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Rabbi Joshua Kalev

Senior Rabbi

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Rabbi's Reflections



Each of us, as professionals, have our “go to” techniques and approaches to our craft. As a rabbi, I know that I have certain phrases that come out more often than others, movements and mannerisms that subconsciously feel more comfortable, and a love of various technologies that help me stay organized and on top of the many details thrown at me each day. I imagine I have picked up these approaches during my many years in the rabbinate... some from colleagues, some from books, and some from the most unexpected places.

Not long ago, one of our most adorable members, Coral McPherson, shared with me that as she gets ready to recite the Shema, she makes a shin with the three fingers she places over her eyes (not an uncommon technique – the shin representing God’s name). This is something we often teach our Hebrew School students. However, Coral has another beautiful technique – as she brings her hand towards her eyes, she “scoops the joy” with her hand as she gets ready to cover her eyes. Of course, the way that Coral does it makes it that much more joyful!

I was so taken aback when Coral showed me her technique. In 5 years of graduate school, 18 years of being a rabbi, and 29 years of teaching Hebrew School students, I had never heard anyone “scoop the joy” before the Shema. Given that I believe Judaism is so much about the joy of life, this truly was a “mind blowing” moment as I watched Coral recite the Shema. What an incredibly beautiful custom.

While Coral didn’t know exactly where she learned this custom (we did reach out to her CTJ Hebrew School teachers and our friends at Shalem to see if they were the

source but unfortunately, they were unfamiliar with it), this custom has now been adopted in the Kalev household and will hopefully make its way to our CTJ school as well.

This Spring, as we retell our story of freedom at our Passover seder tables and as we approach the rebirth of nature and our world, it is my hope that we can all “scoop the joy” in all that we do. Vaccinations and medical advances are on track to allow us back to some sort of “normalcy,” and I can only imagine the joy we will experience when we are able to be together once again. It has been a very long year for all of us and all of us at CTJ have so missed seeing our synagogue family in person.

Words cannot truly express my gratitude to all of you who supported our sacred community this year. There are few rabbis who are able to say that their synagogue membership has increased, engagement has been at an all-time high, and they were able to reach many of their fundraising goals. You are truly my “scoop of joy.”

May our scoops of charoset on Passover be extra sweet, may our scoops of ice cream on hot days be extra refreshing, and may the scoops of news we read in the coming weeks bring headlines of health and peace... I wish you and your loved ones a joyous Passover, Yom Ha’atzmaut and smooth path forward into, God willing, post-pandemic life.

Rabbi Kalev

B'nai Mitzvah Students

May - June 2021



Sina Shams
May 1, 2021



Aviva Flechner
May 15, 2021



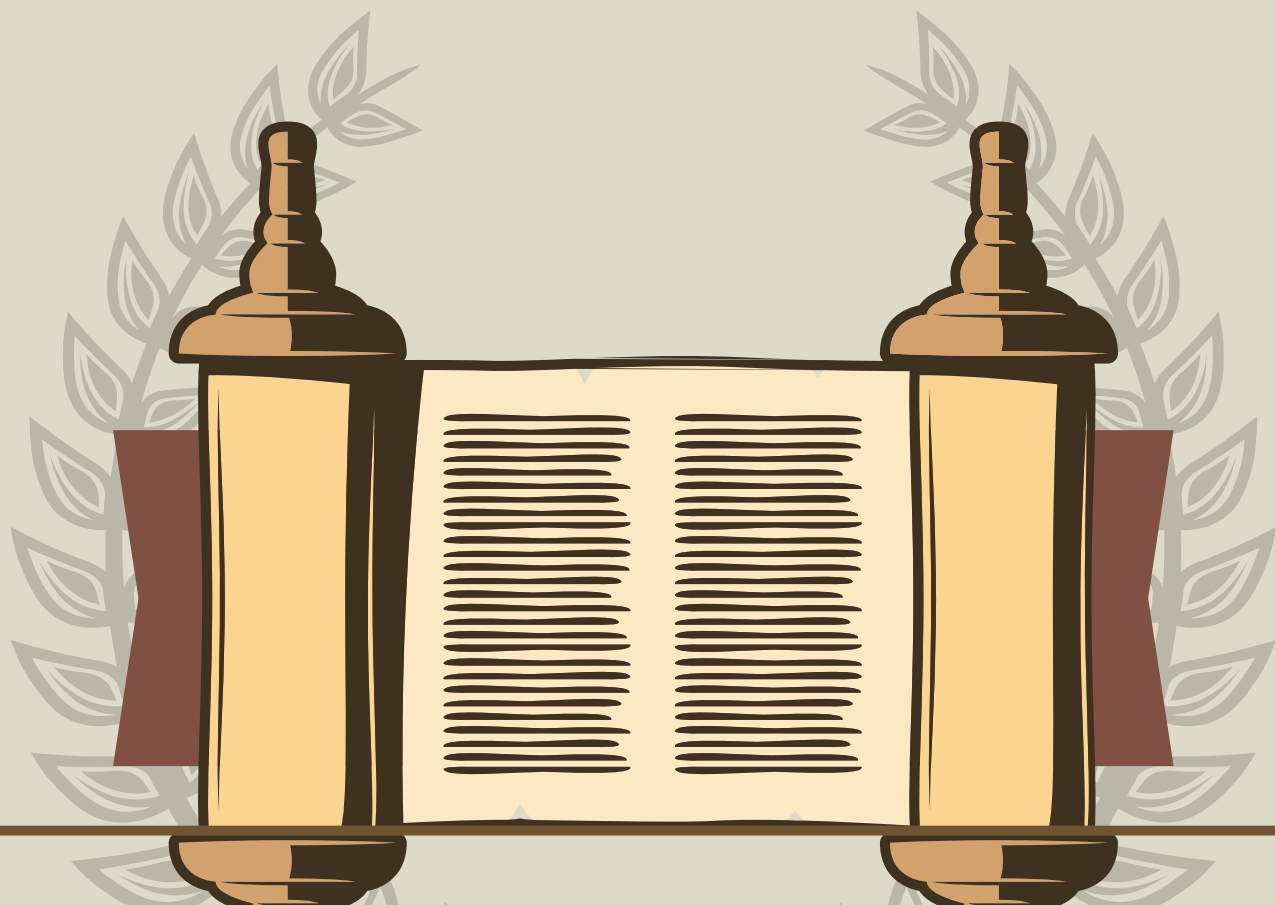
Jared Manasse
May 22, 2021



Joshua Kohorn
June 5, 2021



Noa Kalev
June 26, 2021





Kevin Mendelson
CTJ President

President's Message ♦♦♦ But how are we doing?

It's been a year. Literally, as I am writing this having been physically closed but virtually open for an entire year is just around the corner. By the time you read this, hopefully much of our physical status will have changed. At the moment, discussions around schools opening, including The OEC, are seeming real. Restaurants, movie theaters and gyms may open at some level. And perhaps you are even thinking about traveling? This is all great to hear and plan. But how are we doing? How is CTJ?

When CTJ was closing last year, we were beginning to think about our budgets for the following year. This is common. This is a fairly big project. We are starting the process again now. One of the biggest decisions we made last year was to make sure that membership to CTJ was available to everyone. We shared our membership fees with you but allowed people to "pay what you can, we want you here." At the same time, we asked those who were able to pay more than they might have normally, to help cover those that couldn't. The response from our generous members was inspiring. Every year, we have some level of membership turnover, but we refused to lose any members because of what was going on in the world. This plan worked. We even gained memberships from out of state. Our CTJ members came through in a big way.

I think we should all be so proud of what we have accomplished while we have been away from our building. You were challenged at the High Holidays to step up. You crushed it. We broke records with our Mishloach Manot fundraising again this year. We are on track to meet the conservative budget we created when COVID-19 hit last year. Furthermore, not only have we met our financial goals, your engagement in classes, services, and events has allowed each member to truly feel a part of something

much bigger - a true gift during days of isolation. It is because of all of you that we are in this position.

We can't stop now though. As exciting as it is to start planning to transition back into the building, this too will be a challenge. New rules, new arrangements, more unknowns. Thank you for sticking with us. Our community is stronger than ever. We will find our new new normal soon. We can't wait.

Be safe and stay well,
Kevin Mendelson

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CTJ welcomes the Hartmans

By Claire Ho



Sharon and Eric "Eagle" Hartmans moved to Manhattan Beach in October from Cheviot Hills. (For those unaware, that's in the Westside of L.A.) They have 3 children, Marc, age 7, Leo, age 4, and Lilah, a one-year-old. Sharon is a family practice physician, and Eagle works as an attorney in the field of intellectual property. Imagine, two working parents with three young children during COVID-19! They chose Manhattan Beach because of its excellent schools and family friendly atmosphere.

The two met in their last year at UC San Diego as undergraduates, and have been a twosome for 20 years! Sharon worked as a newspaper reporter and grew up in Huntington Beach, while Eagle left the nest in Las Vegas, where his family had settled since World War 2. Eagle converted to Judaism at age 28, due to the positive Jewish experiences from Sharon's family and because Judaism appealed to him more than his previous faith. His favorite holiday is Rosh Hashanah and hers is Sukkot. They do not have much time for hobbies, so on weekends they like to get outside, go to the beach and to Hopkin's Wilderness Park, hike, walk in the Botanical Garden and at Terranea. One project they are currently working on is fixing up their home!

So far, the Hartmans have been enjoying Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services and son Marc has been learning in the CTJ Religious School. Sharon is interested in joining a mahjong group (alerting Karyn Poet!). When this pandemic ends we can all properly welcome the Hartmans family inside the CTJ building that they have yet to see! Bruchim Haba'im, Hartmans!



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Stacy Young
CTJ Social Action

Social Action! ◆◆◆

This past year has been challenging - but CTJ has risen to that challenge, delivering so many units of blood to hospitals in crisis, much needed supplies to the Downtown Mission, Project Needs, the VA and more.

As pandemic restrictions lift, so do our limitations to "pray with our feet" - let's start planning April 27 at 7pm! Please consider signing up to be a liaison to one of our community partners such as southbayendtrafficking.org, 1736familycrisiscenter.org, habitatla.org/jewish-coalition.

Cedars Sinai Blood Mobile and Essentials Drives continue in CTJ parking lot, collecting clothing, food toiletries and more. The next dates for Cedars Sinai Blood Mobile and Essentials Drives are Sunday April 18 and Sunday June 27.

In April we have a special request for cosmetics to create Mother's Day gift packs for 1736 Family Crisis Center. And don't forget scarves and jewelry for Chemocessories! For more info Chemocessories@gmail.com

CTJ is dedicated to sponsoring the third Tuesday a month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach. Please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org if you would like to be involved in shopping, preparing, or packing hot meals "to go".

The next dates are April 20, May 18, June 15.

And there is always more to do! 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 contact CTJ office or Laura Pinsky (laurap4rbiz@verizon.net) if you would like to get involved in knitting for a cause with Knitzvot. Jewish World Watch needs your support - contact Gwen. Wexler@ctjmb.org for more information on how to get involved. As always, to bring new project ideas, or for anything else Social Action, please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.



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Bernhard Collection

Whenever she traveled to a new city, Linda Maroko would look up the nearest Jewish synagogue in the Yellow Pages, stop by, and take a photo.

It was a habit she'd picked up from her father, Herbert Bernhard, an avid Judaica collector who in his lifetime amassed more than 15,000 photographs representing ordinary Jewish life. Those photographs comprise the Herbert and Nancy Bernhard Collection of Judaic Photographs at Harvard University and were recently digitized to provide access to researchers all over the world.

Linda, whose family has been with CTJ for 20 years, was instrumental in creating the collection. After her parents passed away roughly a decade ago, she and her siblings began sifting through their parents' collection of Jewish-themed postcards, posters, art, and ritual items, donating much of it to museums. But they didn't know what to do with the boxes of photographs, some of which included Linda's own snapshots of synagogues from various travels.

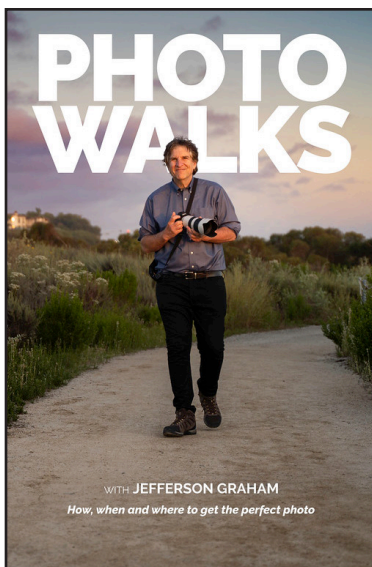
Fortunately, Harvard stepped in to house the collection, ensuring that everyday Jewish life would be preserved for generations to come, which is exactly what Linda's parents would have wanted.

Her parents began collecting Judaica in the 1960s after Herbert found a postcard with a picture of a synagogue that had been destroyed during Kristallnacht, a night of anti-Semitic destruction that launched the Holocaust. Fueled by a sense of urgency to preserve Jewish community institutions, Linda's parents passionately and tirelessly collected Jewish artifacts and documented ordinary Jewish life in their own photographs.

Now that the images have been digitized, they are available 24/7 to researchers everywhere. The collection includes 5,400 photographs of synagogues from all over the world (including a pre-renovation CTJ), more than 1,000 images of kosher markets and restaurants, plus hundreds of images of Jewish cemeteries, Jewish gift shops, bumper stickers, and Jewish-themed license plates.

"What struck me was the vibrancy of the Jewish community I saw in the pictures," Linda said.

Learn more about the collection here:
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Rebecca Tullman

Director of Education
Ohren Education Center

OEC Snapshot ◆◆◆

On Shabbat morning May 15, we will read the first portion from the book of Numbers (in Hebrew we call this book Bamidbar, meaning “in the wilderness”). The Israelites are in the wilderness (the desert) as we begin this part of our foundational story. In this portion – also called Bamidbar just like the book it begins - which I read from at my Bat Mitzvah in 1990, God instructs Moses to take a census of the Israelites. God goes on to tell Moses who from each tribe shall help him, and how the census shall be taken. Then the results of the census are listed, by tribe, for each of the 12 tribes. It’s a lot of words – and a lot of data. Frankly, it seemed kind of boring and like wasted space when I looked at it at age 12. I couldn’t fathom why the Torah spent so much time explaining the census taking process and giving us numbers by tribe instead of just telling us there was a census and giving us the grand total. I don’t remember what meaning I finally found in it at age 12, and no copy of my drash remains, but I’d like to tell you what I think about this portion today.

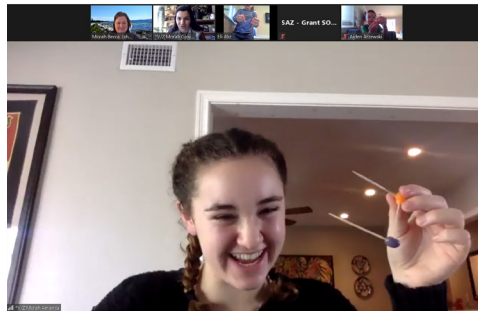
We count and catalogue things that have meaning to us, or that are valuable. We keep track of our money, and we list jewelry and antiques and other valuable items along with their values for insurance purposes. We count birthdays – years of life. We celebrate anniversaries – counting the years spent with our life partners. We may keep detailed records related to something we collect (coins, postcards, stamps, old clocks) – origin, year of creation, how we came to possess each piece, etc.

When I think about Bamidbar in this light I realize that all these words are used and all this data is given about this census, because it matters. It matters because we learn from this part of our story that each human is valuable, to God and to their community, and thus worthy of being counted and catalogued. In the wilderness, where things

are uncertain and life is a struggle, everyone’s individual strengths and talents are needed to help the community thrive, just as every person’s individual struggles deserve attention from the group.

At the OEC we try to live this ideal – that every student is valued in their individuality. We do this by making space whenever possible for a variety of opinions and ideas from our students. We try not to tell them what a prayer or story means, but rather to ask what it means to them. In February the teachers and I had staff development on the topic of wrestling with God, as we thought about how to allow and encourage our students to develop individual concepts about and relationships with the Divine. We offer electives for grades 3-6, giving our learners some choice and agency over the modality of part of their Jewish education. And this year when things are extra complicated and anxiety inducing, we have tried to be even more flexible than usual by allowing families and learners to choose to attend only certain pieces of our program depending on family schedules and mental bandwidth. We have also made every effort to accommodate changing extracurricular schedules by moving students to different Hebrew times whenever possible.

In addition to showing value to everyone, just like our story about the Israelites in the wilderness, at CTJ’s Ohren Education Center we need everyone working together to keep our community strong. We need our high school teaching assistants who volunteer their Sunday mornings to help with a variety of duties, and to model what engaged young Jewish adults look like. Special shout out to Adi Stein and Justin Heir, without whom I’m not sure how we’d manage all the zoom breakout rooms. We need Lisa Weinbaum, our liaison on



Torah, Avodah, and Gimilit Chasadim.” After exploring this quote and then discussing what three things they might say that the world stands on today, students in our Sci-tech and Judaism elective thought about the strength of three - and how a triangle is the strongest shape. They used this knowledge to build structures that would hold up a heavy book - using only toothpicks and jellybeans!

the CTJ Board, and all of the time she puts in to organize and deliver supplies to students, to participate in board meetings and parent committee meetings, and to help me think through difficult situations. We need Melissa Stein who has made herself available to me at every step for support, ideas, ordering and organizing and delivering supplies to the whole school more than once, jumping in as a guest speaker to our students on short notice and so much more. We need Tamah who has spent more time on religious school logistics and administration than she probably has time for, as she helped me to navigate this topsy-turvy year and simultaneously acclimate to CTJ. We need Rabbi Kalev to teach, play games, lead worship, and read stories with our students and Cantor Beth to lead worship, teach music, and work with our bnai mitzvah students. We also need Melissa, Tamah, Rabbi, Cantor, and Kevin Mendelson for the copious amounts of time they all spend helping to brainstorm structures and programs for the religious school and problem solve when issues arise. And we need all of our parents who have volunteered to help with deliveries, who have given feedback on what is working and also what is on their wish lists, and who have been extraordinarily patient and flexible partners with us as we navigate through religious school in a global pandemic. We need our teachers, who have stretched themselves in so many ways this year. They have learned new teaching techniques that work in a remote world. They have learned new technology. They have been endlessly open minded and adaptable.

Believe me when I tell you that a religious school can have much in common with the wilderness faced by the Israelites in our story even in the best of times. And this year is not the best of times. How lucky I am to have faced this year side by side (screen by screen?) with a community that already lives the lessons of Bamidbar.

I will close by challenging us all to make an extra effort to exemplify the lessons of Bamidbar in the weeks and months ahead. Treat everyone as though they are valuable by being kind to service workers, by sending an email to a co-worker telling them how much you appreciate them, by calling an old friend. Strengthen our school community by volunteering if you can to help drive deliveries, by volunteering next school year in person to help in classes or in the office during school hours, or by donating to the Educational Enrichment Fund at CTJ. Strengthen the wider CTJ community by speaking to a staff person to find a way to use your skills in our congregation. Strengthen the wider community by carrying granola bars and water bottles in your car for when you see people in need, by volunteering with an organization addressing a social problem that matters to you, or advocating for those who are often overlooked.

In the wilderness, Bamidbar, we learned that we are each so valuable that we need to be counted and categorized and kept track of, and that our communities are only at their strongest when we all share our strength and talents. May we showcase this ideal and move forward in strength.

Kol Tuv,

Rebecca Tullman



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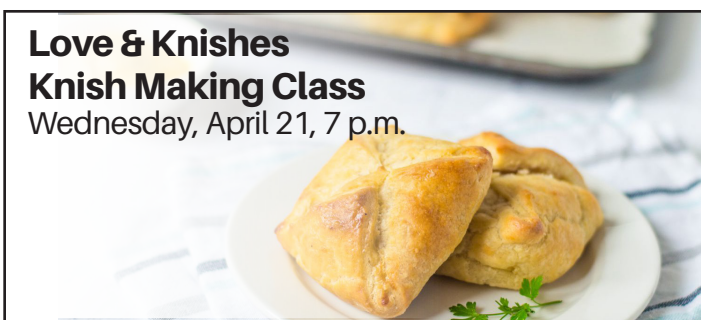


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Love & Knishes
Knish Making Class
 Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.



Cool Tech with Jefferson Graham
 Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m.
 Ask Him Anything!!



Light Up Shabbat
 Friday, April 23 and Friday, May 21

Why We Give

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

Who? Melissa and Jon Stein, longtime CTJ members

What? Melissa and Jon recently donated in honor of Social Action Committee Chair Stacy Young, who was honored by the Women's League for her community service work

Why? Melissa and Jon are known for giving frequent donations as a way to recognize, remember, thank, and showcase CTJ members for moments big and small. "I like donating to CTJ because I know that it will support programming that will have a positive impact on a wide variety of people," Melissa says. "There is lifelong Jewish learning, social action, and community - most importantly!"



CTJ Romcom Club Is Reviewing 50 First Dates
Sunday, April 18, 7pm

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Taking Judaism One Level Deeper
Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
with Rabbis Selilah & Joshua Kalev

Tot Shabbat
Every month on the First Friday at 5 p.m.
A Virtual Shabbat Celebration

Blood Drives

Sunday, April 18
Sunday, June 27
Save A Life

Tour of the LA Holocaust Museum
Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.
For Members Only
Private Guided Tour on Zoom

The Watergate Commission With Don Burris & Bruce Quan
Sunday, April 11, 10 a.m.
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Calendar

ONGOING

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.

Taking Judaism One Level Deeper

- Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
- This popular discussion led by Rabbis Selilah and Joshua Kalev focuses on the new book The Beauty of What Remains by Rabbi Steve Leder. Feel free to jump into this popular class at any point! See what chapters we're reading in the weekly email.

Tot Shabbat

Every month on the First Friday at 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.

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.

APRIL

Yom Hashoah Service

Wednesday, April 7, 6:45 p.m.

The Warsaw Ghetto Medical School With Dr. Leo Gordon

- Wednesday, April 7
- 6:45 p.m. Yom Hashoah Memorial Service
- 7:00 p.m. Program w/ Dr. Leo Gordon
- For Members Only
- Doctors in the Warsaw Ghetto created a secret medical school at great danger to themselves and their students. Expert, Dr Leo Gordon from Cedars-Sinai will teach us about this little known piece of Holocaust history.

The Watergate Commission with Don Burris & Bruce Quan

Sunday, April 11, 10 a.m.

Members Only

- Don Burris who served as Special Counsel to the United States Senate Watergate Committee and Bruce Quan who was the Majority Research Staff Assistant will bring this chapter of American history to life. As the Watergate investigation demonstrated the balance of power between the 3 branches of our government, what does that tell us about our current government investigative processes?

Cool Tech with Jefferson Graham

Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m.

- The former USA TODAY columnist and CTJ member takes your Tech Questions. Need a new Mac computer? Need to know more about photo storage? Jeff can help you with your tech purchases or just help you be able to understand what other people are talking about!!

Israeli Music Live with Josh & Mairov For Yom Ha'atzmaut

Sunday, April 18, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Do you want to deepen your connection to Israel? Want to get better acquainted with Israeli culture? If you love Israel, you don't need to be a fluent Hebrew-speaker to appreciate the GREAT tunes coming out of the Holy Land. For more than 25 years, Mairov Dubrovsky and Josh Shron have hosted "Israel Hour Radio" on Rutgers University's WRSU-FM - and they want to inspire you to deepen your connection to Israel through music! Zoom this fun, music-filled audio / visual presentation that's currently touring the USA! Sponsored in part by Ho-Benami Family, Mayzlin-Cohen Family and Kohorn Family

Blood Drive

Sunday, April 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CTJ Parking Lot

Food and Essentials Drive

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CTJ Romcom Club: Fifty First Dates

Sunday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Watch this Adam Sandler/Drew Barrymore film and then come for a spirited discussion. Meeting monthly to enjoy romcoms - an excellent cure for all things pandemic.

CTJ Book Club

Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

CTJ is reading Nicole Krauss's new book, "To Be a Man" a collection of short stories. The CTJ book club meets every other month. For more information or to get on our reminder email contact dorittravel@gmail.com.

Knish Making Class with Melissa Stein

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.

Love & Knishes! Learn to make tasty bite size knishes using a tried & true, old family recipe. Grandma Goodmans ingredient list will be sent in advance of the class.

Light Up Shabbat

Friday, April 23, 8 p.m.

Once a month in addition to our Virtual Friday

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Tour of the LA Holocaust Museum

Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.

For Members Only

Even though we live close to this incredible memorial to the six million who perished in the Shoah, many of us have never been to the museum. We will be given a private, guided tour of the museum and learn more about what went into the making of this incredible educational center of the Holocaust.



"May" We Be Blessed As We Go On Our Way A month of fun and gratitude

Over the month

CTJ Virtual Run/Walk - All of May.

Walking in your own neighborhood, we can walk together virtually. Using an app, we can log our miles, compete in different categories, and share our successes! Can you reach the heights of Moses, a more moderate trek like Abraham, or baby steps like Noah? See weekly email for more details in April.

Modim Anachnu Lach: Counting Our Blessings - all of May

It's been a hard year, but it's also been a year of blessings! Fill out our blessings sheet during the month and share your blessings with everyone else.

Gratitude Party for Mitzvah Circle Members

Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m.

CTJ says "Todah Rabbah - Thank You" to our Mitzvah Circle Members who committed to a donation of \$4,000 over membership fees at the beginning of the year. A special breakfast and a program is the least we can do to show our

appreciation for these wonderful CTJers!

Virtual Friday Night with 2nd Grade

Friday, May 7, 6 p.m.

Our Friday night service on Zoom will feature the Friday night experience you have come to expect and love with a little "Icing on the cake" - our adorable 2nd Grade.

What Happened to Poor Mt. Sinai

Wednesday, May 12, 7 p.m.

As we get ready for Shavuot, Rabbi Kalev will lead us on an interactive journey of the history of the forgotten Jewish mountain - Mt. Sinai. Why did Judaism move away from this sacred place and shift the focus to Mt. Zion and what does it say about our tradition?

Erev Shavuot Service and Trivia night

May 16

Service 5:45 p.m.

Trivia Night 6 p.m.

We'll celebrate the holiday and then host a CTJ Trivia night. We're all well prepared by our Friday night kahoots. Watch or participate!

Shavuot Program at CTJ

K-2 Families

Sunday, May 16

We are dying to see you in person, so we're starting with the youngest classes in the parking lot for a fun family program. We'll be wearing masks and be physically distanced as we have a great time on this dairy intensive holiday.

Shavuot Services

Monday May 17 and Tuesday, May 18

Light Up Shabbat

Friday, May 21, 8 p.m.

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The Braid (formerly known as Jewish Womens Theatre)

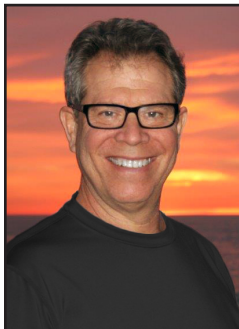
Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m.

Salon style theatre which works perfectly on Zoom.

If you haven't tried Jewish Women's Theatre yet, now is the time. Tickets can be purchased at ctjmb.org/jwt

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**Monday, May 31
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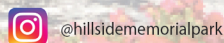
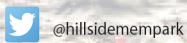
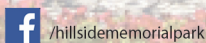
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