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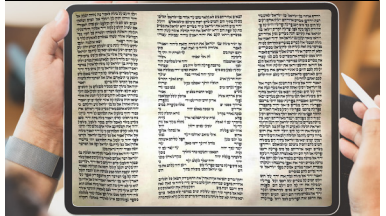
# MANISCHEWITZ VACCINE APPROVED BY FDA



**Cantor Beth Vows to Keep Platform Shoes in Storage Until the Pandemic Ends**



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**Hillside Memorial Park to Show Movies  
*Blazing Saddles*, *The Frisco Kid*, *Keeping the Faith*  
Showing in March**



**Rabbi Kalev to Work From Israel "Since we're always virtual now."**



Rabbi Joshua Kalev

Senior Rabbi

Instagram: @rabbikalev

Facebook: fb.me/jkalev

# Rabbi's Reflections



The ingenuity of the Jewish people continues to astound me, especially as we find ourselves at the one-year mark of this pandemic. I am constantly amazed by the incredible ways that Jews and Israel play a continuous role in the creation of cutting edge technologies to help us through this difficult time: Sonovia masks from Israel have a special shield layer that wards off bacteria, viruses, and fungi of all kinds; Tadiran Air Conditioning units use hydrogen peroxide to create safe spaces free of worry of the virus; the CEO of Pfizer and the chief medical officer of Moderna are both proudly Jewish – one is the son of Holocaust survivors and the other an Israeli; and of course, how incredible is it that Israel leads the world in this vaccination effort with more than 30% of the population having received at least one shot.

With all this great news, it looks like things might even get better this spring... while the current vaccines on the market are miraculous, the Jewish people have been working hard to help with this effort and create a vaccine that requires only one shot, no refrigeration, and protects the body immediately from the virus. In addition, this new vaccine which is being developed in conjunction with the Technion and Hadassah Hospital, will also protect from leprosy (the disease described in the book of Leviticus).

The story behind the new vaccine is truly incredible – many of you know that in the 1800's Rabbi Dov Behr Manischewitz opened a small bakery in Cincinnati, OH. After the repeal of prohibition, Manischewitz began making wine using cheap Labrusca grapes from upstate NY. These grapes were rarely used for consumption because of their tough skin and extremely high sugar content. Slowly over time, Manischewitz wine was used not just by the Jewish community but sales actually

peaked during Thanksgiving and Christmas as non-Jews found its sweet taste and inexpensive price appealing.

Fast forward 75 years and the brilliant scientists at the Technion begin doing experiments with Manischewitz as part of a funny video they hoped to post for Passover. Much to their surprise, they could not believe that under a microscope, the sugar molecules from the Labrusca grape had the ability to attach to certain cells and destroy the outer layer – an unbelievable discovery that might change the world, especially a world facing a pandemic.

After years of research and numerous clinical trials, the “Manischewitz vaccine” is in its final stages of approval. With a 90% effective rate (a denomination of 18 of course) and little side effects (a few people have experienced a bit of slurred speech, saying “*l'chayim*” at the beginning of each sentence, and a desire to eat matzah) the vaccine holds great promise. Just last week I read that the medical journal of Chelm released findings that in early trials patients said that learning Hebrew became much easier after receiving the vaccine.

Since CTJ's leadership and staff are always thinking ahead, we have reached out to Manischewitz and have secured 118 doses of the vaccine when it is ready. The first rollout of the vaccine will be given to Kohanim (those whose lineage goes back to the Temple). We hope to purchase more as they become available. Our CTJ doctors and nurses have agreed to administer the process when they arrive.

I hope that you will rejoice with me and express great pride this season that our tradition continues to pave the way forward to a better and sweeter world. Who knew that the four cups of wine we have been drinking at our seders would one day prove to be lifesaving? This is truly a *shecheyanu* moment!

Rabbi Kalev

## Why We Give

Each issue, we spotlight those who give to CTJ, donations big and small.

**Who?** Jackie Leon, CTJ member for more than 40 years.

**What?** Jackie recently donated to the High Holiday campaign.

**Why?** Jackie says she "gives what I can when I can," owing to her love for this community.

"I get so much from CTJ. I get a lot of spirituality. I enjoy the services on Zoom very, very much, and the classes," Jackie says. "It's a really important part of my life."

**Who?** Marilyn and Stu Goldberg, CTJ members living in south Orange County, who take advantage of our virtual offerings

**What?** Marilyn and Stu recently donated in gratitude for CTJ's welcoming and gracious community

**Why?** Tzedakah, or charity, has always been important to the Goldbergs. As a child, Marilyn remembers plunking spare change and Hanukkah gelt into the blue-and-white tzedakah boxes at her grandmother's home. "I was raised in a Jewish household, and tzedakah is one of the first things I learned," she says. "It was always a part of our lives, and no matter what financial position we were in, we always made sure to give to tzedakah." For Stu, their donation to CTJ was a way to support the community and to express thanks for our strong virtual offerings. "This year, CTJ was there for us, and we wanted to be there for them," he says.

## B'nai Mitzvah Students

January - April 2021



**Ashton Bendavid**

January 23, 2021



**Daniel Greenberg**

April 10, 2021





Kevin Mendelson  
CTJ President

# President's Message ◆◆◆

While movie theaters remain closed and options for alternate activities are still limited, more of us are relying on new television content to keep us entertained while we have been home. How many times have you recently been asked to participate in a poll online, "what are you currently watching that you love?" Because of this, every streaming service has been branching out and expanding the types of content that they are willing to produce, looking for new ideas wherever they can find them.

Little did we know, moving our entire community to an online environment would spark interest from streaming companies. It turns out that the cousin of a friend of a guest of one of our B'nai Mitzvah who is "in the business" was intrigued by our online services. The attendee, who we are not yet able to reveal, relayed their experience to one of the production units at the company they work. They want to meet with us to discuss a pilot. It is unclear as of yet what type of show they would like to produce, but they are definitely interested in something beyond just airing services like we see locally on Sunday mornings. You may recall, at a recent Friday Night Shabbat service, Rabbi Kalev revealed that one of his life long desires was to be a gameshow host. While I don't think this is going to turn into a gameshow, they see something in our community. In how we come together. In how the staff "produces" a weekly event.

It is really early in the process right now. Without giving away too many details, since there really aren't many yet, we thought it was important to share this exciting information with you. That CTJ has been approached by one the major streaming services to explore development of a short series. We know there are many things to

consider when making a decision like this. None of it will be taken lightly and all with everyone's interests in mind. Please be assured, nothing has yet been decided. We will keep you posted as this exciting opportunity develops.

Be safe and stay well,

Kevin Mendelson

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# CTJ welcomes new member Kim Brant-Lucich

◆◆◆ By Claire Ho



Kim Brant-Lucich was introduced to CTJ by her friend and member, Elise Gura. She was raised in the San Fernando Valley and attended Steven S. Wise Temple, Camp Swig, and Camp Hess Kramer. Kim has been married to Tony Lucich for 16 years, who has been a Manhattan Beach resident for 40 years. She has a step-daughter and grandchildren who live in Colorado.

Kim, who has a MBA, currently works from home in the field of Healthcare IT. She has experience teaching at Cal State Long Beach as well. Tony is retired, also from the IT field, and likes to tinker and fix things around the house.

When not working, Kim enjoys walking, yoga, and recently has become Pilates certified. She is politically minded, loves to read, travel and learn. Two years ago she and Tony visited Israel on an organized tour. She joined CTJ because it felt familiar, similar to Judaism in which she was raised. Her favorite Jewish traditions are to light Shabbat candles and have a Passover Seder. She experienced the High Holy Days with CTJ and enjoys the classes, the book club and the many events offered. Kim loves to have fun, laugh, and she is known for her sense of humor (she had been a starring stand up comedian!).

Next time you are on a CTJ Zoom event, look carefully at the individual boxes, find Kim, and say hello!

**CHECK YOUR DOOR**  
**Purim Baskets Delivered**  
**Sunday, February 21**

## Chicks with Knives

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Stacy Young  
CTJ Social Action

# Social Action! ◆◆◆

Through the pandemic, we are all looking for brighter horizons in 2021. But we still continue to roll up our sleeves in the here and now. Literally.


In January, we were able to completely fill the blood drive sign-up schedule with 37 donors! And thanks to the concurrent parking lot “Essentials Drive” collecting clothing, food toiletries and more. We were able to deliver a heaping load of donated goods to the Downtown LA Mission.

So binge on those iron rich foods, clean out your closets and cupboards and save the dates...the next Bloodmobile and Essentials Drive dates are Sunday February 28, and Sunday March 21, and Sunday April 18.

We continue virtual projects with the South Bay Jewish Coalition for Habitat for Humanity and hope to join builds soon for South LA and Long Beach. The next Jewish Community meeting will be Wednesday February 24, plus save the date for Habitat LA virtual event “Power Women, Power Tools” which will be March 13.

We continue to prepare hot meals “to go” on the third Tuesday of each month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach. Coming up: February 16, March 16, April 20.

As in-person volunteer opportunities start to open up, we hope to resume monthly meetings in April. In the meantime, there is always something to do. Please let the office or Hildy Stern (hildy.stern@gmail.com) know if you are able to help out with CTJ’s Chesed group to support our own community in need. Or let the office or Laura Pinsky (laurap4rbiz@verizon.net) know if you would like to get involved knitting for a cause with Knitzvot. As always, to bring new project ideas, or for anything else Social Action, please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.



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# OEC Snapshot ◆◆◆

**Rebecca Tullman**

Director of Education  
Ohren Education Center

In the first semester, students in our songwriting chug (elective) explored rhythm, rhyme, and poetry. Throughout the semester they also worked with the Hashkiveinu text from our liturgy:

*Hashkiveinu adonai eloheinu l'shalom,[1]*  
Lay us down to sleep, Adonai our God, in peace,  
*v'ha'amideinu malkeinu l'chayim,*  
raise us erect, our Sovereign to life;  
*ufros aleinu sukat sh'lomecha,*  
spread over us the shelter of Your peace.  
*v'tak'neinu b'eitzah tovah mil'fanecha,*  
Set us aright with good counsel from before Your Presence,  
*v'hoshieinu l'ma'an sh'mecha.*  
and save us for Your Name's sake.

In an echo of the first unit of their core religious school classes this year, they explored the idea of *sukkat shalom* - shelter of peace, from this prayer. They talked about spaces and situations where they feel safe, and where they experience peace. Here are some of their lyrics:

CHORUS "Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu, L'Shalom."

**Student 1:** Sukkat Shalom is about shelter, safety, and peace. When I'm loved I'll release. I feel safe when I'm with my family, I feel peaceful with my dog, I feel shelter when I'm in my house.

CHORUS "Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu, L'Shalom."

**Student 2:** God gives them peace, love and shelter. Sukkot means safety and I want peace for the world. My dog make me happy, and something makes me feel safe, he protects me at night, and when I got lost he makes me feel okay, and shows me the way. My family is my home they are my shelter, they know how I feel when I'm sad they make me feel happier, I will never stop loving them. When I'm with my family, I feel very happy

CHORUS "Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu, L'Shalom."

**Student 3:** We build a shelter. I hug my sister and I felt her. It's a feeling of peace, safety, and shelter. When I feel sad, my sister comes to help me, and when she does I feel happy. I feel safe when I'm with my sister. When I hold my teddy bear I feel peaceful.

CHORUS "Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu, L'Shalom."

**Students 4-6:** God brings us peace and safety. We all make a shelter. When I feel lonely, my sister comes to me, and then I feel happy. When I feel scared, my dog comes and keeps me safe. We all have shelter.

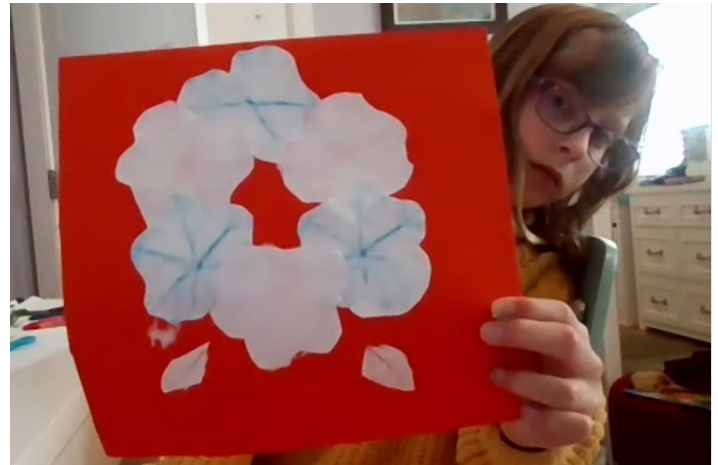
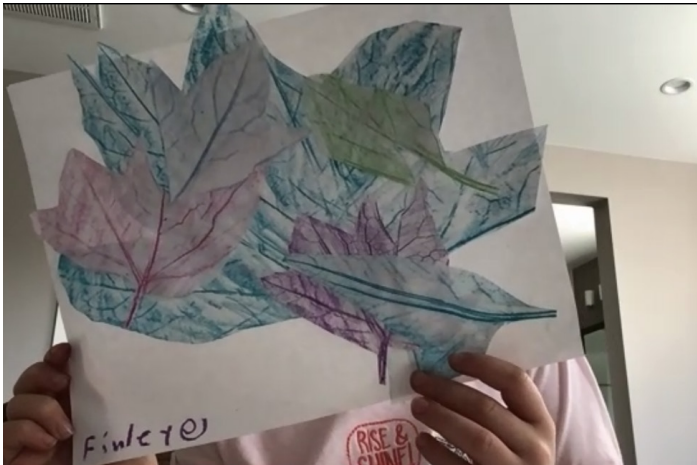
CHORUS "Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu, L'Shalom."

# FREE CAKE

You've heard about "Free Cake" at CTJ for Rosh Hashanah?

Now we're also offering a Free Cape to students in grades 4-8 who successfully complete our 8 week supplemental course "From Kal-El to Superman." Students in this course will study theory and philosophy of superheroes, along with gaining practical experience in saving the planet. Successful completion of end-of-course exams will qualify students to apply for membership in the Justice League, and each new superhero will receive a free cape in their chosen color.

Space is limited, so register soon at [www.ctjmb.org/PurimSilliness](http://www.ctjmb.org/PurimSilliness)



Art students - tracing and collage with leaves for Tu B'shevat

## OEC School Closure

- No classes Feb 14-21 for President's Day/ Ski week
- No Classes March 28 First Day of Passover
- No Classes April 4-11 Spring break
- No classes May 30-31 Memorial Day



# HAPPY PURIM

## Purim Celebration

**An Evening of Laughter and Fun  
You'll Have to Make Your Own  
Jello Shots This Year!  
Thursday, February 25th**



### Project Needs

CTJ is cooking 2:30 p.m. We continue to prepare hot meals "to go" on the third Tuesday of each month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach.

Please contact  
Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.



### Summer Camp Scholarships

CTJ Scholarships available for students going to summer camp & educational opportunities. Limited funds are available. Email office@ctjmb.org for more information.



## Tot Shabbat

**First Friday of Every Month**



**Virtual Friday Nights**  
What Will the Theme Be This Week?  
Friday nights at 6 p.m. on Zoom

### Living Alone?

Are you living alone during this pandemic? Interested in some programming specifically for your situation? Email Wendy at office@ctjmb.org and let us know.




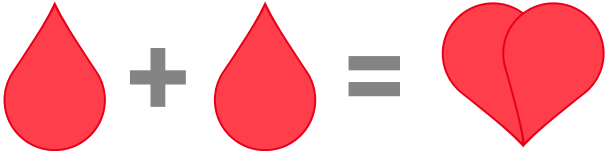


***R'fuat HaNefesh -***  
**Healing of Our Souls**  
**With Rabbi Kalev and**  
**Cantor Beth**  
 It's Been A Year - We Need  
 Some Spiritual Sustenance  
 Sunday, February 28, 5 p.m.

**How to Host a Fun**  
**Zoom Seder 2.0**  
**With Rabbi Kalev**  
 Sunday, March 14, 10 a.m.



**Jewish Women's Theatre Dates**  
 FAMILY MATTERS Monday, March 8, 7 p.m.  
 NEXT SHOW Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m.  
 Tickets \$25

**Blood & Food Drives**  
 Save a Life and Support Those In Need

**Sundays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**February 28, March 21, April 18**

February Sign Up: <https://tinyurl.com/ctjbloodfeb>



**Tenement Museum Tour in NYC**  
**Members Only**

Sunday, March 21, 10 a.m.  
 Registration Required by the Thursday before



## Two Hamantaschen Making Classes

**Hamantaschen for Busy People  
Sunday, February 14, 1 p.m.**

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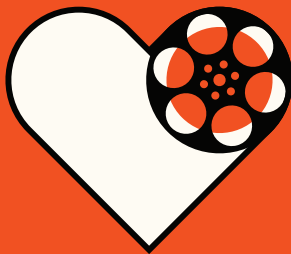
**Hamantaschen Making with Ruth & Vivian  
Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m.**



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we're watching**



**Israeli Museum Tours: Beit Hatfusot  
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Sunday, February 28 & Sunday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

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in honor and in thanks to the talented youth choir, Rose Cohen, Noa Kalev, Kylee Garfield, Deena Benami, Amanda Pochter, and Jordan Poltorak who sang so beautifully during our High Holy Day services.

**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in honor of The Kohorn Family for their musical contributions and Lisa's prayer and torah readings

**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in honor of the Musical and Video Tech gurus, Jeff Graham and Leo Alves who so greatly enhanced and made possible our wonderful High Holy Day services

**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in honor of Cantor Beth for her skill, creativity, energy and dedication during the High Holy Days and always.

**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in celebration of Cantor Beth's kvelling during Rose Cohen's Bat Mitzvah

**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in thanks to the beautiful sounds coming out of CTJ's choir Arinna Shelby, Carol Risher, Matthew Feldman, Iris Knell, Gwen Wexler, Jill Hoffman, Tricia Stoddard, Lilian Alves, Giovanna Alves, making the High Holy Days extra special

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in thanks to the very talented musicians and singers, Leo Alves, Eric Garfield, Josh Kohorn, Larry Kohorn, Myles Cohen, Harrison Caplin, Rabbi Selilah Kalev, who enchanted all of our High Holy Day services

**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

on the occasion of Asher's Bar Mitzvah and in thanks to Rabbi Kalev, Cantor Beth and Tamah for helping Asher to have a wonderful Bar Mitzvah! I (Asher) am very grateful for all that you do.

**Damien & Debra Goldberg**

in loving memory of Howard Shabsis

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in appreciation for Megan Ostrick's Bat Mitzvah, we thank Cantor Beth, Rabbi Kalev, and all of her teachers for their support

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Award for her amazing volunteer work!  
**Jonathan & Melissa Stein**

Yahrzeits  
in memory of Sam Marion  
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work she does  
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in honor of Tamah Kushner for being  
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in honor of Vera's 90th Birthday  
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in memory of Robert Sharples  
**Barry & Sherry Goldman**

in memory of Don Inabinet  
**Benjamin Gitis & Emilia  
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**The Shabsis Family**

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**Greg Davidson & Tamah Kushner**

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**Jeffrey & Alissa Hurok**

in memory of Rose Salzman  
**Jonathan & Melissa Stein**

in memory of Uncle Rey  
**Jonathan & Melissa Stein**

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in honor of Parker's Bar Mitzvah  
**Leigh & Renee Sorgen**

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in memory of Madeline Sharples' beloved husband, Bob  
**Les & Deborah Granow**

in honor of Susan Goldstein and yoga  
**Linda Chalmers**

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**Mark & Elissa Teitelman**

in memory of Bob Sharples  
**Martin Borsanyi**

in memory of Robert Sharples  
**Meredith Schlosser**

in honor of Natalie Brill and Steve Schrier  
**Morris & Dale Brill**

in honor of Yoga at CTJ  
Nancy King  
**Ronald & Debra Estroff**

in honor of Zoes Bat Mitzvah  
**Ronald & Debra Estroff**

in honor of Sid's birthday  
**Sidney & Celeste Sheres**

in honor of Susan Goldstein who has been instructing a weekly yoga class since last Spring. Her family is so very grateful.  
**Suzy, Ryan, Matt and Lex**

**Suzanne Severin**

Yahrzeits  
in memory of Anne Rawitt  
**Andrea Rawitt**

in memory of Harold Shelby  
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in memory of Anna Oster  
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in memory of Sylvia May  
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in memory of Harold and Evelyn Rosenbloom  
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**Douglas & Jennifer Claman**

in honor of Steve Schrier for his Ruach  
**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in honor of Vera Abrams' & Jackie Leon's comments about Tzedakah during the Telushkin sessions: People hear you.  
**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in celebration of Michelle Kalev's wedding  
**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in honor of Rabbi Kalev for his leadership in our synagogue and the re envisioning of what High Holy Day Services could be.  
**Allen Kirschenbaum & Ellen Kubo**

in honor of Ethan's Bar Mitzvah  
**Ari & Nancy Polidi**

in honor of Harmon Levine  
**Barbara Levine**

in memory of Donald Inabinet and in thanks to Rabbi Kalev for reaching out in this time of grief for the family.

**Beth Inabinet**

in memory of Donald Inabinet

**Beth Lippes**

in loving memory of Howard Shabsis

**The Shabsis Family**

“ JUST Because”

**Jeff Graham & Ruth Stroud**

on the occasion of Michelle's Wedding!!!

**Jonathan & Melissa Stein**

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in honor of Zoe's Bat Mitzvah

**Spencer & Kelly Bendell**

in thanks for Rabbi's kindness and prayers when Steve's mom passed away.

**Steve & Monica Isakowitz**

**Steven Schrier & Linda Chow**

Yahrzeits

in memory of Minnie Weiss

**Andrea Rawitt**

in memory of Chet Kaufman

**Dyan Kaufman**

in memory of Faige Gold

**Joseph & Nancy Mandelbaum**

in memory of Sam Goldstein

**Joseph & Nancy Mandelbaum**

in memory of Etkal Mandelbaum

**Joseph & Nancy Mandelbaum**

in loving memory of Estelle and Alex Gold

**Joseph & Nancy Mandelbaum**

in loving memory of Helen Windsor

**Laurence & Max Windsor**

in memory of Ernie Simon

**Linda Simon**

in loving memory of Mervyn Cooper

**Natalie Cooper**

in memory of Victor Algaze

**Nelson & Susan Algaze**

in memory of Louis and Anne Fishman and Norman Witlen

**Richard & Sharon Witlen**

in memory of Sally Tepper

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**Robin Roy**

in memory of Joey Choudhury

**Robin Roy**

in loving memory of Stan Abrams

**Vera Abrams**

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**Michael & Avigal Horrow**

#### RITUAL/PRAYER BOOK FUND

in memory of Rita's beloved grandmother

**Janice Sostrin**

in honor of Alexis' talk on planting during Friday virtual service and in honor of being able to see the Torah unrolled for Simchas Torah.

**Loren & Alexis Slafer**

in thanks for making the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Goldberg a memorable event!

**Norman & Claire Fischman**

in honor of Julian's birthday

**Rabbi Gila Katz**

dedication of prayer book in honor of Tamah and Greg's grandson Beau

**Rabbi Gila Katz**

Yahrzeits

in loving memory of Tamra Ishaeik

**Loren & Alexis Slafer**

in loving memory of Fred Rosenheimer, Adriene Levick and Celia Katz

**Rabbi Gila Katz**

in memory of Rabbi Gila's mother, Claire Rosenheimer

**Rabbi Gila Katz**

#### Yahrzeit Fund

in memory of Rabbi Kalev's grandmother, Safta

**Carol Rosen**

in memory of Hy Levy

**Frank Belz & Judy Kerner**

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**Saul & Laura Rae Fineman**

Yahrzeits

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**Ray Ishaeik**

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**Steve Schuelein**

in memory of Brad Schaibly

**Todd & Lisbeth Levin**



# Calendar

## ONGOING

### After Abel Discussion with Becca Tullman

- Mondays at 7:30 p.m. until we finish the book
- Week by week we're reading a chapter of "After Abel" a finalist by Michal Lemberger for the 2015 National Jewish Book Award which vividly tells the stories of women from the Bible. Feel free to jump in any time. The last week we'll meet with Michal and be able to ask her questions about how she has written these amazing stories.

### Jewish News

- Every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. (except during vacation weeks)
- Every week Rabbi Kalev hosts a short session to start your day, sharing three news clips from the Jewish world that will make you think, make you laugh, maybe make you cry, and hopefully inspire you as you start your day. Grab your morning coffee and we promise these 15 minutes will be well spent!

### Knitzvot

- Every other Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- Chat while you take a crafting break - whatever your craft is. Show us the project you're making for yourself or for charity.

### Yoga

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.
- YOGA with Zvia Hempling and Susan Goldstein via Zoom! Our amazing yoga teachers will help you get moving in the morning. Need props? Gather some household items like a towel, sofa pillows, belt and small empty trash bin or thick books to use as props if you don't have a Yoga strap or blocks. Students new to yoga are welcome and encouraged to join! Set up your mat or towel and your phone, tablet, or laptop. There will be time to chat and check in with your fellow yogis after class. This class is donation based. Pay what you are able, directly to CTJ. For Zoom link and more information contact [bonschwartz1@gmail.com](mailto:bonschwartz1@gmail.com).

### Taking Judaism One Level Deeper

- Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
- This popular discussion led by Rabbis Selilah and

Joshua Kalev. We are currently reading the book "A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1" by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Feel free to jump into this popular class at any point!

### Virtual Friday Night Service

Every Friday Night, 6 p.m.  
A fun, fast paced zoom service. Themes announced in weekly email.

### Shabbat Morning Services

With B'nai Mitzvah 9:30 a.m.  
With No B'nai Mitzvah  
Service 10 - 10:45 a.m.  
Text Study 10:45- 11:30 a.m.

### Havdallah

Every Saturday evening  
February - March 13th at 7:00pm  
March 20th and Spring - 8:00pm  
See weekly email and calendar for details

As Shabbat ends and darkness falls we gather together on zoom to mark time with a very short 10 minute gathering. Celebrate a new week with your CTJ friends.

### Project Needs

CTJ is cooking 2:30 p.m.  
We continue to prepare hot meals "to go" on the third Tuesday of each month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach. Please contact [Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org](mailto:Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org).

## FEBRUARY

### Hamantaschen Making with Ruth and Vivian Wednesday, February 17 7 p.m.

- We have not one - but two classes on making Hammentaschen. Ruth and Vivian will show you how to make your own pastry dough, and roll and shape these delicious treats. Rumor has it that the Kalev family likes hamantaschen so much they eat them year round. Come learn the secrets from these two fabulous bakers. Recipes will be in the weekly email.

### CTJ Romcom Club

#### Sunday, February 21 7 p.m.

- Rom Coms are getting us through the pandemic. This month we're watching the Kiera Knightly version of "Pride and Prejudice" -. Topics include - is this a Romcom or a Romdrama? What other movie versions of this Jane Austen novel have you seen and, yes, Bollywood counts! Wouldn't all the versions be better if Meryl Streep played Elizabeth? Have you read the novel more than 5 times or less than 5 times? A Kahoot quiz is being prepared and, since Allen is leading the discussion, expect it to be fixed.

### Mishloach Manot (Purim Basket) Delivery Sunday, February 21

- Check your front door for your Purim treats. What is the theme this year???

### CTJ Book Club

#### We Love Anderson Cooper, by RL Maizes Monday, February 22 7:30 p.m.

- The author, RL Maizes will be joining the Zoom discussion. It is a quick and interesting read and we look forward to hearing her speak about her work. "In this quirky, humorous, and a deeply human short story collection, Pushcart Prize-nominated author R.L. Maizes reminds us that even in our most isolated moments, we are never truly alone."

### Persian Jewish Stories

**Wednesday, February 24 5 p.m.**

OEC religious school invites all our members to join us for stories and rituals of Persian Jews.

### Purim Celebration an Evening of Laughter and Fun

**Thursday, February 25 beginning at 5:45 p.m.**

We'll have jokes, magic tricks, drink recipes, a costume contest, and a festive reading of the megillah (story of Esther). The first time ever Purim from the comfort of your own home.

### Blood Drive and Food Drive

**Sunday, February 28 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

CTJ Parking Lot

Cedars-Sinai Blood Mobile has been so grateful for our parking lot and support as blood supplies are very low. At the same time our Social Action team has been collecting food and essential donations. Come give blood and/or donate much needed supplies. (Upcoming drives in March and April)

### Wonder Women with Beit Hatfusot

**Sunday, February 28 10 a.m.**

For CTJ Members Only

CTJ is touring an Israeli museum to learn about the Wonder Women-- Jewish women who made significant contributions to society throughout the ages. Meet some of the well-known and lesser known characters, including Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Estée Lauder, Dona Gracia, Osnat Brazeni and Esther Korkus. What roles did they have? What impact do they have on our lives today? What paths did they forge?

### R'fuat Hanefesh

**Sunday February 28 5 p.m.**

This creative, inspiring and interactive service will focus on personal, communal and national healing. Join Cantor Beth, Rabbi Kalev and friends for new music, poetry, and guided meditation curated to heal body and spirit.

MARCH

### CTJ Sisterhood Board meeting

Tuesday, March 2 6:30 p.m.

### Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 5 5 p.m.

A virtual Shabbat celebration with Cantor Beth, Rabbi Kalev, and Becca Tullman and your favorite stuffed friends. This musical start to Shabbat is for our youngest CTJ-ers and the grownups who love them. Lots of music, an exciting story, and tons of silliness make for a very fun beginning to the day of rest.

### Beit Hatfusot: Diaspora Museum Tour in Israel

Sunday, March 7 10 a.m.

For CTJ Members Only

CTJers get to tour the newest exhibit at this amazing Israeli museum The spectacular Core Exhibition explores the unique and ongoing story of the Jewish People. The diversity of the Jewish world is revealed through state-of-the-art displays, immersive video, world-class art and new works commissioned by the museum. Come and celebrate the diverse Jewish world in the past and present.

### 5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation

Sunday, March 7 1 p.m.

Cantor Beth and Rabbi Kalev virtually introduce parents to the B'nai mitzvah program at CTJ. RSVP to Cantor Beth [bmitzvah@ctjmb.org](mailto:bmitzvah@ctjmb.org).

### Jewish Women's Theatre (now known as "The Braid"): Family Matters

Monday, March 8 7 - 8:20 p.m.

Tickets \$25

Salon style theatre which works perfectly on Zoom. If you haven't tried Jewish Women's Theatre yet, now is the time. This show reveals our most personal family stories. The matters of family, and why family matters, is as old as the Bible. Q & A with actors, director and authors follows the performance. Tickets can be purchased at [ctjmb.org/jwt](http://ctjmb.org/jwt)

### Light Up Shabbat

Friday, March 12 8 p.m.

How is this Friday night different from all other Friday nights? We have two Friday night services to choose from - our Virtual Friday night and Light Up Shabbat! Ma Tovv Ohalecha Yaakov.... Lighting Up Shabbat....together, again, with Mike Sirota. Weaving timeless Shabbat melodies with contemporary responsive readings to lead us in spiritual and meaningful prayer. Grab your tambourines and egg shakers and Zoom in.

### How to Host a Fun Zoom Seder 2.0

**With Rabbi Kalev**

Sunday, March 14 10 a.m.

Remember last year when we didn't know how to get on Zoom much less get everyone to mute themselves? This year it is time for us to "up our game" as we prepare for another virtual Passover experience (God willing the last one). Using all that we have learned, Rabbi Kalev will share some of the best practices for making your virtual Passover experience memorable, meaningful, and fun! Dayenu - it's enough with the pandemic. Next year in person!!

### Romcom Movie Club: When Harry Met Sally

Sunday, March 14 7 p.m.

We had to watch this 1989 classic romcom! And there's the famous deli scene... "I'll have what she's having!" Watch beforehand and then Zoom into the discussion.

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### Tenement Museum Tour in NYC

Sunday, March 21 10 a.m.

CTJ Members Only

Advanced Registration Required - No Exceptions Following the journey of the Rogarshevsky Family as they arrive in NYC from Eastern Europe, we will see how Jewish families lived upon coming to the US and how they balanced tradition in their new home. People from all over the world visit this museum, and we get to "fly" to NYC for just the morning. Our tour numbers are limited and the museum requires our numbers in advance so make sure to register by the deadline (see weekly email for details).

**Seder Plate Scavenger Hunt  
With Becca Tullman**

Sunday, March 21 1 p.m.

Did you know you can make substitutions for the items on your seder plate? The rabbis of the Talmud imagined a time when a global pandemic might impede trips to the grocery store... or something like that! This program is for all ages 7 and up as we review the symbolism of the items on the seder plate and find possible substitutions in our own homes. There will be learning, laughter, and movement.

**Passover Begins Saturday, March 27**



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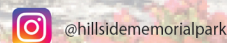
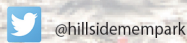
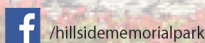
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**Purim Baskets Delivered**  
**Sunday, February 21**

