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# DAVAR MEGILLAH

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DINNER**  
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## What Do We Do Now?

By Rabbi Scott Meltzer



I write this with a heavy heart. I write this in sadness. I write this in fear – afraid for Jews and others in Israel, and afraid for Jews and others here in San Diego. I write this in mourning. I write this in anger. I write this without knowing – and also with fearing – what will transpire between when I type these words and when you read them. I write this hyper-aware of my limited power to confront the great evil that happened, to comfort those most bereft, and to influence what needs to happen to make Israel and the world a safer place.

Limited power is a vast distance from powerlessness. First, I want to acknowledge the bravery and strength of everybody who for the past weeks has managed to function (mostly) in the face of intense mourning, anger and fear. I know for many of us, getting out of bed, going to work or even the grocery store, dropping our children off at school, each act that once was simple and habitual, now requires a level of psychic energy and will power that leaves us drained. Especially dropping our children off at school.

I want to affirm our power, as limited as it may be. This is not a moment to sit in our mourning, and it is a time to stand tall, to act in the name of what we believe is good and right.

It turns out there is a lot that we can do.

Here is a partial list and please feel free to share additional ideas with me and Gillian and Marvin and we will pass them along to all of you.

1. Reach out to a friend or relative in Israel. I am confident they would love to hear from you. Not for platitudes, but for contact. Let them know that we care. That we are much closer than we seem. Do so not once, but regularly. It matters.
2. Reach out to a friend not in Israel. We are all shaken and scared. We are all in mourning. We could also use a check-in with a friend. A phone call. A visit. A cup of coffee.
3. Reach out to our elected officials. All of them. On every level. We have had powerful statements of solidarity and understanding from the city, the county, the state and the federal government. Let them know that you heard and appreciate their comments. Thank them. Remind them that we are in this terrible moment in response to Israel's tragic version of Pearl Harbor and 9/11.
4. Donate to San Diego Jewish Federation's Emergency Israel Fund ([jewishinsandiego.org](http://jewishinsandiego.org)). It is the most efficient way to send to Israel and Israelis what they need most.

5. Give blood. Thank you to Gillian and the San Diego Blood Bank for making it possible to give blood at Ohr Shalom (Sunday, November 5) and for your donation to be available for the blood bank in Israel.

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AMERICAN FRIENDS OF  
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**Saving lives. It's in our blood.**

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



## BLOOD DRIVE

Ohr Shalom Synagogue/ Blood Mobile  
**Sunday, Nov. 5, from 9:00 - 2:00pm**  
We strongly encourage appointments.  
[sandiegobloodbank.org/donate](http://sandiegobloodbank.org/donate)  
(619) 400-8251



**Please donate to the San Diego Jewish Federation's Israel Emergency Fund:**

<http://jewishinsandiego.org/israelemergencyfund>



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marvin Yudkovitz**  
President

***I am writing this on October 10. This is the second column I have written for this November 2023 issue of the Davar.***

This evening, at the San Diego Community Vigil for Israel, held on the field at the JCC, I realized that the column I wrote a week ago, talking about our Sisterhood, will have to wait for a future issue. That's because my heart is breaking for Israel, its citizens, people who care about Israel, and people who care about humanity and what it means to be a responsible and caring citizen of the world.

Since the terrorist atrocities conducted by Hamas on the men and women, children and babies, very elderly, elderly, middle aged, and young adults on October 7th, I have been having difficulty focusing on anything else. I have been glued to the television on CNN and other reputable news stations and notifications from Jerusalem Post and other reliable media. Like very many of you, I have been sickened, horrified, angry, anxious, and worried. The barbarity, and unimaginable depravity we have been witnessing in the media, that were perpetrated in an inhumane manner has already been designated as the darkest day in the history of the modern State of Israel. For all humankind, I am sure it will go down as one of the most barbaric acts against fellow human beings. For us as Jews, it certainly will be remembered as one of the saddest days in our history. As of the time of this writing, we have counted over 1200 killed, 3000 injured, and 150 kidnapped Israelis and citizens of others countries visiting Israel. I am saddened for all of the innocent civilians who will be harmed due to this group of terrorists, who have no regard for human life. My heart is breaking for the suffering that each of these individuals and their families are experiencing. Unfortunately, I expect that the number of innocent dead and injured throughout the area will sadly increase by the time you read this. I fervently pray that this is not true, and also that all of the kidnapped will be returned safely to their families. At the time of this writing, the governments of the United States, France, Canada, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, and many others have expressed and shown support for Israel. Hopefully this is still true when you read this.

As a community, we are committed to the welfare of the State of Israel. Every Shabbat we say the Prayer for Israel, holding aloft the Torah. In recent times, Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948. A homeland for all Jews. Modern

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Israel has weathered many storms and battles, beginning with the fight for nationhood, peace and security. Israel has won all of these. My prayers are that by the time you are reading this column, this war has also been decisively won and peace reigns throughout Israel.

This evening the sadness and worry, but also hope and resiliency, was palpable and encouraging. Those of you who have visited Israel know what a beautiful and inspiring place it is. For those of you who have yet to see it – GO. During the talks tonight, several of the speakers (including San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and Jewish Federation of San Diego President and Chief Executive Officer Heidi Gantwerk discussed some aspects of their visits to Israel. Both especially focused on time they spent at Sha'ar HaNegev and time with Ofir Liebstein z"l, the Mayor of the Regional Council who was killed heroically defending the homes and people of the region's 13 communities.

As you may have read in previous issues of the Davar, Ohr Shalom is hoping to make a group trip to Israel in the Spring of 2025. I have been to Israel three times in the past – 1980 when I traveled with a friend who had family living there; 1998 when my daughter was one year away from Bat Mitzvah and my Synagogue at the time had a large (two buses) trip; and 2014 when I spent two weeks, including time with the IDF as a Sar-El volunteer. I'm ready to go back!! Please contact the office and let us know you are interested in being involved in the planning of this visit.

During the Vigil this evening (where many of you, along with thousands of other San Diegans, were in attendance), several actions that each of us can take were listed. For those communities in Israel that were so savagely attacked, I am sure that some of these actions will be needed for the foreseeable future. Please consider generously assisting.

1. Call family and friends in Israel. Let them know you are thinking about them.
2. Donate to the rebuilding of San Diego's sister city, Sha'ar HaNegev's (Gate of the Negev) Regional Council. Jewish

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

Friday	November 3	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"
Saturday	November 4	9:00am	Shabbat Service <b>Bat Mitzvah: Emma Cripps</b>
Friday	November 10	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Choir
Saturday	November 11	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	November 17	6:15pm	Shabbat Kehillatit Service
Saturday	November 18	9:30am	Shabbat Service
Friday	November 24	6:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday	November 25	9:30am	Shabbat Service

NO Shabbat Morning Babysitting until further notice.



### Kabbalat Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"

Friday, November 3 at 6:15pm

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



## Kabbalat Shabbat with the Ohr Shalom Choir

Friday, November 10, 6:15pm

## Shabbat Kehillatit

Friday, November 17

Family-friendly service: 6:15pm  
Community Dinner: 7:15pm  
RSVP for dinner by November 13  
for Member Price. Please contact office.  
Thanksgiving Themed Dinner

#### Members\*

Adults: \$18  
Children: \$10  
(3-13 years old. Children under 2 FREE)

#### Non-Members\*

Adults: \$25  
Children: \$12

\*Please note that the cost of dinner has increased due to inflation and rising food costs.



## Saturday, November 11 - 10:30am - Tot Shabbat with Jennifer Meltzer



## PARSHIYOT & CANDLELIGHTING November 2023

### PARSHAT VAYERA

Fri: November 3 | 19 Cheshvan  5:38pm  
Sat: November 4 | 20 Cheshvan  
Torah: Genesis 18:1-22:24  
Haft: II Kings 4:1-37

### PARSHAT CHAYEI SARA

Fri: November 10 | 26 Cheshvan  4:32pm  
Sat: November 11 | 27 Cheshvan  
Torah: Genesis 23:1-25:18  
Haft: I Kings 1:1-31

### PARSHAT TOLDOT

Fri: November 17 | 4 Kislev  4:28pm  
Sat: November 18 | 5 Kislev  
Torah: Genesis 25:19-28:9  
Haft: Malachi 1:1-2:7

### PARSHAT VAYETZEI

Fri: November 24 | 11 Kislev  4:25pm  
Sat: November 25 | 12 Kislev  
Torah: Genesis 28:10-32:3  
Haft: Hosea 12:13-14:10

## Ohr Shalom's Choir



We meet at 7:00pm on the following Mondays:  
**November 6, 13, 20, 27.** If you're interested in joining us, please contact Elisheva Edelson at [elishevaedelson@gmail.com](mailto:elishevaedelson@gmail.com)

### Ohr Shalom Zoom Room

**Sundays through Thursday 6:05pm  
Daily Minyan Minute**

Before each evening minyan, join us for a short reading by a congregant – a poem, quotation, song, insight into a Torah portion, etc. (does not need to be an original piece). To volunteer to do a reading, contact Jonah Weinberg at [jonahbw@gmail.com](mailto:jonahbw@gmail.com)

**Sunday through Thursday 6:15pm  
Ohr Shalom Daily Minyan**

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**Call the office or go to  
<https://ohrshalom.org/donate/>**



## ADULT EDUCATION

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Adult Education Chair

## 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.



- 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

### Check out the Ohr Shalom Instagram Page!

Search: ohrshalom.  
We have photos from different events, and information about upcoming events.

If you have any content to share, contact Aviva Rosenberg at [chesed@ohrshalom.org](mailto:chesed@ohrshalom.org).



## WORDS FROM THE RABBI (CONT.)

6. Be nice and do something nice for somebody you don't know. Walking down the street, in the grocery store or a restaurant, at the movie theater. Anywhere. I was recently at a funeral for a man who could have died as a nameless statistic – vet, alcoholic, homeless, mentally ill – but for a person who noticed him and radically changed the nature of his last decade on this earth. If I can't change the whole world, perhaps I can change one person's world. May the memory of John Bangs always be for a blessing.

7. Come to shul. No, this is not a gratuitous plug. It is a sincere suggestion. Be in a place that feels like home. Sit in community. Be with friends. If you are so inclined, open your mind and heart in prayer, in reflection, in meditation. For what it's worth, I find that a couple of Rene's cookies do relieve a measure of my anxiety.

And there is much more that we can do. We can pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We can pray for the peace of all Israel. We can pray for the well-being of all the inhabitants of the world. And we can pray for the fulfillment of the prophetic vision that one day we will all be able to sit, peacefully, and none shall make us afraid.

## CLASSES with Rabbi Meltzer

### Ohr Shalom Zoom Room

**Daf Yomi** - Wednesdays, 10:00am  
This weekly class discusses the pages of Talmud most recently covered.



**Psalms** - Wednesdays, 11:00am

The class is discussing the Book of Psalms, usually one psalm per week, viewing them as sources of prayer, and discovering their various translations and interpretations.

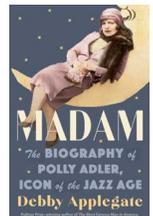
### Slow Read Book Club

• Fridays, 11:00am Resumes November 6

### Madam: The Biography of Polly Adler, Icon of the Jazz Age

by Debby Applegate

This is a compulsively readable and sometimes jaw-dropping story of the life of a notorious madam who played hostess to every gangster, politician, writer, sports star and Cafe Society swell worth knowing, and who as much as any single figure helped make the twenties roar.



### Readings with the Rabbi

• Thursday, November 16, 7:00pm

### The Flowering: The Autobiography of Judy Chicago

by Judy Chicago

(amazon.com) Judy Chicago is America's most dynamic living artist. Her works comprise a dizzying array of media from performance and installation to the glittering table laid for thirty-nine iconic women in The Dinner Party (now permanently housed at the Brooklyn Museum), the groundbreaking Birth Project, and the meticulously researched Holocaust Project. She designed the monumental installation for Dior's 2020 Paris couture show and, in 2019, established the Judy Chicago Portal, which will help to accomplish her lifelong goal of overcoming the erasure that has eclipsed the achievements of so many women.



The Flowering is her vivid and revealing autobiography, fully illustrated with photographs of her work, as well as never-before-published personal images and a foreword by Gloria Steinem. Chicago has revised and updated her earlier, classic works with previously untold stories, fresh insights, and an extensive afterword covering the last twenty years. TWith the first career retrospective of her work forthcoming at the de Young Museum in 2021, Chicago reinforces her message of resilience for a new generation of artists and activists. The Flowering is an essential read for anyone interested in making change.

### Next Readings with the Rabbi:

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00pm

### The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride



## SISTERHOOD CORNER

**Eti Chall**  
Sisterhood President

### Sisterhood in Times of Trouble: Coming Together for Israel

In times of crisis, the power of collective support and unity becomes particularly evident. The recent attack on Israel has not only caused physical devastation but also left many Israelis in emotional distress. It is during such moments of collective grief that sisterhood – the bond among women, and indeed among all of humanity – takes center stage.

**Standing Together, Supporting Each Other.** When difficult times befall a nation, the significance of unity cannot be overstated. Sisterhood transcends geographic borders and political differences, creating a strong network of compassion and empathy. This sisterhood extends to the men and women who serve in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and their families, who bear the weight of uncertainty and sacrifice.

#### Mobilizing Efforts for Israel:

**1. Donations:** One way to express solidarity is by organizing donation drives. Whether it's for humanitarian aid, medical supplies, or support to affected families, coming together to contribute can make a significant impact.

**2. Letters of Support:** Sending heartfelt letters of encouragement and support can bring a glimmer of hope to Israelis during these challenging times. Share your words of empathy, reminding them that they are not alone.

**3. Packages to Soldiers:** IDF soldiers stationed at the frontlines often face challenging conditions. Assembling care packages with essential items, snacks, and personal notes can provide comfort and let them know that people worldwide stand by their side.

**4. Raising Awareness:** Use social media and other platforms to spread awareness about the situation in Israel and the humanitarian needs. Share informative posts, videos, and news articles to encourage understanding and support.

**The Role of Sisterhood:** Sisterhood, in times of collective grief, transcends gender and boundaries. It is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, our capacity to empathize, and the kindness that binds us together. Let's remember that supporting one another, regardless of nationality or background, is a fundamental human quality.

As we unite in sisterhood and as a community, we send a powerful message of solidarity to the people of Israel. Together, we can alleviate suffering, provide hope, and demonstrate that the bonds of compassion and empathy are stronger than any adversity. In times of trouble, Sisterhood is a beacon of light guiding us through the darkest of hours. Let us stand together, shoulder to shoulder, in support of those who need it most.

**Sisterhood** Event in December

### SUFGANIYOT PREP

Ohr Shalom Social Hall

**Join us on December 10th** (During Chanukah Party) for a **Special Chanukah Edition** – Sisterhood-sponsored Sufganiyot prep: We will provide the kits and ingredients will be measured for you in advance. led by Eti Chall, Sisterhood President. No charge but donations accepted



Materials provided. Bring your own apron.

RSVP to [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org), or text/call Eti at 619-772-5001 to let her know you are planning to attend.

### JOINING SISTERHOOD

If you are interested in joining Ohr Shalom's Sisterhood, please contact Eti, [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org), or Gillian, [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org) or 619-231-1456.

### SISTERHOOD VOLUNTEERS

If you have been enjoying the Sisterhood Challah Prep sessions and would like to see additional Ohr Shalom Sisterhood programs, please let Eti know that you would like to help plan or present a program. Do you have experience working in or running a gift shop? The Sisterhood gift shop (located on the second floor) will be reopening in the future and volunteers will be needed. Please contact Eti at [sisterhood@ohrshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@ohrshalom.org) or text/call her at 619-772-5001 to let her know how you can help.



The Sisterhood made gift bags for all the Shinshinim in San Diego.



## SOCIAL ACTION

**Brad Eisenberg**  
Social Action Chair



Once again I would like to recognize the amazing work Stephanie Wells is doing with the TAY Academy. Recently, Stephanie arranged a special visit with several Ohr Shalom Board members to TAY to learn more about how we can help their mission. The following message is from Stephanie about our efforts with TAY:

“If you want to raise a person from mud and filth, do not think it is enough to keep standing on top and reaching a helping hand down to the person. You must go all the way down yourself, down into mud and filth. Then take hold of the person with strong hands and pull the person and yourself out into the light.” Rabbi Shelom of Karlin (18th Century)

I have always been deeply affected by the plight of the homeless. I cannot imagine not having a home, carrying all your belongings everywhere, begging for money to survive. Where do you change your clothing, brush your teeth or shower?

Ohr Shalom had a relationship with San Diego Youth Services TAY (Transitional Age Youth) Academy, and I wanted to make a difference in the lives of homeless youth, so it was easy to begin.

TAY Academy’s mission is to serve the vulnerable homeless youth of San Diego. They are a drop-in center providing food, counseling etc.

There are more than 2000 homeless kids in San Diego. Who knows why? Dangerous family environments, financial family hardships, drug addiction, as well as those who age out of the foster care system at 18 and have nowhere to go.

All transitional living programs in San Diego have a waiting list. Shelters provided for adults are too dangerous for these kids. Notably, 51% of the chronically unhoused adults started off as unhoused youth.

The TAY Academy is a safe space. The center offers laundry machines, lockers, showers, bathrooms, a place to charge a phone, computers to keep in touch with loved ones, and a small kitchen. The large main room has a tv and old worn pleather couches that have seen better days. There is an art room and an outside patio without any patio furniture. They have dreams of starting a garden one day.

TAY is a non-profit operating on a grant basis. Their hours are short, and they are only open four days a week due to budget constraints.

Ohr Shalom has been supplying pizza monthly, and I want to do more. I want your help in thinking out-of-the-box on ways to serve. For example, maybe one of our community members is a doctor and can provide information to these youth on how to keep their immune system healthy. Or let’s clean out our closets and donate clothing, so the kids can stay warm on the streets this winter. They have two vans, so they can pick up donations, making it super simple to donate.

This is not an ask for money now. This is more of a seed for you to think about doing Tikkun Olam as a community and help vulnerable youth. In a future article, I will provide more details on items they can use our support with, and you can always contact me for more information at [stephanie068@hotmail.com](mailto:stephanie068@hotmail.com) or [socialaction@ohrshalom.org](mailto:socialaction@ohrshalom.org) with your thoughts.

## Thanksgiving Turkeys for Christie’s Place

As we have done in previous years, we are asking you to please donate to the Social Action Fund to help us purchase 25 turkeys for Christie’s Place, an organization that serves women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. With your help, Christie’s place is able to provide all of the fixings for a Thanksgiving feast to about 150 families in need.



Please send your monetary donation for this cause to the Ohr Shalom office by **Friday, November 17**.

*We are suggesting donations of \$40 (\$16-20 buys one turkey), but any amount is helpful!*

## Once again, Ohr Shalom is hosting a Toy Drive for Toys for Tots

Please bring your **new, unwrapped** toys to the **Toys for Tots** donation barrel in the Ohr Shalom lobby **by Monday, December 11**. The goal of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to help less fortunate children in our community experience the joy of the holiday season; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of our community in a common cause during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

*[Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic looking weapons and gifts with food.]*



## Thank You for Your High Holy Days Food Donations!

Once again the Ohr Shalom community contributed in a big way to the Jewish Family Service High Holy Days food drive. Special thanks to the women of **Les Dames d’Escoffier International (LDEI), San Diego** for their very generous donation of food again this year (see the blue bags in the photo). 3390 pounds of donated food (equal to about 2825 meals) was delivered

to Jewish Family Service for their food programs.





## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Gillian Argoff-Treseder**  
Executive Director

When I began this article on October 3rd, I innocently started writing about how the time after the High Holy Days is a unique space in time for Jewish Professionals and Jews. A space for the hope of our new year to start taking shape within the context of our Jewish lives and for reflection in the context of our secular lives as Jews in the diaspora. That all seems so hopeful and light as we have spent the last weeks praying for our families and friends in Israel and comforting each other as we feel helpless so far away.

I felt guilty that I still wanted to attend my 30-year (yes 30) Hillel reunion at the University of Oregon (U of O). I went anyway. It was what I needed to do for my soul at the time. I reconnected with friends I hadn't seen in many years. Those friends were grieving, the new students at Hillel were grieving, but we were all grieving together. We prayed together, ate together, cried together and were even able to laugh together. We were all able to see and feel the continuity of Judaism. My friends started the Hillel the year I got to the U of O and I quickly jumped in to help. The seeds we planted 30 years ago are still growing. Students now have a safe place to go to be Jewish, and, after meeting them, I know in 30 years there will still be a safe place for students to be Jewish.

This is my hope for all Jews everywhere – there will always be a safe place to go and be Jewish. For now, I hope Ohr Shalom will be your safe place. It's mine. As Rabbi Meir Goldstein said before the Amidah during Kabbalat Shabbat in Eugene, Oregon: "Friends, don't be stingy with your prayers. We all need them."

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Federation of San Diego has a goal of raising \$5 million to support the rebuilding. It was announced that as of October 10, the effort is already \$3.5 million towards this goal.

3. Donate to Jewish Federation of San Diego's "Israel Emergency Fund."

Other opportunities for donating funds and goods are publicized. Please be sure you know the organization who is administering this, so that your efforts go where they say.

The prayer for Israel says: "Bless the land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy." May *Ha Shem* let it be so.



## RABBINIC INTERN

**Brianah Caplan**  
Rabbinic Intern

Hello! My name is Brianah Caplan, and I am currently in my third year at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles. I am so excited to be joining the Ohr Shalom community as the Rabbinic Intern for the 2023-2024 year.

A bit about me:

I grew up in Scottsdale, AZ in the Congregation Or Tzion community (where my father was their rabbi!). I also spent my summers at Camp Ramah in Ojai, first as a camper, then as a counselor, a songleader, and most recently the head of their Music and Tefillah department this past summer. After high school, I attended San Diego State University, which is where I developed my deep love for this city—and, as a bonus, I had Rabbi Meltzer as my professor! Throughout my years at SDSU, I was incredibly involved in Hillel on campus, where I eventually became one of the members of the Hillel International Student Cabinet. Through my involvement in Hillel, I also helped charter San Diego State's chapter of "Challah for Hunger," a fantastic organization in which students volunteer to make challah and sell it throughout the community, donating all the funds to fight food insecurity on college campuses (SDSU Challah for Hunger is still incredibly active and I am happy to put anyone in touch with them who would like to support their efforts and get some of their delicious challah!).

Outside of school, I became involved in a number of synagogues during my college years—working as the songleader at both Beth El and Beth Israel in La Jolla. When I left San Diego for Los Angeles to start rabbinical school, I became the songleader at Wilshire Boulevard Temple and was there for two wonderful years before coming here to Ohr Shalom.

In addition to becoming a rabbi, I have also worked for nearly 10 years in the Jewish music world—traveling to various communities and helping them connect spiritually through song and prayer. Most recently, along with David Kaplinsky a rabbinical school classmate of mine, I recorded and released our first collaborative album of original Jewish music entitled "Az B'Kol"—which you can listen to anywhere you get your music from. Music and communal singing is something I am incredibly passionate about and hope to weave into my rabbinate as I work toward by ordination and beyond. I am especially looking forward to singing with you all here in the Ohr Shalom community in the coming year!

### **Ohr Shalom is starting an Environmental Programs Committee.**

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Gillian ([office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org)) or Marvin ([president@ohrshalom.org](mailto:president@ohrshalom.org)). Our goal is to have the first meeting in mid-November.

# CSA BOXES ARE COMING TO OHR SHALOM

**Sundays, 11:45am-12:15pm**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes from *Rodney Kawano Farms* will be delivered to Ohr Shalom twice a month on Sundays from 11:45am-12:15pm.

The latest CSA box contained: corn, broccolini, mushrooms, eggplant, potatoes, a cantaloupe, zucchini, apples, and three kinds of tomatoes. The content changes seasonally but is always the freshest and best-tasting produce available.

### How to Order

Boxes cost **\$30 payable by Venmo (use the QR code included here) or cash upon pickup**. The boxes must be **ordered by 5:00pm on Fridays** for Sunday delivery by texting Kim, Rodney's sister, at 619-917-7540. Tell her you are from Ohr Shalom and how many boxes you are ordering.

Box delivery coincides with the Religious School calendar on the following dates:

### Delivery dates:

November: 5 & 19  
December: 3 & 17  
January: 7 & 21  
February: 4 & 25  
March: 10 & 24  
April: 14 & 28



**venmo**

Please make sure to pick up your box(es) promptly! Let's make this our own successful *farm-to-table* program feeding the Ohr Shalom community.

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



## Ohr Shalom Virtual Programming

[Ohr Shalom Zoom Room](#)

Zoom link for Shabbat services and most adult programs (Passcode: myshul)

[us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107501072) Here is the information to join by phone: Phone number: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 831 0750 1072 Passcode: 632432



## CHESED/COMMUNITY CARING

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

## First Yahrzeit Candle Distribution

One of the many ways that the Chesed Committee supports our members is **Yahrzeit Candle Distribution**. To help mark a first yahrzeit, we will deliver a yahrzeit candle to your home for you to light (on the Hebrew calendar anniversary), along with an invitation to join a minyan at which you can recite the Kaddish (Mourner's Prayer) and share some remembrances. Each future year, Ohr Shalom's office will send you a reminder notice of your yahrzeit date.

Many thanks to Jonathan and Alma Geiger for coordinating the candle distribution. Koba will now be coordinating the distribution. Thank you Koba!

Chesed is always looking for volunteers! Please contact Koba via email at [koba.binx@yahoo.com](mailto:koba.binx@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the Yahrzeit Candle Distribution or can help deliver the candles in your geographic area.

**OHR SHALOM**  
*Weekend Retreat*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 15-17**  
YMCA Camp Marston Julian, CA

**ACTIVITIES**

- Friday night dinner services
- Saturday morning services
- Discussions, activities, games
- Saturday night Havdalah and bonfire
- Sunday morning services
- Games, activities, lunch

All congregants, all ages, families with children, welcome! Activities will be geared to all ages that are attending.

Save the date, talk to your family and friends.  
Sign-ups to be arranged in the near future.



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

**Allyson Darroch**  
Environmental Projects Chair

### Humans are Control Freaks

117,000 years ago when we were leaving our footprints in the clay along the shore of Langebaan Lagoon, South Africa we had almost no control over our environment. Oh sure we had figured out fire, at least enough to provide a bit of heat and light, but not much else. When food was scarce or weather too harsh, we just moved on.

Fast forward to a city by a large blue ocean with air quality so poor we invented a name for it: "smog." It was a combination of smoke and ocean fog whose presence we blamed on a thing we called "the inversion layer." Since this was a natural phenomenon, not much could be done about it really. Just don't breathe so much.



Throughout the first half of the 20th century, industrial facilities continued to pollute the nation's air with little regulation, leading to increased cases of emphysema and asthma. The poor air quality resulted in hundreds of deaths as killer smog blanketed major cities. Until 1970, when some very concerned humans came up with a thing called the "Clean Air Act." The result: between 1990 and 2018, harmful chemicals dropped significantly, with carbon monoxide falling 74 percent, ground level ozone declining by 21 percent and lead decreasing by 82 percent from 2010. The environmental benefits that stemmed from these reductions include decreased warming as well as healthier soil, freshwater bodies and vegetation. The Act has also stimulated the nation's economy. The US\$65 billion worth of costs associated with implementing the Act's measures has been more than paid for through reduced medical bills and increased worker productivity. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates almost US\$2 trillion in benefits.

Great news, although not enough since the United States remains a leading country for premature pollution-related deaths. Concerned humans continue to work towards a goal of zero emission by 2050.

To sum up, right now we are in control. We have the technology and the resources, but the ancient mindset that says "this is a too scary problem for our band and there is nothing we can do" gets in the way. No, we can't change the way the wind blows but we can change our minds. Controlling (aka regulating) the production of greenhouse gases has been working quite well. We just need to keep at it. We, as they say, "have the conn."



## YOUTH GROUP

**Michelle Gurr-Barbour**  
USY Youth Director



### Choices and Options

In life, I have said the phrase "there is not another choice" more than once. Really, when you think about that, it is a false statement, no matter how much we believe it at the time. Even though our personalities or perspectives influence a decision and we feel strongly in the choice we have made, there is always something else that we decided against. Because while everything may be a choice, some choices are not an option, and that is the difference.

When I think about my personal road to and through Judaism, I don't know that I consciously made a choice to be Jewish, I just was. I did, however, consciously make the choice to convert to Judaism. I remember shortly after I completed conversion, I was talking to a Jewish friend and she got emotional. She shared how touched she is by the process of conversion because when someone makes the choice to follow their heart and convert to Judaism, even knowing that this road will contain more challenges and hardships, it is a truly special thing. At the time, I may have been new to Judaism but I wasn't fully aware of the challenges or hardships she was referencing. I worked at the synagogue where my daughter went to preschool, and the majority of our social group were the Jewish families in her class. We were in a Jewish bubble. It was not until she went to public school that I realized just how in the minority we were.

That brings us to now. Israel is at war and unthinkable things are happening. Our current reality, even on the home front, includes ramping up armed guards, panic buttons, active shooter trainings and lockdown drills. Where we feel like our choice to walk into any religious institution without added security measures comes with a new level of risk. Where our children will become numb to the concept of walking through gates and past police officers to go to a service or event. Is this going to shake us? Yes. I am sure it already has, but that does not mean that we back down. We come together and are stronger from the experience because that is historically what we have always done. Because in the end, while we make many choices with regard to Judaism, allowing someone to take away our pride in being Jewish is not an option.

### USY November Events

**Saturday, November 11, 6:30-10:00pm**  
**SD-WIDE POOL/BILLARD CAFE**  
**8-12th Grade**

**Sunday, November 19, 12-1:30pm**  
**MAD SCIENCE at Ohr Shalom**  
**K-7th Grade**

RSVP by Nov. 5 for either of these events to  
Michelle Gurr-Barbour, USY Youth Director [usy@ohrshalom.org](mailto:usy@ohrshalom.org)



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Maggy Dujowich**  
Religious School Principal



### Celebrating a Milestone: My Son's Bar Mitzvah and the Journey of Learning

This month marks a significant milestone in our family's journey, as we celebrate my third and final son's Bar Mitzvah. It is a moment steeped in tradition, a rite of passage that connects generations, and a testament to the rich tapestry of our faith. As a mother, this occasion fills me with immense pride. Witnessing my son stand tall and embrace his responsibilities as a Jewish adult is a source of boundless joy.

Yet, as both a teacher and a principal, I find myself even more deeply moved and inspired. Over the years, I have had the privilege of watching my son grow, not only as a student but also as a young man dedicated to the values we hold dear. His journey through Hebrew studies, Torah interpretations, and the broader teachings of our faith has been nothing short of remarkable.

As his Bar Mitzvah approached, I watched with a heart full of gratitude as he undertook the meticulous preparations, approaching this sacred moment with a level of dedication that filled me with awe. He studied tirelessly, showing a maturity and commitment that belied his years. It was a testament to the profound impact our religious education has on our young minds, shaping them into thoughtful, responsible members of our community.

Becoming a man and, most importantly, taking pride in his heritage and religion has been a monumental achievement for my son. This milestone has encouraged me to reflect on the incredible children we have within our school community. Every day, I witness their steady transformation, inching closer to that pivotal moment where they, too, stand tall as proud Jewish individuals.

In this journey, our teachers play an indispensable role. Their dedication to nurturing not just academic growth, but also spiritual and moral development, is truly commendable. They ignite the spark of curiosity and guide our children in exploring the depths of our faith. It's through their tireless efforts that our students embark on this path with a sense of purpose and understanding.

Equally deserving of admiration are the parents. Their commitment to ensuring their children receive a comprehensive Jewish education is a cornerstone of our community. The sacrifices made, the time invested, and the choices to prioritize this vital aspect of their children's upbringing are nothing short of inspiring. They are instrumental in instilling a strong sense of identity and belonging in our young learners.

To all the remarkable children in our school, I want to say: you are extraordinary. Each step you take, every question you ask, and every discovery you make brings you closer to your own Bat or Bar Mitzvah. I have no doubt that you will all rise to meet this milestone with the same enthusiasm and dedication that my son has shown.

As the days unfold, I eagerly await the moment when each of you will stand before the Torah, ready to embrace your responsibilities as proud Jewish individuals. Your journeys are filled with promise, and your futures shine with the brilliance of your potential. I have full confidence that you will not only achieve your goals, but you will do so with grace, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to our shared heritage.

May your paths be guided by the teachings of our faith, and may you continue to find strength in your community, your families, and within yourselves. I look forward to celebrating each of your milestones with the same pride and joy that fills my heart today.

### LAUREL STREET BEAT

*from Springsong Weiner Cooper  
Religious School Committee Chair*

**Being thankful (gratitude) is prevalent throughout Jewish prayers. The first words we say each morning – Modeh/Modah ani, "I thank you" – mean that we begin each day by giving thanks. Gratitude is also a value that drives countless other Jewish practices, traditions, and customs. Given the heartbreaking tragedy unfolding in Israel, it feels especially important for us to take a moment and think about the things we have to be grateful for.**

**Question: What is something you're grateful for?**

**Greyson (Kitah Hay):** I'm grateful for my sister. She's 13 and whenever I'm sad or unable to reach something, she's always there to help me.

**India (Kitah Zayin):** I'm grateful for my family, friends, and pets. And I'm thankful that our country is not under attack because that would be really awful.



### KIDS IN COLLEGE?

We want to be in contact with your kids in college.



Let us send them a Chanukah gift, hamantaschen and other tchotchkes during the year. Please send their email address and a physical address to [office@ohrshalom.org](mailto:office@ohrshalom.org).



## ISRAEL DESK

Susie Meltzer  
Israel Desk

# Netanyahu's Speech to Israel Following Previous Terrorist Attack

Israel and the world remain in shock after Hamas invaded Israel in the worst loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust. Prime Minister Netanyahu delivered a passionate speech to the nation at the time of an earlier terrorist invasion. The words are still relevant as we try to cope with the current events.

Here were just some of his poignant comments:

"In 1948 we had no country or army. We were only 650,000 Jews against the rest of the Arab world, without any Israel Defense Army (IDF), no powerful air force, just brave people. The country that the United Nations gave us was 65% desert. Today we have: a country, an army, a powerful air force, a State whose economy exports millions of dollars, Intel-Microsoft-IBM developing products for the whole world, our doctors who receive awards for medical research and numerous Nobel Prize winners in all areas."

"We have made the desert bloom, we sell oranges, flowers and vegetables to everyone. Israel has sent its own satellites into space. Three satellites at the same time."

"We are proud to be in the same scientific and socioeconomic range with the United States having 330

million inhabitants, Russia having 133 million inhabitants, China having 1.4 billion inhabitants, and Europe (France, Great Britain, Germany) having 350 million inhabitants. Israel is now part of the family of nuclear powers, with the United States, Russia, China, India, France and Britain."

"We have never officially admitted it (but everyone knows it): only 80 years ago, they led us, ashamed and desperate, to sacrifice. We have the smoking ruins of Europe fresh in our minds, and we won our wars here with less than nothing. We have built our little "Empire" from nothing."

"Who is Hamas to want to scare us, to intimidate us? Let's not forget what it is about. We have survived Pharaoh, the Romans, the inquisition in Spain and the pogroms in Russia. We have survived Hitler and the Holocaust. We have survived the armies of seven Arab countries. We will continue to survive today's enemies as well."

"Let us remember the many nations and cultures that once tried to destroy us, which today no longer exist, and we still live. Look at us: the slaves of Egypt, we are still here. And we speak the same language. Before and now. There is a God. As long as we maintain our identity, we will be here forever. We're going to win in the end."

## CHANUKAH CORNER

### Save the Dates Death is a Part of Life: Jewish Responses to Dying, Death, and Mourning

January 20 and 21, 2024  
for a thought-provoking two days of  
presentations and discussions on the topic

**Saturday Lunch 'n Learn:** Alex van Frank, JD, International Yoga Therapist, Meditation teacher, Experienced Death Doula, Trauma Informed Indigenous Cultural Practitioner and Rabbi Aliza Berk, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Jewish Educator, Chaplain and Spiritual Director – Therapeutic responses

**Saturday evening:** Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Peter Krantz and Vince Storniolo, of Am Israel Mortuary – Jewish laws, customs, and practices

**Sunday Morning:** Rabbi Ralph Dalin, Community Chaplain, Jewish Federation of San Diego

*Stay tuned for more information*

### GIFT BAGS FOR CHANUKAH



Help your friends and family have a cozy Chanukah! Send some light, love and fun. Watch for details in upcoming announcements.



### Save the Date Ohr Shalom's Annual CHANUKAH PARTY

**Sunday, December 10, 5:00pm**

come along and enjoy a fall season tour of the

# JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN (JFG)

Balboa Park

With Ohr Shalom Member and JFG Docent

## Alma Geiger

Two alternative tours

**Friday, November 17, 2023 and Sunday, November 19, 2023**

Both tours at 11:00am



Established in 1991, Balboa Park's Japanese Friendship Garden celebrates San Diego's closeness with its sister city in Japan, Yokohama. Covering 12 acres of flora native both to Japan and Southern California, the JFG reflects the simplicity, serenity and asceticism that are integral to Japanese culture.

The JFG has an upper garden and a lower one. Our 45-minute tour will focus on the upper garden, lending us an opportunity to explore the lower one with Alma in a less formal way.

Cost of admission with the tour: \$14;  
\$12 for 65 or older, student, or active  
military (*Teens and tweens over 12 are  
welcome at the student price if they are able to  
sustain interest in the tour.*)

It is highly recommended that you purchase your own individual admission ticket to the JFG in advance online (<https://www.niwa.org/visit>) to save time on the day-of. However, a ticket at the same price can be purchased upon entry. We will assemble at 10:50am in front of the JFG Ticket Booth, south of the Prado Restaurant and north of the Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park. Please RSVP by November 10th to Lynn Mendelsohn, [mendelynn0511@gmail.com](mailto:mendelynn0511@gmail.com) or text 619-980-1801

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### North County Lecture Series: Journey to J'Accuse: Combatting Holocaust Denial and Antisemitism in Lithuania

**Monday, November 6, 2023 | 10:30 – 11:30am**  
AUDITORIUM, Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane

Award-winning documentarian Michael Kretzmer, whose film *J'Accuse!* sheds light on the Lithuanian government's role in the decimation of over 220,000 Lithuanian Jews and subsequent cover-up of these atrocities, explores the process of creating *J'Accuse!* and Michael's work to uncover the truth.

[You can watch *J'Accuse!* at the Lawrence Family JCC on Sunday, November 5 at 10:00am. (See details in the October Davar.)] Price: Free.

### SDSU Living Writers' Series Poet and Essayist Maya Tevet Dayan

**Wednesday, November 8 | 7 - 8:30pm**  
Love Library, Room 430, SDSU

Visiting professor and award-winning poet and essayist **Maya Tevet Dayan** will read poems from her two critically acclaimed poetry collections. Her latest book, *Feminism, as I Told it to My Daughters* (Israel, 2023), is a short memoir in essays based on her highly popular feminist columns and essays published over the years in "Haaretz" magazine. The event, sponsored by the Murray Galinson San Diego-Israel Initiative (MGSDII), is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.  
<https://mfa.sdsu.edu/community/living-writers>.

### Remembrance Reading - I Never Saw Another Butterfly Presented by JCompany Youth Theatre

**Thursday, November 9, 2023 | 7:00pm**  
Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family JCC

The play centers on Raja Englanderova, one of the children who survived Terezin, and her family, friends, and classmates. She shares her story of living in the concentration camp, while retaining a world filled with butterflies and flowers with other children in the camp. Price: Free.

### MANDELBAUM FAMILY LECTURE SERIES: People of the Comic Book

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 | 10:30 - 11:30am**  
WINN ROOM, Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue  
Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik will dive into the Jews who invented the comic book industry and most of your favorite heroes — as well as exploring the historical trends and Jewish traditions. Great for comic book fans of all ages, for Jewish history buffs and everyone in between! Price: Free.

### Jewish Poets-Jewish Voices

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023 | 7:30 - 9:00pm**  
Rehearsal Room, Lawrence Family JCC

This program will feature three local Jewish poets reading their work, and an open mic. A reception after the program will follow where the audience can meet the poets. In collaboration with the Astor Judaica Library, San Diego Center for Jewish Culture and JCC's Senior & Adult Dept. Price: Free.

# TODAH RABAH AND LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

## Thank you for your generous donations in October:

**SYNAGOGUE FUND**

Doreen Casuto  
 Evelyn Schwimmer  
 Catherine Spanbauer  
 Jonah Weinberg

**In memory of David Argoff**  
 Shoshanah and Geoffrey Sternlieb  
 Matthew Egel and Kelly Lambo  
 Mark and Phyllis Strauss

**In memory of Miriam Haber**  
 Lynn and Ivan Mendelsohn

**In memory of Arnold Okin**  
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**In memory of Abraham Horstein**  
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**In memory of David Argoff**  
**In memory of Hugo van Vloten**  
 Jonathan and Alma Geiger

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 Aaron Rubinstein

**In memory of Edmund Pilcher**  
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**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**  
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**TODAH RABAH TO OUR SHABBAT SPONSORS**

Alice Broudy Cupples  
 Naomi Ruth Eisman  
 Luna Levy-Keller  
 Daniel Pick

*We apologize for any omissions.*

**MAZAL TOV**

**Maggy and Samuel Dujowich on Alexander's Bar Mitzvah.**

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

LeAnne Adams	Joe Hartman	Amy Morris
Ilan Awerbuch	Koba	Rocky Reid
Sue Brown	Morris Lazard	Aviva Rosenberg
Joe Castiglione	Jessica Lemoine	Ruben Rosental
Emma Cripps	Eli Meltzer	Brian Stannard
Allyson Darroch	Jennifer Meltzer	Jonah Weinberg
Elisheva Edelson	Susie Meltzer	Springsong
Hudi Eshel	Ivan Mendelsohn	Cooper Weiner
Jonathan Geiger	Lynn Mendelsohn	Margalit Wollner
Lou Green	Rachel Millstone	Marvin Yudkovitz
		Jane Zeer

***Todah Rabah*** to Marci Prag, Matthew Razinsky and Jim Lewis for a flavorful and enjoyable Kehillatit. **Office volunteers:** Koba, Jim Lewis, Allison Madwatkins, Aviva Rosenberg, and Debbie Suissa. **Food Drive:** Allison Wolpoff and Aviva Wolpoff



## Yahrzeits

*David Birnbaum	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	1-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Felipe Melnik	Remembered by Silvia Gold .....	1-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Esther Penner	Barbara Hartman's Mother.....	1-Nov/17 Cheshvan
*Manuel Shteremberg	David Shteremberg's Father and Remembered by Jose Zyman .....	1-Nov/17 Cheshvan
*Benjamin A. Weisman	Remembered by Joe Rubin.....	1-Nov/17 Cheshvan
Richard Gottfried	Remembered by Ivan and Lynn Mendelsohn .....	2-Nov/18 Cheshvan
Jaya Finkler	Aaron Rubinstein's Grandmother .....	3-Nov/19 Cheshvan

# Yahrzeits

*Rafael Galicot	Jose Galicot's Father and Remembered by Sylvia Galicot.....	3-Nov/19 Cheshvan
Sanford Aaron Rose	Steve Rose's Father .....	3-Nov/19 Cheshvan
Libe Szmuilowicz	Remembered by Bertha Szmuilowicz.....	3-Nov/19 Cheshvan
*Alex Goldstein	Ellen Statman's Father.....	3-Nov/19 Cheshvan
Meer Lipowsky	Diana Lipowsky's Husband and Salomon Lipowsky's Brother .....	4-Nov/20 Cheshvan
Michael Jacobs	Rabbi Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Uncle.....	5-Nov/21 Cheshvan
Linda Helen Levitt	Rayna Levitt's Mother .....	6-Nov/22 Cheshvan
Benyamin Yochanan	Avigayil and Solomon Yochanan's Son.....	6-Nov/22 Cheshvan
Charlotte Broudy Wilenken	Remembered by Alice Broudy Cupples.....	6-Nov/22 Cheshvan
Florencio Martinez	Irma Martinez's Brother .....	8-Nov/24 Cheshvan
Jeffrey Ressler	Vivien Ressler's Husband .....	8-Nov/24 Cheshvan
Levi Yochanan	Avigayil and Solomon Yochanan's Son.....	8-Nov/24 Cheshvan
Albert Boner	Steve Boner's Father.....	8-Nov/24 Cheshvan
Malka Rubinstein Broder	Aaron Rubinstein's Mother .....	9-Nov/25 Cheshvan
Miriam Shlesinger	Jonathan Geiger's Sister .....	9-Nov/25 Cheshvan
Iris Anderson	Yvonne Scarlett's Grandmother .....	9-Nov/25 Cheshvan
*Harrison Robbins	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	10-Nov/26 Cheshvan
Sarah Schnell	Sue Brown's Grandmother .....	10-Nov/26 Cheshvan
*Rebecca Bogan	Ana Galicot's Aunt.....	10-Nov/26 Cheshvan
Ron Berens	Zack Chayet's Uncle .....	11-Nov/27 Cheshvan
Aryeh Geiger	Jonathan Geiger's Brother .....	12-Nov/28 Cheshvan
Edward Seligman	Elaine Shaw's Father .....	13-Nov/29 Cheshvan
Richard Chandler	Mark Chandler's Father.....	13-Nov/18 Cheshvan
Jordan Ressler	Vivien Ressler's Son .....	15-Nov/2 Kislev
*Abraham Tishman	Esther Tishman's Husband, Lilian Decias and Rosa Ratniewski's Father .....	17-Nov/4 Kislev
Concepcion Zachs	Reina Shteremberg's Mother .....	17-Nov/4 Kislev
Miriam Zagursky	Enrique Zagursky's Mother .....	17-Nov/4 Kislev
Jorge Distel	Fanny Rosental's Father .....	18-Nov/5 Kislev
*David Himelfarb	Steve Fox's Grandfather .....	19-Nov/6 Kislev
Lester Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Uncle.....	19-Nov/6 Kislev
Linda Scher	Laura Castillo's Mother.....	19-Nov/6 Kislev
*Bea Hyman	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	20-Nov/7 Kislev
*Regina Rubinstein	Susanne Lisker's Mother .....	20-Nov/7 Kislev
*Abraham Ressler	Remembered by Vivien Ressler .....	21-Nov/8 Kislev
Haim Sack Goldstein	Fay Rozen's Father .....	21-Nov/8 Kislev
Martin Meltzer	Rabbi Scott Meltzer and Brett Meltzer's Grandfather .....	22-Nov/9 Kislev
Abraham Benatar	Deborah Suissa's Uncle.....	23-Nov/10 Kislev
Max Brzezinski	Eva Brzezinski's Brother .....	23-Nov/10 Kislev
George Feher	Shoshanah Feher Sternlieb's Father.....	23-Nov/10 Kislev
Leye Galek	Samuel Galek's Wife .....	23-Nov/10 Kislev
David Gritzewsky	Eva Chayet's Father.....	23-Nov/10 Kislev
Miriam Tauber	Susanne Lisker's Grandmother .....	23-Nov/10 Kislev
Eliezer Arazi	Remembered by Bertha Szmuilowicz.....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
Dorothy Canter	Remembered by Al Shelden .....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
Noemi Finkelberg Pustilnik	Jorge Finkelberg's Sister .....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
*Rabbi Harold Zvi Gottesman	Remembered by Elaine Gottesman.....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
Abraham Hochman	Sara Zands' Father .....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
Luisa Margolis	Mauricio Margolis' Grandmother.....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
Isadore Rosenzweig	Sherry Berlin's Grandfather .....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
*Marcell Evan Scarlett	Yvonne Scarlett's Son .....	24-Nov/11 Kislev
Matilda Bookbinder	Sue Brown's Mother .....	25-Nov/12 Kislev
Jose Cielak	Remembered by Ohr Shalom.....	26-Nov/13 Kislev
Lea Melden	Mark Melden's Mother .....	26-Nov/13 Kislev
Rafael Najmias	Sara Arntstein's Father .....	26-Nov/13 Kislev
*Luisa Levy	Vicky Cohen's Mother .....	27-Nov/14 Kislev
*Hannah Shoman	Marty Shoman's Mother .....	28-Nov/15 Kislev
Abraham Zyman	Jose Zyman's Father .....	29-Nov/16 Kislev
Jacov Shimon Awerbuch	Ilan Awerbuch's Grandfather.....	30-Nov/17 Kislev
Isabel Cannizzaro	Remembered by Janice Zipp Cannizzaro .....	30-Nov/17 Kislev
*Malech Kucinski	Robert Kucinski's Father.....	30-Nov/17 Kislev
Rose Zipp	Janice Zipp Cannizzaro and Elaine Smith's Aunt .....	30-Nov/17 Kislev

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023**

**Cheshvan 5784/Kislev 5784**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 17 Cheshvan</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>2 18 Cheshvan</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>3 19 Cheshvan</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service Ask the Rabbi" 5:389pm	<b>4 20 Cheshvan</b> <i>Parshat Vayera</i> <b>Bat Mitzvah: Emma Cripps</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Service 6:37pm
<b>5 21 Cheshvan</b> <b>Turn back clocks 1 hour</b> 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 	<b>6 22 Cheshvan</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>7 23 Cheshvan</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>8 24 Cheshvan</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>9 25 Cheshvan</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>10 26 Cheshvan</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat with Choir 4:32pm	<b>11 27 Cheshvan</b> <i>Parshat Chai Sara</i> Mevarchim Chodesh 9:30am - Shabbat Service 10:30am - Tot Shabbat 6:30pm - USY Event 5:32pm
<b>12 28 Cheshvan</b> 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>13 29 Cheshvan</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>14 1 Kislev</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>15 2 Kislev</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>16 3 Kislev</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Readings with the Rabbi	<b>17 4 Kislev</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 11:00am - Japanese FG 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kehillatit Service with Community Dinner 4:28pm	<b>18 5 Kislev</b> <i>Parshat Toldot</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:28pm
<b>19 6 Kislev</b> 9:30am - Religious School 11:00am - Japanese Friendship Garden Tour 12:00pm - USY Mad Science Event 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>20 7 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>21 8 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>22 9 Kislev</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>23 10 Kislev</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office Closed No Minyan	<b>24 11 Kislev</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:25pm	<b>25 12 Kislev</b> <i>Parshat Vayetzei</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:25pm
<b>26 13 Kislev</b> No Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>27 14 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>28 15 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>29 16 Kislev</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>30 17 Kislev</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>1 18 Kislev</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat "Ask the Rabbi" 4:24pm	<b>2 19 Kislev</b> <i>Parshat Vayishlach</i> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:25pm
<b>3 20 Kislev</b> 9:30am - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>4 21 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Choir Practice	<b>5 22 Kislev</b> 6:15pm - Minyan 7:00pm - Meditation with Alex van Frank	<b>6 23 Kislev</b> 10:00am - Adult Ed: Daf Yomi 11:00am - Adult Ed: Psalms 6:15pm - Minyan	<b>7 24 Kislev</b> <b>Erev Chanukah</b> 4:30pm - Religious School 6:15pm - Minyan 5:13om	<b>8 25 Kislev</b> <b>Chanukah Day 1</b> 11:00am - Slow Read Book Club 2:00pm - Office Closes 6:15pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:25pm	<b>9 26 Kislev</b> <i>Parshat Vayeshev</i> Mevarchim Chodesh <b>Chanukah Day 2</b> 9:30am - Shabbat Service 5:26pm