

Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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Hanukkah: An End to the High Holidays



RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

The night after Hanukkah usually marks the most depressed I become over the end of a holiday. (This year we enjoyed the Clippers Jewish

Heritage Night, but most years I am depressed.) After a week of light and singing and eating, we return to the mundane darkness.

In the darkest time of year, Hanukkah demands that we bring light into the world. We place our candles in the window to affect perspective, to publicize the possibility of miracles in our time. After Hanukkah, we must be ever more determined to create miracles in our community, to be the change in perspective people need.

In January, we will be traveling once again to Ward AME Church, as a religious school and as a community, and then walking with Ward AME Church in the Martin Luther King Day Parade. There has, perhaps, been no more influential American figure than

Dr. King in bringing about more human dignity, more light into a society of darkness. Now imagine what is possible if we combined the perseverance of Dr. King with the strength of the Maccabees.

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We cannot just light the candles of Hanukkah and hope for miracles. The message of the Maccabees is that we have to fight for miracles. We have to be agents for change. The light of great transformative miracles begins with smallest spark of light—perhaps inspired by eight of them. May we enjoy a year of Hanukkah miracles. May we become the Maccabees of the days of old in our time today.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

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From the President

ELIZABETH BAR-EL, President



Happy New Year to all in the Adat Shalom family. Our congregation finished 2017 by holding our Annual Congregational

Meeting (ACM) to reflect on a great year and share plans for the rest of 5778. We also elected officers and board positions with expiring terms. Thank you to about 80 synagogue members who attended the ACM, reelecting two board members and officers and electing a new executive vice president (EVP), treasurer and two new board members. Welcome to Hilary Lottenberg, our very able and over-qualified treasurer, Ari Kopmar and Naomi Friedman, our experienced, knowledgeable and enthusiastic new board members, and Janet Schulman-Trask, who has accepted a new board role as EVP. I am very grateful that Janet has accepted my challenge to serve as EVP and commit to following me as the next President. You can

look forward to benefiting from her vast experience with boards and non-profits for a few more years. In the last two weeks, we have been meeting with our new volunteers, and I am so impressed with their energy, ideas and wisdom. I know they will help us to create a growing, caring and successful synagogue as we move into 2018.

At the ACM, we thanked outgoing board members Sandra Kass, Stan Lampert, and Andrea Nitz for their collective years of service to Adat Shalom. I thank them here again for contributing to Adat Shalom's community journey. And many thanks to Marla Knoll and Elana Dixon for accepting another two-year board term. Marla supports so many of our events and is chairing our annual fundraiser. Elana is also one of our dependable go-to volunteers and chairs the Education Committee, working with the Rabbi on the evolution of our school and educational programs from tots to adults.

Adat Shalom is in building mode. Growth is a team sport. Thank you to Rabbi Lebovitz, Maureen Sweeney, Dale Schatz, Melody Javid, Joanna Garcia and Cesar Olivares for being there as our staff team to support and serve our congregation.

An important next step for Adat Shalom is to invite involvement from more members to help with a variety of tasks that depend on volunteer help. You don't need to be on the Board to volunteer! Please reach out to me, Janet, Maureen, Rabbi Lebovitz or anyone else you feel comfortable talking to and offer your help. And don't be surprised if we reach out to you. One of our outgoing board members told me that giving time and energy to Adat Shalom was far exceeded by personal growth gained. I have found that observation to be so true.

I wish you a year of involvement, growth, fulfillment, health, happiness and all good things.

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30pm

TALKING TORAH
Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:00am

MONDAY MORNINGS WITH THE MASTERS
Mondays, January 8, 22 & 29 at 8:15am

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Monday, January 8 at 7:30pm

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH
RABBINIC INTERN MIRIAM GREEN**
Thursday, January 11 at 7:00pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30pm

The office will be closed on January 1 and January 15.

Shabbat Services

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

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
& TOT SHABBAT**
Saturday, January 6
9:30am Service, 10:30am Tot Shabbat

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
& ADOPT A TOT SHABBAT**
Saturday, January 13
9:30am Service, 10:30am Adopt a Tot Shabbat

**TOT KABBALAT SHABBAT, COMMUNITY
SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE**
Friday, January 19
5:45pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SHABBAT
Saturday, January 20 at 9:30am

**RABBI IN RESIDENCE SHABBAT MORNING
SERVICE WITH RABBI ANDREW FEIG**
Saturday, January 27 at 9:30am

Religious School

**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL
PROGRAM AT
WARD AME
CHURCH**
Sunday
January 7

MLK PARADE
Monday
January 15

**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL CLASSES**
Wednesdays
January 17, 24 & 31
at 4:00pm

Sunday
January 28 at
9:00am



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MEDIA, LITERATURE & RABBINIC VOICES
Presented by the Violet Harris Fund



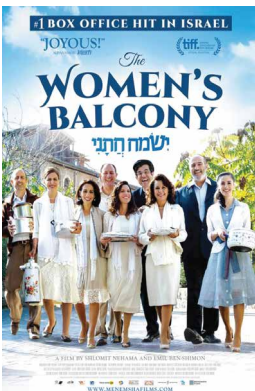
RABBI IN RESIDENCE

Join Rabbi Lebovitz as we welcome
Rabbi Andy Feig

School Rabbi at the
Alice and Nachum Lainer School
(Formerly Sinai Akiba Academy)

Saturday, January 27 at 9:30am

Jewgle™ 2018 EVENTS



MOVIE SCREENING The Women's Balcony (2016)

Sunday, February 11, 2018
In this dramedy, a close-knit, Orthodox congregation in Jerusalem fractures along gender lines after a bar mitzvah mishap.



MOVIE SCREENING Streit's Matzo and the American Dream (2015)

Sunday, March 18, 2018
A documentary about tradition, resilience, and a celebration of a family whose commitment to their heritage and to their employees is inspiring proof that the family that bakes together, stays together.



MOVIE SCREENING Absent (2015)

Sunday, April 15, 2018
(for Yom HaShoah)
Marculesti, Moldova was the site of an unimaginable atrocity. Years later, few speak clearly or honestly about what happened in the documentary. A Q&A with the filmmaker will follow the film.



RABBI IN RESIDENCE Rabbi Adam Greenwald Saturday, February 10, 2018

Director,
Miller Introduction to
Judaism Program

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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Adat Shalom Board Member
Moderator

KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, January 19

**5:45pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat for
young families**

6:30pm Community Dinner

7:30pm Service

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

Please RSVP to the office at 310-475-4985.
Dinner: \$18/adult \$10/child before January
17, then \$20/adult. Service and Tot
Kabbalat Shabbat are open to all!



Women's League Torah Fund Shabbat

Saturday, January 20



Torah Fund Cha-yay

Olam Award

Recipients:

Micke Bubis

& Lourine Hall

Join us to hear greetings from Debbie
Guest, representative from regional
Women's League, and a sermon by
Rabbinic Intern Miriam Green.

We welcome your participation! Please
contact Women's League Shabbat Chair
Ronnie Lampert at 310-397-4815 or
stanronnie@yahoo.com
for more information.

Adult Education with Rabbinic Intern Miriam Green

Please RSVP to the office or by emailing joanna@adatshalomla.org

Thursday, January 11 at 7:00pm

Teshuvah as Transcendence

We will examine in depth the philosophy of teshuvah articulated by Rabbi Abraham Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel. He describes teshuvah as a path for all, not just for those who have erred, to reach new spiritual heights.

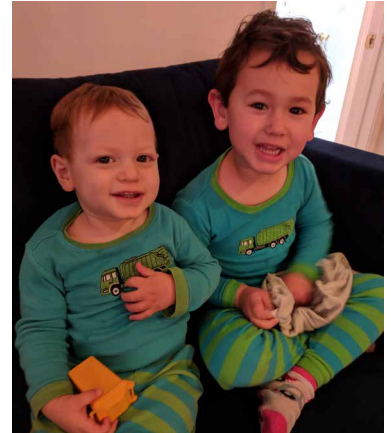
New Member Corner: The Miller Family

Thank you to Anat Soffer for interviewing our new members!

Adat Shalom is pleased to welcome Ari and Marcy Miller and family! Ari, who works as a computer programmer for TripAdvisor, and Marcy, a full time mom, are both Los Angeles natives.

Ari and Marcy have two sons: Lev, who is four years old and a student at Young Minds Preschool, and Wes, who turned two years old in December. The Miller family met Rabbi Lebovitz through the Shabbat Enrichment program he does with Cantor Schatz at Young Minds. They have also enjoyed Tot Shabbat services at Adat Shalom. The Millers enjoy playing at local parks, visiting their local library, and family events at Adat Shalom.

Welcome to Adat Shalom!



Our Condolences

Condolences to the Brill and Paz families on the passing of Charles Brill.

Condolences to the Wechsler family on the passing of Ruth Zev.

Happy Birthday!

Westley Gulin

Eva Jussim

Micah Jussim

Benjamin Kaufman

Joshua Miller

Happy Anniversary!

Stanley & Ronnie Lampert

Kent & Nancy Ugoretz

Alan & Lisa Sher

Blair & Amy Schlechter



Monday Mornings with the Masters

Class with Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz will begin every Monday following minyan around 8:15am.

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



Women's League Hanukkah Heroes Day

Some fifty members of Women's League celebrated Hanukkah Heroes Day together, lighting the candles using a ceremony honoring Jewish women heroes, feasting on latkes and other Hanukkah treats, and hearing about Hanukkah heroes from actor and storyteller Arnold Klein. The



heroic team of Suzanne Krell and Marcia Machol was ably assisted by master chef Sara Lewis and master decorators Holly Factor and Rose Ziff. An additional highlight of the day was the delivery of an overflowing basket of gift cards delivered to the Adat Shalom Chanukah Angels team for inclusion in our donations to Chai Lifeline to aid critically ill children and their

families. The proof of the pudding was all the praises for the day, shared as members and friends made their way out to shop at our beautifully stocked Judaica Shop, just in time for all the family celebrations to come.



Persian Rice Cooking Class

Thank you to Melody Javid for planning and sponsoring an amazing Persian rice cooking class as an item in our Gala's silent auction in June. Lucky participants who bought spots made and ate delicious rice! If you have a special skill or talent or you just want to host a fun event or party, you can sponsor a party or event for our party book at this year's gala (May 6), too! Please call the office for more information.



Chanukah Angels

Our community came together to purchase and raise money to purchase gifts for families of sick children in the Los Angeles area. On December 3rd, Religious School students and their families wrapped these gifts.

Thank you to Marla Knoll for all of her hard work in organizing this wonderful tzedakah project!



Enjoying Jewish Heritage Night with the Clippers





Donations

As of December 12, 2017

General Fund

- CECILE BENSON
in honor of
Paula Schwartzman's
70th birthday
- HELEN BUDIN
- DAVID & HOLLY
FACTOR
in memory of
Leopoldo Herrera
- MARILYN HUDSON
in memory of
Arthur Russell
- MYONG LEE
for Talking Torah Class
- SANDY & ANDREA
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in memory of
Leopoldo Herrera
- DELORES NOVACK
in honor of
Harold and Sara Lewis
for opening their home
during the fires
- RUTH PERNICK
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TAMI SHADI

Hanukkah Angels

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- HELEN BUDIN
- ARLENE GOODWIN
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SCHATZ
- MURRAY & REGINA
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YANO
- RON & ROSE ZIFF

Kiddush Fund

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COHEN
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- MARTIN & EDITH
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in memory of
Paul Peretz Lorber
- HELEN BUDIN
in memory of
David Wolownik
- ALLAN & ELIZABETH
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Abraham David
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Rose Litvack
and Sol Emanuel
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