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# BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2020

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## Drive Thru Sukkah and Mishkan HaNefesh Drop-Off

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If you've borrowed PTS High Holy Day prayerbooks, please stop at the front of the building to return your books.

## MAKE YOUR HIGH HOLY DAY PLEDGE TODAY

It's not too late to make your High Holy Day pledge. Your support enables our congregants to create meaningful Jewish experiences and relationships. Thank you for being a part of this important Mitzvah.

[Click Here To Make Your Pledge](#)

*High Holy Day flowers generously donated by the Cherin family in loving memory of Adina & Lou Cherin and Dr. Ernest Siegel.*

“WHAT I LOVED MOST ABOUT VIRTUAL YOUTH EDUCATION WAS THAT THE FEELING OF A COMMUNITY WAS STILL STRONG, EVEN AT HOME.”

- A HAPPY YOUTH EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOLER



### 2020 - 2021 Youth Education Registration

Hey PTS Families! Youth Education registration is live! Feeling a part of Jewish community is more important now than ever. We hope that Youth Education will provide a sense of comfort and stability to our families to counter the present circumstances of our world.

While our program will be virtual, there will be plenty of added opportunities for Youth Education families including optional electives for children throughout the week, take-home Shabbat kits, and weekly content to inspire Jewish living in the home. Head over to our [Youth Education web page](#) to learn more or head over to Shul Cloud to enroll today!



Alexandra Podkaminer  
Saturday, October 3  
5 Tishrei 5781



Zander Levitt  
Saturday, October 10  
22 Tishrei 5781



Berkeley Bernstein  
Sunday, October 11  
23 Tishrei 5781



Anjali Kashyap  
Saturday, October 17  
29 Tishrei 5781



Amelia Shaywitz  
Saturday, October 24  
6 Cheshvan 5781

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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### **Back to the Source with Rabbi Dan Feder**

**Wednesdays in October 11:00 am - Noon**

Learn Pirke Avot with your fellow PTS friends. Newcomers welcome! Check your Tuesday Schmooze for the most accurate Zoom link. Email [Rabbi Feder](#) for questions.



### **Morning Blessings with Rabbi Alban**

**Thursdays October 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:00 - 9:30 am**

With so much challenge and pain in our current world, we could all use an opportunity to wake up and appreciate the blessings that abound. Join Rabbi Alban as we learn about and sing a different morning blessing each week. Children and adults are welcome!

### **Chats with Charles**

**Thursdays, 12:00 - 12:30 pm**

Join pianist Charles Calhoun for a weekly discussion on a piece of classical music. Listen to the full piece ahead of time or come and listen to the selection that he shares during the chat. Bring your lunch and join in the fun!





### **Sholom Salon**

**Fridays, October 12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Join Dan Gerson, Ayelet Shapiro, and your PTS friends for an hour of connection. Each week we will chat about a different topic, discuss an article, or just check in with each other to see another friendly face. All ages and stages are welcome!

### **Caring For Our Community**

*Volunteer to be a Two-Week Caring Community Coordinator*



You can offer peer-to-peer support by making calls, writing cards, and virtually connecting with members of our community. To learn more, please contact, Bev Rochelle, [brochelle@sholom.org](mailto:brochelle@sholom.org) or Rabbi Lisa Delson, [rabbidelson@sholom.org](mailto:rabbidelson@sholom.org)

## **Sukkot 2020**

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Sukkot Service with Musician-In-Residence, Elana Arian**

**Friday, October 2, 5:00 pm**

Bring in Shabbat with Musician-In-Residence, Elana Arian and your PTS clergy and celebrate the first day of Youth Education classes with a consecration blessing for our kindergarteners and other new Youth Ed students.



### **Sukkot Morning Service with Musician-In-Residence, Elana Arian**

**Saturday, October 3, 10:30 am**

Let us rejoice together in our Festival of Joy with Elana Arian and Rabbi Delson in our virtual sukkah. Join in for an hour of music, relaxation, and giving thanks for all that we have.

### **Havdalah with Musician-In-Residence, Elana Arian**

**Saturday, October 3, 7:00 pm**

One of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music, Elana Arian will lead us in an engaging evening of song, story, and community.



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## Donate Your Used Vehicle

IT'S A WIN/WIN FOR YOU & PTS

Car donations are an easy way to support PTS as proceeds from sales go right to the Temple. Trucks, boats, motorcycles, and RVs are also accepted, running or not! For more information, please contact [office@sholom.org](mailto:office@sholom.org).



### Voter Engagement in October

**Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join 100 other congregations across California with RAC-CA to learn more about Prop 15. RAC-CA's Forum will bring in outside speakers on both sides of the issue to make sure all members of our community can cast informed ballots on this measure.

[Register for the forum here!](#)



### Voter Engagement: League of Women Voters Ballot Measure Education Night

**Monday, October 12, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

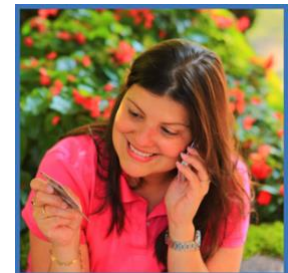
Be an educated voter! Join us for an informative evening with a representative from the League of Women Voters discussing the pros and cons of the propositions on the November 3 ballot. When we hosted two years ago more than 40 PTS members joined. Mark your calendars!

### Get Out the Vote Gathering and Phone Banking for Reclaim Our Vote

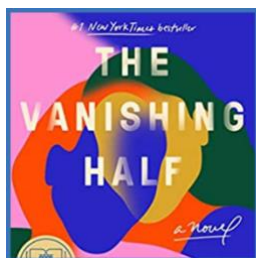
**Wednesday, October 14, 3:30 - 5:30 pm**

We sent over 3,000 postcards this summer to people in high voter suppression states! We are getting back together to make phone calls to voters of color in those same states to share information and encourage them to vote.

During this event we will take a phone bank training, learn tips for phone banking for introverts and other reluctant phone bankers, make phone calls for approximately 1 hour and come back together to debrief and celebrate our collective action. If you know you will make it, RSVP to Arlene Rosenberg at [abrosenberg@comcast.net](mailto:abrosenberg@comcast.net).



If you have questions about your ballot or where to drop it off contact Marci Benson at [marcib@comcast.net](mailto:marcib@comcast.net) or 650-863-1630.



### PTS Book Club

**Thursday, October 8, 3:00 pm via Zoom**

Join the PTS Book Club for a riveting discussion on the book, "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. Purchase the book on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and help benefit PTS through shopping on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). For Zoom link email, Shelly Blecher.

### Tots and Torah

**Friday, October 9, 5:30 pm**

Join Rabbi Delson, Allison Steckley, and special musical guest Melita Silberstein. Bring your musical instruments and join in for the Shabbat blessings, fun songs, and a story.



## SIMCHAT TORAH

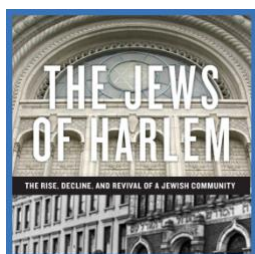
#VIRTUALLYTOGETHER

### SIMCHAT TORAH SHABBAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 5:00 PM

### SIMCHAT TORAH FESTIVAL MORNING & YIZKOR SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 10:30 AM



### Mensches Virtual Book Club

**Thursday, October 15, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

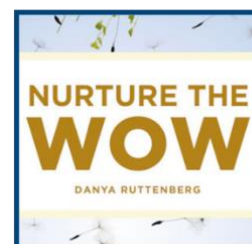
Join your PTS Mensches as they discuss "The Jews of Harlem, The Rise, Decline, and Revival of a Jewish Community" by Jeffrey S. Gurock. Find the book on [Amazon Smile Here](https://www.amazon.com).

If interested, please email [Michael.Fried](mailto:Michael.Fried@pts.org) to receive the Zoom link.

### Nurture The Wow: The Joys and Oys of Parenting Young Children

**Thursday, October 15, 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

Join Rabbi Delson and other preschool age parents in an informal discussion and support each other through these strange times.





### **An Interfaith Discussion: Standing up to Racism**

**Monday, October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Hear how people of multiple faiths are standing up against racism, followed by breakout rooms for participants to discuss. Speakers include: Rev. Kristi Denham - UCC Pastor, April Vargas - Community Organizer, Kelly Yu - Coalition Z, Alex Iliopoulou - Coalition Z. Moderated by Rabbi Corey Helfand.

[Register here!](#)

### **Sholom Women Get Together**

**Raise a Toast in Celebration of Female Friendships!**

**Thursday, October 22, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

Join us to Watch a short Ted Talk with Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda on Female Friendships

Conversation to follow...Don't forget to "BYOB"!



### **Hot Topics with Rabbi Dan Feder**

**Thursday, October 22, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

Bring your food while Rabbi Feder brings the food for thought. All are welcome!

### **Let's Talk Mental Health - In Our Own Voices**

**Sunday, October 25, 3:00 - 4:30 pm via Zoom**

PTS' Let's Talk Mental Health team is partnering with NAMI this month for a program called In "Our Own Voices", where we will hear three heartfelt and inspiring stories from those who suffer with mental illness. This panel is not to be missed. RSVP to [marcib@comcast.net](mailto:marcib@comcast.net) and submit questions to the panelists at [letstalkmh@sholom.org](mailto:letstalkmh@sholom.org).

*Peninsula Temple Sholom is an inclusive Jewish community where everyone can find peace, inspiration, and their own connection to Judaism. Whether in the synagogue, each other's homes, or the world beyond, Peninsula Temple Sholom creates a sacred space for those who are a part of it.*