



# Winter 2022/5783

# What a Year!

## What a Week!

**Overnight Camp**  
**FAIR**  
**Tuesday, February 1**  
**5:45-6:15pm**  
(for Jewish day school students)

Come meet representatives from local Jewish Overnight Camps and learn how your kids can have the best summers of their lives! Parents are welcome!



**Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue**  
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**CELEBRATE US HOME**  


**Shabbat in the Sukkah**  
**Friday, October 11 @ 7pm**  
 with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo Gindlin  
*In Person & Streaming Live on Zoom & Facebook*

Join Rabbi Cantor Marcelo for Kabbalat Shabbat services under the stars in our beautiful Sukkah. Come shake the etrog & lulav and enjoy a sweet treat at our Oneg with your MJCS Community.

**Shabbat on the Beach**  
with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo Gindlin & Rabbi Bill Kaplan  
**Final Friday!!**  
**August 26 @ 7pm**  
**Westward Beach Lifeguard Station #2**

**August 26th Religious School Back to School Night**



**Tu B'Shevat Seder**  
**Sunday, January 16 @ 6pm**  
**Via Zoom** (Meeting ID: 8636 0383 503)

Join Rabbi Bill & Cantor Marcelo via Zoom for an evening of spirit, environmental thought, taste and music to celebrate the birthday of trees



**Megillah Reading**  
**with Laya Tamar**  
**Friday, March 18 @ 6:15pm**  
**Via Zoom**

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**Adult Education @ MJCS**  
**Combating Antisemitism:**  
**What It Is, How It Looks Today and What We Can Do**  
**An interactive, virtual program with Jeffrey Abrams**  
**Tuesday, March 1 @ 7-8:30 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**RSVP: info@mjcs.org for Zoom link**



Jeffrey Abrams is the original director of ALEL, Los Angeles, one of the oldest anti-bias and civil rights organizations in the country; an attorney and civil leader; his Akeleva committee is the primary service in a diverse roster of best Jewish Legal Services; the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles; the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and the United Jewish Federation, among others.

**Sukkah Decorating**  
**with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo**  
**Sunday, October 9 @ 10am - noon**

Decorate our Sukkah Meet our New Members Shake the Etrog & Lulav Bring Your Friends Families Welcome



**Brunch will be served**

**RSVP 310.456.2178**

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**MJCS Sisterhood Book Club**  
**Lively Conversation, Camaraderie and SISTERHOOD**



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE!**  
**Help make fleece blankets for My Strife Bags which will directly benefit kids in foster care. No experience necessary! If you can sew a blanket and tie a knot we need you!**  
**Onsite @ MJCS: Proof of Vaccination or Negative Covid Test Required**  
**RSVP 310.456.2178 ext or info@mjcs.org**

*The My Strife Bags Foundation provides new belongings, comfort and hope to thousands of children each year who are in need from abuse, neglect, and poverty.*

**MJCS Sisterhood Retreat with Rabbi Judith**  
**Thursday, June 9 - Sunday, June 12**  
**Blue Sky Retreat Center**  
**Talos, New Mexico**

Only a few rooms left! Call 310.456.2178 to secure your spot

**MJCS Membership 2021**  
 Non-Members \$ 750  
 Family (2-4) \$ 1200  
 \*\$150 Non-Resident Annual Required  
 (Non-Resident Annual Required for Non-Resident Members)

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**MJCS Purimspiel 2021**  
**Friday, March 18 @ 6:30pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**THE GREAT PURIM SONGBOOK**  
 COMPILED BY STEVE KAHNEN, MICHAEL BERGER, BOB CRUICKSHANK, DANIELA DE GANDIA



**AN ORIGINAL PURIM MUSICAL**  
 Featuring  
 Elie Baker • Michael Berger • Bob Cruickshank • Linda

**Tot Shabbat on the Beach**  
**with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo Gindlin**  
**Friday, August 12 @ 5pm**  
**Westward Beach - Lifeguard Station #2**



**PURIM CARNIVAL**  
**Tuesday, March 15 @ 4-6pm**  
(Members in the MJCS Parking Lot during Religious Services)  
**MJCS Members Only**  
\*Proof of Vaccination or negative Covid test required

**Games & Prizes • Puppy Petting**  
**Caricature Artist • Mishloach Manot**  
**Rock Climbing Wall • Face Painting**  
**Airbrush Artist • DJ / Music • Crafts**  
**Food • Photo Booth • Hamentaschen**





# Rabbi Cantor Marcelo Gindlin

HOLY COMMUNITY There are SO many stories about miracles. Today I want to focus on the miracles within our OWN lives. YOUR own lives. Each of us has a different flame; they vary in size, color,

intensity... sometimes they flicker... yet EACH of them is a miracle. Together they create a Holy community. Our OWN *kehillah kedosha*. As such, we can help light up this world, not only during Chanukah, but all year round. The eight days of Chanukah are like eight different decades within a person's life.. . each has its own light and its own miracle. The question is, how do we live our lives, how do we honor our existence? Have we learned how to keep that flame burning, dancing with freedom and intensity? ...**Chanukah** is our reminder to honor who we are.

Are we light or are we darkness?

We are darkness when we live for ourselves, when selfishness prevents us from seeing other realities, no matter how different. We are darkness when we fail to recognize our fears and pursue our passion. When envy paralyzes us, and we find no meaning to our lives. We are darkness when we silence our inner child, that just wants to play and love a little bit more. We are light when we give ourselves unconditionally, when we resonate to the deep look of someone in distress. When we are able to shine with freedom and surrender to a melody open-heartedly. We are light when we can be the match that lights someone else's flame.

So, my friends, this Chanukah I invite you to reflect upon the miracle YOU are, your own flame and the importance of keeping this community shining bright.

We ask God, *Shechina*, to give us strength, and continue to watch over us as we go forward in peace and good health into the bright future ahead of us.

We are a blessing to each other.

Our community is our blessing.

L'shalom

**Rabbi Cantor Marcelo**







# Rabbi Emerita Rabbi Judith HaLevy

Join Rabbi Judith via Zoom for Jewith Ethics Thursdays @7:30am

This is the season when we call on light to illuminate the darkness. Here in Santa Fe, roofs are lined with “luminarias”, candles held in small containers that glow. Native Americans celebrate this time with bonfires. The Jewish tradition, however, is not only about light, but miracles.

We know the story. When rededicating our Holy Temple, the Maccabees had to relight the Menorah, but they only had enough pure olive oil to last for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days. The great rabbinic authority Joseph Caro asks, if Chanukah is about a miracle, and the oil which was only supposed to last one day lasted eight, then why don't we celebrate Chanukah for seven days? After all, the first day of the oil burning was no miracle! The greatest miracle was the resolution to rededicate, to clean up and start over again.

These last Covid years have been challenging. How do we provide a High Holiday service when access to our “Holy Temple” is restricted by recurring illness? How do we keep the light of Torah study burning? How can we keep our sense of community alive when we are separated by darkness?

Chanukah literally means “rededication”. Yes, zoom is a modern miracle, but the real miracle of Chanukah has been our rededication to our own holy temple. Faced with plague and fire, we rededicated ourselves to “cleaning up the mess” and starting over. We learned how to share the light of Shabbat even when physically separated. We never let the light of Torah go out. We continued to celebrate and to even to mourn as community. The coming year will bring additional challenges, as we begin the process of building a new intimate sanctuary and a state-of-the art pre-school, but we have rededicated ourselves to making our vision manifest. It is a miracle.

On each night of Chanukah, we declare

*She-asah nisim la-avoteinu ba- yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

Who did miracles for our forefathers and foremothers, in former times and in our own time.

With Gratitude for the miracles of our time,

Rabbi Judith





# Rabbi Bill Kaplan

Many of you have met Rabbi Bill Kaplan at Shabbat on the Beach, at High Holy Day services, on a Zoom Shabbat, at a bar or bat mitzvah, or at religious school. Rabbi Bill is not new to MJCS as he helped at the end of 2017 and into 2018 when Rabbi Emerita Judith left for Santa Fe by leading the Torah class monthly, teaching the 7th grade class at the religious school, officiating bar and bat mitzvahs, and leading monthly Shabbat services with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo. He returned to MJCS on a part-time basis in June 2021 to partner with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo to lead Friday night Shabbat services including Shabbat on the Beach, High Holy Days and other special holiday services and programs, and bar and bat mitzvahs. Rabbi Bill also once again is teaching the 7th grade class at the religious school. In 2023, he will also be teaching some adult education courses like he did in 2017-18.

## *So, who is Rabbi Bill?*

When Rabbi Bill is not at MJCS, he is the CEO of Shalom Institute ([www.shalominstitute.com](http://www.shalominstitute.com)), a year-round experiential Jewish and environmental education center. Rabbi Bill just completed his 32nd year with Shalom Institute. Shalom Institute is a hub of Jewish life in Southern California. Shalom Institute's diverse programs include Camp JCA Shalom, a Jewish Community Center residential summer camp for youth, Camp JCA Shalom Day Camp in West Hills, Camp Gesher, the North American overnight camp for Russian-speaking Jewish children and families; Sherut L'Olam, a community teen leadership and advocacy program with programs for both middle school and high school teens, environmental education, and Shemesh Farms, an employment initiative and social enterprise employing adults with special needs and diverse abilities, located right here at MJCS.

Rabbi Bill, as a Jewish educator, uses nature, organic gardens, and biblical gardens creatively to teach Torah, Israel, Jewish culture, holidays, Jewish environmental values, and Jewish history in a model he calls "Edible Judaism" ([www.ediblejudaism.com](http://www.ediblejudaism.com)). He will be doing some of his Edible Judaism programs for MJCS this coming year.

Rabbi Bill is a native of Los Angeles. He has a BA from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, an MBA in Non-Profit Management from American Jewish University, and his rabbinical ordination from the Academy For Jewish Religion in Los Angeles.

Rabbi Bill is married to Rachel. They have two children, Noah, 24, and Rebecca, 21, and a Havanese dog Tony, 10.

Rabbi Bill loves being part of the MJCS family and partnering with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo!





# Rabbi Janet Madden

## Torah Study

Torah Study meets Saturdays @10:15am via zoom

Ta' sh'ma—Come and Learn!

Jews all over the world participate in the world's oldest and longest-running book club....and we read the same book every year. Our book, written in antiquity and studied by our ancestors for millennia encapsulates both the uniqueness of our Jewish tradition and encompasses the complexities of being human.

Truly, this book really is unique among all other books. According to one source of Jewish wisdom literature Pirke Avot ("Chapters of our Ancestors"), we should "turn it and turn it and turn it again...for everything is in it.

"Torah" means instruction, and Torah study is a continuing source of revelation, even astonishment; engaging with Torah is our birthright, our privilege and a source of inspiration. Studying Torah invites us to engage with our heritage, our history, our mythology, our psychology. It is a work of astonishing literary beauty. Its characters are compelling, its plot lines are timeless and its challenges are many.

Rabbi Akiva, who began to learn the Hebrew aleph-bet at the age of forty and grew into one of the greatest of our Sages opined, "If you learned Torah in your youth, learn it as an adult. Don't say, 'I won't learn Torah as an adult,' because you never know which period of learning will make a deeper impression, perhaps both will remain with you and even complement one another."

As Rabbi Akiva knew from his own life experience, it's never too late to learn; it's never too late to grow. The text remains the same; we do not. Torah study nurtures new ideas and insights. Come grow with us !





# Chaplain Ruth Belonsky Monthly Healing Service

In Person @MJCS the 2nd Shabbat of every month @10.30am

Healing Services are held the 2nd Shabbat of every month at 10.30am where our Rabbi Cantor Marcelo's voice and presence gives us a soul lift in this holy space. A light Kiddush lunch is provided in person, after the service. A time for us to nourish our bodies after we have tended to our souls.

Healing Services were created almost 20 years ago by Chaplain Judith Sommerstein (z"l) and Chaplain Ruth Belonsky. We created a prayer book specially for the Healing Service.

The order of the service and prayers were planned particularly for bringing healing to the body, mind,

heart, and soul; to engage our community in sharing with each other where each of us needs healing. There is a focused meditation, as well as a story which relates to our lives, and the weekly Torah portion.

Rabbi Cantor sings about angels, encouraging us to talk about angels who have touched our lives in the past weeks.

We take out the Torah, while standing in a healing circle, passing the Torah around to each person, as Rabbi Cantor chants the following prayer - "el na, refa na la -- "please, God, heal her, אל נא רפא נא לה, Moses prays this short, soulful, healing prayer when his sister Miriam is stricken with tzara'at (skin disease).

Join us at our next Healing Service, when we call on the Holy One to strengthen and heal us and our loved ones as we support one another in community.







# President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

I'm delighted to welcome back The Seabreeze and celebrate Chanukah with our beloved community. When I think each year about the brave Maccabees and the miracle of the Chanukah lights, I can't help but feel grateful for all the blessings in my life. One of those is having the privilege of leading Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue into its very exciting future. In 2023, we'll begin an important evolution for our community as we break ground on the Jewish Center that MJCS was always envisioned to be.

I join our entire congregation in honoring Elinor Leipzig at this year's Chanukah Concert and thanking her for her many contributions to MJCS over the years. *Kol Hakavod!*

As you celebrate Chanukah, please take a moment to think about what a blessing it is to be part of our MJCS community. Thank you for your participation and support.

Chag Sameach,

**Jonathan Goldstein**  
**President**



## Executive Director

As we approach the final weeks of 2022, this is an excellent time to consider your year-end charitable giving. One way to do so is a gift from your IRA. If you are 70 ½, you may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). If you are 72, you can use all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) up to \$100,000, to make a charitable gift to MJC&S. The entire amount of your gift passes to MJC&S and you pay no income tax on the money. If you intend to use your IRA to make a gift this year, we encourage you to make plans now. Please do not wait until the end of the year to arrange for your distribution as IRA administrators may take weeks to complete the transfer. For more information about the advantages of using your IRA to make a gift to MJC&S, feel free to contact me at [awelland@mjcs.org](mailto:awelland@mjcs.org) or 310.456.2178 ext. 16.

I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy 2023. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Al Welland**  
**Executive Director**





# MJCS Religious School

Religious School meets Tuesdays @MJCS from 4:15-6:35pm

Shalom!

We are thrilled to have our new and returning students here at Religious School. I am so blessed to have a wonderful team of teachers who truly work together to create an engaging, fun, and educational environment for all of our students.

This year we piloted new curriculum for our students which included Hebrew script writing. The philosophy behind it is...literacy! To be literate in a language, you should be able to both read and write. Furthermore, if you can write in a language, it fosters reading and deeper learning. So far, our students are doing very well, and their reading is moving along more quickly than in the past. Please check in with me to learn more.

After Covid, we implemented a hybrid learning environment in our classrooms. This offering has given us the pleasure of teaching those who would not have been able to join otherwise. In addition, when our students are unable to attend in person, they don't miss school; they just zoom in! We are fortunate to have the support of our board and executive staff to support this model, and we hope this will make our religious school accessible to all.

We continue to learn together as a school community during our extended "Kinus" time which has brought us closer together and has created a close-knit learning environment for everyone.

Each teacher here is invested in the students and cares about each and every one. It truly is wonderful to work in this compassionate and productive environment. With gratitude to Limor (K-1), Tamara (2-3), Anat (4), Gil (5), and our 7th Grade "Bar Mitzvah Prep Stars:" Rabbi Bill, Janet, and Rabbi Cantor Marcelo, who all make our religious school program thrive and the students enjoy being here!

With gratitude,  
**Michelle Geft**  
**Religious School Director**



Pictured: Limor Pinz, Michelle Geft, Rabbi Bill, Rabbi Cantor Marcelo, Anat Golan, Tamara Leider & Gil Ramot (not pictured - Janet Ettenger)



Celebrating Simchat Torah



Some of our 6th and 7th Grade B'Nai Mitzvah students getting ready for their upcoming B'Nai Mitzvah



# Mazel Tov to our Recent B'Nai Mitzvah!



**Hudson Breese**  
8/7/2021



**Lucas Haas**  
8/14/2021



**Sidney Glasser**  
11/20/2021



**Greta Gilison**  
2/29/2022



**Bela Baron**  
4/30/2022



**Ava & Eliza Herrguth**  
5/21/2022



**Jones Rydell**  
8/20/2022



**Max Graulich**  
9/10/2022



**Bastian Lane**  
10/22/2022



# MJCS Sisterhood

Lori Gray, Sisterhood President  
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**SISTERHOOD!** Throughout the pandemic; we continued our thriving book club meetings on zoom which continue to serve as a great way to stay connected while discussing a wide range of fascinating titles. We've recently started meeting in person including dinner at a local restaurant, a special gathering at "The Barn" in Century City (hosted by Lynn Silbert) and we had a great time making potato latkes (under the guidance of chef Cathy Rogers) for our annual Hanukkah party! We're also looking forward to enjoying more latkes (and a book gift-exchange) at our upcoming Chanukah book club potluck at a member's home. We would love you to come to one of our meetings! In June; we had our annual Sisterhood Retreat; this year in Taos with Rabbi Judith HaLevy where we shared, created, danced, dined, prayed, and laughed in an extraordinary setting leaving more inspired and committed to our beautiful heritage. We have a full calendar of Sisterhood activities in the coming months including our special day of service at The Downtown Women's Center, where our members will prepare and serve a homecooked meal to 150 women, followed by a tour of the center. Other events include our annual Queen Esther "day of beauty" followed by a lovely dinner and surprise program; we'll also be visiting Lotus Land this Spring with the Sisterhood members of Congregation B'nai B'rith in Santa Barbara and we'll experience a Rosh Chodesh gathering in a most unusual setting.

# MJCS Men's Club

Larry Gray, Men's Club President  
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As for the guys, **THE MEN'S CLUB** chaired by Larry Gray is in full swing; co-ed softball anyone this spring? Poker? (Cigars optional). Larry recently organized a Pickle Ball Fun Day BBQ at the home of David Kramer.

Upcoming events include a Sunday beach walk with Rabbi Cantor Marcelo followed by lunch; a program on "Emergency Readiness Preparation"; a Sisterhood/Men's Club hike

along the Backbone Trail, an afternoon at The Skirball Center and an excursion to The Best Jewish Deli in LA (you'll have to sign up to find out where they're going).

Get involved with your Sisterhood and Men's Club! Let us know what you want to do and we'll try our best to make it happen!





# Hand in Hand

**Rabbi Cantor Marcelo, Janet Ettenger & Lisa Szilagyi**

Hand in Hand meets Thursdays @4-5pm via zoom

Website: [www.handinhandconnect.org](http://www.handinhandconnect.org)

Hand in Hand is pausing in the light of this holiday season to celebrate a year of community, growth and joy. Throughout the pandemic, and beyond, we have continued to meet weekly via Zoom- singing, creating art, practicing yoga, listening to stories, playing trivia games and learning about cultures and customs around the world. Most importantly, we have watched our participants grow in their ability to adapt to so much change, express their creativity, step up to leadership roles, and be supportive friends to one another.

Our program is growing as well! We have a new website that is packed with video resources so that our participants can enjoy interactive activities all week long. We have a social media team that is helping us to reach more families with more content, wherever they live. And we are planning our return to meeting in person, with monthly events such as movie nights, pizza parties and our yearly Winter Formal.

We appreciate the support of our Malibu Jewish Center community and wish everyone a Hanukkah that is filled with light, love and wonder.



# Shemesh Farms

**Kevin Dutton, Nicky Pitman, Arthur Pinchev, Becca Bodenstein, Matthew Enlo**

Tuesday - Thursday @10:30am - 12:30pm and by appointment

Website: [www.shemeshfarms.com](http://www.shemeshfarms.com)

Shemesh Farms began in 2015 at the Shalom Institute in Malibu, California with a vision of creating a social enterprise that provides meaningful employment and community to adults who have diverse abilities.

Following the Woolsey Fire and the destruction of the Shalom Institute, we launched a satellite site at Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue (MJCS) in 2019. As a community, Farm Fellows (our Shemesh Farm employees), volunteers, and staff harvest and craft spice blends, honey, and other organic products. Together we strategize product development, branding, marketing, packaging, and sales.

Our farm and enterprise are built upon a foundation of sustainability, inclusion, and interconnectedness.

Shemesh Farms follows in the footsteps of our parent organization the Shalom Institute, whose mission is to facilitate transformative experiences grounded in Jewish values that foster community, cultivate leadership, inspire social action, nurture Jewish tradition and culture, and instill a responsibility for the environment.



# Adult Education

*All Classes are in-person at MJCS unless noted otherwise. Some classes might be offered as hybrid classes (in-person with a zoom option – at the discretion of the teacher)*

## ART

**Ceramic Seder Plate Class** - 3 class series  
Dates: 2/21/23, 2/28/23, 3/14/23  
Tuesdays 11am -1pm with open studio time  
1-2 pm  
Instructor: Monica DeMoulin  
Fee: \$150 plus cost of materials  
*Minimum of 5 students*

Make your own seder plate in 3 sessions - in time for Passover! *Note - must attend all 3 sessions to guarantee piece will be fired and completed. Seder plates will be ready to pick up on/after March 20th, weather permitting. Passover begins the evening of Wednesday April 5th.* Includes 6 hours of instruction/studio time plus 3 hours extra open studio time, 2 kiln firings

**Ceramic Challah Tray Class** – 3 class series  
Dates: 4/25/23, 5/2/23, 5/16/23  
Tuesdays 11am-1pm with open studio time  
1-2 pm  
Instructor: Monica DeMoulin  
Fee: \$150 plus cost of materials  
*Minimum of 5 students*

Make your own challah tray (or any tray you like!) in 3 sessions. *Note - must attend all 3 sessions to guarantee piece will be fired and completed. Challah Tray will be ready to pick up on/after May 22nd, weather permitting.* Includes 6 hours of instruction/studio time plus 3 hours extra open studio time, 2 kiln firings

## ART (cont.)

**Life Drawing Open Studio** (for Adults Only)  
8 class series  
Dates: TBD  
Instructor: Open Studio  
Fee: TBD  
Minimum of 5 students

## BUSINESS

**What's Your 2023 Money Acceleration Plan?**  
**Intro to MAP - Your 2023 Money Acceleration Plan**

Date: 1/12/23  
Thursday @6:30-8pm  
Instructor: Linda Kaye  
Fee: Suggested Donation of \$36 to Rabbi Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Whether you are starting up, starting over or rocking it out in your business, entrepreneurship is challenging. Come find out what it takes to get seen, get heard and get paid! This class introduces you to what it takes to start or improve your business and why you need more than just a great idea. Taught by a professional sales trainer, coach & speaker.

**All classes are subject to change based on enrollment. Please reach out to Michelle Geft at [mgeft@mjcs.org](mailto:mgeft@mjcs.org) if there is a class you'd like to see on the schedule or a class you'd like to teach!**

**Call 310.456.2178 to register**



## COOKING & FOOD

### Edible Judaism Workshop

Date: 1/17/23 @1pm- 3pm

Instructor: Rabbi Bill Kaplan

Fee: \$30

*Minimum of 6 students*

Edible Judaism is a fun, interactive way to explore Jewish texts, history, culture, traditions, rituals, and nosh while you are learning! Come with an empty stomach and open mind.

### Challah Braiding - 3 class series ( Attend one, two or all three!)

Dates: 1/27/23, 2/3/23, 2/10/23

Fridays 10-11:30am

Instructor: Monica DeMoulin

Fee: \$55 per session, \$150 for all 3

*Minimum of 3 students per session*

Each 90-minute in-person session includes a challah dough making demonstration, hands-on braiding lesson and printed booklet with challah recipe and braiding instructions to take home. You will receive 2 lbs of dough already made and ready to braid. Bring your braided (unbaked) challah home to bake in time for Shabbat!

#### •Session 1 Friday, January 27th

“The Classics” 3-Strand and 6-Strand braids

#### •Session 2 Friday, February 3rd

“Getting Fancy” 5-Strand and 8-Strand braids

#### •Session 3 Friday, February 10th

“4 x 4” Four 4-Strand braids, including Challah Hearts!

## COOKING & FOOD (cont.)

### Master Chef - 3 class series

Via zoom for members by members

Dates: 2/27/23, 3/30/23, 5/24/23

Instructors: Cathy Rogers, Lynne Friedman & Monica DeMoulin

Fee: Suggested donation of \$18

*For MJCS Members Only!*

•Session 1 Monday, February 27th @7pm  
Purim Hamantashen with Cathy Rogers

•Session 2 Thursday, March 30th @7pm  
Passover Baklava with Lynne Friedman

•Session 3 Wednesday, May 24th @7pm  
Shavuot Challah with Monica DeMoulin

*Ingredient list will be sent in advance to participants*

## DANCE

### Israeli Dancing!

Dates: TBD

Instructor: TBD

Fee: TBD

Come have fun and burn some calories!

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## ETHICS

### **Waking up to Jewish Ethics**

Via Zoom

Dates: ongoing

Thursdays @7:30am-9am

Instructor: Rabbi Judith HaLevy

Fee: no cost to MJCS members

Wake up to the wisdom of Jewish ethics in this lively and inclusive discussion group based on Talmudic sources. No readings, no prep.

Meeting ID: 961 2562 4769

Passcode: 547376

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### **Yoga and Meditation** - 8 class series

Dates: 1/17/23 - 3/7/23

Tuesdays @12pm-1pm

Instructor: Anat Golan

Fee: \$160

*Minimum of 6 students*

### **Journey to Wholeness** - 18 class series

(Zoom)

Dates: 1/17/23 - 5/23/23

Tuesdays @7pm-9pm

*(optional extra classes towards conversion)*

Instructors: Rabbi Cantor Marcelo, Chaplain Ruth Belonsky, Rabbi Janet

Madden, and Rabbi Bill Kaplan

Fee: \$360

*Minimum of 5 students - MJCS Members Only*

Come join this holy space to find deep healing and joy through stories and song.

## HEBREW

### **Learn to Read & Write in Hebrew** - 8 class series

Dates: 1/17/23 - 3/7/23

Tuesdays @ 7-8pm

Instructor: Anat Golan

Fee: \$160

*Minimum of 6 students*

### **Basic Hebrew Conversation** - 8 class series (Hybrid)

Dates: 1/17/23 - 3/7/23

Tuesdays @ 1:30-3pm

Instructor: Anat Golan

Fee: \$180

*Minimum of 6 students*

## WRITING

### **The Writer's Room** - 4 class series

(Via zoom)

Dates: 1/18/23 - 2/8/23

Wednesdays @ 7-9pm

Instructor: Jack Herrguth

Fee: \$150

*Minimum of 4 students*

Learn the craft of half-hour television writing and write your sitcom pilot in a "writers room" setting as the instructor and fellow students give weekly constructive feedback. Taught by a professional television writer & development executive.

**All classes are subject to change based on enrollment. Please reach out to Michelle Geft at [mgeft@mjcs.org](mailto:mgeft@mjcs.org) if there is a class you'd like to see on the schedule or a class you'd like to teach!**

**Call 310.456.2178 to register**



# Calendar of Events

## January

- 12** Adult Education: Intro to MAP - your 2023 Money Acceleration Plan (1 class only!)
- 17** Adult Education: Yoga & Meditation (8 class series)
- 17** Adult Education: Learn to Read & Write in Hebrew (8 class series)
- 17** Adult Education: Basic Hebrew Conversation (8 class series)
- 17** Adult Education: Journey to Wholeness (every Tuesday thru May 23)
- 17** Adult Education: Edible Judaism Workshop (1 class only!)
- 18** Adult Education: The Writer's Room (4 class series)
- 27** Adult Education: Challah Braiding (3 class series)

## February

- 5** Tu B'Shevat Seder
- 10** Hand in Hand Winter Formal Dance
- 21** Adult Education: Ceramic Seder Plate Class (3 class series)
- 27** Adult Education: Master Chef Series - Purim Hamentaschen

## March

- 6** Megillah Reading & Purimshpiel
- 7** Purim Carnival
- 30** Adult Education: Master Chef Series - Passover Baklava

## April

- 6** Community Passover Seder
- 9** LGBTQ Seder
- 18** Yom Hashoah: David Labkovski Project
- 25** Adult Education: Ceramic Challah Tray Class (3 class series)

## May

- 6** Annual Dinner Dance
- 24** Adult Education: Master Chef Series - Shavuot Challah
- 25** Tikkun Leil Shavuot

## July

- 7** Shabbat on the Beach Returns

## August

- 25** Final Shabbat on the Beach





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On Saturday, May 7th the MJCS community gathered together in person to CELEBRATE US HOME. With about 200 people in attendance, our annual fundraiser was an opportunity to reconnect and pay tribute to the wonderful women in our lives: our mothers! The party featured live music and dancing, food trucks, cocktails and our FIRST MJCS APPLE PIE CONTEST!!! Our Gala Chair, Victoria Scott Greenberg was crowned the winner by our very own "celebrity judges" Susan Monus, Cathy Rogers & Albert Chow! Many thanks to everyone who helped make the annual gala a success, including our event committee, MJCS Clergy & Staff, Board of Directors and all of our generous sponsors and donors.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, May 6th for our next Annual Gala!



Judges: Susan Monus, Cathy Rogers & Albert Chow



Enjoying the food trucks



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## Editor's Note

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If you don't know the face, you for sure know my name. Yes, I am the one who invades your email inbox multiple times each week making sure you are aware of the upcoming events and activities at MJCS. Allow me to formally introduce myself - my name is Jennifer Herrguth and I wear many hats at MJCS. For the past 7 years I have worked in the office in many capacities, doing what needs to be done, when it needs to be done.

What you should know about me is that I am the person you need to contact if you need anything at MJCS. My door is always open. And, when we connect, if what you need is not within my job description, I can point you in the right direction to make sure that your Synagogue needs are being met.

I want to thank this beautiful community for your kindness and for making MJCS more than just a job - it is truly my home away from home!

In the spirit of the holiday, may you all be surrounded by love and light!

Jennifer

## Shabbat on the Beach

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