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HANUKKAH!

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NEFESH MOUNTAIN
CONCERT!

hello december!

RABBI'S REFLECTIONS



RABBI JOSHUA KALEV

Senior Rabbi

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These are dark days. I am referring to the fact that it gets dark so early. I absolutely hate it. I love the middle of summer when it remains light until almost nine o'clock at night. And yet, there is something about this time of year that screams Hanukkah. There was brilliance in the Rabbis idea to create a holiday that is all about light. After all, Hanukkah was most likely just a delayed celebration of Sukkot in a year where Sukkot couldn't be celebrated because of a war. But, the rabbis had other ideas. They created the famous story about the oil because they knew that this time of year was the darkest and that a lit menorah could bring both physical and spiritual light.

These are also dark days in terms of antisemitism. For those of us who are constantly following the news, it is shocking as to how often there is a story about blatant antisemitism happening in our nation. Besides the Kanyes, Kyries & Daves, a day rarely goes by without a hoffer comment at a school, a city being littered with racist flyers, or a physical altercation on a street corner. Did you know that last year there were 51 antisemitic assaults (physical altercations) in New York alone? This year, once the data is compiled, it will be more than that! The ADL says that the question they have received the most over the past few months is, "Where in the world should we move to to be safe?" And, recently, I was talking with a congregant who said that unfortunately, for the first time in their life, they understand why Israel is so important as a safe haven for the Jewish people.

There is no question that I am greatly concerned about the darkness our people are facing. However, I also know an antidote. Besides a strong State of Israel, a united CTJ community can help dispel the darkness associated

with antisemitism. By knowing that together (we are a community of over 1000 people strong), we can definitely be a loud voice against hate. And, by partnering with communities like MBCC, Martyrs and others, our numbers are even greater!

I am so proud of three upcoming events that can help us through these dark days. First, our sixth annual Hanukkah celebration at The Point on Sunday, December 11th from 1 PM – 3 PM is truly a highlight of the year. We usually serve over 500 latkes & doughnuts, hear music from our kids, we will have a magician and a balloon man, enjoy arts and crafts, and so much more. Then, that evening, we are honored to host at CTJ a special screening and panel discussion of the short film "Unsafe Spaces." The producer of the film as well as social media influencers will be with us to talk about the difficulties they have faced as Jews and how they have battled antisemitism. This is a must-see for all of us, but especially if you have a teen or young adult. We have invited our friends from Temple Shalom to join us.

Finally, I am excited to tell you that on Monday, December 12th, we are hosting an event in conjunction with MB United, MBCC, American Martyrs, and Trinity Lutheran. Paul Small and Josh Freeman, authors of the coffee table book, *A Festival of Light*, will lead the discussion as to how Hanukkah's "eight core human values" apply to all of us during this season. A book signing and refreshments follow the talk.

Together, I have no doubt we will bring a lot of light to this season despite the early sunset times and despite the antisemitism. There is brilliance in that our tradition follows Hillel and adds a light each night to the menorah instead of decreasing the light like the school of Shammai teaches. I hope you will join me at one of our many upcoming events in making this season bright for us all. We can be the light. Wishing you and your loved ones a great Hanukkah and a joyous end to 2022.

Rabbi Kalev





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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022



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November 5, 2022



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November 19, 2022



Golda McPherson
December 3, 2022



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December 10, 2022



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TODD LEVIN
CTJ President

Miriam goes to the post office to buy stamps for her holiday cards. She asks the cashier, "May I please have 50 Hanukkah stamps?" The cashier asks, "What denomination?" To which Miriam replies, "Oh vey, has it come to this? OK, give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform."

Yes, it's that time of year again, and I'm not referring to Black Friday or Cyber Monday. It's time to dust off the menorah and do some holiday shopping. Beginning at sundown the 25th day of Kislev (Sunday, December 18th in Manhattan Beach), Hanukkah will be showing up in houses all across the world. For eight magical nights we celebrate the festival of lights, Hanukkah. What better time than now to remind ourselves of the true miracle of Hanukkah and why we celebrate?

Speaking of stamps, what did the stamp say to the Hanukkah card? "Stick with me, and you'll go places."

Hanukkah is a holiday that celebrates the triumph of light over darkness. It commemorates the miracle of the menorah, which burned for eight days on a single day's worth of oil. This is a time for hope and renewal as we reflect on the past year and set intentions for the year to come.

Each night, as we light the next candle in the menorah, we recite two blessings. The first one is a blessing of the candles themselves. The second is a blessing of gratitude for the miracle of deliverance and our faith's unwavering strength of perseverance through challenging times.

On the first night of Hanukkah, we light the Shamash ("helper" in Hebrew) and the first candle. We will also add a third blessing, the Shehecheyanu. This prayer is meant to mark all joyful times in Jewish life, including the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

The first night of Hanukkah is also a time for family and friends to get together. It is a time to celebrate our traditions and remember what is important in our lives. Get ready for delicious latkes, spinning the dreidel, and making precious memories with the ones you love.

Hanukkah is also the perfect time to share our honored traditions with the younger generations in our families as we give thought to what those traditions meant to our younger selves. It's also a time to reflect on the story of Hanukkah, beginning with the Syrian-Greek king

Antiochus IV, who ruled over our Jewish ancestors in the Land of Israel. In that time, Jewish people practiced their faith at the ancient Temple in the city of Jerusalem. The Temple marked the center of Jewish life and was considered the holiest of all holy places. In those days, our ancestors celebrated Shabbat and honored the Passover, Sukkot, and Shavuot, just like we do today!

Antiochus was a cruel ruler. He did not want to rule over a nation that was divided into many religions and cultures. So he decided to ban the practice of Judaism, ordering the Jews to worship Greek gods as he did. He demanded that all Jewish people operate according to Greek customs and would not allow them to dress differently, worship differently, or even eat differently.

Under Antiochus's rule, many Jewish customs were forbidden, including the celebration of Shabbat. He outlawed the reading or studying of the Torah. And worst of all, he prevented our Jewish ancestors from worshipping the sacred Temple. Instead, he converted the Temple into an unholy symbol by setting up unfamiliar idols and dedications to Greek gods throughout it.

Our Jewish ancestors were afraid for their lives but unwilling to give up their faith. The Maccabees were a small group of Jewish individuals who decided to reclaim the Temple and protect the Jewish faith against the reign of Antiochus. They bravely stood up for what is right and rebelled against Antiochus and his army. The Syrian-Greek army was much larger, but they lacked the mighty spirit and relentless determination of the Maccabees.

After the Maccabees had won the battle, they returned to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem to find it had been desecrated. They cleansed the Temple and lit the menorah, but there was only enough oil for one day. Miraculously, the menorah burned for eight days.

It's important that we reflect on the history of our faith and find strength in it during these crazy times. With the recent uptick in hatred and anger towards Jews and minority groups, it is essential that we come together as a community and stand up for each other. We must show the world that we are strong and united. Our Jewish faith is something to be proud of, never forget that!

Hanukkah is a holiday that acknowledges miracles and reminds us of just how resilient the Jewish faith can be. It is a time for family, friends, and the community to come together and celebrate the light of freedom and liberty.

I hope you have a warm and happy Hanukkah spent celebrating with the ones you love most.

Remember to keep calm and dreidel on!

B'Shalom,

Todd Levin



SOCIAL ACTION AT CTJ

SHOW SOME LOVE TO YOUR COMMUNITY WITH THESE EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE CTJ SPHERE!

- **Tuesday, December 20th, 2-7 pm**
Plan to help prepare, pack, and **distribute a Holiday Dinner hot meal** as well as other donations and holiday cheer at Project Needs in Redondo Beach. There will be volunteer slots for all ages.
Contact stacy.young@ctjmb.org
- **Tuesday, December 20, 8 pm**
Second Nurture **supporting foster families** needs you! Attend our Zoom information session and learn how you can make a difference in a child's life.
Contact Liz Glozman lizglozman@gmail.com
RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ndnurtureinfo>
- **January 22, 8 am - 2 pm**
Cedars Sinai **Bloodmobile** - save a life! Donate blood!
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/ctjblooddrivejan>
- **March 19, 9 am - 2 pm**
Michael Mitzvah Day with Temple Menorah is coming around again - save the date to help out!
Contact grodkin@socal.rr.com
- **Every third Tuesday, 2:30 pm**
CTJ's **meal preparation** at Project Needs is planned monthly every third Tuesday starting at 2:30 pm. Consider having your group or club "Adopt a Tuesday!"
Contact stacy.young@ctjmb.org
- Many **Tikkun Olam opportunities** with Jewish World Watch for all ages - activism through a Jewish lens.
Contact gwen.wexler@ctjmb.org
- Support Chemocessories by **donating jewelry, scarves, funds** and helping out with their mission to get beautiful sets to chemo patients!
Contact Iris Knell chemocessories@gmail.com
- Where there's a need, there's a knitter! **Delivering warm caps to Vets** in December and more.
Contact Laura Pinsky laurap4rbiz@verizon.net
- Get involved with **South Bay Faith Coalition Against Human Trafficking** in partnership with a number of area faith organizations and fiatla.org.
Contact Susan Patterson ucanfightht@outlook.com.
- Stay up to date on upcoming **projects with Habitat for Humanity** and information on **volunteering with Re-Store**.
Contact Tricia Stoddard trickyjo@gmail.com

HANUKKAH

celebration!

THE POINT, EL SEGUNDO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

FUN, GAMES & DONUTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



The Braid

INSPIRING JEWISH STORIES

PRIVATE PERFORMANCE

Sunday, January 22, 1-2:15pm

Remembrance of Things Present

The Holocaust didn't end at liberation.
The descendants of survivors finally tell their own stories, as the legacy of the past imprints pain, hope, and healing.



SPEND THE MORNING WITH THE FOUNDER OF NOAH'S BAGELS!

Sunday, January 22, 10-11am on Zoom

Hear Noah Alper's talk "Doing Good is Good for Business."

Learn what helped him succeed!

OHREN EDUCATION CENTER (OEC) AT CTJ



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: STELLA AUGUST

We are so happy to have all your children back together at CTJ OEC this year!

I want to share with you some of the many lessons our fabulous staff have created for the classes. We have learned about the many holidays that the Jewish calendar brings to us each Fall. We learned about *Tashlich* when we symbolically throw our sins into a body of water and how "sorry" is the hardest word. We were so very lucky to be treated to a concert by Nefesh Mountain and had fun with our crazy hair/hat day. In addition, all classes completed activities with the themes of *Shabbat* and *Tzedakah* (charity).

The younger grades continue to learn the Hebrew language (ask them how to say Sit, Stand, Walk, and Run) through movement, song and dance. The older students continue to enjoy their *chugim* (electives), discovering Judaism through Art, Lego, Leadership, and Newspaper options.

We are looking forward to our all-school Hanukkah lesson and party occurring on Sunday, December 18th, our last Sunday together before the secular new year.

Stella August



WEEKLY OEC SCHEDULE

SUNDAY Grades K-7 9:00am - 12:00 pm

WEDNESDAY HEBREW Grades 3-6

ONLINE SHIFTS

3:30 - 5:10 or 4:10 - 5:50 pm
(includes small group Hebrew)

IN-PERSON SHIFTS

3:30 - 5:30 or 4:15 - 6:15 pm
(includes small group Hebrew)

WEDNESDAY PRAYER CLASS 7th grade

7:00 - 8:00 pm for prayer class
(B'nai Mitzvah prep) with Cantor

WEDNESDAY NOAR Grades 8-12 7:00 - 9:00 pm



2022-2023 CALENDAR

OHREN EDUCATION CENTER

August 2022

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May 2023

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June 2023

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Aug 28 First Sunday/Parent Meet & Greet
 Sept 4 No Class Labor Day weekend
 Sept 14 First Wednesday
 Sept 25 No Class Erev Rosh Hashanah
 Sept 26-27 Rosh Hashanah Days 1 & 2
 Oct 5 No Class Yom Kippur
 Oct 8 Family Shabbat and Sukkot Prep
 Oct 9 No Class

Oct 10-11 Sukkot
 Nov 11 Veterans Day
 Nov 13 No Class
 Nov 20-27 No Class Thanksgiving
 Dec 25-Jan 4 No Class Winter Break
 Jan 15 No Class MLK Weekend
 Feb 19-26 No Class Ski Week
 March 5 Purim Carnival

Mar 31-Apr 2 Grades 3-7 OEC Retreat
 Angeles Crest Camp
 April 5-9 No Class Spring Break
 April 15 Family Shabbat and Maccabiah
 April 16 No Class
 May 28 Memorial Day No Class
 June 4 Last Day of Class

LOOKING BACK AT OUR *nefesh mountain* CONCERT AND BBQ! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



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to hear more from
this amazing Jewish
bluegrass band!



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INTRODUCING LEANNA NEWMAN!



Hello everyone! My name is Leanna and you may have seen me around lately! I started at CTJ in September as the new graphic designer/communications/admin person! I graduated from UC Davis in 2021 with BAs in Design and Psychology, and I have always been involved in the Jewish community. I joined the Jewish sorority SAEPI in college and have worked at Camp Akiba for 7 summers! CTJ is a wonderful place for me to further my love for the Jewish community while helping out everywhere I can. Since joining the CTJ family I have taken on such roles as TikvaTimes designer, High Holy Day ticket expert, ShulCloud troubleshooter, even substitute religious school teacher! The CTJ community has been overwhelmingly welcoming and sweet. Catch me in the OEC office!



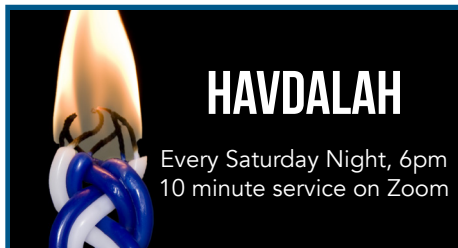
FILM SCREENING AND PANEL

Sunday, December 11, 5-6pm at CTJ

CTJ is screening the short film "Unsafe Spaces" followed by discussion panel with some of those involved in the film.

We especially encourage teens and their parents to watch.

Find out more:
jewishunpacked.com/unsafe-spaces/



HAVDALAH

Every Saturday Night, 6pm
10 minute service on Zoom



MEET THE AUTHORS FOR A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL BOOK

A FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Monday, December 12, 7pm at CTJ

Co-sponsored by the local interfaith community. This discussion will focus on "Peace," a universal concept shared by all faiths.

RSVP: tinyurl.com/afestivaloflight



HANUKKAH BEGINS

Sunday, December 18

Last night on Sunday,
December 25th



FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND POTLUCK

First Friday of every month at CTJ
Service 6:30pm, Potluck 7:15pm

calendar

DECEMBER 2022 - JANUARY 2023



ONGOING EVENTS



Jewish News

Every Tuesday, 9 a.m.

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

We are reading from the Jewish Family Ethics Textbook. We are finishing this book on December 15!

Tot Shabbat

First Friday of every month, 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.

Virtual Friday Night Service

Some Fridays, 6:30 pm

Zoom

A fun, community based, fast-paced Zoom service.

In-Person Friday Night Services

Some Fridays, 6:30 pm

CTJ and Zoom

See weekly email or website calendar for schedule.

Family Shabbat and Potluck

First Friday of every month, 6:30 pm

CTJ and Zoom

Get ready to celebrate with an exciting Shabbat raffle and fun in-person family service! Potluck to follow!

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, 9:30 or 10 a.m.

CTJ and/or Zoom

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

With No B'nai Mitzvah: 10 a.m.

Havdalah

Every Saturday, 6 pm

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.Young@ctjmb.org.

Poker Nights

Every Monday, 7 pm

CTJ or Zoom (check email for details)

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 for more information.

RomCom Club

One Sunday a month, 7-8 pm

Zoom

CTJ loves RomComs! Watch the movie beforehand and then come discuss!

DECEMBER

Festival of Lights Toy and Book Drive

Ends December 9

The Jewish Federation Annual Festival of Lights Toy and Book Drive is underway! All donations are virtual! Choose the organization you'd like to donate to here: jewishla.org/toy-book-drive/

Shabbat Zimra

Friday, December 9

6 pm: Wine and Cheese, 6:30 pm: Service

CTJ and Zoom

Pre-service "happy hour" & awesome music! Get that "Shabbat feeling" at Shabbat Zimra (singing Shabbat). Grab a glass of wine and some snacks, and sing along to your Shabbat favorites with the adult and youth choirs.

Hanukkah Celebration at The Point

Sunday, December 11, 1-3 pm

The Point, El Segundo

CTJ welcomes everyone to our fabulous 6th Annual Community Hanukkah Celebration at The Point! There will be tons of family fun! Activity Stations, Hanukkah Crafts, Music, Magic, Games, Donuts, Latkes & an AWESOME Raffle!

Unsafe Spaces Film Screening and Panel

Sunday, December 11, 5-6 pm

CTJ

Teens and parents encouraged to attend this special screening of the short film *Unsafe Spaces* followed by discussion panel with some of those involved in the film. *Unsafe Spaces* allows us to hear first-hand accounts of what students are experiencing today as young Zionists and defenders of Israel.

A Festival of Light Author Discussion

Monday, December 12, 7 pm

CTJ

Sponsored by MB United Against Hate
The authors of *A Festival of Light* will present their beautiful book, how it was created, and how the themes of Hanukkah can be relevant for people of all faiths. This event is co-sponsored by CTJ, Trinity

Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach Community Church and MB United. Refreshments will be served and a book signing will follow the talk.

Hanukkah Begins

Sunday, December 18

Last night on Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Project Needs

Tuesday, December 20, 2-7 pm

Check email for time confirmation

Plan to help prepare, pack, and distribute a Holiday Dinner hot meal as well as other donations and holiday cheer at Project Needs. There will be volunteer slots for all ages 2-7pm and festivities include a visit from Rabbi (emeritus) Santa!

Sisterhood Hanukkah Celebration

Tuesday, December 20, 6-9 pm

Offsite

Dinner, white elephant gift exchange, and an evening with your sisterhood friends.

RSVP: tinyurl.com/sisterhoodhanukkah22

Questions: Hilaryb@gmail.com

Want to Help Foster Kids?

Tuesday, December 20, 8 pm

Zoom by Second Nurture

Second Nurture information session where you can find out how you can help foster kids by being a mentor or tutor and help make a difference in a child's life. Contact lizglzman@gmail.com.

RSVP here: tinyurl.com/2ndnurtureinfo

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24 - Monday, January 2

No OEC - Winter Break

Sunday, December 25 - Wednesday, January 4

JANUARY

Mussar - Jewish Spiritual Ethics

Thursday, January 12, 19, 26, & Feb 2, 7-8 pm
with 15 minutes office hours before and after
Zoom

Mussar is the Jewish pathway to becoming more of a mensch. Rabbi Karen Strok will offer a 4-week interactive introduction to Mussar covering its guiding principles and spiritual practices which can help you become an even better version of yourself. Our text will be *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar* by Alan Morinis. See reading assignment in our weekly email.

No OEC - MLK Day

Sunday, January 15

Office Closed - MLK Day

Monday, January 16

Blood Drive

Sunday, January 22, 8 am - 2 pm

CTJ

Save a life! Donate blood! Sign up: tinyurl.com/ctjblooddrivejan

Founder of Noah's Bagels "Doing Good is Good for Business" with Noah Alper

Sunday, January 22, 10 am

Zoom

Noah Alper is a serial entrepreneur, and the author of *Business Mensch: Timeless Wisdom for Today's Entrepreneur*. Noah's Bagels, which began with one store, became the largest bagel chain in the West and the largest kosher retailer in the United States. Learn how Jewish values, sechel, and a pinch of mazal helped him to succeed.

The Braid Private Performance

Sunday, January 22, 1 pm

CTJ

Experience a private performance of the original show *Remembrance of Things Present* by The Braid, a non-profit that gives voice to Jewish stories. In this show, the descendants of Holocaust survivors finally tell their own stories, as the legacy of the past imprints pain, hope, and healing. Stay tuned for more private performances during the Braid's 2023 season!

Sisterhood Dinner and Torah Service

Friday, January 27

5 pm: Dinner, 6:30 pm: Torah Service

CTJ

Join us for a dinner and Shabbat service to celebrate Torah Fund, which provides resources to our rabbinical seminaries.



**INTRODUCTION TO MUSSAR:
JEWISH SPIRITUAL ETHICS**

4 week course
beginning Thursday,
January 12, 7-8pm

Become an Even
Better Version of
Yourself

Led by
Rabbi Karen Strok

*Everyday
HOLINESS*

ALAN MORINIS

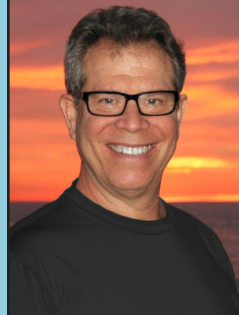


Send in your Kvells for next issue!

"Evelyn Kranow very surreptitiously made sure we safely crossed the street after the Nefesh Mountain concert. She may not even know we're grateful. CTJ people we rock. She deserves the accolades!"
- Anonymous

"I would like to kvell about my dog. I have been training and showing dogs for many years. My newest Shetland Sheepdog, **Ranger**, won the first point toward his championship at the Riverside Kennel Club show at the end of October. He led a quiet life because of covid and I was worried that he would be overwhelmed by all of the commotion at a big dog show but he took it all in stride and did very well. Now all he needs is 14 more points."
- Barbara Millman

"Just wanted to kvell about our kids. Our oldest son **Joey Schwartzman** recently became an apprentice for Ting Wireless Services as an Outside Plant Technician. Our youngest son, **Ben Schwartzman**, PhD works for the Transition Tennessee Program at Vanderbilt University. He's working on projects that improve outcomes for transition-aged youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He was recently promoted to Research Faculty and will be teaching undergraduates in 2023. His wife **Jessica Schwartzman**, PhD is a Clinical Psychologist at Vanderbilt and an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, also working with people with neurodiversities."
- Chellie and Jeff Schwartzman



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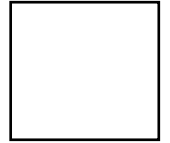
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