



HA KESHER

The Communication • Newsletter of Congregation Dor Hadash

Ritual Policies and Practices of Congregation Dor Hadash

Dor Hadash practices and *minhagim* (traditions) enhance our Jewish spiritual experience at Dor Hadash, and we welcome people with different ritual knowledge and customs. In keeping with the Jewish value of *lo l'vayesh* (not embarrassing someone), the ritual policies and practices we follow are never meant or used to embarrass anyone. We have enjoyed many new families finding their way to our community over the last few years, and we want everyone to have an understanding of our communal practices to feel comfortable.

Please feel welcome to ask me or members of the Ritual Committee your questions and share your thoughts. As a Reconstructing Judaism community, we view these policies and practices as evolutionary—grounded in tradition, with an eye towards making meaning in our contemporary time. We encourage your participation in the process of making Dor Hadash a place we all wish to come to for our spiritual and community needs, while at the same time acknowledging the history and customs that we hold so dear. In that spirit, the policies at Dor Hadash are as follows:

Ritual Garb

The wearing of a *kippah* (head covering) is encouraged but not required.

The *tallit* (prayer shawl) is worn by Jewish adults age 13 and older during daytime services, although it is not required. One who is called to the Torah, however, does wear a *tallit* to show respect for the Torah and may share the *tallit* with another person also called to the Torah for the same *aliyah*.

Those who are not Jewish are welcome to come to the *bimah* with Jewish family and friends, but do not read the blessings or wear a *tallit*.

Torah Honors

Torah honors such as opening the ark, being called up for an *aliyah*, lifting and dressing the Torah scroll (*hagbah* and *g'lilah* respectively), and carrying the Torah scroll around the sanctuary are reserved for Jews. At a bar or bat mitzvah, we pass the Torah through the Jewish generations and through those who have contributed to this meaningful milestone in the child's life.

The age at which one becomes bar or bat mitzvah is 13 or older, according to the secular or the Hebrew calendar.

Non-Jewish members and visitors may join a group *aliyah* as an affirmation of respect without reciting the blessings or wearing a *tallit*.

Photography/Videography During Services

Photography and videography are understandably an important way to record our treasured family events. During b'nai mitzvah services in particular, photography and videography is limited as follows: during services, one stationary video camera is permitted, but no still photography is permitted.

Prior to Shabbat services, still photos may be taken at the synagogue and on the *bimah* on Shabbat mornings, and must conclude no later than one hour prior to the start time of the morning service. The Torah may be removed from the ark during the photo session on Shabbat morning with the assistance of a person appointed and trained by the Rabbi. The Torah will not be uncovered or opened during this time. The family of a bar/bat mitzvah wishing to take photos prior to the Shabbat morning service must make arrangements in advance with the Rabbi. Families are encouraged to take photographs during the afternoon rehearsal prior to the bar/bat mitzvah, or another mutually agreed upon time among the staff of Dor Hadash and the family.

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GESHER NEWS BETSY SCHNEIDER, EDUCATION DIRECTOR



Recently, on a Geshher Sunday morning, I overheard students trying to decide how they were going to spend their Geshher *shekels* at the *shuk*. (Our students earn Geshher *shekels* when they do Jewish things outside of Geshher School, and they shop periodically at a *shuk* [market] for toys and trinkets). On that day, one little boy was sad about not having enough *shekels* to buy the toy that he wanted, and when two older boys heard his disappointment, they conspired with each other and decided to give him two *shekels* so that he could buy what he wanted. The boy was overjoyed, of course.

Because of our close community at Dor Hadash, I find that it is quite common for us to step up and help each other and to be an ally when the need arises. This is most apparent when a member is sitting *shiva* for the recent loss of a loved one. We know how to be there for each other! This is a beautiful thing! Unfortunately, in the larger world, it is not often as simple or as clear cut as to how to help others or whether it is worth it to take a step to interfere.

We will explore that it means to be an ally at our up-coming 13th annual MLK, Jr. *Mitzvah* Day at Dor Hadash on Sunday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. We will sing, learn, share, and become allies to the homeless, immigrants, detainees, and even animals.

We will take action on that morning at CDH and learn ways to continue to be allies in the world. (See schedule on page 3)

If you're troubled by the local and national news and if you're saddened when you hear about animals or homeless people or refugees who are not having their basic needs met, then join us on Sunday the 20th. And in the meantime, please visit the Rapid Response Network's website to see what's happening locally at the border and how you can help: <http://www.rapidresponsesd.org/>



Shopping at the *shuk*

SAN DIEGO JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR TEENS

Jewish Family Service presents Your Voice (9th–12th graders), a day-long conference designed to inspire local teens to take action in their communities. Hear from exciting guest speakers, learn from industry experts on how to advance your cause, and network with local people and organizations working to make a difference.

Sunday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

For more information and to register, click [here](https://bit.ly/2AeVerc) < <https://bit.ly/2AeVerc>>.



For 6th–8th graders, participate in six sessions to strengthen leadership skills, build new relationships, grow in confidence, make new friends. Sunday afternoons between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

January 27, February 24, March 17, April 7, May 19, June 9.
Click [here](https://bit.ly/2EIEo7n) <<https://bit.ly/2EIEo7n>> to register. Cost: \$75.00



**Annual MLK Jr.
Community Mitzvah Day 2019**

No Place for Hate: How to be an Ally

By Cynthia Sistek-Chandler, Ed D

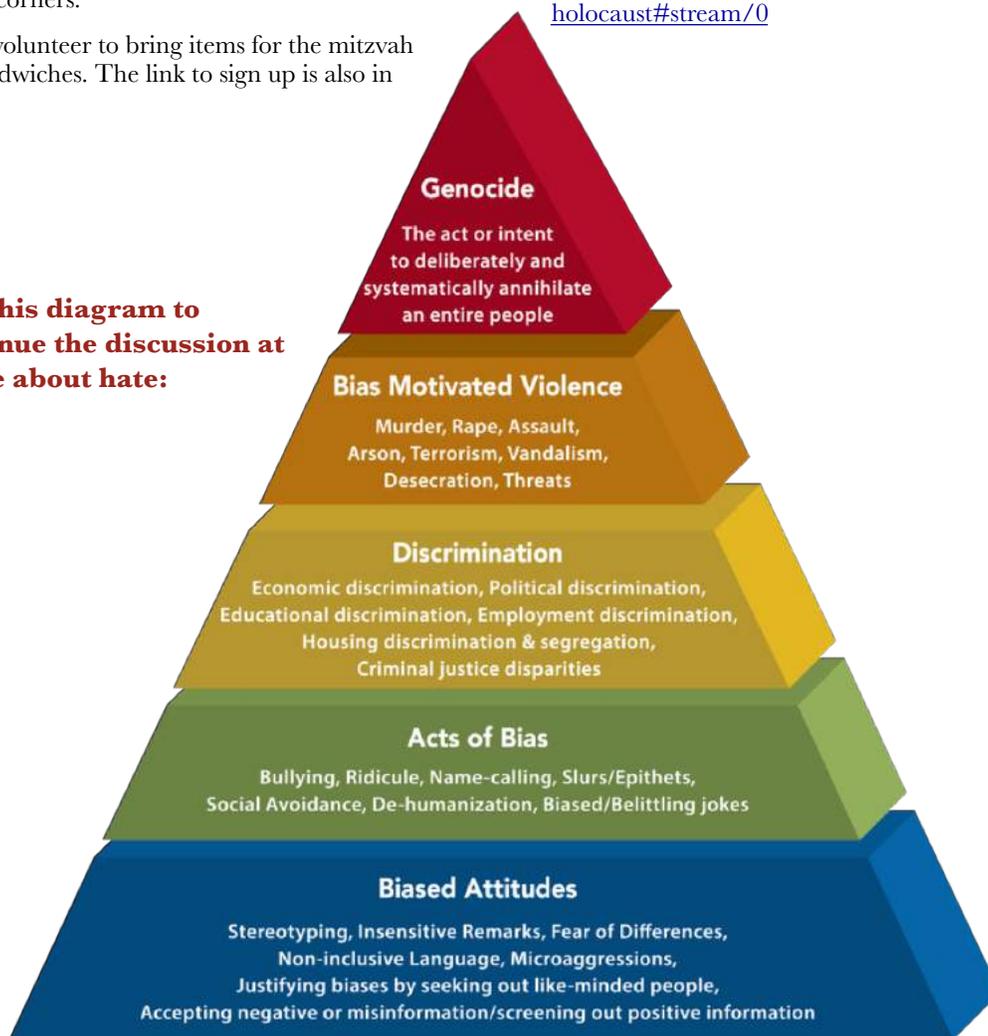
On Sunday, January 20, CDH will hold the Annual MLK Community Mitzvah Day to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King’s dedication to service learning, social justice, and diversity among all religions. Our theme is focused on curriculum by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) on the topic **No Place for Hate**. Brainstorming discussions will take place on how to be an ally to those who may experience hate, discrimination, sexism, racism, or to those who are marginalized in our world. Specifically, we will be engaged with *mizvot* for the homeless (the JFS Safe Parking program) and for migrants and immigrants affiliated with the group Otay Allies.

Mitzvah Bags

With everyone’s helping hands we will assemble 200 helper bags for the homeless, packed with a bottle of water, hand sanitizer, socks, chewy bars, juice and other items donated by the community. All attendees will be able to take at least 2 helper bags to hand out to San Diego’s homeless on street corners.

Sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer to bring items for the mitzvah bags and PB&J sandwiches. The link to sign up is also in the weekly *shmeer*.

Use this diagram to continue the discussion at home about hate:



Pyramid of Hate © 2018 Anti-Defamation League

MLK Day Schedule

- 9:00 Welcome and music with Hilly
- 9:30 Discussions: **How to be an Ally** (Rabbi Yael and guests will host a panel discussion with adults; children with teachers)
- 10:30ish Snack and Activities
PBJ Sandwiches for the Homeless
Kindness Rock Painting Project: #CDHrocks
<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/howto>
Letter Writing
Cat Toys and Blankets for Helen Woodward Center
Tu b'Shwat Fruit and Nuts for Safe Parking Families
- 11:15ish *Mitzvah* bag assembly
- 11:30ish *Siyum* (wrap up)
- 12:00 Conclude

We look forward to seeing you at CDH

For more information on:

- San Diego Homeless: <https://shar.es/1hUHuu>
- No Place for Hate: <https://www.adl.org/who-we-are/our-organization/signature-programs/no-place-for-hate>
- Teaching Young Children About Hate/Holocaust: <https://www.kunr.org/post/teaching-young-students-about-holocaust#stream/0>

JEWIS IN WALKING SHOES

Under a beautiful blue sky on December 8, 11 of us walked the bay side and ocean front boardwalk starting from the Mission Beach jetty.

We set our *kavanah* (intention) with the reading of a poem, "Praise the New Day," by Alden Solovy, liturgist and poet.

We walked, we talked and we breathed the fresh air, unplugged for an hour on Shabbat.

Anyone interested in recommending a location for a future CDH Shabbat walk or hike, please [email](#) me.

—Patti Nussbaum



Photo, l-r: Patti Nussbaum, Arlette Baljon, Debby Kremisdorf, Sheila Kirschenbaum, Giza Braun (seated on wall), Nora Schultz, Ros Goldstein, Mark Nussbaum, Giza's friend Joan, Beth Even and Lee Lichter

Praise the New Day by Alden Solovy

Praise the new day,
A gift of the Source of All Being.
The breath of life,
The soul of the universe.
Cherish the moments
And sanctify the hours.
Bless the joys
And honor the tears.
Lift your heart in song.
Raise your voice in thanksgiving.
Magnify your faith.
Practice acceptance.
Offer consolation.
Seek wisdom.
Become a well of healing.
A beacon of kindness.
A source of forgiveness,
A light of wonder and wisdom.

Soul of the universe,
Breath of life,
Source of All Being.
We praise the new day
A gift of holiness and love.

(Ritual Practices continued from page 1)

During the reception, photography is permitted except during a ritual activity, for example, *kiddush* (blessing over wine/grape juice), *motzi* (blessing over challah or other bread), and *birkat hamazon* (blessing after meals).

Food

Kosher-style food is served at all Dor Hadash-sponsored events. Please remember that milk products and meat products may not be brought or served at the same meal or snack. Pork and shellfish may not be brought, served or eaten in the building where Dor Hadash meets. Also, when a meat dish is being served, please label anything that could be mistaken for dairy.

Review and Approval

The Ritual Committee last reviewed and approved these policies in 2008, and whenever issues arise related to any of these items, we will review and discuss any potential changes at our monthly meetings. If you are interested in being a part of conversations about ritual practices and holiday celebrations at CDH, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at SDJA. All are welcome.

—Rabbi Yael Ridberg



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jewish Family Service of San Diego

Do you have a little bit of free time to drive a senior to an appointment, visit someone who is homebound to brighten their day, do some minor home repairs for someone, or lend a hand in delivering a meal to someone? Visit the JFS volunteer page for more information or ask [Betsy Schneider](#).

Speak Up for a Foster Child!

Voices for Children is a local San Diego nonprofit which provides foster children with the caring support of a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). In San Diego County, more than 5,000 children live in foster care each year. These children have been abused, abandoned, and neglected, and many of them feel very much alone until they meet their CASA volunteer. Our CASA volunteers are often the only consistent adult presence in a foster child's life. You can learn more [here](#) or call Jackie at 858-598-2230.

The Hunger Project at St. Vincent De Paul—Father Joe's Village, Sundays 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Beth Israel's San Diego Hunger Project relies on volunteers to help feed adults and children in the San Diego Community. To sign up, click [here](#).

First Saturdays, 1st Saturday of every month

Help feed the homeless. Click [here](#) for more information.

JFS SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

The following letter was received from Jewish Family Service. Members of Congregation Dor Hadash served dinner in November and will serve dinner again on January 21, 2019. New volunteers are always welcome. Please [email](#) member [Giza Braun](#) for more information and to volunteer.

Dear Congregation Dor Hadash,

This Thanksgiving, we wanted to extend our sincere THANKS for serving dinner to the Safe Parking Program at JFS! The families were so happy to have delicious, nutritious food, and your warm, friendly smiles. With help from people like you, we are working to support families through the challenges of homelessness and move them towards more permanent housing solutions and total well-being. To learn about just one success story, visit www.jfssd.org/findinghome which follows the journey of Zockie, Imani, and Tahj from the Safe Parking Program to their new home!

We are excited to see you again in January.

The [Safe Parking Program](#) provides a safe and welcoming environment for unsheltered families and individuals living in their cars, many of whom have recently found themselves homeless for the first time. JFS understands that a vehicle is often a family's last asset, allowing them to access resources, look for employment, or get to and from work and school. Focused on stopping the downward spiral of homelessness, the Safe Parking Program provides more than a dependable place to park at night. The program includes supportive services to help individuals and families stabilize and transition back into permanent housing. With generous funding from the City of San Diego and community donors, the Safe Parking Program operates seven nights per week at two secured lots on Balboa Avenue and Aero Drive.

How can you get involved? Individuals living in their cars do not know where their next meal will come from and often have to choose between buying food or purchasing gas to get to school or work. JFS invites you to gather your family, friends, colleagues, or community group to host and serve dinner for the Safe Parking Program participants. Your meal not only provides much needed nourishment, but connects homeless individuals and families to community.

HANUKKAH SHABBAT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2108



Everyone had a great time at Hanukkah Shabbat on Friday evening, December 6. There were lots of pre-service activities for the families followed by a song-filled Shabbat service with Rabbi Yael and Hilly Rubin followed by a delicious oneg. Thanks to all who brought latkes and other food to share!





Isadora Mia Blatt will be called to the Torah and become a bat mitzvah January 12, 2019. Isadora has been a Geshur school student for four years and has been working with Holly Baumann and Rabbi Ridberg for her bat mitzvah preparations. Isadora's Torah portion is Bo, from Exodus 10:1–13:16, which describes the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. Isadora looks forward to presenting her interpretation and understanding of these passages.

Isadora and her younger brother Grayson were born in Seattle and have lived in La Jolla for 10 years. She is currently a 7th grade student at the Bishops School. She plays violin, piano, and the ukulele, and also enjoys choir and theater.

Her parents Joe and Kiyon invite you to celebrate with them January 12 at 10:00 a.m. and at the luncheon to follow. RSVP [here](#).

Karen and Stu Schaffer invite you to celebrate with them on January 18-19, 2019 when Jayden Ryan Schaffer becomes a bar mitzvah. Luncheon to follow on Saturday January 19. RSVP [here](#).

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

Host an *oneg* in honor of a special person or occasion, or to remember a loved one's *yahrzeit*.

For an \$18 donation, Dor Hadash will provide the *challah*, wine and juice, candles, paper goods and utensils which can all be found on the red cart in our storage room. **The sponsor is responsible for setting up, including filling cups with wine and juice for kiddush, and cleaning up. You are welcome to bring additional food and beverage items for the oneg table.**

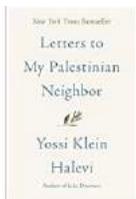
How do you sign up? There is a link on the Dor Hadash website (look under the tab "Our Community — Forms and Onegs) or just use this link <<http://tinyurl.com/cdhonegsignup>> to sign up. For more detailed information on hosting, please check out the [instructions](http://tinyurl.com/oneginstructions) <<http://tinyurl.com/oneginstructions>>.

So hurry and sign up before the date you want is taken by someone else. And remember, you are encouraged to sign up for as many *onegs* as you want to honor birthdays, anniversaries, new job, retiring...what a great way to celebrate that special occasion!



Madrihim Rosa and Jacob work with students, Zachary, Liliiana, and Eli.

ONE BOOK, ONE CONGREGATION



On January 25, OBOC invites the community to join Rabbi Yael at *Kabbalat Shabbat* to discuss *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, by Yossi Klein Halevi. From the back cover: “Given our circumstances, ‘neighbor’ may be too casual a word to describe our relationship. We are intruders into each other’s dreams, violators of each other’s sense of home. We are living incarnations of each other’s worst historical nightmares. Neighbors?”

“Lyrical and evocative, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* is one Israeli’s powerful attempt to reach beyond the wall that separates Israelis and Palestinians. In a series of letters, Yossi Klein Halevi explains what motivated him to leave his native New York in his twenties and move to Israel to participate in the drama of the renewal of a Jewish homeland and help ensure that it succeeds as a morally responsible, democratic state in the Middle East. Halevi’s letters speak not only to his anonymous Palestinian neighbor, but to all concerned global citizens, helping us understand the painful choices confronting Israelis and Palestinians that will ultimately help determine the fate of the region.”



On Sunday, March 10, One Book One Congregation will meet at the home of Bleema and Richard to discuss *Esau: A Novel*, by Meir Shalev. The novel is “a saga of several generations in a family of bakers spanning the period from World War 1 and the inception of the British Mandate in Palestine through the mid-seventies in Israel. Patriarch Abraham Levy, the proud descendant of fifteen generations of Sephardic Jews, and his wife, the convert Sarah, a monumental, generous woman, illiterate and complex, establish themselves in a village to the west of Jerusalem and become the center of a sprawling, colorful family whose passions, suffering, and unexpected fates partake of both the real and the mythic, not to mention the miraculous.

“Esau’s eponymous narrator is one of a pair of near-sighted Levy twins, who have only a single set of eyeglasses between them. The life choice each boy makes as a result of this childhood experience determines the course of the novel: Jacob, who wears the eyeglasses most of the time, follows his father and becomes the village baker, marrying Leah, fathering children, and shouldering the responsibility of ancestral tradition; while the narrator, with his willfully blurred vision, is cursed and disinherited by his beloved mother and leaves his family and village to become a writer in the United States. After thirty years of exile, he returns home and offers us the brilliant and deeply moving mosaic that is the story of the Levy family.” (amazon.com)

Copies of these books may be available in the public library or you may purchase them at Amazon. Please go online to Amazon through the **Dor Hadash website** to buy the book; you will be taken to the CDH support page. Look for the ad banner for the book. Click on the banner and you will be taken to the ordering page. Dor Hadash’s code is embedded in the URL.

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Yom Huledet Sameah

Happy Birthday — January and February

Tamar Ladd	Jan 4	14th
Betsey Gibbs	Jan 7	
Stuart Schaffer	Jan 11	
Bleema Moss	Jan 13	
Max Hauptschein	Jan 15	19th
Sheldon Jurist	Jan 16	
Delilah Delgado	Jan 20	16th
Grayson Blatt	Jan 22	10th
Anna Propp-Covici	Jan 23	
Jaime Meronoff	Jan 24	
Beth Shapiro	Jan 25	
Susan Bernstein Enowitz	Jan 26	
Matt Fishman	Jan 29	
Jonathan Shulman	Feb 1	
Brianna Li Wuadao Ingber	Feb 5	17th
Connie Reingold	Feb 5	
Shari Ciancio	Feb 6	
Noemi Fishman	Feb 8	
Joanna Gerlt	Feb 8	
Michael Shapiro	Feb 15	
Dennis Cook	Feb 16	
Parrish Nnambi	Feb 16	
Julian Rosenblum	Feb 18	11th
Addison Stahl	Feb 24	10th



Yom Nissuin Sameah

Happy Anniversary — January and February

Karen and Stuart Schaffer	Jan 1	15th
Susan Levine and Rick King	Jan 11	37th
Bleema Moss and Richard Warburton	Jan 30	36th
Betsy and David Schneider	Feb 2	10th
Debbie and Richard Kremsdorf	Feb 12	49th

Mi Shebeirah

Grace Carr	Serena Nnambi
Lisa Deckelbaum	Bob Nugent
Jen Hop	Ed Nugent
Sybil Ingber	John Pehrson
Melissa Jacobs	Jack Pehrson
Beth Even	David Pincus
Char Katz	Alex Rach
Sheila Jurist	Barbara Rose
Marjorie Levine	James Sisteck
Erik Nnambi	



Dor Hadash has many opportunities for you to put your money where your heart is. Your donations supplement items in the annual budget. Donating is easy. Donate online, send in your check or call the office to make other arrangements. Congregation Dor Hadash gratefully acknowledges your generous donations.

General

Jonathan and Lois Ingber in memory of Jack Nugent, Lois's father
Dijanna and Steven Florman
Mort Tuchin and Marlene Zagon
Ann Schwartz
Nora Schultz, in memory of Jeffrey Schultz

YAHREZITS—January 2019

In remembrance of	Remembered by	Relationship	Date	
Harry A. Baumann	Holly Baumann and Lee Goldberg	Holly's father	1/2	Tevet 25
Frances Holmes	Carol Yeomans	Carol's aunt	1/3	Tevet 26
Dale Weller	Gayle Weller	Brian's father	1/4	Tevet 27
Louis Reingold	Jack and Connie Reingold	Jack's father	1/5	Tevet 28
Bob Maitles	Holly Baumann and Lee Goldberg	Lee's brother-in-law	1/6	Tevet 29
Melba Bonavich	Peter Bonavich	Peter's mother	1/8	Shevat 2
Dorothy Brown	Beverly Brown	Beverly's mother	1/9	Shevat 3
George Schreiber	Ronnee Schreiber and John Evans	Ronnee's father	1/10	Shevat 4
Dennis Y. Sherman	Betsy and David Schneider	Betsy's father	1/10	Shevat 4
Irwin Lawton	Sheldon and Sheila Jurist	Sheila's father	1/13	Shevat 7
Ruth Decklebaum	Sheldon and Lisa Deckelbaum	Sheldon's step-mother	1/14	Shevat 8
Ida Katz	Char Katz and Barbara Rose	Char's mother	1/14	Shevat 8
Alice Freedman	Ely Freedman	Ely's mother	1/15	Shevat 9
Roy Trueman	Carol Yeomans	Carol's cousin	1/15	Shevat 9
Fern Ament	Marlene Bellamy and Don Maescher	Marlene's aunt	1/16	Shevat 10
Hugh Yeomans	Carol Yeomans	Carol's father	1/16	Shevat 10
Leila Margolis	Ellen Margolis and Larry Cahn	Ellen's mother	1/20	Shevat 14
Florabel Kinsler	Judy Hante, Steve Forney and Naomi Jensen	Judy and Naomi's aunt	1/21	Shevat 15
Irving Burney	Barbara and Jerry Chancy	Barbara's grandfather	1/22	Shevat 16
Pete Bonavich	Peter Bonavich	Peter's father	1/22	Shevat 16
Maurice Brooks	Leon Natker	Leon's uncle	1/24	Shevat 18
Selma Rosenberg	Ilene and Charlotte Durst	Ilene Durst's great aunt and Charlotte's great great aunt	1/24	Shevat 18
Alice Pincus	Judy Hante, Steve Forney and Naomi Jensen	Judy and Naomi's grandmother	1/27	Shevat 21
Pauline Rieger	Fran Meronoff	Fran's mother	1/31	Shevat 25

**"With our tears, with our sorrow, we remember.
May the memory of good people bless our days."**

Yahrzeits — February 2019

In remembrance of	Remembered by	Relationship	Date	Date
Semeer Attiyeh	Jessica and Richard Attiyeh	Richard's father	2/3	Shevat 28
Louis John Ciancio	John and Shari Ciancio	John's father	2/3	Shevat 28
Amelia Gaster	Marilyn Scheininger	Marilyn's grandmother	2/3	Shevat 28
George Gross	Mark and Patti Nussbaum	Mark's grandfather	2/5	Shevat 30
Donald Irwin	Sandy Sherman, Betsy and David Schneider	Sandy's brother; Betsy's uncle	2/6	Adar-I 1
Pascal Covici	William Propp and Anna Covici Propp	Anna's father	2/7	Adar-I 2
Leah Reingold	Jack and Connie Reingold	Jack's mother	2/7	Adar-I 2
Maurice Mintz	David and Naomi Sobo	Naomi's father	2/8	Adar-I 3
Gertrude Natker	Leon Natker	Leon's mother	2/10	Adar-I 5
Nelda S. Deakin	Terry Hall Keister	Terry's mother	2/15	Adar-I 10
Jacob Margolis	Ellen Margolis and Larry Cahn	Ellen's father	2/18	Adar-I 13
Samuel Harman	Alexis and Scott Pearce	Alexis' father	2/21	Adar-I 16
Mildred Samuels Rose Lewis	Char Katz and Barbara Rose	Barbara's grandmother	2/22	Adar-I 17
Beverly Sisteck	Cynthia Sisteck Chandler	Cynthia's step-mother	2/22	Adar-I 17
Sadie Scheininger	Marilyn Scheininger	Marilyn's grandmother	2/24	Adar-I 19
Michelle Blum	David Kamper and Joanna Brooks	David's aunt	2/27	Adar-I 22
Samuel Rieger	Fran Meronoff	Fran's father	2/27	Adar-I 22
Abraham Braun	Giza Braun	Giza father	2/28	Adar-I 23
Mandy Beth Fishman	Marlene Zagon and Mort Tuchin	Marlene's daughter	2/28	Adar-I 23
Edith Shulman	Sheldon and Lisa Decklebaum	Lisa's mother	2/28	Adar-I 23

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INTERESTING ONLINE JEWISH RESOURCES

CDH member and Board secretary, Betsy Chessler, has a blog—Betsy's *Limud Torah*. Check it out!
<http://betsyslimudtorah.blogspot.com/>

Reconstructing Judaism previously known as Jewish Reconstructionist Communities —
www.reconstructingjudaism.org

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation's Report on Convention: <https://bit.ly/2R7LZQk>
Reconstructing Judaism and Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association's Joint Statement on Immigration: <https://bit.ly/2yX7PBx>
Women Rabbis Respond to #MeToo — <https://www.reconstructingjudaism.org/news/women-rabbis-respond-metoo>
Ritualwell: Tradition and Innovation — ritualwell.org
Jewniverse — thejewniverse.com

UPDATED Dec 31: Interesting articles from Jewniverse, My Jewish Learning and other Jewish sources:

That Time Princess Leia Married Paul Simon: <https://bit.ly/2AqWnfx>
The History of Yiddish: <https://bit.ly/2Tm4cdz>
Some of the Inspiring Jews we lost in 2018: <https://bit.ly/2rVZnfu>
Seven of the Most Heartwarming Jewish Stories of 2018: <https://bit.ly/2rTNC99>
Jewish Food Trends for 2019: <https://bit.ly/2CzwMmd>
Jewish Immigration to America: <https://bit.ly/2zUXyDC>

Judaism on Campus: AC Online recently published a great guide to help Jewish students find college resources and scholarships. It details how to find Jewish communities on campus, lists scholarships for Jewish students, and offers advice for dealing with anti-Semitism on campus. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAN DIEGO JEWISH COMMUNITY

There's a lot going on in the coming months in the local San Diego Jewish Community.

Find out more at <http://jewishinsandiego.org>

Jewish Family Service www.jfssd.org

San Diego Jewish World www.sdjewishworld.com

Your Voice conference for 9th-12th graders: <https://bit.ly/2AeVerc>



JEWISH ROCK RADIO

jewishrockradio.com

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY



MightyNest for Schools is an internet shopping fundraiser. Shop at your convenience for healthy everyday items

and 15% of your purchase price will go to Gesher School.

<http://schools.mightynest.com/faqs>

type in 92130 and Gesher School

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Shabbat at Home	5
6 No Gesher	7	8 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders) 6:30p Ritual Committee	9	10	11 7:00p Lev Hadash/ Kabbalat Shabbat and Bat Mitzvah of Isadora Blatt	12 10:00a Shabbat morning services and Bat Mitzvah of Isadora Blatt
13 9:00a Gesher 9:30a Exec Committee Mtg	14	15 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders)	16	17	18 7:00p Kabbalat Shabbat and Bar Mitzvah of Jayden Schaffer	19 10:00a Shabbat morning services and Bar Mitzvah of Jayden Schaffer
20 MLK, JR. Mitzvah Day 9:00a	21 	22 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders) 6:30p Board Meeting	23	24	25 7:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Rabbi will lead a discussion on the book <i>Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor</i> (see page 8)	26 9:30a Shabbat at the Park (for young families) Location: Carmel Valley Rec Center playground
27 Gesher social gathering off-site	28	29 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders)	30	31		

MLK COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY Sunday, January 20, 9:00 a.m.



Please sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer to bring items for the mitzvah bags and PB&J sandwiches

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat with Gesher 4th-7th graders	2
3 9:00a Gesher 10:00a Torah Study	4	5 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders)	6	7	8 7:00p <i>Lev Hadash</i> / Kabbalat Shabbat	9 9:00a Gesher Shabbat
10 9:30a Exec Committee mtg	11	12 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders) 6:30p Ritual Committee	13	14	15 Shabbat at Members' Homes	16
17 No Gesher	18 	19 No Gesher	20	21	22 7:00p Kabbalat Shabbat	23
24 9:00a Gesher 11:00a Purim Prep Meeting	25	26 4:30p Gesher (6th and 7th graders) 6:30p Board Mtg	27	28		

Planning Teams for the holidays!

If you would like to help plan Purim this year, please let [Betsy Schneider](#) know. The Purim celebration will be on March 20 (Wednesday evening). The next planning session is scheduled for Sunday, February 24.



SHABBAT AT HOME

Our lives are busy, which means we need *Shabbat* more than ever—to slow down, connect with people, eat slowly, and laugh loudly. Enjoy a delicious *Shabbat* meal, build closer relationships, and help strengthen the Dor Hadash community all at the same time!

Dor Hadash members started to host *Shabbat* in their homes two years ago. This was a great opportunity to relax on a Friday evening and meet other members of Dor Hadash. This year we would like to have several hosts on the same Friday in different San Diego neighborhoods so more people can participate.

Check the shmeer and your email for opportunities to RSVP. January is a busy month, so we are not planning another formal Shabbat at Home until February 15 (President's weekend). We have one family in Del Cerro signed up for the 15th and are looking for two more hosts in other parts of town. If you would like to host in February, March or beyond, check out and sign up on one of the available dates at this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZyVX6w3aWHEjnVBQQfqKyX_1rXhZ6KIMcfTpDRKHZbc/edit

If you have any questions about Shabbat at Home, please contact Beth Even at aeven@gmail.com

Denomination Descriptions Heard at Reconstructing Judaism National Convention:

Orthodox = fixed price menu...this is what you're getting, this is what it costs

Conservative = regular restaurant menu...have your choice of the available options

Reconstructionist = pot luck...we "eat" what we create, with and for, one another

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