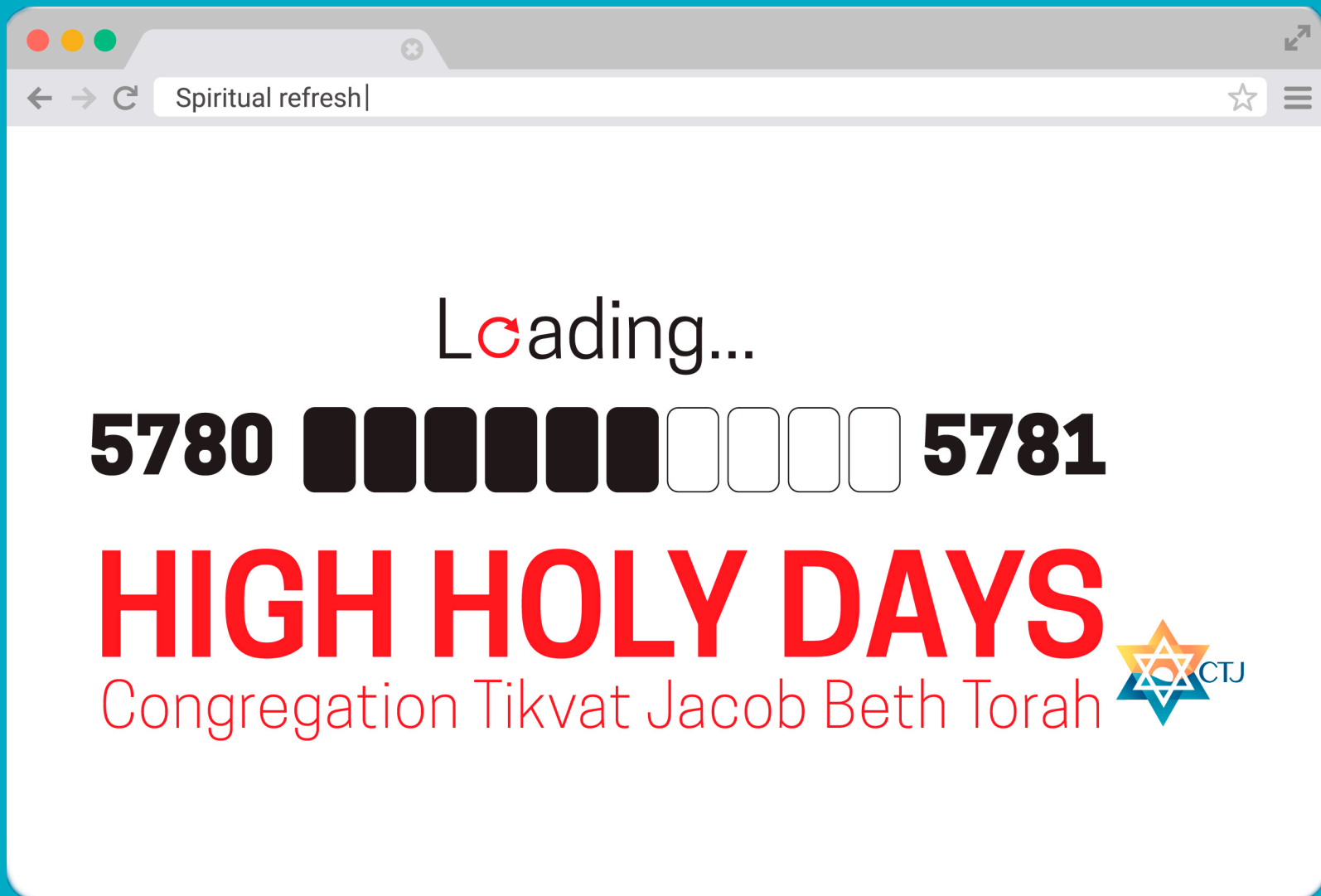



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HIGH HOLY DAYS

Congregation Tikvat Jacob Beth Torah 



RABBI'S REFLECTIONS



Rabbi Joshua Kalev

Senior Rabbi

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Usually, the September's TikvaTimes article is the easiest to write. Most years I find a text or quote that teaches about renewal or introspection, talk about how excited we are to be coming together at Martyrs for the holidays, and conclude with a wish for the New Year. This would have been my 18th High Holy Day newsletter article as a rabbi and at this point, it is pretty second nature.

However, this has been a year unlike any other. And, therefore, every article I have tried to write, every sermon I have been pondering, all seem to fall a bit flat. Either my message seems insignificant given the pandemic, my words can be construed as divisive given the political climate, or the depth of loss the new normal has brought is impossible to encapsulate in a short writing.

I hope you will find a bit of inspiration in some of my teachings during this season. I look forward to sharing the wisdom of our tradition, that after the last 4,000 years has seen a few history-changing moments. However, recently I found an article by Rabbi Harold Kushner that really intrigued me. He was having a debate with a physicist about Newton's second law, the tendency toward chaos, and whether it was an argument for or against the existence of God. Following an article he wrote about the debate, he received a letter from a biologist who claimed he should have spoken to a biologist instead of a physicist as he would have had a stronger case for God.

The biologist gave Rabbi Kushner a few examples - take a jar of marbles. Shake it and the marbles become totally mixed up. On the other hand, if you think about the growth of a human fetus, it starts with a group of undifferentiated cells, and after some weeks, some of those cells become eyes, some turn into lungs, fingers, etc. What was totally

random becomes orderly - the opposite of Newton's second law. In the case of the fetus, instead of moving from order toward chaos, it moves from chaos toward order. "That is God at work," wrote the biologist.

And maybe that is the message of the season. We are living in chaos (at least it often feels that way) - navigating an unprecedented medical crisis, facing incredibly destructive natural disasters, wondering about our country's future, worrying about our children's education and wellbeing, and thinking about those who are isolated, alone, and afraid. But, maybe the only way we can move through all of this and come to a sense of "Godliness" is by living life with intention and joining together as a community.

Over the past many months, the moments that have seemed the most "ordered" and meaningful are the ones where we have been a CTJ community: creating a rhythm to the week (Shabbat & holidays), where we have found ways to assist those in need (the many tzedakah opportunities we have completed), and when we have learned together and laughed together (the wonderful classes and activities we have shared).

I do look forward to sharing the New Year with all of you in a very different way. We have been hard at work as to what it can look like given our constraints and are excited at the possibility. It is my hope that as you come on this journey with us, that you find moments you love and that bring some order to the chaos. And, for those moments you like less, I hope you will remember that we are all doing this for the first time and hopefully building a new Jewish experience that will be talked about and built upon for many, many years to come.

Shanah tovah - here is to a new year of health and happiness (boy, do we need it)!

B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS

Spring and Summer 2020



Zoe Bendell



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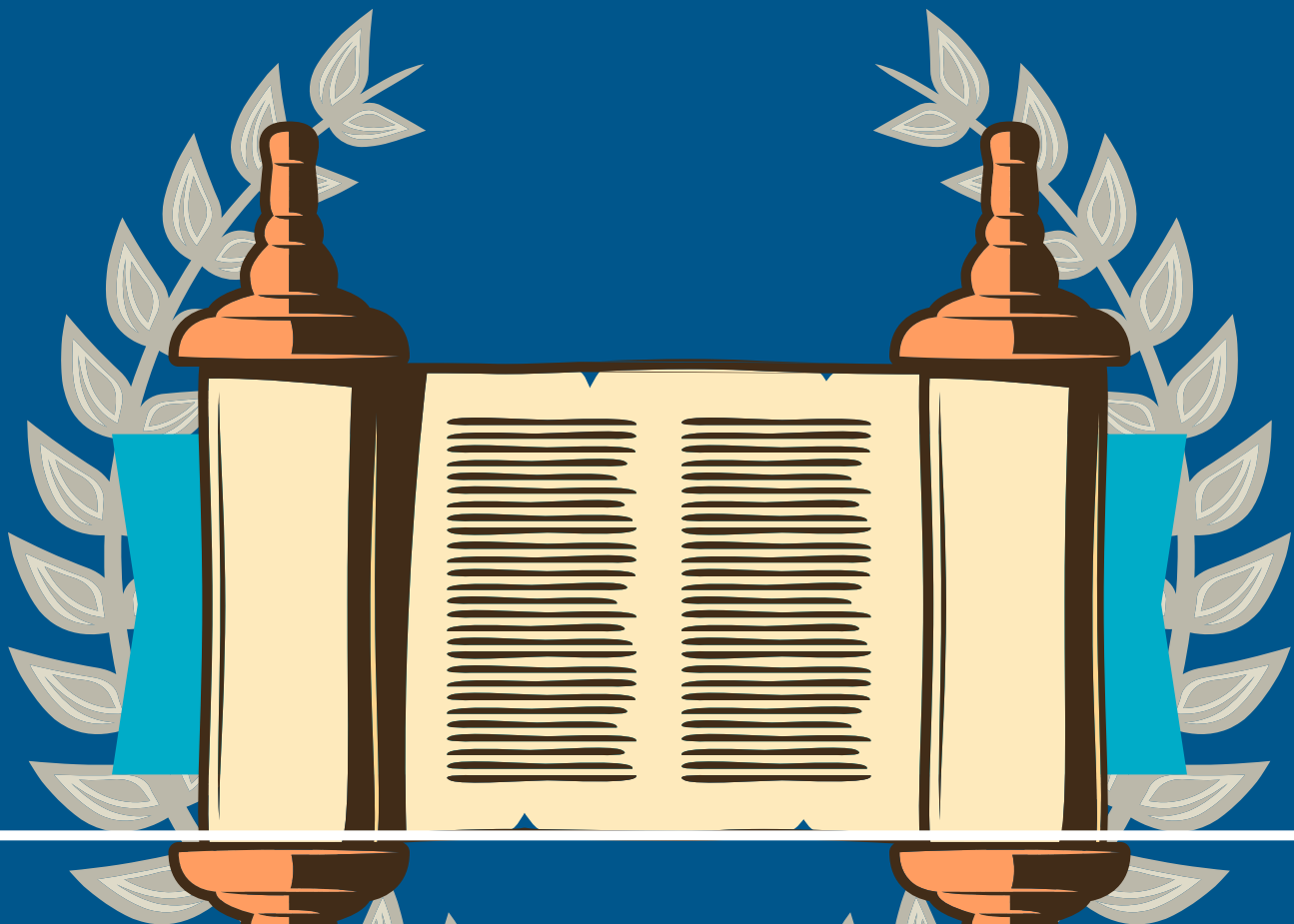
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Madison Hirshberg



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Kevin Mendelson
CTJ President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It took me a little while to be ready to be President of CTJ. It had been discussed before, but I just wasn't personally ready. I wanted to make sure, with the support of my family, that I was going to be able to dedicate the necessary time and effort the job required. I was told, by more than one person, I would find a way to do it in my own style with my own personality. It didn't matter how others had done it prior.

But nobody told me what was truly in store for all of us this past year.

I am not going to pretend that things are all peachy. I am not going to deny the challenges that we are forced to accept. I will not disregard the sadness we have all experienced. However, I also don't have to accept that there is no room for some positive.

THE BRIGHT SIDE

This past year, we have been able to accomplish some amazing things at CTJ. In some ways, we have been able to share them with more of our community than we would have imagined. More friends and family from around the world have been able to attend simchas than usual. We have been able to support our families in times of mourning and need. We have found new ways to spend time together albeit virtually. Just as a sample, although we couldn't get together in person, we had a full weekend Shabbaton with tons of activities. We didn't get to sit next to one another and laugh hysterically, but we didn't have to pay the two drink minimum and had a comedy night hosted by Joel Chasnoff from Israel. And now, we are about to embark on our first virtual High Holy Days. We

know it won't be the same, but we have gotten to spend lots of time being really creative and finding ways to bring our community together.

My hope for each of us is that we can find ways to personally bring meaning to these High Holy Days, particularly now when we probably need it most. It is often so easy to focus on the parts of any event that aren't right and could have been done differently if only things were normal. Please make the best of the events you want to attend. We have so many ways for you to share time with your CTJ family. Find the positive. Stay safe and healthy.

Shanah tovah um'tukah.

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Stacy Young
CTJ Social Action

SOCIAL ACTION

Slowly but surely we are finding our way through the pandemic to help the community around us. Though many pantries and resources remain closed, we continue to find ways to give back. Many of you have helped arrange food for frontline workers, and many assisted our CTJ members through this challenging time with the Cheshed Committee. Some found ways to help neighbors through nextdoor.com. Knitzvot knitters continue to produce hand-crafted pieces to provide comfort to those in need as cooler days approach. Project Needs has resumed hot meals to go, so we have gone back to monthly meatloaf preparation.

We were able to organize a “socially distanced” blood drive with Cedars Sinai Bloodmobile and a parking lot “essentials” drive. We were able to completely fill the blood drive sign-up schedule and successfully collect 30 units of blood. Through this collection drive we were able to provide cleaning supplies, 2 trash bags full of toiletries, several cases of toilet paper, and a case of about 20 lbs of peanut butter to Project Needs. We were able to help out with several bags of new and gently used professional attire for a Jewish Federation Volunteer Collective Project. But as the number of homeless continues to surge in the LA areas, we decided to make a big push to give to the community taking care of this vast and vulnerable population. We were able to deliver over 700 pounds (yes about 4 industrial bins full) of clothing, toiletries, food, towels, bedding, and other household items to the downtown Los Angeles Mission.

As we rapidly approach these Days of Awe, we are sadly unable to hold the traditional High Holiday food drive or the Jewish Community “Building Shelter for Sukkot” project with Habitat for Humanity. However, that will not stop us. On (DATE), please consider giving blood with Cedars Sinai Bloodmobile (SIGNUP) and sharing your

generous contributions of non-perishable food, toiletries, household needs, baby needs, and clothing so we may distribute again through these wonderful and worthy organizations on the front lines.

And as you enter this new year, think about what more you can do. Please let the office or Hildy Stern (hildy.stern@gmail.com) know if you are able to help out with CTJ’s Cheshed Community. Or let the office or Laura Pinsky (laurap4rbiz@verizon.net) know if you would like to get involved knitting for a cause with Knitzvot. Jewish World Watch was unable to Walk to End Genocide this year, but still needs your support, ask Gwen.Wexler@ctjmb.org how you can help. Find out about the Jewish Federation @VolunteerCollective for more information on Projects across LA.

And as always to come cook meatloaf, to bring your project ideas, or for anything else Social Action, please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.

Wishing all blessings in 5781.



Social Action at L.A. Mission



OEC NEWS

Rebecca Tullman

Director of Education
Ohren Education Center

What is better than a great ghost story for scaring children around a campfire? How about Hebrew School horror stories? Most of us have them. One of mine involves maps – many, many maps. In fifth grade our teacher gave us new maps nearly every week of Israel or of the Middle East. He would provide us with one filled out map of whatever the area of the week was and several blank ones and we’d copy the countries and cities onto blank maps over and over as we attempted to memorize them.

Every couple of weeks we’d have a test. On test days we’d be handed a blank map and expected to fill it in from memory. Because I took all school seriously, the tests caused great anxiety for me and I spent hours at home filling out blank maps to practice. When I wasn’t stressing about tests I was bored by the tedious chore of filling out maps. And the worst part? The year of alternating between stress and boredom was worthless, as I could only remember the geography of the region long enough to take the test. Today, I couldn’t fill out a map of the Middle East if you paid me.

A teacher who worked for me a few years back told this story from her days growing up at a congregation right here in the LA area:

When I was in Hebrew school if you forgot your pencil, you had to give the education director one shoe in exchange for a pencil. At the end of class, you gave her back the pencil and she gave you back your shoe. Except one time she brought her dog to work and her dog tore my shoe apart. Since I lived walking distance to the synagogue, I had to walk home from Hebrew school wearing only one shoe.

AT CTJ’s Ohren Education Center, we are working hard to make sure your kids do not repeat these experiences. Our teachers try to make the material engaging and to vary activities for different learning styles. This year our students in grades K-6 will explore how Jewish values and thought can help create coping skills and build resilience in challenging times. They will do this through discussion, art, writing, role play, interviewing family and friends, and so much more! Our 7th graders will explore Jewish History and what we can learn from our foundational stories and from our ancestors. In addition, they will study Torah and discover how its teachings can inform our choices in positive ways in the present day.

You can help us to make the experience better for your kids by NOT sharing your Hebrew School horror stories with them. Sharing your tale of woe sets their expectations low and as you know we often see what we expect to see. Please help us keep expectations high by talking to your kids about the fun and engaging things they are doing in their classes which you’ll read about in emails home each week. When you want to scare them, pick up a copy of “Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark” by Alvin Schwartz. In return I promise to never take away your child’s shoe – even when we’re back in the building!

Kol Tuv,

Rebecca Tullman
Director of Education

BUILD A SUKKAH AND RAISE MONEY FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sukkot reminds us of the security of our homes and the fragility of shelter. If 20 families build this easy fun holiday dwelling Amy and Mark Howorth will make a donation to Beach Cities Habitat for Humanity.

Learn how to build your own sukkah here (<http://www.ctjmb.org/resources>) or buy a great one at <https://www.sukkot.com/>

At the Ohren Education Center of CTJ, an exciting and engaging year is underway. Our students in grades K-6 will be exploring how living our Jewish values can help us thrive in difficult times, with super cool projects like creating comic books, making bubble solution, interviewing family and friends, and more.

Grade 7 is beginning to explore current events and issues through a Jewish lens with Mr. Gold and doing creative Torah study with Mr. Levy.

In Noar, our teens continue to apply Jewish thinking to big questions and ethical issues as well as grapple with the complexities of our relationship to Israel, and consider safe and productive ways to respond to antisemitism.

It's not too late to join us! Email beccatullman@ctjmb.org for more information!

DO YOU KNOW OUR ZOOM SERVICE SCHEDULE?

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00pm - 6:45pm

Followed by Virtual Oneg

Check out our email for the weekly themes!

Saturday Morning Service

B'nai Mitzvah: 9:30pm - 11:20am

Regular : 10:00am - 10:45 Service

10:45- 11:30 Text Study with Rabbi Kalev

Zoom Services are the best: no parking and you can come in your pajamas!

OEC SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

K - 2nd

9 - 9:40 a.m.
9:40 - 10 a.m.

Class - Kinder, 1A, 2A
All of K-2 plus parents -family tefillah with Cantor Beth
Class -1B, 2B

10:05 - 10:45 a.m.

3rd - 7th

9 - 9:40 a.m.
9:40 - 10 a.m.

Learning Block 1
Snacks, Blessings, Games, Shmooze

10:05 - 10:45 a.m.

Learning Block 2

Notes: 3rd - 6th

One Learning block will be Core curriculum: La - Bri'ut

One Learning block will be electives

WEDNESDAY

Beginning September 13

3rd - 7th

4 - 4:40 p.m.
4:40 - 5 p.m.
5 - 5:40 p.m.
7 - 8

Judaics (A and C classes)
Tefillah with Cantor Beth
Judaics (B classes)
7th grade prayer class

Note: A and C classes go from 4:00-5:00 and B classes go from 4:40 to 5:40

HEBREW

3rd - 6th

- 40 minute blocks of no more than 4 students
- Times available on several weekday afternoons and evenings
- Parents are being contacted to select times in the order that they registered
- Grades 4-6 have Hebrew options on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Grade 3 has options on Mondays and Tuesdays

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Beginning September 13

Mondays	4:30-4:50	Grades K-2	Storytime with Becca
Tuesday OR Thursday	3:30 -4:00	Grades K-2	Hebrew Through Movement
Tuesday OR Thursday	4:15-4:45	Grades 3-5	Hebrew Through Movement
Fridays	3:30-4:15	Grades 3-5	Games and Schmooze with Becca
Fridays	6:00 -6:45	All ages	Shabbat Services

THE OHREN EDUCATION CENTER OF CTJ

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 FIRST & LAST DAY OF OEC

 OEC CLOSED

AUGUST
8/30 - First Sunday of OEC

SEPTEMBER
9/6 - No OEC - Labor Day
9/16 - First Wed. of OEC/Noar
9/18 - Erev Rosh Hashanah
9/19 & 9/20 - Rosh Hashanah
9/27 - Erev Yom Kippur
9/28 - Yom Kippur

OCTOBER
10/2 - Sukkot
10/4 - No OEC - Sukkot

10/10 - Shemini Atzeret
10/11 - Simchat Torah
10/11 - No OEC - Simchat Torah

NOVEMBER
11/11 - No OEC - Veterans Day
11/22 - 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER
12/10 - First Night of Hanukkah
12/20 - No OEC Winter Break Begins

JANUARY
1/17 - No OEC - MLK Weekend
1/28 - Tu B'shvat

FEBRUARY
2/14 - 2/21 - No OEC - Ski Week
2/26 - Purim

MARCH
3/27 - First Seder (Passover)
3/28 - No OEC - Passover

APRIL
4/4 - 4/11 - No OEC - Spring Break

MAY
5/30 - No OEC - Memorial Day

JUNE
6/6 - Last Day of OEC

PLEASE KNOW THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, SO PLEASE CHECK THE CTJ WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION - www.ctjmb.org

CTJ RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES!

CTJ is thrilled to announce that we have received a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles to help keep our congregants safe from Covid-19 when we are able to reopen.

As part of its COVID-19 Response Plan, the Federation has provided critical support to 50+ Jewish organizations across LA through the CARES Fund: Careful Agency Reopening and Educational Safety Fund, a \$1,000,000 program to help organizations serving youth manage the costs of reopening operations in compliance with COVID-19 regulatory requirements. CTJ is happy to report that we have received some of these funds to help with the purchase of masks, gloves, and face shields, cleaning equipment, plexiglass barriers, and hand sanitizer stations. Although CTJ is not permitted to hold indoor services now, per Los Angeles County guidelines, we know the costs of re-opening will be substantial and we are grateful to have received funds to help offset these costs.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles works to identify and address the greatest challenges and opportunities in Los Angeles, Israel and around the world. Since the onset of Covid-19, our Federation has been steadfast in its commitment to addressing our community's short- and long-term challenges. From providing essential resources for those most in need to increasing cash assistance funds to keeping our community connected, The Jewish Federation is playing an essential role in the rebuilding of our beloved Jewish LA.



Kvell Corner

Gila Katz is very proud of her granddaughter, Catherine Shapiro, who was awarded the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have delivered almost 500 meals to people who have helped to keep us safe during shelter in place & quarantine

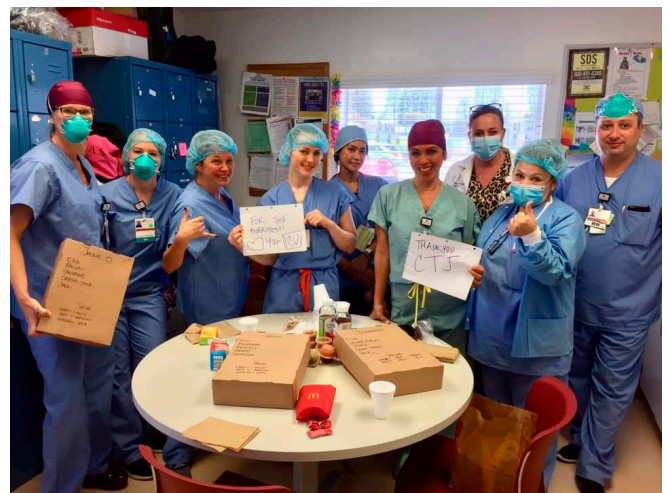
We have delivered meals to:

Kaiser South Bay **Trader Joe's**
MB Post Offices **Cedars ICU MDR**
Waste Management **MB Police**
Torrance Memorial **Beach Cities Transit**
MB Public Works **VONS HB**
Shalem Preschool

WITH MORE DELIVERIES TO COME!



CTJ delivers meals to our frontline workers during the pandemic.



Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Weekdays through Sep 17 9 a.m.

Elul Spiritual Inspiration Moment

Rabbi Kalev and the CTJ leadership will lead a short session to start each weekday during the month of Elul on the right foot. Hear teachings, anecdotes, and reflections from our tradition to start your day as we move closer to the New Year. Fifteen minutes is all it takes!

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.

Yoga on Zoom

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 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 more info, contact bonschwartz1@gmail.com.

Fridays 6 p.m.

Virtual Friday Night Service

A fun, fast paced zoom service. Themes announced in weekly email.

Saturdays

Shabbat Morning Services

With B'nai Mitzvah: 9:30 a.m. Service

With no B'nai Mitzvah: 10 a.m. Service

10:45 a.m. Text Study

Saturday Evenings Check website for times

Havdalah

As Shabbat ends and darkness falls, we gather together on Zoom to mark time with a very short, 10-minute gathering.

Tuesday September 15 3 p.m.

Knitzvot

Chat while you take a knitting/crocheting/craft break. Any craft welcome (Melissa was building a bookshelf when we last met, which was a new crafting idea!) Show us the project you're making for yourself or for charity.

Sunday September 20 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Blood Drive

Start the year off by saving a life. Sign up on email and on website.

OCTOBER

Friday October 2 5 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Rabbi Kalev, Cantor Beth, and Becca Tullman join our shortest members and friends for songs and storytime. We'll start a celebration of Sukkot with a great story.

Friday October 2 6 p.m.

Erev Sukkot Shabbat Service

Saturday & Sunday October 3 & 4 9:30 a.m.

Sukkot Services by Zoom

Saturday October 3 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Sukkah Hop

Easier to hop by Zoom from sukkah to sukkah. Want us to "visit" your Sukkah? Email director@ctjmb.org. Songs, snacks (bring your own), and we'll end with Havdalah at 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday October 5 7:30 p.m.

CTJ Book Club

CTJ bookclub reads a book of Jewish interest every other month. We'll be discussing Aperiogon, by Colum McCann - which is longer than most of our books so give yourself extra time. Aperiogon is a shape with a countably infinite number of sides. McCann writes the story of two fathers, one Palestinian and one Israeli, who have both lost their

daughters to the violence that surrounds them. Over the course of the day, these two men's lives intertwine as they attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace.

Saturday October 10 9:30 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret Services

Saturday October 10 6:00 p.m.

Erev Simchat Torah Service

We finish reading the Torah and start at the beginning again. Celebrate with the 3rd grade as they begin their "upper grades" study at religious school.

Sunday October 11 9:30 a.m.

Simchat Torah Morning Services

Wednesdays Beginning October 21 7:00 p.m.

The Texts of Exile: How Hardship & Difficulty has Shaped Our Peoples

Reverend Mark Pettis & Rabbi Joshua Kalev

An interfaith discussion on the texts each tradition holds up as wisdom - reminding us that we can overcome anything and ultimately, we might not have it that bad!

On behalf of the CTJ Sisterhood Board, we would like to wish our CTJ family a **L'Shana Tova U'metukah!** May you have a good and sweet year! We are still getting together with our CTJ sisters on Zoom and would love to see you at one of our upcoming virtual events. Don't forget that we have a Z'havah group for the younger women in the community too. For more information on CTJ Sisterhood, contact Gwen Wexler at gwen.wexler@ctjmb.org.

Gwen Wexler & Wendy Weber,
CTJ Sisterhood Co-Presidents

High Holy Days with CTJ

We are so excited to celebrate this High Holy Day season with you.

To ensure internet security, we need you to register by September 14. If you are not registered you will not have access to our services. We would miss you terribly if you weren't with us. Just think: this is the first year that there are no parking and no tickets! It's so easy!

Access High Holy Day Services through ctj.shed.com using the email address you gave us on membership forms.

Become a member and support the future of CTJ. High Holy Day Access included. <http://www.ctjmb.org/membership>

- First Time Members: \$510 or pay what you can
- Returning Members: Suggested schedule or contribute what you can
- Guest of Members or Virtual Attendees Who Live over 50 miles away: \$180
- Children of Members - under age 30: Free

High Holy Days for Adults and Teens

Saturday, September 12, 2020 | 9:00 PM

Leil Selichot (Prayers of Forgiveness)

A meditative service to begin the High Holy Day season

Friday, September 18 | 6:30 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Saturday, September 19 | 9:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah Shacharit (Morning) Service Day 1

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM | Rosh Hashanah Shacharit (Morning) Service Day 2

2:30 PM | Donate Blood, Save a Life - visit <https://tinyurl.com/ctjblooddrive>

5:00 PM | Creative Tashlich (Symbolic Casting off of Sins) by Zoom

September 21 - 26 | Anytime

Goosechase Scavenger Hunt for the 10 days of Awe

September 22 - 24 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Visit CTJ's Ark for Personal Reflection

Sign up for a 10-minute slot | <https://tinyurl.com/visitark>

Sunday, September 27 | 6:30 PM

Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 28

9:00 AM | Yom Kippur Service

3:00 PM | Discussion

4:00 PM | Minchah (Afternoon Service)

6:00 PM | Yizkor (Memorial Service)

6:20 PM | Neilah/Havdalah (Closing Service)

High Holy Days for Children and Families

Zoom links will be sent via email from the OEC for all except the Family Services. Visit the links below to register.

Saturday, September 19

9:00 - 9:30 AM

K-2 Jewish Scavenger Hunt

Grades 3-5 Shofar Dance Moves

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Musical Prayer Experience & Make a Snack

11:00 - 11:30 AM

K-2 Shofar Dance Moves

Grades 3 - 5 Jewish Year Scavenger Hunt

2:00 - 2:45 PM

Birthday of the World Family Service

for Ages 0-5 | Open to the Public

Registration 24 hours in advance required

<https://tinyurl.com/CTJRHFamily>

3:00 - 3:30 PM

Drive-By Pick-Up for Treats (CTJ's Back Gate)

Sunday, September 20

5:00 PM | Creative Tashlich (Symbolic Casting off of Sins) by Zoom

September 21 - 26 | Anytime

Goosechase Scavenger Hunt for the 10 days of Awe

Monday, September 28

9:00 AM TBD

2:00 PM

Yom Kippur Family Service for Ages 0-5

Registration 24 hours in advance required

<https://tinyurl.com/CTJYKFamily>

For tech support during the High Holy Days

Call or text 424-347-3026

Email help@ctjmb.org

In Zoom chat Help

All services are on Pacific Daylight Saving Time.

Donations

April - June 2020

7TH GRADE GIVING

in honor of this years' B'nai Mitzvah class
Richard & Lana Rizika

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About Info:

★ Our chapter is called **Barak** which is Hebrew for *lightning*, so our mascot is Lightning McQueen.

What is BBYO?

★ BBYO is a teen-led Jewish youth group for 8th-12th graders with lots of leadership opportunities.

★ BBYO is separated into chapters, regions, and international.

★ Barak is a chapter in the Pacific Western Region.

What do we do?

★ At chapter events, we hang out, play games, and have brotherhood/sisterhood bonding

★ Chapter hosted regional events and regional weekends are a great way to meet people from other chapters

How often do you meet? Where do you meet?

★ Normally, we meet at CTJ on Wednesdays from 6-6:45 with dinner afterward. Now, we meet bi-weekly on Zoom on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm.

Barak upcoming events:

★ Bigs and Littles two-part series (members only)
September 26 from 7-8pm: Compete against other big/little families in a custom jeopardy game

★ Jackbox Games (prospects and members)
October 3 from 7-8pm

Resources:

- ★ BBYO website bbyo.org
- ★ SIGN UP FOR BBYO HERE bbyo.org/become-a-member
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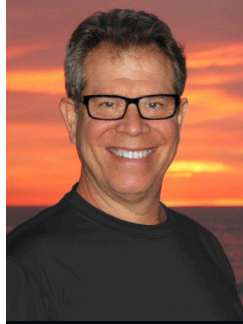
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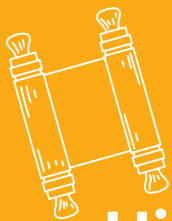


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