



# TIKVA TIMES

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## Shanah Tovah A Sweet New Year at CTJ!

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## RABBI JOSHUA KALEV

Senior Rabbi

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Often when I sit with couples where one person is choosing Judaism, I laugh when they tell me they took their non-Jewish partner to High Holy Days services to introduce them to our religion. What??? I know I am supposed to be in "awe" of these important days on our calendar, but if that were the kind of introduction I would have to Judaism, I would go running for the hills (and I am a rabbi).

Don't get me wrong, I love love love the community feeling that brings us all together over the holidays. I love the moments during Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur where we get to interact and laugh together, I love watching our students schmooze and spend time together, and I love the moments where we can all sing together. But, in terms of the totality of services, it is the time where I feel the greatest divide between rabbi and congregant. Many are very comfortable with the extreme gap between that what is preached from the pulpit and how one conducts themselves in their daily life. However, this gap can translate to a waste of resources, time, and energy and it is felt most by synagogue professionals during this time of year. We spend four months preparing for these three days on the Jewish calendar only to have many of you walking away from the experience wondering why you sat so long.

To truly understand the High Holy Day service, you almost have to go to rabbinical school. It is a complex and complicated weaving of biblical verses and ideas, ancient poetry, and symbolism that requires an extensive knowledge of Judaism. Our new machzorim (High Holy Day prayer books) do a beautiful job of explaining the liturgy but even then, can you really have an uplifting spiritual experience while you are trying to figure out what is being recited?

Ultimately, these are important days. However, they need to be important days for the Judaism YOU practice and connect with. I want this significant time on our calendar to be meaningful for the weekly Shabbat attendee as much as the one who sees their Judaism in blintzes, latkes, and matzah ball soup. I want those of you who find walking on the beach to be your most spiritual experience to find a place in our tradition during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Most importantly, I want your Judaism to be meaningful throughout the entirety of the year and not just during 10 days on our calendar.

So, my pledge to you as we approach this amazing season and new synagogue year is that we will work hard to speak to you, your soul, your Judaism. We have plans this season for amazing learning, for fun, for innovation, for beautiful music, for lots of laughter, for social action, for community, and for the acknowledgement that our tradition has survived 4000 years because there are millions of entry points to find a Judaism that speaks to you. At CTJ that means no judgment, no constraints, and no guilt. We can't wait to celebrate a New Year together... it is a magical moment to stop and recognize we are alive, we are blessed, and we are a thriving Jewish institution in the South Bay. Wishing you and yours a very happy and healthy 5784!

Rabbi Kalev





# B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2023



**Marissa Selly**  
August 5th, 2023



**Aliza Saul**  
August 12th, 2023



**Max Waldman**  
August 19th, 2023



**Ella Shabani**  
August 26th, 2023



**Micah Flechner**  
October 14th, 2023



**Judah Lefton**  
October 21st, 2023



**JEREMY STERN**

CTJ President



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



and became Bar Mitzvahs in our beautiful main sanctuary. Hildy and I are so proud that Judaism continues to play such a strong role in their identities.



CTJ has always been a special place where our congregants come to strengthen their relationships with their spirituality and each other. As we approach the High Holy Days and the Jewish New Year, we at CTJ have so much to be grateful for and to look forward to. Our membership continues to grow. Our Hebrew school is full of students and energy. Our clergy is so kind and so dedicated to our Jewish journey. Our staff is filled with such professionals, they do more than keep this place running, they maintain CTJ's nurturing environment. And we have each other, a community filled with warm and welcoming members dedicated to Tikkun Olam. Our cup truly runneth over.

As a Jewish proverb reveals, "the [Jewish] community is Israel's rampart," and at CTJ our community is our beacon. I am excited for our new year. I hope you all have a wonderful rest of your summer and come back to participate in your CTJ community with strength, enthusiasm and happiness. I know that the CTJ beacon will burn brighter as a result.

Jeremy H. Stern

**B**eing elected to the presidency of CTJ on June 1st is a remarkable honor for me. I am so grateful for your vote of confidence. Almost a month later, I am still charged up and super excited as the new fiscal year 5783/5784 begins for CTJ.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the CTJ Board of Directors. Your board is filled with inspiring and committed members who lead with cheishek (yiddish for eagerness and vitality) and are dedicated to making our community even stronger, more fun and engaging. Thank you again for giving me the honor to lead this team.

To Todd Levin, our outgoing CTJ president, thanks for leaving me the keys to a car that is hitting on all cylinders. You made the job of being president look so easy and I know it is not. I am truly fortunate to have had the chance to learn so much from you during your term.

For those of you who don't know me, my wife Hildy and I are empty nesters in Manhattan Beach. It has been our home now for 28 years. We both grew up in a small suburb of Detroit and went to the same shul where we were married, Temple Beth El. While TBE was an essential part of our childhoods, CTJ has been foundational for our family's Jewish life together at the beach. All four of our sons, Josh (31), Ari (29), Eban (25) and Seth (23), went through the great programs of Ohren Educational Center

# THE CTJ SISTERHOOD

## END OF SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

Happy summer! Our sisterhood closed out the year with a fantastic year-end party. If you weren't there, we missed you – but if you find yourself with more time on your hands in the summer months, CTJ Sisterhood has great events for you to attend in the next few months!

- **Strand Walk: Friday, August 25 at 9 am.** Meet at the Manhattan Beach Pier to walk and chat with your fellow sisterhood members. Open to all CTJ members. Bring strollers, dogs, and friends! By popular demand, we plan to do this once a quarter throughout the year. Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/ctjstrandwalkaug23](https://tinyurl.com/ctjstrandwalkaug23)
- **Challah Baking with Rabbi Kalev: Thursday, Sept. 7 at 5 pm.** Rabbi Kalev wants to encourage all CTJers to bake challah every week! If you've never baked bread before, come to learn; if you're a challah maven, come to kibbitz and to help teach your fellow CTJ members to knead and braid. Challah is a tasty mitzvah we can all enjoy! RSVP by Sept 5: [tinyurl.com/challahbake23](https://tinyurl.com/challahbake23)
- **Reverse Tashlich: Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 am.** Meet at the Grand Avenue beach parking lot in El Segundo. On Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world participate in the ancient ritual of Tashlich. We go to a body of water and symbolically cast off the sins of the past year into the water to start the New Year with purity of heart. However, this is not the only time humans cast their "sins" into the sea. Every year, approximately six million tons of human-made trash enter the water, posing health and safety hazards to the animals that call the sea their home. For the second year, CTJ Sisterhood will add a modern ritual to the Jewish tradition: a local clean-up known as Reverse Tashlich. Meet in the parking lot. We'll hand out trash bags and gloves and proceed north to clean up trash from this well-used beach and help our coastal environment! Sign up form coming soon.



Coming up in the fall, we're planning more great events, including Sukkah dinner and installation, a free pilates class at a studio run by a Sisterhood member; and our famous membership dinner. Stay tuned!

CTJ Sisterhood brings together women of all ages to join in social, educational, spiritual, and social action events throughout the year. Our goal is to provide our members with connection to other women and to the CTJ community at large, while also enriching the synagogue and the local Jewish community. While we are affiliated with Women's League and CTJ, other interested women (as well as people of other genders) are welcome to join.

Joining is easy! Just make sure the box is checked when you renew your CTJ membership - or send a check to CTJ made out to CTJ Sisterhood. Membership is \$54 for CTJ members, \$72 for non-members. Your membership fees defray costs for our events, help us donate back to the synagogue, and give you access to lots of fantastic regional and virtual programming from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism ([www.wlcj.org](http://www.wlcj.org)).

We are always looking for new Sisterhood board members! (CTJ membership required for board members.) This year we have openings for:

- Vice President
- Social Media Manager
- Women's League Liaison
- Board Member at Large

Our board meets once a month to plan events.

For more information about Sisterhood, contact Hilary Grayver, CTJ Sisterhood president, at [sisterhood@ctjmb.org](mailto:sisterhood@ctjmb.org). We can't wait to see you soon!



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## RACHEL HERSHMAN

Director of Education

# OHREN EDUCATION CENTER (OEC)

## WELCOME TO AN OEC YEAR BURSTING LIKE BAGELS, NOT BUBBLES

One may say that time, being linear, is like a six-foot party sub: a long, straight progression from January to December. But those well-acquainted with the Jewish calendar understand it to be more like a bagel: round, cyclical, familiar, and – if we’re doing things right – absolutely bursting with tasty fillings.

Why else should we use a bagel as a symbol for 5784? Because it’s an enduring symbol of Jewish-American culture. It’s just as tasty as the round challah that we usually eat on Rosh Hashanah, but more easy to find at OEC throughout the school year. Plus, this year’s muti-Oscar-winning movie, ‘Everything, Everywhere, All at Once’ turned the humble bagel into a profound metaphor, but in the OEC we’d like to go with less existential crisis and more lox. And finally, I’m from New York - my great grandparents were part of the great bagel migration from Eastern Europe in the late 19th/early 20th century, so I have eaten the best bagels ever - the NYC bagel - for my entire life.

In any case, the real question for this time of year isn’t about the subject of Rabbi Kalev’s High Holy Day sermons, but rather: “Where can I get a bagel at OEC this year?” and “What can I fill it with?”

Here are only a few of our “full-filling” opportunities happening in the OEC this fall:

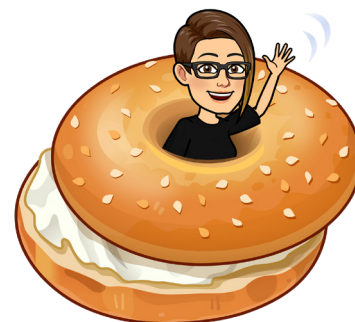
- 1. OEC Classes Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10th from 9am-12pm:** Our OEC year kicks-off with K-7 classes, promising many warm welcomes, smiles, and laughs. Bagels will be served to all our students! =)
- 2. A New Year at the Point also on Sunday, September 10th from 1-2pm:** The fun doesn’t end on Sunday, September 10th with OEC class dismissal! At 1pm, we’ll celebrate the New Year at the Point with a Bubbleologist! See science and bubbles come together in a sudsy demonstration. Bubbles will pop, like our previous years wrongdoings disappearing into thin air. And bubbles will float up into the

sky, carrying with them our hopes and dreams for 5784. Be a part of this extraordinary celebration, where learning meets laughter, where science meets symbolism, and where the New Year meets a clean and clear beginning.

- 3. OEC Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Programming:** After our first day, you’ll notice a pause in our Sunday classes on September 17 and 24. Instead of the usual routine, we’ll be celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with special programming during the “day of services.” Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16 for OEC Rosh Hashanah programming and Monday, September 25 for OEC Yom Kippur programming; we promise, it’s going to be as exhilarating as the Shofar blasts!
- 4. OEC Sukkot Celebration on Sunday, October 1st from 11am-12pm (during regular OEC class time):** We’re hosting a Sukkot Celebration for all our OEC families and the community - parents, siblings, friends please celebrate with us. Our kids won’t just learn about Ushpizin; they’re inviting you to BE the Ushpizin!
- 5. OEC Simchat Torah Celebration & Keedum on Sunday, October 8th from 9:30-10:30am:** Get ready to dance all morning and unroll the Torah at our Simchat Torah Celebration. We’ll also celebrate our 3rd grade students and the beginning of their Hebrew studies, literally surrounding them in Torah and Hebrew.
- 6. OEC 3rd - 7th Grade Retreat from October 27-29, 2023:** Three days of thrilling activities, bonding, and immersive Jewish learning, with the only survival skills needed being how to perfectly roast a marshmallow. Note that K-2 will meet at CTJ for regular classes on Sunday and take-over the building.

So there you have it: our new year at OEC and the start of 5784, as round and full as a perfectly bursting bagel. Not like those bubbles bursting into thin air. It’s a fall season layered with education and excitement.

In the meantime, stay cool, stay kosher, and remember: your bagel, like this next year, is ready to be filled with whatever you choose!





# 23-24 OEC CALENDAR

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AUG. 27 - CTJ OPEN HOUSE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## SEPTEMBER

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SEPT. 10 - 1ST DAY OF OEC  
 SEPT. 16 - OEC ROSH HASHANA PROGRAM  
 SEPT. 25 - OEC YOM KIPPUR PROGRAM

## OCTOBER

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OCT. 1 - OEC CLASSES & SUKKOT  
 OCT. 8 - OEC SIMCHAT TORAH & KEDOOM  
 OCT. 27-29 - OEC K-7TH GR RETREAT  
 OCT. 29 - K-2ND ONLY @ CTJ

## NOVEMBER

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NOV. 5 - 6TH GRADE FAMILY LEARNING  
 NOV. 17 - 7TH GRADE SHABBAT  
 NOV. 22-26 - NO OEC - THANKSGIVING

## DECEMBER

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DEC. 8 - 3RD & 4TH GRADE SHABBAT  
 DEC. 20-JAN. 5 - NO OEC - WINTER BREAK

## JANUARY

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JAN. 14 - MLK DAY OF SERVICE @ CTJ  
 JAN. 28 - K-2ND FAMILY LEARNING

## FEBRUARY

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FEB. 2 - 5TH GRADE SHABBAT  
 FEB. 18-21 - NO OEC - SKI WEEK

## MARCH

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MAR. 1 - K-2ND GRADE SHABBAT  
 MAR. 24 - PURIM CARNIVAL & MEGILLAH

## APRIL

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MAR. 31 - APR. 7 - NO OEC - SPRING BREAK  
 APR. 12 - 6TH GRADE SHABBAT  
 APR. 21 - 3RD & 4TH FAMILY LEARNING

## MAY

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MAY 5 - 5TH GRADE FAMILY LEARNING  
 MAY 19 - 7TH GRADE FAMILY LEARNING  
 MAY 29 - LAST WEDNESDAY OF OEC

## JUNE

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JUN. 2 - MACCABIAH & PICNIC

**KEY**

=SPECIAL PROGRAM

=NO OEC CLASSES

BLUE TEXT =REGULAR OEC SCHEDULE

# CTJ'S HIGH HOLY DAYS 2023/5784

HAVE A RE-JEW-VENATING HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON!



We are so excited to celebrate this High Holy Day season with you! The High Holy Days begin on the evening of Friday, September 15. We invite you to **re-Jew-venate** - to take the opportunity to meditate and reflect on your Jewish journey and to connect with our CTJ community.

While attendance is not capped, **we require registration to attend services in person.** If you prefer to join us virtually, please check the box for virtual attendance on the ticketing form. You will receive information on how to access the Zoom services through the email you gave us on membership forms. To ensure internet security, we need you to register 24 hours before a service. If you are not registered, you will not have access to our services.

**Tickets will NOT be mailed out in advance.** Tickets will be available at the will call table before each service or can be picked up in the office, September 11-13.

## TICKETING INSTRUCTIONS

**Scan the code or visit [ctjmb.org/high-holy-days](https://ctjmb.org/high-holy-days)** to reserve your tickets for the High Holy Days! Reserve the Rosh Hashanah bundle of services, the Yom Kippur bundle of services, or all services! The ticketing form plus information about the Yizkor Book, volunteer options, children's programs, and more can be found at this same link to our website.



High Holy Day Access is included when you become a member and support the future of CTJ! If you have not yet renewed your membership, don't forget to renew! Members can also purchase tickets for guests at a discounted rate. Renew your membership at [ctjmb.org/membership](https://ctjmb.org/membership).

Not a CTJ member and looking to join us for High Holy Days? Tickets can be purchased through the same link to our website: [ctjmb.org/high-holy-days](https://ctjmb.org/high-holy-days).

Need childcare or our youth program? Don't forget to sign up when you reserve your tickets.

## YIZKOR BOOK

Our Yizkor Book will be shown as a slideshow before the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. You can use your photos and memories from last year or upload additional photos and short memories (under 25 words will work best for the slide show). More info on the website page.

## VOLUNTEERS

It takes a village to put our High Holy Days together and we could not do it without you. We have a number of ways to help during these important days. Volunteer opportunities are available on the ticket registration form. Thank you!





# re-Jew-venation

## HIGH HOLY DAYS

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Congregation Tikvat Jacob Beth Torah

### HIGH HOLY DAYS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Date	Time	Service	Where?	Registration
Friday, September 15	7:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	AM* & Zoom	Registration Required
Saturday, September 16	8:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah First Day Service	AM & Zoom	Registration Required
Sunday, September, 17	8:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service	CTJ & Zoom	Registration Required
	5:00 PM	Tashlich	MB Pier	Open to the Public
Sunday, September 24	6:30 PM	Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre	AM & Zoom	Registration Required
Monday, September 25	8:30 AM	Yom Kippur Service	AM & Zoom	Registration Required
	3:00 PM	Discussion	AM	Registration Required
	4:00 PM	Minchah (Afternoon Service)	AM & Zoom	Registration Required
	5:30 PM	Yizkor (Memorial Service)	AM & Zoom	Registration Required
	6:00 - 7:15 PM	Neilah/Havdalah (Closing Service)	AM & Zoom	Registration Required

### HIGH HOLY DAYS FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Date	Time	Service	Where?	Registration
Sunday, September 10	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Family New Year Celebration	The Point	Open to the Public
Saturday, September 16	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Experience Grades K - 5 Members Only	CTJ	Registration Required
	9:45 - 10:30 AM	Teen Program	AM*	Registration Required
	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Babysitting for Ages 2 - 4	AM	Registration Required
	3:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Family Service	CTJ	Open to the Public
Sunday, September 17	5:00 PM	Tashlich	MB Pier	Open to the Public
Monday, September 25	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Yom Kippur Experience Grades K - 5 Members Only	CTJ	Registration Required
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Babysitting for Ages 2 - 4	AM	Registration Required
	10:45 - 11:30 AM	Teen Program	AM	Registration Required
	3:00 PM	Yom Kippur Family Service	CTJ	Open to the Public

\*AM = American Martyrs Church



# CTJ Calendar AUG - SEPT 2023



## ONGOING EVENTS



### **Jewish News**

**Every Tuesday morning at 9 am**

*Zoom*

Every week Rabbi Kalev hosts a short session with news of the Jews - movies, events, Israel - Rabbi Kalev covers it all. Grab your morning coffee and we promise these 15 minutes will be well spent!

### **Thursday Discussion Class with Rabbi Kalev**

**Every Thursday, 7 pm**

*Zoom*

Tune into Rabbi Kalev's Discussion Class every Thursday. Right now we are reading *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn.

Buy the book from CTJ here: [tinyurl.com/thursclass](https://tinyurl.com/thursclass)

### **Tot Shabbat**

**First Friday of every month at 5:30 pm**

*CTJ*

Shabbat celebration with Cantor Beth and Rabbi Kalev. This musical start to Shabbat is for our youngest CTJ-ers and the grown-ups who love them. Lots of music, an exciting story, and tons of silliness make for a very fun beginning to the day of rest.

### **Friday Night Services**

**Fridays at 6:30 pm**

*CTJ and Zoom*

See weekly email or website calendar for schedule.

### **Family Shabbat**

**First Friday of each month, 6:30 pm**

*CTJ and Zoom*

Ring in Shabbat with an exciting Shabbat raffle and a fun in-person family service!

### **Shabbat Morning Services**

**Saturdays, 9:30 or 10 am**

*CTJ and/or Zoom*

Check website calendar or weekly email for in-person/Zoom schedule.

### **Havdalah**

**Saturdays, time dependent on season, check weekly email**

*Zoom*

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**

**Third Tuesday of every month, 2:30 pm**

*Project Needs*

We continue to prepare hot meals to-go at Project Needs in Redondo Beach.

Please contact Stacy.Weitsman@cshs.org.

### **Poker Nights**

**Every Monday 7 pm**

*CTJ or Zoom*

A social game of small-stakes poker. All are welcome. No experience is necessary, we will help you learn the games.

Email [paulmsachs@gmail.com](mailto:paulmsachs@gmail.com) for more information.

### **RomCom Club**

**One Sunday a month, 7-8 pm**

*Zoom*

CTJ loves RomComs! Watch the movie beforehand and then hop on zoom to discuss! See movie and date in weekly email.

## AUGUST

### **Coffee with the Clergy**

**Wednesdays in August, 8 am**

*CTJ Sanctuary*

Have Coffee with the Clergy every Wednesday morning 8-9am in August!!

Meet in the sanctuary to enjoy coffee from a different shop each session. Stay for a minute or the whole hour - we would love to see you!

### **Beach Shabbat Service**

**Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm**

*The Strand, Manhattan Beach*

Our final Beach Shabbat of the year! Experience a lively Shabbat by the shore with your CTJ family! Meet us at the Strand and 27th Street in Manhattan Beach. Bring chairs, blankets, sweaters, and quarters/credit card for parking meters.

### **Blood Drive**

**Sunday, August 20, 8 am - 2 pm**

*CTJ*

Thank you to the The Magid Family for sponsoring CTJ's August Blood Drive in honor of their children Wendy and Shaun Magid, who were both born with Factor XI deficiency and have needed 152 total pints of blood combined since 2017.

"Everyone always asks us what they can do to help... This is it! We must repay the blood banks! Our family is so grateful to have both our children still alive thanks to other people who donated blood. Please come do this amazing Mitzvah and donate blood so another family can avoid such tragedy."

-- Marc & Shannon Magid

Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/blooddriveaug](https://tinyurl.com/blooddriveaug)

### **Sisterhood Walk on the Strand**

**Friday, August 25, 8:30 - 9:30 am**

*MB Pier*

Meet at the Manhattan Beach Pier to walk and chat with your fellow sisterhood members. Open to all CTJ members. Bring strollers, dogs, and friends! By popular demand, we plan to do this once a quarter throughout the year.

Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/ctjstrandwalkaug23](https://tinyurl.com/ctjstrandwalkaug23)

## Prospective Member Open House

Sunday, August 27, 2 - 4 pm

CTJ

Open to prospective new members. Mingle with fellow prospective members, and meet CTJ's clergy and staff! There will be snacks, a project for the kids, and a tour of our building! We can't wait to meet you!

RSVP here: [tinyurl.com/CTJprospectivemember](https://tinyurl.com/CTJprospectivemember)

# SEPTEMBER

## Office Closed - Labor Day

Monday, September 4

## Challah Baking with Rabbi Kalev and Melissa Stein

Thursday, September 7, 5 pm

CTJ

Come bake challah with Rabbi Kalev and Melissa Stein! If you've never baked bread before, come to learn; if you're a challah maven, come to kibbitz and to help teach your fellow CTJ members to knead and braid. Challah is a tasty mitzvah we can all enjoy!

RSVP by September 5 to attend the first session! The event is free, but there is an optional donation of \$10 per person. CTJ members only. RSVP here: [tinyurl.com/challahbake23](https://tinyurl.com/challahbake23)

## Sha-Barbecue & Board of Directors Installation

Friday, September 8, 5:30 - 8 pm

CTJ

Join us for a special Sha-Barbecue and Shabbat Services as we celebrate and install our new CTJ 2023-24 Board of Directors. Optional donation of \$10 per person.

RSVP for dinner here: [tinyurl.com/shabarbecue](https://tinyurl.com/shabarbecue)

## Selichot Service

Saturday, September 9, 8 - 10:15 pm

CTJ

For Selichot, CTJ will be screening the film *Exodus 91*, which depicts the feat of the exodus of the Ethiopian Jewish community to Israel. We will begin with Havdalah and dessert, watch the film, and then have our Selichot service.

RSVP here: [tinyurl.com/selichotfilm](https://tinyurl.com/selichotfilm)

## First Day of OEC Religious School

Sunday, September 10, 9 am - 12 pm

CTJ

Welcome back to the OEC! We missed you over summer!

## OEC Family Program

Saturday, September 10, 1-2 pm

*The Point*

See science and bubbles come together in a sudsy demonstration. Bubbles will float up into the sky, carrying with them our hopes and dreams for 5784. Be a part of this extraordinary celebration, where learning meets laughter, where science meets symbolism, and where the New Year meets a clean and clear beginning.

## Sisterhood Reverse Tashlich

Sunday, September 10, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Meet at Grand Avenue Beach parking lot in El Segundo

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world participate in the ancient ritual of Tashlich. We go to a body of water and symbolically cast off the sins of the past year into the water to start the New Year with purity of heart. CTJ Sisterhood will join in a national effort and add a modern ritual to the Jewish tradition: a local clean-up known as Reverse Tashlich. We'll hand out trash bags and gloves and proceed north to clean up trash from this well-used beach and help our coastal environment!

## Israel on the Inside with Assaf Boker

Sunday, September 10, 10 am

Zoom

Hear all of Assaf's great takes on Israel's current politics!

## Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & 2 Services, Tashlich

September 15, 16, 17

CTJ, American Martyrs Church, MB Pier, Zoom

See page 8 for the full High Holy Days schedule.

## Rosh Hashanah OEC Program and Teen Program, Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Saturday, September 16

American Martyrs Church, CTJ

See page 8 for the full High Holy Days and family services schedule.

## Noar Beach Day with Tashlich

Saturday, September 23, 6 - 8:30 pm

*The Strand*

Catch some sun, play some volleyball, eat some pizza, and cast off the past year in the ocean waves. It's the perfect way to welcome in a fresh start while enjoying time with friends.

## Erev Yom Kippur Service, Yom Kippur Service, Discussion, Minchah, Yizkor, Neilah/Havdalah Services

September 24, 25

American Martyrs Church, Zoom

See page 8 for the full High Holy Days schedule.

## Yom Kippur OEC Program and Teen Program, Yom Kippur Family Service

Monday, September 25

American Martyrs Church, CTJ

See page 8 for the full High Holy Days and family services schedule.

## Sisterhood Break-Fast

Monday, September 25, after Yom Kippur Services

American Martyrs Church

The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a grab-n-go break-fast after Yom Kippur services.

## Erev Sukkot Dinner and Services

Friday, September 29, 5:30 pm

CTJ

Enjoy a light meal before services at 6:30pm. RSVP form coming soon.

## Sukkot Service

Saturday, September 30, 9:30 am

CTJ and Zoom

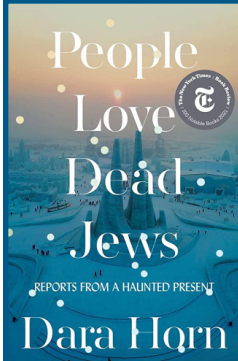
Join us for a lovely service ending in the sukkah.

## Noar Sleepover in the Sukkah

Friday, September 29-30, 5 pm - 11 am (next day)

CTJ

You've never had a sleepover quite like this one - it's a blend of the ancient tradition of dwelling in the sukkah with a sleepover vibe & s'more fun!



**THURSDAY DISCUSSION CLASS WITH RABBI KALEV**

Every Thursday, 7pm on Zoom

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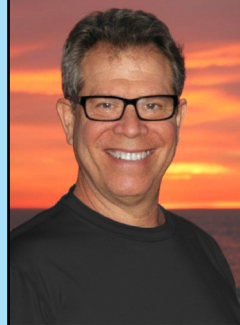
## Send in your Kvells for next issue!

We are so proud of our daughter and CTJ member, **Jessica Jacobs**, who led the effort to educate students in the South Bay by having Holocaust survivor Nat Rocker speak at eight middle schools and high schools, reaching more than 3,000 students to discuss the history and atrocities of the Holocaust. With the ongoing support of Rabbi Kalev, Jessica was gratified to see Mr. Rocker expand the hearts of all these students. Jessica also drove the recent program to have social media star Montana Tucker speak to 100 attendees at CTJ. Montana shared her journey to learn about the Holocaust and her grandparents, and continue educating young people through Montana's YouTube series "How To: Never Forget." We Kvell for what Jessica has accomplished to educate students about the Holocaust. Like Montana, Jessica and her whole family proudly celebrate and honor their Jewish history.

– Barry and Serene Sulpor

MAZEL TOV to **Barry & Rebecca Schulman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel, born on August 2nd.

MAZEL TOV to the Carmi & McGregor families as their sons - **Sam Carmi and Spencer McGregor** travelled to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for the JCC Maccabi Games. They played for the Valley JCC Soccer Team and made it all the way to the medal round, ending with a great battle against Argentina. Proud of our players!



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## ADULT EDUCATION FUND

*for CTJ*

from **Morris & Tracy Chernick**

from **Tina Fox**

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The Doctors Kalev from **Melissa & Jon Stein**

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Franklyn Newmark from **Andy & Rabbi Arinna Shelby**

Matthew Hoffman from **Jon & Melissa Stein**

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Sylvia Krone from **Melissa & Jon Stein**

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Lindsey Rickles from **David & Bonnie Rickles**

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*in loving memory of*

Edward Alan Horowitz from **Melvin Horowitz**

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*in appreciation of*

Cantor Beth's dedication to her B'nai Mitzvah students. from **Jennifer, Michael, Emma, and Ashley Gale**

Cantor Beth for Shabbat-a-Palooza! from **Renee, Leigh, Grant, and Reid Sorgen**

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Harriette Kohorn from **Larry, Lisa, and Josh**

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*in honor of*

Melissa Stein "best daughter ever!" from **Julie Mooney**

Andrea Rawitt being on the CTJ Board from **Lois Rawitt**

Kalel Mandel Linderman on his Brit Milah, CTJ-OEC First Grade Class of 2030! from **Morah Debbie (and Les)**

Spencer McGregor becoming Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov! from **The Szkolnik Family**

Mark Feves' 63rd birthday and 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah from **Tobi Feves**

*in loving memory of*

Bess Brown from **Barbara Millman**

Evelyn Lessman from **Elaine Lessman**

Robert Weisenberg from **Judd & Susan Gilefsky**

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Harriet Kohorn from **The Szkolnik Family**

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Jacob Rubin from **Debbie & Les Granow**

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Harriette Kohorn from **The Granow Gang**

*in thanks for*

Stella August making a stellar Hebrew School year happen. from **The Szkolnik Family**

*on the occasion of*

Marla Becker beginning a Doctorate in Education! from **Melissa & Jon Stein**

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*in loving memory of*

Claire Altchuler from **Joy Kravetz**

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*for CTJ*

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from **Robert Gilbreth**

*in appreciation of*

Steve Schrier and all his efforts on behalf of the Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Bendell from **Kelly Bendell**

Steve Schrier and all his efforts on behalf of the B'nai Mitzvah from **Spencer Bendell**

Rabbi Kalev, Rabbi Mark, Cantor Beth and the entire CTJ community from **Susan Lewis**

*in honor of*

The Gale family on the occasion of Emma Gale's Bat Mitzvah from **Hildy and Jeremy Stern**

Marla Becker running the Galena Sky Trail Race from **Melissa & Jon Stein**

Jeremy Stern's new Presidency from **The Levins**

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*on the occasion of*

Allen Kirschenbaum being named to the Manhattan Beach Parking & Public Improvements Commission!!! from **Melissa & Jon Stein**

Rabbis Kalev receiving their doctorate degrees. Mazel Tov! from **The Szkolnik Family**

Shalem voted the BEST in the South Bay. from **The Szkolnik Family**

## **MICHAEL ROTSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Elizabeth Pinsky from **Douglas & Madeline Walker**

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*in appreciation of*

CTJ community and clergy from **Barbara Levine**

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*in appreciation of*

Rabbi Mark's caring toward Eva Wechsberg z"l and her family. We are deeply grateful. from **The Avineri & Neimark families**

*in honor of*

Rabbi Mark's Birthday :) from **The Granow Gang**

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Marlena "Lotus" Weinstock from **James Weinstock**

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*for CTJ*

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Rabbi Kalev's dedication to our community from **Jennifer, Michael, Emma, and Ashley Gale**

Thursday night classes from **Renee and Leigh Sorgen**

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Rabbis Joshua & Selilah receiving their Doctorate degrees from **Douglas & Jennifer Claman**

Rabbi Kalev performing a wonderful wedding ceremony for us from **Emilia and Ben**

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Jacob Rubin (Wendy Rubin's father) from **Fran Chodosh**

Harriette Kohorn from **Hildy and Jeremy Stern**

Sol Lesser from **Ira & Bobbie Lesser**

Lee Lewis from **Zvia Hempling**

*in thanks for*

Many thanks for blessing our home and putting up our mezuzah. from **The Gardner Family**

2nd/3rd generation Holocaust survivor evening. from **Zvia Hempling**

Making the Generation Havdalah event happen from **The Szkolnik Family**

*on the occasion of*

Clark Mandel's Brit Milah from **Joseph & Nancy Mandelbaum**

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Ann Berger from **Alexis Slafer**

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Theo Rosenheimer from **Rabbi Gila Katz**

**SEVENTH GRADE GIVING**

*for CTJ*

from **Joshua & Carrie Rosenstein**

*in honor of*

Emma Gale and her classmates on their B'nai Mitzvahs. from **Jennifer and Michael Gale**

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The Yahrzeits of Leo Gordon and Phyllis Teitelbaum from **Larry and Amy Teitelbaum**

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# SOCIAL ACTION EVENTS

## NEW YEAR, NEW INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### New Social Action leadership is needed!

- Board Liaison
- Social Action Committee Oversight Chair
- Project leaders

Contact Stacy.Weitsman@cshs.org

**September 12, 7pm:** please attend a special ZOOM meeting for Social Action planning. Bring your ideas so we may find ways to contribute to ongoing projects and create new. Zoom link: [tinyurl.com/socialactionzoom](https://tinyurl.com/socialactionzoom)

**August 20, 8am-2pm:** Quarterly Cedars Sinai Bloodmobile blood drives - CTJ donates! The next Cedars Sinai Bloodmobile date is August 20 at CTJ.

**High Holy Day Food Drive benefitting Project Needs:** collection bags will be handed out at Rosh Hashanah and collected at Yom Kippur. Look for the wish list and peruse your pantries for items to donate.

**CTJ Knitzvot:** Where there's a need, there's a knitter! Hand crafting with love blanket for foster youth to hats for veterans. Mentors available!  
Contact Laura Pinsky [laurap4rbiz@verizon.net](mailto:laurap4rbiz@verizon.net).

**Second Nurture:** We have had some great experiences supporting local foster families - Second Nurture needs you!  
Contact Melissa Stein [melissabethstein@hotmail.com](mailto:melissabethstein@hotmail.com).

**Chemocessories** needs your donations of jewelry, scarves, funds and volunteer time to help out with their mission to get beautiful sets to chemo patients!  
Contact Iris Knell [chemocessories@gmail.com](mailto:chemocessories@gmail.com).

**Jewish World Watch:** We walked with Team CTJ for the JWW Walk to End Genocide! There are many more Tikkun Olam opportunities with JWW for all ages activism through a Jewish lens.

**Project Needs** food prep days are planned monthly every third Tuesday 2-5 pm. Consider having your group or club "Adopt a Tuesday."  
Contact Stacy.Weitsman@cshs.org.

**Help us find new projects with our past community partners,** such as 1736 Family Crisis Centers, Habitat for Humanity, Jewish World Watch, Jewish Federation, Ezra Network, Faith Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Veterans Administration, Blankets of Love, and more.

**Or help us form some new collaborations!** We have been invited to participate with Safe Parking LA and with Family Promise. We have congregants active in the many other worthy organizations such as the Volunteer Center and Mazon, as well as Youth projects underway spearheaded by our Mitzvah students. Let's explore ways to bring these many Tikkun Olam involvement opportunities front and center in our spiritual life in action and some time praying with our feet!

## SISTERHOOD

### REVERSE TASHLICH

Participate in the Rosh Hashanah tradition - in reverse! Help us clean up our beautiful beaches.

**Sunday, Sept 10, 9:30am**

RSVP: [tinyurl.com/ctjrtashlich2023](https://tinyurl.com/ctjrtashlich2023)

## COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY



Remaining Dates:  
**Wednesdays,**

**August 23 & 30, 8am**

Meet in the sanctuary to enjoy coffee from a different shop each session. Stay for a minute or the whole hour - we would love to see you!

## SHA-BARBECUE & BOARD INSTALLATION

A delicious Shabbat evening enjoying CTJ-made BBQ and installing the '23-'24 Board!

**Friday, September 8, 5:30pm**

RSVP: [tinyurl.com/shabarbecue](https://tinyurl.com/shabarbecue)

## THE BRAID

UPCOMING SEASON - PRIVATE SHOWS AT CTJ

**Mondays, Jan 22, March 18, and June 3 at 7pm**

The Braid (formerly Jewish Women's Theatre) at CTJ is moving to Monday nights this year! Experience the salon-style private performances of Jewish stories. Sponsorships and tickets available soon.



## HAVDALAH

Every Saturday Night  
10 minute service on Zoom  
Time dependent on season

# A LOOK BACK ON THE OEC MACCABIAH GAMES!

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