family of another of Dveira's brothers who lived in Kapatkevitch, killing three of his seven children. This traumatized Dveira and Yitzhak. To their good fortune, Oscar Uretsky had been working hard to secure visas and tickets to America for his family. First he brought his parents, and then Dveira and Yitzhak and some of their children. The families settled in Chicago, where Dveira and Yitzhak set up a small mom and pop grocery store on Homan Avenue. Actually, it was my grandmother Dveira who ran the store, as my grandfather Yitzhak became the shamas of a local shul and was off praying.

My mother Rosa met and married my father, Abraham Schiff, in 1928. My early memories are of the Great Depression, when our extended family shared a four-bedroom flat. My parents and I slept in one room, while the rest of the family – my grandparents Dveira and Yitzhak, my great-grandmother, two uncles and an aunt – occupied the other bedrooms and a screened porch. Dveira was the heart of the family. In addition to managing her store, she did the cooking. I particularly remember her Shabbat dinners, when I would get to eat the chicken wings, chicken feet, and most delicious of all, the stuffed chicken neck. There was always compote and sponge cake for dessert. I remember watching my grandmother in the kitchen, beating the egg whites. Sometimes she would let me help with that.

My grandmother was wonderfully attentive to me. On

Hannukah, she would give me a penny for each night. On the High Holidays, when we went together to the Russisher Shule to our seats high up in the women's balcony, I would sit beside her as she sobbed, remembering her two children who had been left behind, whom she would never see again. She was deeply moved by the voices of the great cantors. Her favorite was Pinyele Pinchuk.

A relative managed the local Yiddish Theater and occasionally gave my grandmother complimentary tickets so she took me to the Yiddish Theater. One night, after I had learned the Hebrew letters and vowels, she taught me how to read and write Yiddish. From then on, when I was away, we were able to correspond in Yiddish. What a gift she gave me!

Grandmother Dveira loved children. When I had my own, I would bring them once a week to visit, and I marveled at how she could relate to them, making them gurgle and laugh through her antics. A year or two before she died, when she was bedridden, her memory was sharp as ever, my uncle Hy and I went to visit her weekly over a period of several months and interviewed her in Yiddish about her life. I treasure those recordings, hearing her melodious voice describe her family, her struggles and her greatest joy, her children. I think of my grandmother Dveira often, especially when I am preparing one of the dishes such as compote, stuffed cabbage, beet borsht or any of the other food with which she frugally fed her family.

Rabbi Caplan Ordination Celebrations May 15-18

Ohr Shalom Celebrations:

Friday, May 15 - Shabbat Kehillatit - Graduation Shabbat for Rabbi Caplan and Ohr Shalom Religious School

Saturday, May 16 - Shabbat Kiddush and Lunch & Learn in honor of Rabbi Caplan's Ordination

Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies Ordination

Monday, May 18, 5:00pm

Sinai Temple in Los Angeles (10400 Wilshire Blvd)

An RSVP link from AJU will come eventually and will be required for security purposes... so even if you have an RSVP through Ohr Shalom for logistic purposes, people will still have to RSVP through the AJU link.

If you are interested in carpooling to LA to attend the Ordination ceremony, please contact the office and let us know if you are willing to drive or if you would like a ride. Please email Melanie, assistant@ohrshalom.org.





Susie Meltzer
Israel Desk

The IDF: Seventy Years of Defending Israel

On May 31, 1948, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) officially began acting as Israel’s military organization and took on the role of the official defender of the State of Israel and its citizens. Today, mandatory IDF service is required of all citizens over 18. Their remarkable ranks include “Lone Soldiers,” those with no immediate family in Israel, and soldiers with disabilities in the “Special in Uniform (SIU) program.



Since its founding, Israel has fought in multiple wars, beginning with the 1948 *War of Independence*, the State’s initial struggle for survival. The IDF drew its forces and weapons from Jewish paramilitary organizations active prior to Israel’s statehood. They began as a hastily assembled, ill-equipped army. By the end of the war, the IDF had defeated five invading Arab armies.

In 1967, the Israel Air Force carried out surprise airstrikes against Egypt’s airfields that started the *Six Day War* while Syria, Egypt and Jordan were jointly preparing to invade Israel.

Next in 1973, a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria, attacked on Yom Kippur thinking that the IDF would not be able to defend Israel on this sacred day. The *Yom Kippur War* ended 18 days later when a ceasefire was declared.

Israel launched the *First Lebanon War* In 1982 after a terrorist cell attempted to assassinate the Israeli Ambassador to the United Kingdom. The objective of the war was to put communities in northern Israel out of reach of the terrorists in southern Lebanon. The war lasted more than three months until Israeli forces reached Beirut.

In the *Second Lebanon War* in 2006, the IDF fought against Hezbollah to stop their rockets from firing towards communities in northern Israel and for the release of two Israeli soldiers recently kidnapped by Hezbollah. The IDF stopped its offensive effort in Lebanon following the UN Security Council’s vote to enact Resolution 1701, a failed attempt to create a lasting peace. Hezbollah has remained active in southern Lebanon until now.

The *Israel-Hamas War*, an ongoing armed conflict began on October 7, 2023, when Hamas led a surprise attack on southern Israel, resulting in approximately 1,200 deaths and the taking of over 250 hostages. Israel’s response has included a major military offensive to eradicate Hamas causing significant destruction and casualties in Gaza.

Israel is called the “Start-Up Nation” and in that spirit, the IDF has made major technological advancements that have improved the way the IDF defends the State of Israel and its citizens, such as the US — backed technology, The Iron Dome. David’s Sling is a medium-to-long range missile defense system developed by Israel in partnership with Raytheon Technologies and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems. The Arrow system is another home-grown air defense system that can bring down medium and long-range ballistic missiles. Other IDF innovations include VR glasses that allow soldiers to learn about several different types of ammunition in a visual and accessible way, UAVs with night vision, new armored personnel carriers, digital programs that pack and fold parachutes, and new unmanned ground vehicles.

The IDF is highly regarded worldwide due to its reputation for high operational readiness and its extensive combat experience. It is considered the most powerful military in its region known for its rapid mobilization, specialized elite units, and strategic focus on intelligence and precision. The IDF maintains dominance in air power, intelligence, and cyber capabilities.





ADULT EDUCATION

Evette Weiss
Adult Education

CLASSES WITH RABBI MELTZER

Daf Yomi

Wednesdays, 9:30am This weekly class discusses the pages of Talmud most recently covered.

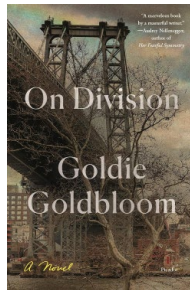


Reading with the Rabbi:

TBD

On Division by Goldie Goldbloom

Set in Brooklyn's Chasidic community, this powerful novel follows Surie, a grandmother whose life is shaken by a surprising pregnancy at 57. As she grapples with shame, secrecy, and change, she is drawn into a deeply personal journey of identity and self-discovery.



Slow Read Book Club:

Fridays at 12:00pm on Zoom

Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism from a Feminist Perspective

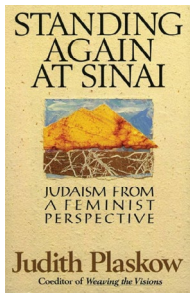
by Judith Plaskow

April 17 - pp 1-75 (Intro and Chs 1 & 2)

May 1 - pp 75-120 (Ch 3)

May 8 - pp 121-169 (Ch 4)

June 5 - pp 170-238 (Chs 5 & 6 and Conclusion)



A feminist critique of Judaism as a patriarchal tradition and an exploration of the increasing involvement of women in naming and shaping Jewish tradition.

OHR SHALOM WELLNESS

Meditation

with Alex van Frank

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:30pm

Alex van Frank, C-IAYT, is holding a post-minyan meditation group.

Ask Alex about her **Italy Yoga Retreat!** Registration open NOW! Space very limited.

- Lower blood pressure • Less anxiety
- Lower stress levels • Deeper relaxation
- More feelings of well-being

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805583843>
Meeting ID: 828 0558 3843



SOCIAL ACTION

JFS Safe Parking/ Families and Children Event

Sunday, April 5, 6:00pm

We are hosting a special JFS Safe Parking dinner event at JFS' special facility for families and children. We are planning to serve dinner at 6pm and play games with the kids. The facility is located in Rose Canyon.

For more information, please contact Davin Widgerow (socialaction@ohrshalom.org).



MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

Happy Hour

Thursday, April 23, 5:00pm



Join us for Happy Hour at Laurel and 5th, the Corner Drafthouse. Open to all Ohr Shalom men. Come out, grab a drink, and meet some of the guys.

Email Mensclub@ohrshalom.org to RSVP.

1st Annual Men's Club

Lawn Bowling



Sunday, May 17 from 12:00 to 3:00pm

Open to all Ohr Shalom adults 21+. Cost is \$25 per person, payable via [PayPal](#) link. No experience needed. It will be casual, easy, and a lot of fun. Details to follow. Please RSVP to mensclub@ohrshalom.org and comment in the PayPal link "Lawn Bowling". Reservations and payment are due by May 8th.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Maggy Dujowich
Religious School Principal



Pesach Reflection for Ohr Shalom

As we approach the beautiful holiday of Pesach, our students at Ohr Shalom are preparing for a special experience that will bring the story of Pesach to life in a new and exciting way.

In past years, our students have enjoyed the fun and creativity of a traditional "Chocolate Seder." While that activity has always been a favorite, this year we wanted to deepen the learning experience and give our students a more immersive understanding of the meaning, history, and traditions of Pesach.

Instead of the typical chocolate seder, our incredible madrichim will be leading a **Walking Seder**. This interactive experience will guide students through different stations, each representing a part of the Pesach story. As they move from one station to another, the children will participate in activities, songs, and hands-on learning experiences that help them connect with the journey from slavery to freedom. Through movement, storytelling, and music, the students will not only hear the story of Pesach, they will experience it.

This type of learning helps children engage more deeply with our traditions. By actively participating in the story, students gain a stronger understanding of why we celebrate Pesach and how its lessons of freedom, resilience, and identity continue to shape Jewish life today.

It is also hard to believe how quickly this school year has gone by. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming students back, and now we are already approaching the final months of the year. Throughout the year, we have watched our students grow, learn, and evolve day by day. Their curiosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to participate continue to make Ohr Shalom such a special place.

We are incredibly proud of how hard our children have been working, learning prayers, exploring Jewish traditions, asking thoughtful questions, and building meaningful connections with their teachers and friends. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our teachers, madrichim, and supportive families who help make our community so strong.

As we prepare for Pesach, we are reminded that each generation has the responsibility to pass on our stories and traditions L'dor V'dor, from generation to generation. Watching our students engage with these traditions in such thoughtful and joyful ways gives us great hope for the future of our community.

We look forward to celebrating this meaningful experience together and wish all of our families a *Chag Pesach Sameach*, a joyful and meaningful Pesach.



YOUTH GROUPS

Michelle Gurr-Barbour
USY Youth Director



Building Belonging, One Moment at a Time

One of the most meaningful things we can offer our young people, and our families, is a true sense of belonging.

In a world where so much of life feels busy, scheduled, and sometimes disconnected, our youth and family programs aim to create something different: intentional spaces to connect. Spaces where kids, teens, and families can show up as they are, build relationships, and feel part of a Jewish community that is warm, joyful, and real.

This spring, we're especially excited to offer a range of experiences that meet people in different moments and stages.

For our teens, immersive weekends provide something truly powerful, time away to unplug, form deeper friendships, and explore their Jewish identity in ways that simply aren't possible in a few hours at a time. These experiences often become core memories, strengthening not only their connection to each other, but to Jewish life as a whole.

At the same time, our upcoming family camp weekend offers a beautiful

opportunity for the entire congregation to come together across generations. There is something incredibly special about sharing Shabbat, meals, and experiences as a community, parents, children, and friends all creating memories side by side.

And for our younger community members, we also make space for simple, joyful connection.

Join us for bowling on **Sunday, April 12 from 3:00 – 5:00pm at Aztec Lanes**, an easy, fun way for kids to spend time together, laugh, and build friendships in a relaxed environment.

While these programs may look different on the surface, they all share the same goal: creating spaces where connection can grow. Whether it's a weekend away, a family retreat, or an afternoon of bowling, each experience plays a role in building a vibrant, supportive community.

As always, if you or your child are looking for a place to belong, we are here and we can't wait to welcome you.





A TASTE OF TORAH

Program for 4-year-olds at Ohr Shalom
with Jennifer Meltzer

April 19 & May 3



Sessions will include:
music, movement, holiday preparation,
art, stories, t'fillah and LOTS OF FUN!

Contact office or use QR code to register

Sundays
9:30-10:30am:
Cost: \$35
per child per class

— Save the Date —

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 7, 4:30pm

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is a gathering for all members to connect, reflect on the past year, and look toward the future of Ohr Shalom Synagogue. During this time, we provide a clear overview of the Synagogue's financial health and share updates on our latest programs. It is your opportunity to stay informed, ask questions about the continued growth of our sacred home.

Join us at **3:30pm** before the annual meeting for a talk on **Elephants with Dr. Fred Bercovitch, PhD.** He is a wildlife conservation biologist and Executive Director of Save the Giraffes, an adjunct Professor at Kyoto University and at the University of the Free State, South Africa. He has studied baboons in Kenya, rhesus monkeys in Puerto Rico, giraffes in Zambia and South Africa, wild dogs in Zambia, elephants in Botswana, koalas in Australia, and snow monkeys in Japan, as well as cheetahs, Nile lechwe, giraffe, koalas, elephants, bushbabies, and California condors in captivity. He has published a number of scientific articles, as well as contributing to San Diego Zoo's *Zoonooz* magazine, *Mongabay* and *USA Today*.



Refreshments will be served

You are invited to a Yom HaAtzmaut Concert

with the Ohr Shalom Choir
directed by Elisheva Edelson

Sing-Along

April 21, 7:30pm

In the Ohr Shalom Social Hall



HONOR and COMMEMORATE

Yom HaShoah: Community Holocaust Commemoration

Sunday, April 12 | 1PM



Join us for this powerful afternoon of remembrance and commemoration.

To register, go to the Jewish Federation website, jewishinsandiego.org.

Venue location and address to be shared upon registration.

More than 80 years after the Holocaust, we gather not only to remember the six million Jews murdered, but to honor the courage that defied evil and the lives saved because someone chose to act.

At this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration, **Heroes Beyond Borders: Stories of Diplomatic Courage**, our community will reflect on the extraordinary efforts taken by allies — recognized as Righteous Among the Nations — who risked everything to save Jews from the advancing Nazi regime.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS IN MARCH

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In memory of George Kaplan
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We apologize for any omissions.

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

LeAnne Adams	Susie Meltzer
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Shayna Meltzer	

CONDOLENCES

*The family of **Jacqueline (Jackie) Ander Z"L** beloved mother of **Mark (Rebecca) Ander** and **Dale (Joanne) Ander** and grandmother of **Eli** and **Jonah Ander**.*

*Jeanne Peters on the passing of her beloved mother **Marjorie Jane McCormick Peters Z"L**.*

Thank You To Our Volunteer Help in March

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

Marci Prag and Matthew Razinsky,
Shabbat Kehillatit Dinner

NISAN/IYAR Yahrzeits at OHR SHALOM



Graciela Kantorovich	Remembered by Sara Zands	1-Apr/14 Nisan
Jack Linsk	Amy Morris' Father	1-Apr/14 Nisan
Elizabeth Goldman	Joshua Goldman's Mother.....	2-Apr/15 Nisan
Ruth Levitan	Marilyn Levitan's Grandmother.....	2-Apr/15 Nisan
Isaac Veinbergs	Miguel Veinbergs' Father.....	2-Apr/15 Nisan
Matilda Green	Elizabeth Green's Grandmother.....	4-Apr/17 Nisan
Rose Slovis	Lisa Slovis Mandel's Grandmother.....	5-Apr/18 Nisan
Elsie Hirsch	Evelyn Schwimmer's Mother	6-Apr/19 Nisan
*Irving Krantz	Remembered by Richard Scholten.....	6-Apr/19 Nisan
Manuel Rechtman	Sara Fainstein's Uncle.....	6-Apr/19 Nisan
Samuel Cohen	Santiago Cohen's Father.....	7-Apr/20 Nisan
*Robert J. Kolkey	Debbie Reid's Father.....	7-Apr/20 Nisan
*Samuel Szmuiłowicz	Isaac Szmuiłowicz and Eva Zagursky's Father	8-Apr/21 Nisan
*Abraham Berman	Remembered by Roz Berman.....	9-Apr/22 Nisan
Leizer Edelson	Elisheva Edelson's Father	9-Apr/22 Nisan
Jean-Claude Lemoine	Richard Lemoine's Father	9-Apr/22 Nisan
*Gert Thaler	Remembered by Norman and Bobby Greene.....	9-Apr/22 Nisan
*Arthur Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Father.....	9-Apr/22 Nisan

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



Marcos Handelman-Wolman	Sara Fainstein's Brother	10-Apr/23	Nisan
Sharlene Chester	Evelyn Sevel's Sister	11-Apr/24	Nisan
Betty Feldmar	Toni Goldstein's Mother, Jennifer Meltzer's Grandmother	11-Apr/24	Nisan
David Sevel	Remembered by Evie Sevel	11-Apr/24	Nisan
Bellida Suissa	Deborah Suissa's Mother	11-Apr/24	Nisan
Jack Weinshanker	Stuart Weinshanker's Father	11-Apr/24	Nisan
Maurice Grossman	Sherry Berlin's Father	12-Apr/25	Nisan
*John Kluchin	Elaine Gottesman's Father	13-Apr/26	Nisan
*Rosie Artenstein	Sara Artenstein's Daughter	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Berta Fainstein	Jaime Fainstein's Mother	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Moritz Grun	Elizabeth Green's Great Uncle	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Agnes Erzsebet Szekely	Elizabeth Green's Cousin	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Julianna Szekely	Elizabeth Green's Great Aunt	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Eva Weisz	Elizabeth Green's Cousin	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Ilona Weisz	Elizabeth Green's Great Aunt	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Jakab Weisz	Elizabeth Green's Great Uncle	14-Apr/27	Nisan
Shelley Berman	Roz Berman's Husband	15-Apr/28	Nisan
Anne Jaffe	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt	15-Apr/28	Nisan
Jaime Najmias	Sara Artenstein's Brother	15-Apr/28	Nisan
*Judith Silberg	Renee Schor's Mother	15-Apr/28	Nisan
Zev Deicas	Mauricio Deicas' Father	16-Apr/29	Nisan
Samuel Green	Remembered by Marda Rose	16-Apr/29	Nisan
*Kathryne Schor	Renee Schor's Grandmother	16-Apr/29	Nisan
Joseph Marcus Siprut	Mark Siprut's Father	16-Apr/29	Nisan
Richard H. Cupples	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples	17-Apr/30	Nisan
*Alex Veinbergs	Sylvia Galicot and Jacobo Veinbergs' Father	17-Apr/30	Nisan
Leon Greene	Richard Greene's Father	18-Apr/1	Iyar
Eva Fordham	Jeanne Argoff's Grandmother, Gillian's Great-Grandmother	19-Apr/2	Iyar
Dorothy Siegan	Susie Meltzer's Aunt	19-Apr/2	Iyar
Fannie Mollov Krampf	Linda Mostel's Grandmother	20-Apr/3	Iyar
Abraham Margolis	Mauricio Margolis' Father	20-Apr/3	Iyar
Rebecca Bloom	Jennifer Tuteur's Great-Grandmother	21-Apr/4	Iyar
David Chayet	Zack Chayet's Father	21-Apr/4	Iyar
*Ronan Bell	Remembered by Leah Golembesky	22-Apr/5	Iyar
Ida Leibman	Marvin Yudkovitz's Grandmother	22-Apr/5	Iyar
Enrique Moscona	Remembered by Ohr Shalom	22-Apr/5	Iyar
Abraham Zemach	Marilyn Greene's Father	22-Apr/5	Iyar
Jeff Feiner	Amy Epstein's Father	23-Apr/6	Iyar
*Abraham Horn	Jerry Horn's Father	23-Apr/6	Iyar
Elya Schnell	Sue Brown's Grandfather	24-Apr/7	Iyar
Eugene Agostino	Christine Eisenberg's Father	25-Apr/8	Iyar
Miriam Argoff	Remembered by Jeanne Argoff and Gillian Argoff-Treseder	25-Apr/8	Iyar
Harry Lane	Jane Zeer's Uncle	26-Apr/9	Iyar
*Ruth Phillips	Julie Phillips' Mother	26-Apr/9	Iyar
Hyman J. Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Father	27-Apr/10	Iyar
Rosemarie Franklin	Christine Eisenberg's Mother	27-Apr/10	Iyar
Leah Goldman	Harriet Wolpoff's Aunt	27-Apr/10	Iyar
Ana Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Mother	27-Apr/10	Iyar
Francois Lellouche	Remembered by the Bunton Family	27-Apr/10	Iyar
Irving Tabak	Jennifer Tabak-Levy's Grandfather	28-Apr/11	Iyar
Gerald Witz	Evelyn Sevel's Brother	28-Apr/11	Iyar
*Sara Lipowsky	Salomon Lipowsky's Mother	29-Apr/12	Iyar
Jose Zaidman	Aaron Zaidman's Father	29-Apr/12	Iyar
Matilde Alvo	Rosie Veinbergs' Mother	30-Apr/13	Iyar
Walter Cohn	Becky Zipp and Melanie Davidson's Grandfather	30-Apr/13	Iyar



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **APRIL-MAY 2026 / NISAN- IYAR 5786**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 14 Nisan Fast of the First Born Erev Pesach 2:00pm - Office Closes First Seder 6:50pm	2 15 Nisan Pesach 1 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service 6:00pm - Community Seder	3 16 Nisan Pesach 2 Omer Day 1 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service 6:15pm - Shabbat Pesach Service 6:52pm	4 17 Nisan Pesach 3 Omer Day 2 9:30am - Shabbat Pesach Service 7:53pm
5 18 Nisan Pesach 4 Omer Day 3 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	6 19 Nisan Pesach 5 Omer Day 4 6:15pm - Minyan 6:45pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Lomdim BeYachad	7 20 Nisan Pesach 6 Omer Day 5 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank 6:55pm	8 21 Nisan Pesach 7 Omer Day 6 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service	9 22 Nisan Pesach 8 Omer Day 7 Office Closed 9:30am - Pesach Morning Service 7:52pm	10 23 Nisan Omer Day 8 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:57pm	11 24 Nisan Omer Day 9 Parshat Shemini Mevarchim Chodesh 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 12:30pm - Lunch & Learn 7:58pm
12 25 Nisan Omer Day 10 9:30am - Religious School 9:30am - L.D.I. #4 6:15pm - Minyan	13 26 Nisan Omer Day 11 6:15pm - Minyan 6:45pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Lomdim BeYachad	14 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah Omer Day 12 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank	15 28 Nisan Omer Day 13 9:30am - Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	16 29 Nisan Omer Day 14 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Men's Discussion Group	17 30 Nisan Omer Day 15 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 12:00pm - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Shabbat Kehillatit Service with Community Dinner 7:02pm	18 1 Iyar Omer Day 16 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Parshat Tazria-Metzora 9:30am - Shabbat Service 8:03pm
19 2 Iyar Omer Day 17 9:00am - Blood Drive 9:30am - Religious School 9:30am - Ta'am Torah 10:00am - Sisterhood Rosh Chosesesh 6:15pm - Minyan	20 3 Iyar Omer Day 18 6:15pm - Minyan	21 4 Iyar Yom HaZikaron Omer Day 19 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank 7:30pm - Yom HaAtzmaut Concert	22 5 Iyar Yom Ha'Atzmaut Omer Day 20 9:30am - Daf Yomi 6:15pm - Minyan	23 6 Iyar Omer Day 21 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 5:00pm - Men's Club Happy Hour	24 7 Iyar Omer Day 22 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service Weekend Retreat 7:07pm	25 8 Iyar Omer Day 23 Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 9:30am - Shabbat Service Weekend Retreat 8:08pm
26 9 Iyar Omer Day 24 Weekend Retreat No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	27 10 Iyar Omer Day 25 6:15pm - Minyan 6:45pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - Lomdim BeYachad	28 11 Iyar Omer Day 26 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation w/ Alex van Frank	29 12 Iyar Omer Day 27 9:30am - Daf Yomi 3:00pm - Museum Tour 6:15pm - Minyan	30 13 Iyar Omer Day 28 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	1 14 Iyar Pesach Sheni Omer Day 29 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service "ask the Rabbi" 7:12pm	2 15 Iyar Omer Day 30 Parshat Emor 9:30am - Shabbat Service 8:13pm