

Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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We welcome Rabbi Greenwald as the next guest in our Rabbi in Residence program. Join us on Saturday, February 10th for this enriching morning.

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Purim with a New Appreciation



RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

This year, I will be approaching Purim with a new appreciation. You see, the tractate of Talmud that I am studying right now is *Masechet*

Megillah, which begins by discussing the correct date for reading Megillat Esther and fulfilling that *mitzvah*. There is no aspect of Jewish life that Purim does not touch. Concepts like *mitzvot*, celebrations, dependency, faith, *tzedakah*, and history are all part of the tapestry of this great holiday.

Yet, I think too many dismiss Purim as a holiday for children because of the costumes and the songs. In doing so, they miss the entire point. Purim is about reflecting on all of these great Jewish concepts and realizing that we have the ability to construct whatever reality we want.

We have the power to send *mishloach manot* (care packages for one another) and *matanot l'evyonim* (gifts for the poor) each and every day, but Purim creates the tradition to help train us. We dress up in order to realize the masks that life forces us to adopt and to push us to see past facades to recognize that Haman comes in all shapes and sizes.

This year, for the first time, Cantor Dale Schatz (and another musician or two) will be joining us for our Purim celebration. Please join us on the evening of Wednesday, February 28th for a night of Megillah reading, celebratory song, ice cream and fun. Because the only way to truly contemplate the Jewish heritage and the Jewish future is for us to do it together. See you there!

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at 6:30pm

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From the Executive Vice President

JANET SCHULMAN TRASK, Executive Vice President

I was honored to be elected as the Executive Vice President of Adat Shalom in 2018 and I very much look forward to working closely with the Board of Directors, Rabbi Lebovitz and the staff. I also look forward to meeting, getting to know and working with the many congregants and volunteers who are the heart and soul of the synagogue. I deeply appreciate the confidence you have shown in me to help sustain our wonderful community.

I began my participation at Adat Shalom 3 years ago when I served as the Interim Synagogue Director. My one-year tenure in this position took place during a time of transition and change that required thoughtful, deep and comprehensive decision-making and actions. I was impressed and motivated by the team effort of so many good people to sustain the Synagogue and to continue dreaming of a stronger and more expansive community. Everyone worked together to ensure that we remain an important

center of Conservative Judaism in West L.A.

I quickly fell in love with the Adat Shalom community and my husband, Phil Trask, and I became members. We have made new friends, attended many events and enjoy the services and learning that take place all week long. As a member of the Gala committee and Chair of the Resource Development Committee I have been focused on fundraising to support our programs.

For the past six months I have been working with a committee to form and implement the Ner Tamid Society which is focused on Planned Giving to sustain our community in the future. I hope that you will look carefully at the options to support Ner Tamid and will become a member of this very critical program. Please come on February 4 to hear a panel of professionals present on estate planning.

My many years as a nonprofit

Executive have enabled me to gain experience that I plan on bringing to Adat Shalom. I am excited to use my skills and knowledge to work together with all of you to continue strengthening and growing our community. We are developing many programs to attract a wide variety of new people. I want to continue to work on increasing our membership, deepening our programs and reaching more families and children. My goals for this year include: strengthening our fundraising efforts, helping to create and work on new programs, and continuing to improve the physical facility.

Again, it is indeed an honor to serve as the Executive Vice President and to follow in the footsteps of so many great leaders that have been a part of Adat Shalom for so many years. I especially want to thank Liz Bar-El for her strong leadership and for working side by side with me. And of course, I am grateful to have Rabbi Lebovitz as our spiritual leader.

Upcoming Events

TALKING TORAH

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 10:00am

NER TAMID BREAKFAST & PANEL

Sunday, February 4 at 10:00am

MONDAY MORNINGS WITH THE MASTERS

Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26 at 8:15am

**JEWGLE SCREENING OF
"THE WOMEN'S BALCONY"**
Sunday, February 11 at 7:00pm

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Monday, February 12 at 7:30pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30pm

**WOMENS' LEAGUE EVENT
"WHERE ARE WE GOING?"**
Sunday, February 25 at 10:00am

Services

Shabbat morning services are held every Saturday at 9:30am.
Morning minyan Mondays & Thursdays at 7:00am.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, February 3
9:30am Service; 10:30am Tot Shabbat

**RABBI IN RESIDENCE SHABBAT
WITH RABBI ADAM GREENWALD**
Saturday, February 10 at 9:30am

ADOPT A TOT SHABBAT SERVICE
Saturday, February 10 at 9:30am

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, February 16
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service

EREV PURIM & MEGILLAH READING
Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30pm

Religious School Classes

Wednesdays,
February 7, 14 & 21
at 4:00pm

Sundays,
February 4, 11 & 25
at 9:00am

Office Closures

The office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.



PURIM!

Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30pm

Celebrate Purim with Rabbi Lebovitz and
Cantor Schatz!

Hear the Megillah!

Come in costume!

Enjoy hamentaschen and
ice cream sundaes!

PURIM BASKETS!

Send Purim Baskets!

A mitzvah and a fundraiser!

Send to individuals (\$18 each) or to the
entire congregation (\$150)!

Baskets will be assembled
Sunday, February 25
at 9:00am
Volunteers needed!

What will be your Legacy?

A Ner Tamid in Hebrew means eternal light. Through a planned gift to Adat Shalom, members of the Ner Tamid Society light the way of our community for generations to come, ensuring that Adat Shalom continues to be a center of Jewish life and learning.

Join us on Sunday, February 4
10:00am to 12:00pm
Breakfast will be served
Please RSVP by calling 310-475-4985

Learn more about how your philanthropic intentions can be carried out to support Adat Shalom. Come hear what might be the best plan for you and your family, how to involve your family in your decisions, and how to proceed with estate planning.



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RABBI IN RESIDENCE

**Saturday, February 10
at 9:30am**

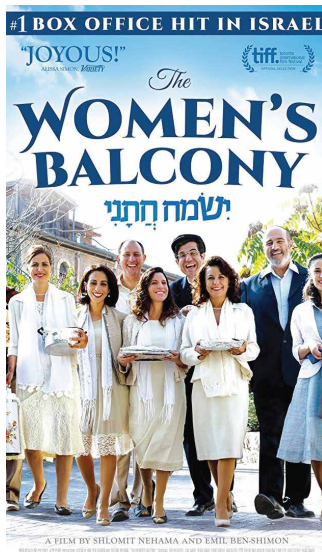


Join Rabbi Lebovitz
as we welcome

**Rabbi Adam
Greenwald**

Director of the
Miller Introduction
to Judaism Program
at American Jewish
University

FILM SCREENING



**“The Women’s Balcony”
Sunday, February 11 at
7:00pm**

In this dramedy, a
close-knit, Orthodox
congregation in
Jerusalem fractures
along gender lines after a
bar mitzvah mishap.
This charming film has
won hearts all across the
world!

Softball League!

Are you interested in playing softball with your Adat Shalom friends? Adat Shalom would like to join a local, interfaith softball league. This league is organized by a local church that wants to spend time with, get to know, and have fun with people of different faiths!

Games will start in April, run for 12 weeks and will take place at Cheviot Hills Park on Monday nights. This is a co-ed league so anyone 18 and older is welcome to participate!

There will be a team membership fee, sponsored in part by Adat Shalom's Men's Club.

For more information and/or to let us know you are interested, please contact the office.

Shabbat Across Adat

Friday, April 13

Join us for the second and final
Shabbat Across Adat of 5778!

Our first Shabbat Across Adat, held last October, was a smashing success. Over 100 families in our community participated, coming together for a Shabbat meal in someone's home.

If you would like to host a dinner at your home or if you would like to be hosted by another member of our community, please contact the office at (310) 475-4985 or email joanna@adatshalomla.org.

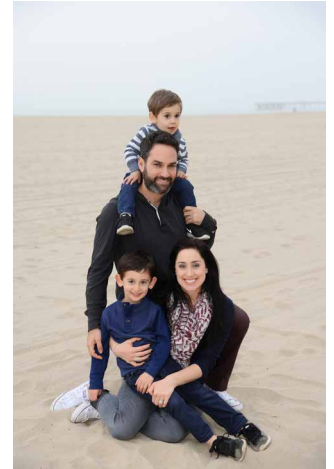
New Member Corner: The Bierman Family

Thank you to Anat Soffer for interviewing our new members!

Adat Shalom welcomes the Bierman family! A warm welcome to our new members, Adam and Laura Bierman and their two sons, Mateo (5) and Ari (3). The Birmans were introduced to Adat Shalom by their good friends, Erica and Ari Kopmar.

Mateo and Ari are always excited to attend Tot Shabbat and especially love Cantor Dale and his music. Three-year old Ari walks around his home playing his little guitar, singing the songs from Cantor Dale's music CD, and wants to be just like him!

Laura and Adam met at UCLA and have been married six years. Laura is a clinical psychologist and Adam is the co-founder and CEO of MedMen, a management and investment firm in the legal cannabis industry. During their free time, the Birmans enjoy fun family activities such as going on Sundays to farmers markets and bike riding on the boardwalk. Welcome to Adat Shalom!



Rabbinic Intern Miriam Green's January class:
"Teshuva – The Not-So-Basics."

Happy Birthday!

Daniella Babazadeh

David Babazadeh

Mateo Bierman

Max Cohen

Aaron Javid

Lyla Klein

Lathan Kopmar

Rina Steinberg

Eliel Stern

Our Condolences

Condolences to Richard and Leah Bernstein on the passing of their beloved grandson, Blaze Bernstein.

Happy Anniversary!

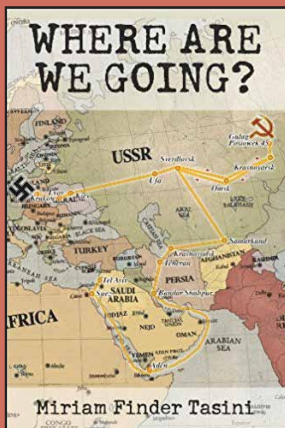
Mehran & Melody Javid

Noah & Andrea Jussim

Paul & Beryl Markiles

Adat Shalom Women's League Event

WHERE ARE WE GOING? A LITERARY BRUNCH FEATURING MIRIAM TASINI



Sunday, February 25 at 10:00am

\$8.00 with RSVP by February 19, \$10 at the door. Includes brunch.

Books are \$12; get yours in advance or at the door. Contact Miriam Hearn at 310-474-0423 for your copy.

Escaping just ahead of the advancing Nazi army, three-year-old Miriam Finder Tasini family's desperate flight from Poland took them across the frozen Russian landscape, through the Middle East, and finally to safety in what was to become the State of Israel. Now a renowned psychoanalyst practicing in Los Angeles, Miriam returned to her roots in Poland in 2001. It was then that she decided to retrace her and her family's journey and tell this remarkable story.

TOT@ADAT

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, February 3
at 10:30am

Join Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz and Cantor Dale Schatz at Adat Shalom with your kids for a special Tot Shabbat morning filled with art, music, and treats!

Adopt a Tot Shabbat

Saturday, February 10
at 10:30am

Adat Shalom families have adopted additional Shabbat mornings. On these mornings, they will plan and host a Tot Shabbat with snacks, stories, and fun!



Questions? Contact Joanna in the office at 310.475.4985.

KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, February 16

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Service

Join the Adat Shalom community in welcoming Shabbat with a delicious dinner followed by musical Shabbat services with Cantor Dale Schatz.

Please RSVP to the office at 310-475-4985.

\$18/adult \$10/child before February 14,
then \$20/adult.

Service is open to all!

SAVE THE DATE for Adat Shalom's Annual Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, May 6th
5:30pm



Plan to attend a new kind of fundraising event, honoring Women's League and Men's Club at an evening of mystery!

PASSOVER PREVIEW



Erev Passover

Friday, March 30

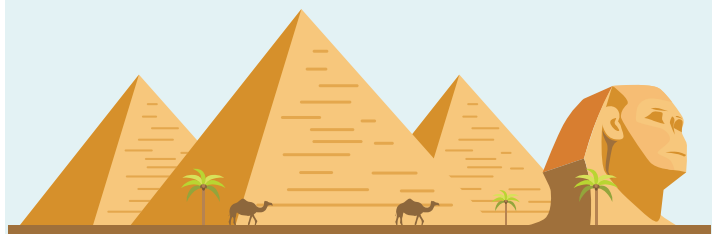
Passover Services

Saturday, March 31

Sunday, April 1

Friday, April 6

Saturday, April 7 (Yizkor)



Adat Shalom Marches with Ward AME in Kingdom Day Parade

BY MIRA AND LAILA DIXON
ADAT SHALOM JEWISH EDUCATION CENTER



"I have a dream." Probably one of the most recognizable speeches ever told. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was on January 15, 2018 and Adat Shalom and Ward AME Church joined together to march in the Los Angeles Kingdom Day Parade. We had a big banner that said "until justice rolls down like water". We believe that this means that

our society will not be perfect until justice is inevitable. "Until justice rolls down like water" is an excerpt from Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech that perfectly embodies the ideals of the Kingdom Day Parade. The parade is all about bringing all types of people together to raise awareness and celebrate a common goal we all share: equality for all. Seeing all of those people come together in observance of the wonderful Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, is something we will never forget because of the love everyone shared for justice.

Visiting Ward AME Church

On Sunday, January 7th Rabbi Lebovitz, our Religious School families, and other members of the Adat Shalom community visited our friends at Ward AME Church. While the kids prepared for the MLK Kingdom Day march by making signs and banners, Rabbi Lebovitz engaged in a conversation with the adults about justice through the lens of Micah.



Monday Mornings with the Masters

Join Rabbi Lebovitz after minyan every Monday (approximately 8:15am).

We are studying "Orot," the teachings of Hasidic Master Rabbi Avraham Isaac Kook.



Donations

As of January 10, 2018

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- VITORIO & ROSEMARIE SWID

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