

The Fourth Annual Omer Challenge

Sunday, April 1 - Saturday, May 19, 2018



The Omer Challenge affords us the opportunity to reflect on what it means to improve our lives and that of others in our community. Through a series of interactive programs, we hope to push ourselves to learn and grow. Come explore with us.

Shabbat Morning Meditation

Geo Poor

Saturday, April 7, 8:45 am

Saturday, May 19, 8:45 am

Join us Saturday morning before services for a guided meditation exploring the themes of Passover (4/7) and Shavuot (5/19) through a personal spiritual, emotional, and psychological lens.

“Lives Restarted”

Sunday, April 8, 7:00 pm

“Lives Restarted,” a film from Director Waheed AlQawasmi, provides an often-ignored component of other Holocaust documentaries: what happened to the survivors? “Lives Restarted” begins with archival World War II footage and follows with interviews of eleven Memphis Holocaust survivors and their children. Following the film, Rachel Shankman, Chair of Beth Sholom’s Lifelong Learning Committee, and Founding Director of Facing History and Ourselves in Memphis, will moderate a discussion with a panel composed of Mr. AlQawasmi, Jerry Ehrlich, and Ted Winestone.

Yom HaShoah Community Observance

Images and Memory: The Lodz Ghetto and the Holocaust

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
at the MJCC

Roger Brooks, Executive Director of Facing History and Ourselves, will discuss the heartbreaking reality of life in the ghetto of the Polish city Lodz.

Yom Ha’atzmaut Community Celebration

Sunday, April 15, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
at the MJCC

Community wide Yom Ha’atzmaut celebration with live music, fun family activities, Israeli snacks, etc.

Renewal: A Women’s Rosh Chodesh Group

Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

Sunday, April 15, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 pm

Join us for our monthly women’s gathering to socialize, learn together, reflect, and set intentions for the month ahead.

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What to Say (and What NOT to Say)

Rabbi Sarit Horwitz and Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Ever unsure of what to say in a situation when someone is in a hard moment? Feel uncomfortable about how to act in a *shiva* home? Come to this workshop with Rabbi Sarit and Rabbi Abe to learn listening skills and tools for what to say in these situations.

A Taste of Israel

Thursday, April 19, 6:30 pm

at the Memphis Botanical Gardens

Featuring local celebrity chefs, Israeli wine, and the Israeli band The Shuk. This 21-and-over event will be \$50 per person, with limited space. Advance tickets are available for \$36 until Sunday April 8.

<https://jcpmemphis.org/a-taste-of-israel>

Youth Villages Race

Saturday, April 21, 7:45 am – 10:00 am

Help us cheer on and pass out drinks to the runners.

Beth Sholom Book Club: Standing Again at Sinai

Stephanie Simons-O’Dell

Sunday, April 22, 10:30 am

The next book for the Beth Sholom Book Club will be Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism from a Feminist Perspective by Judith Plaskow. The book is one of the most important contributions to post-modern Jewish thought. Join us for a mind-opening discussion!

From Text to Song

Geo Poor

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 pm

What does a melody add to a psalm? Explore some of our Musical Kabbalat Shabbat melodies in order to get a deeper intellectual and emotional understanding of prayer, text, self, and soul. No musical skills needed. Psalms will be provided in English, Hebrew, and transliteration.

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Chat with a Diplomat

Jennifer Goldstein

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm

Ever wondered what diplomats actually do? How the State Department works? What the Congolese think of Jews? How you keep Shabbat when it's too dangerous to walk outside? Come hear about the professional life of an employee of the US State Department.

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner with the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

Friday, April 27, 6:00 pm

Join us in welcoming the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, a Muslim-Jewish women's peace-building group, to Memphis. There will be a dinner after services.

RSVP for dinner by April 12 at <https://goo.gl/xbUJUP> or by calling the office. \$25

Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom Panel

Saturday, April 28, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, a national group of Jewish and Muslim women, for a multi-faith panel on the intersection of faith and justice work. Following the panel there will be break-out groups with facilitated dialogue for a diverse crowd in Memphis. We will conclude with Havdalah. Men and women invited.

Yoga Stretching and Strengthening the Body

Jodie Faber, COTA/L, RYT

Sunday, April 29, 10:00 am

We will learn some basic poses and practice breathing. Accessible to all levels, including the very beginner. Please bring your own mat. RSVP to elana@bsholom.org by 4/22.

Just City

Josh Spickler

Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 pm

A Just City starts with you: pursuing a smaller, fairer, and more humane criminal justice system. Just City is a local organization that works to advance policies and programs within Shelby County and the State of Tennessee that strengthen the right to counsel and mitigate the damage caused to families and neighborhoods as a result of contact with the criminal justice system.

Lag BaOmer Celebration

Thursday, May 3, 6:00 pm

Join us for a BBQ, games, and relay races at Beth Sholom!

RSVP to elana@bsholom.org by April 24
\$12 adult, \$7 children under 13

J-Serve: A Good Deeds Day Event.

Sunday, May 6, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Grades 6 – 12

Location to be announced

Since 2005, J-Serve has brought together Jewish teens from around the world to make their communities and the world a better place. The entire Memphis Jewish Teen community is invited to partake in Memphis J-Serve: A Good Deeds Day Event.

The Battle for Bonhoeffer: Debating Discipleship from Bush to Trump

Dr. Stephen Haynes

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 pm

Dr. Haynes will engage the question of why Evangelical Christians voted in such larger numbers for Donald Trump. This presentation is based on Prof. Haynes's forthcoming book on the role of German theologian and pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer in American political debates since 9/11, and particularly during the 2016 election cycle.

Cain v. Abel: Who's To Blame?

Geo Poor

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 pm

Religious traditions tend to paint Cain as a deeply evil person. Using a deep reading of the story, we will debate questions of blame and character in this story of the original murder. Great for people of all ages, 13 and up.

Celebration of Jewish Learning

Saturday, May 19, 9:15 am

Join us for the culminating event of our educational year as we celebrate our learners of all ages.

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Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Homegrown Torah

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 pm – 12:00 am

As we celebrate the Revelation of Torah, join us for a smorgasbord of short sessions on a variety of topics, led by different members of our Beth Sholom community. Cheesecake and other dairy treats will accompany and fuel our learning. Topics and facilitators to be announced.

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr. Local Memphis Events on Wednesday, April 4 <http://MLK50.CivilRightsMuseum.org/>

50th Anniversary Commemoration - A Day of Remembrance

Wednesday, April 4

Location: National Civil Rights Museum

For the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's death, the National Civil Rights Museum will call upon the most iconic leaders of the human rights and social justice movement to convene in Memphis and honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. People who were with Dr. King on that day will also be invited to share in the experience of remembering one of the most critical and most recognizable leaders of the Civil Rights Movement.

10:00 am - Daylong Tributes from the MLK50 Main Stage in the Museum Courtyard including musical, dance and spoken word performances, and reflections from civil rights leaders in salute to Dr. King.

3:30 pm - The community will gather for the official ceremony with the laying of the wreath, ecumenical liturgy, musical and spoken word tributes, and remarks from civil rights icons.

6:01 pm - Commemorative Ceremony from the Balcony of the Lorraine Motel

New Historic Marker to be Unveiled at Site of Nathan Bedford Forrest Slave Market

The Rev. Scott Walters and The Rev. Dorothy Wells
Wednesday, April 4, 12:00 pm

Location: Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal Church, in collaboration with Rhodes College, will unveil and dedicate a new historic marker at the site of the antebellum slave market operated by Nathan Bedford Forrest in Memphis, Tenn. The marker, to be dedicated on April 4, 2018, will be

placed near the corner of Adams Ave. and B.B. King Blvd. in Downtown Memphis. The dedication of the marker will occur as part of a "Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation," to be held at Calvary at 12 p.m. on April 4. The dedication of the marker, which is supported by grants from the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the National Park Service, is an MLK50 Event, part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis. For more information on this event, contact Director of Communications Robyn Banks, Calvary Episcopal Church, at 901-525-6602 or rbanks@calvarymemphis.org.

MLK50: Gospel Reflections from the Mountaintop Wednesday, April 4th from 1:00 - 9:30 pm

Location: Memphis Convention Center

The 50th anniversary of King's tragic death marks an opportunity for people to reflect on the state of racial unity our culture. Join the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and The Gospel Coalition at a special event, "MLK50: Gospel Reflections from the Mountaintop," taking place April 3-4, 2018, in Memphis, TN. Event URL: <http://mlk50conference.com/>

Munch and Learn

Wednesday, April 4, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Dixon Gallery and Gardens

Be inspired as we turn the Dixon's auditorium into a space to hear and reflect on the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His voice lives on in recordings of his speeches, especially the albums that were pressed during his life.

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April 1 <i>2nd Day of Pesach</i>	2	3	4 Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.	5	6 <i>7th Day of Pesach</i>	7 <i>8th Day of Pesach Yizkor</i> Meditation
8 Lives Restarted	9	10	11	12 <i>Yom HaShoah</i>	13 Shabbatluck	14 Starbucks Shabbat
15 <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration</i> Renewal	16	17 What to Say (and What NOT to Say)	18 <i>Yom Hazikaron</i>	19 A Taste of Israel <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i>	20	21 Youth Villages Race
22 Book Club	23	24 From Text to Song	25	26 Chat with a Diplomat	27 Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, Dinner	28 Sisterhood Shabbat Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom
29 Yoga	30	May 1 Just City	2	3 <i>Lag BaOmer BBQ</i>	4	5 Starbucks Shabbat
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13	14	15 Renewal	16 Cain v. Abel	17	18	19 Meditation Celebration of Jewish Learning Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Key:
Omer Challenge Events
Holidays

Weekly Service Times
Wednesday-Thursday—7:00 am
Monday-Thursday—6:00 pm
Saturday—9:15 am
Sunday—8:00 am

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