

# Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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### SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Pull out your magnifying glasses and start looking for clues as we enjoy a mystery whodunnit honoring our Men's Club and Women's League. Don't miss this exciting evening!

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### SHABBAT ACROSS ADAT DINNERS

On Friday, April 13th, the Adat Shalom community will gather in homes across Los Angeles to celebrate Shabbat with our loving community. Join us as a host or be hosted!

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### JEWGLE MOVIE SCREENING: STREIT'S MATZO & THE AMERICAN DREAM

The family that bakes together, stays together. Join our community in enjoying this heartwarming documentary.

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## My Film Roadmap Jerusalem



### RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

I have discussed many of my passions from the *bimah*: Torah, Israel, and the movies. This month once again marks the culmination of all of those passions with the release of my new film documentary, *Roadmap Jerusalem*.

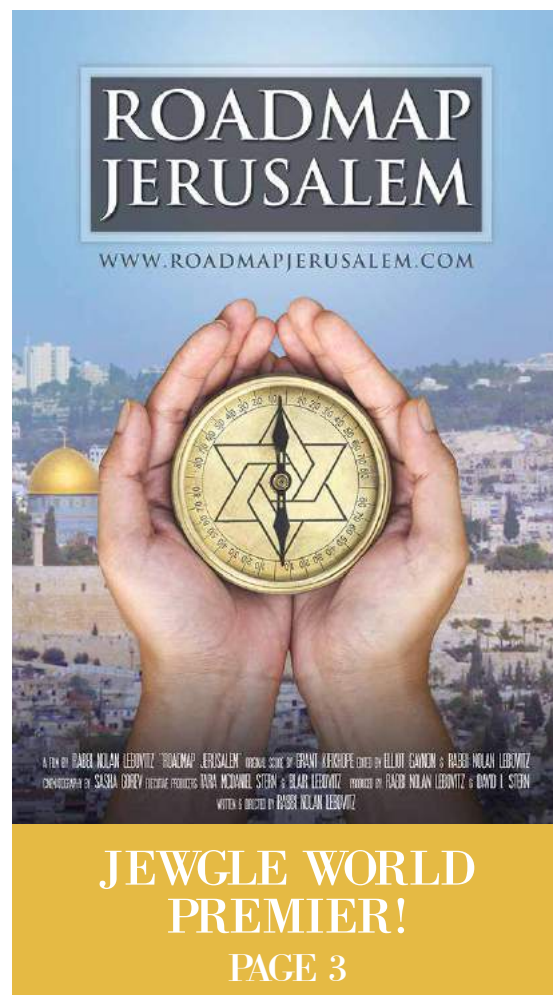
When I finish a film, I always feel grateful for the experience. This time I feel grateful for the interviews that allowed me to better understand the archaeology of the Temple Mount, who allowed me to walk the halls of the Knesset, and who exposed me to the presence of Jerusalem throughout all of the Jewish Biblical narratives. I feel thankful for all of the professionals who felt this project worthy of dedicating time and effort to this project. I feel appreciative for Liz & Barry Bar-El who made a connection for me with the archaeologist. I feel lucky to have a wife and children and parents who are always supportive of my endeavors.

For the first time, I also feel a level of acceptance. *Roadmap Jerusalem* has received endorsements from Daniel Gordis and Gil Troy, two authors and thinkers about Israel, whom I have read and listened to for years and years. While I expect other testimonials as well, their comments (found on the website [www.RoadmapJerusalem.com](http://www.RoadmapJerusalem.com)) are so meaningful to me as an Israel supporter.

Each time I finish a documentary, I can sit back for a moment (albeit brief) and take in the personal elements of my life that make the cut. My wife and kids are in the film again, as are my parents and siblings. Sure enough, my grandmothers stand with me in the movie as well. This time, a new character

has also appeared; Adat Shalom appears in the film. This sanctuary and this community are inseparable from who I am as a Rabbi and as an advocate for Israel and Jerusalem.

I look forward to screening *Roadmap Jerusalem* at Adat Shalom on Sunday, March 11th at 7pm. I look forward to sharing this accomplishment with our community. See you there!



# From the President

## ELIZABETH BAR-EL, President

Many of us travel to Israel on an occasional or regular basis, and when we do, most of us visit Jerusalem to reconnect with our people's ancient capital and to feel the intense power of that connection. Modern-day Jerusalem is both magical and a reflection of unresolved conflicts and unfortunate schisms in Israeli society. Many secular Israelis are not comfortable in Jerusalem, and many Masorti and Reform Jews struggle on a daily basis to assert the rights of every Jew to pray in our most holy city and at its most holy sites.

The media narrative more often focuses on the Jewish-Palestinian struggle over Jerusalem. But I often ask myself: What will happen if the Jewish family cannot learn how to share Jerusalem between ourselves? Jerusalem has the power to bring Jews together and tear them apart. Which will it be?

I look forward to gathering at Adat Shalom on March 11th to focus on Jerusalem at the world premiere of

Rabbi Lebovitz's new documentary, *Roadmap Jerusalem*. Along with his family, Rabbi Lebovitz visits Jerusalem to "recharge" every summer, and returns with renewed energy and inspiration, and this time with a documentary as well. Please join us at the film's screen debut!

Another way that we as a community have recently connected to Israel is through supporting the Israeli young adult movement, Dror Yisrael's, campaign to deliver supplies to Syrian refugees over the border to help them through the winter. This campaign, called Operation Human Warmth, is a powerful expression of strong and positive Jewish values. Despite longstanding hostilities that escalated recently following Syrian/Iranian drone incursions over Israel, this action shows compassion for Muslims and Christians in Syria who are the victims of destructive forces in their own country. In mid-February, Dror Yisrael, together with its youth movement Hanoar Haoved V'Halomed, completed the huge task of sorting

out 600 boxes of clothing and other supplies donated by Israeli Jews, Arabs and Druze for pick-up and secret delivery by the Israeli army to the refugees. While big questions remain about how Israel can forge peace with our Arab neighbors, these Israeli youth are teaching their leaders an important lesson about taking action to show compassion.

While they focused on the goods, way across the world, Adat Shalom members stepped up with donations of almost 4,000 shekels to their fundraising website for purchasing baby food and other priority items to include in their shipment. They are very grateful to us, and I am so proud to be the president of our loving and generous community that is always ready to perform another mitzvah.

Wishing all a beautiful seder gathering with friends and family at the end of this month. Next year in Jerusalem – in the meantime, March 11th at Adat Shalom for *Roadmap Jerusalem*.

## Upcoming Events

### TALKING TORAH

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:00am

### MONDAY MORNINGS WITH THE MASTERS

March 12, 19 & 26 at 8:15am

### COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30pm

### JEWGLE SCREENING OF ROADMAP JERUSALEM

Sunday, March 11 at 7:00pm

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Monday, March 12 at 7:30pm

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30pm

### JEWGLE SCREENING OF STREIT'S MATZO AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

Sunday, March 18 at 7:00pm

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 22 at 7:30pm

### LEARNING WITH RABBI SHOSHANA COHEN

Monday, March 26 at 7:00pm

## Services

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

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & TOT SHABBAT

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

### ADOPT A TOT SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, March 10 at 10:30am

### COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, March 16  
5:45pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE WITH CANTOR DALE SCHATZ

Saturday, March 17 at 9:30am

### PASSOVER & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, March 31 at 9:30am

## Religious School

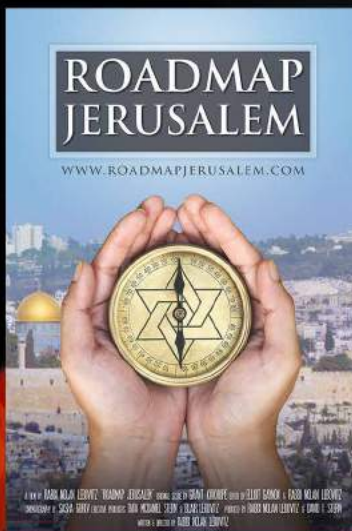
Wednesdays, March 7, 14 & 21  
at 4:00pm

Sunday, March 11 at 9:00am

The office will be closed Tuesday, March 6 through Thursday, March 8 for renovation.

The office will close early on March 30 for Erev Passover.

**"ROADMAP JERUSALEM" WORLD PREMIERE**  
A FILM BY RABBI NOLAN LEOVITZ



**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**

**7:00 PM COCKTAIL HOUR FEATURING ISRAELI WINE**  
**7:45 PM FILM SCREENING FOLLOWED BY FILMMAKER Q&A**

**ADAT SHALOM 3030 WESTWOOD BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034**  
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**JEWISH IDENTITY THROUGH  
MEDIA, LITERATURE & RABBINIC VOICES**  
**Presented by the Violet Harris Fund**

**FILM SCREENING**

**Streit's Matzo and the  
American Dream (2015)**

*Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 7:00pm*

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.

Please RSVP to [joanna@adatshalomla.org](mailto:joanna@adatshalomla.org)  
or 310-475-4985.





# SAVE THE DATE for Adat Shalom's Annual Fundraising Dinner

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

**Sunday, May 6th at 5:30pm**



## *Shabbat Across Adat*

**Friday, April 13**

It's time to register to take part in the second and final Shabbat Across Adat of the year. Our first Shabbat Across Adat of the year was so much fun – over 100 people came together to share a Shabbat dinner in someone's home. Don't miss out on the second one. You can sign up to host members or our community or to be hosted – make new friends!

To RSVP please call (310) 475-4985 or email [joanna@adatshalomla.org](mailto:joanna@adatshalomla.org) by Friday, March 23 if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

# TOT@ADAT

## Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 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, March 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, March 16

5:45pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat  
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. Service is open to all!

Dinner \$18/adult and \$10/child before March 14, then \$25/adult.

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

If you're able to volunteer to help set up and clean up, please contact the office. We'd be grateful for your assistance!

## Selling *Hametz* for Passover

A custom in preparing for Passover, in addition to cleaning your home and removing all *hametz*, is to sell your *hametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent (in our case, Rabbi Lebovitz) to handle the sale. This is a valid and legal transfer of ownership.

At the end of the Passover holiday (when we may again own *hametz*), the agent arranges to repurchase the items on behalf of the owner. If ownership of *hametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of any such *hametz* remains prohibited after the Passover has concluded (*hametz sheavar ha-Pesach*).

Instructions on how to sell your *hametz* will be emailed. Please complete the transaction by March 28th!

# PASSOVER

Erev Passover  
Friday, March 30

## Passover Services

Saturday, March 31 at 9:30am

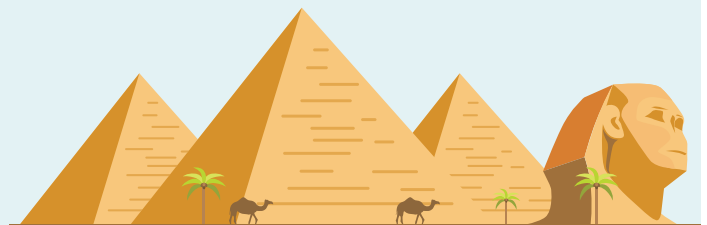
Sunday, April 1 at 9:30am

Friday, April 6 at 9:30am

Saturday, April 7

Saturday, April 7th at 9:30am

Yizkor at 10:45am





# New Staff Member: Leslie Katzman



Next time you stop by the office, say hello to our newest staff member, Leslie Katzman! Leslie was born and raised in West Los Angeles. She attended Sinai Temple Hebrew School and graduated from Los Angeles Hebrew High School and Windward School in 1984. Leslie stayed fairly local and attended Scripps College in Claremont. In 1988, she graduated from Scripps and realized she had no idea what to do with her newly minted English degree, so she decided to go to vocational school. In the meantime, she was offered a job working part time with undergraduates at UCLA Hillel and part time as a Western Regional Rep for USY working on college campuses from California to Oregon to Arizona and Hawaii (although no campus visits were authorized for Hawaii, sadly).

She worked at UCLA Hillel for 18 years, in between finishing vocational school, getting married, and having kids. In 1992, she completed her courses for court reporting (also known as “stenography”) and passed her state certifications. She actively worked as a court reporter, gleefully utilizing all 32 rules of the comma, until 2008 when she was lucky enough to be home full time with her kids for a short stint. In 2010, she stumbled into a children’s clothing store that was closing down and she and her mom decided to take it over. Leslie and

her mom co-managed the store, sometimes amicably, until they sold it in 2017.

Leslie has two children – Benjamin, 15, who attends Milken High School, and Sarah, 12, who attends Lainer School (formerly Sinai Akiba Academy). In addition to working, she also volunteers at her kids’ school and sometimes manages to get a few loads of laundry done.

Leslie is thrilled to be starting this new chapter of her work life at Adat Shalom. Welcome, Leslie!

## Softball League!

Are you interested in playing softball with your Adat Shalom friends? Adat Shalom has formed a team in a local, interfaith softball league 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.

Adat Shalom has formed a full team! There is still room for players if you would like to join.

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

## Our Condolences

Condolences to Judith Miller and to Elana, Chris, Mira & Laila Dixon on the passing of Bonnie Armstrong, Judith’s daughter and Elana’s sister.

Condolences to Earl Gordon on the passing of his wife, Ellie Gordon.

## Happy Anniversary!

Wishing a very happy anniversary to...

Mitch & Sandra Greenberg

Elliot & Penelope Lewis

Michael & Rebecca Risman

## Happy Birthday!

Maya Birnbaum

Oren Dekofsky

Liora Ginzburg

Benjamin Gravell

Guy Hartstein

Kayla Penhasi

Noah Schechter

## Jewgle: *The Women's Balcony*

On Sunday, February 11th, we enjoyed the Israeli movie, *The Women's Balcony*, a funny, heartfelt dramedy about an Orthodox community in Jerusalem. We look forward to enjoying two film screenings in March: the world premiere of Rabbi Lebovitz's second documentary, *Roadmap Jerusalem*, and *Streit's Matzo & the American Dream*.



## World Wide Wrap 5778

ALEX SCHACHAT & AARON JAVID  
*Religious School Students*

Last week in Religious School we participated in the World Wide Wrap where we said prayers and learned about the importance of wearing *tefillin*. We also learned about *kavod*, which means respect, dignity, and honor. We learned what and who we honor as Jews. Lastly, we learned about the week's *parsha* and practiced reading different parts of the siddur in Hebrew.



## A Big Weekend of Mitzvot at Adat Shalom!

On Saturday, February 3rd, our Tot Shabbat was joined by members of our community to make over 150 rescue bags for the homeless. The next day, these bags were taken to our friends at Ward AME Church, where they were distributed to the homeless housed there during the winter.

Also on Sunday, our Religious School students were joined by members of our community for the World Wide Wrap where they learned about the mitzvah of *tefillin*.

After the Wrap, the adults in attendance were joined by other members of our community for a very informative panel on estate planning and planned giving presented by Adat Shalom's Ner Tamid Society. We learned from three experts in the field who answered all manner of questions on everything from estate planning to the new tax laws and their impact on charitable giving.



*Thank you to everyone who donated toward our Rescue Bag project!*



*Ner Tamid Society Panel and committee members.*





LOS ANGELES

## RUN AND WALK TO END GENOCIDE

### SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 22nd

8am-12pm

Pan Pacific Park, Los Angeles

Jewish World Watch works to end genocide and mass atrocities worldwide. You can participate in this mission by walking with Adat Shalom's team on April 22nd in the 12th annual Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide.

To join our team (Adat Shalom and Friends) or to make a donation please visit:  
<http://bit.ly/JWWW2018>

**Fight Genocide. Do Not Stand Idly By.**

## PASSOVER TEACHING

MONDAY, MARCH 26 AT 7:00PM

Welcome back  
**Rabbi Shoshana Cohen**  
from the Conservative  
Yeshiva in Jerusalem

*Why We Keep Giving:  
The Manna as a Model for  
Parental Exhaustion*

Thank you to everyone who sponsored *mishloach manot* for Purim. This fun and delicious mitzvah is also an important fundraiser for Adat Shalom. A HUGE thank you to Judy and Dubi Paz and Helen Brill for organizing and putting so much love and work into this mitzvah!

Making *mishloach manot* for Purim



Men's Club *hamentaschen* baking





# Donations

As of February 12, 2018

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Tot Shabbat
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Grandfather and  
Great-Grandfather
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Grandfather and Great-  
Grandfather

## High Holiday Pledge

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- **STEPHEN & HILARY LOTTENBERG**  
in memory of  
Joseph Gottlieb  
and Nathan Nemer
- **MARLENE MENDELSON**  
in memory of  
Thelma Silbert  
and Burt Silbert
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in memory of  
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and Leonard Rotter
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in memory of  
Barbara Rona  
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