

# Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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## Thou Shalt Honor Mother's Day & Father's Day



### RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

I often find that the secular holidays of Mother's Day and Father's Day are so important in American society, that the synagogue does not dare to challenge them with programming of our own. However families

celebrate in their special way—brunch or barbecue—it is time for each family to spend time with children, spouses, and friends. We all come together in honor of each mother and father.

At the same time, that is not the honor mentioned in the Ten Commandments in the Torah. The fifth commandment states "Honor your father and your mother." (Exodus 20:12) Like much of the Jewish tradition, we are more concerned about the lasting relationship rather than the singular celebration. The Rabbis are more concerned about the marriage than the wedding, more concerned about the process of study than any particular academic accomplishment, and more focused on the relationship of honor rather than a day in honor.

And so while I always enjoy the secular days in honor of my mother, my wife, and my father, I hope it is simply a nice pause, much like Shabbat, that reminds me how I should

be living my life everyday. While breakfast in bed is not reasonable every day, a sense of gratitude, honor, and respect must be.

During these times when so much of public discourse is dedicated to demonizing people, let's try our best to remember to act with gratitude, honor, and respect. Perhaps the Torah is teaching us to use those wonderful characteristics in our closest personal relationships. If each of us acts toward one another with honor, then it might become contagious and seep out into society at large. Our goal should be to reach a Mother's Day or Father's Day that seems like any other day, because then the way we act wouldn't seem unusual at all.

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# From the President



**ELIZABETH  
BAR EL,  
President**

With Pesach in the rear view mirror, I sit down to write this column and can't believe that

it is already May. Summer is around the corner and a very busy year comes to an end at Adat Shalom. Our community has gathered for services, classes, films, speakers, singing, dancing and lots of food. In April, we held our second Shabbat Across Adat, with nearly 90 participants celebrating Shabbat in 8 homes. Thank you to the hosts: the Schechters, Pазs, Dixons, Burtins, Rabans, Gabais, Nolan and Blair Lebovitz, and Jerry and Linda Lebovitz, for your hospitality, which made this evening such a success. I appreciate the hard work that Marla Knoll put into her role as chair with support from the office staff

and particularly Maureen Sweeney. Thank you also to Rabbi Lebovitz for an extraordinary year of "Jewgle" programming, which concluded with the film *Absent*, followed by an emotional Q&A with the film's director.

The Adat Shalom Board has begun to plan the coming year, working with the rabbi to evaluate where we are, where we are going, and how to get there. We will continue enhancing our community building programs, including Shabbat Across Adat, and we need a lot of input from you, the members of Adat Shalom. That is why you have recently received an email with a link to our Community Building survey, a very important tool to assist us in our planning process. I urge you to reply right away, before it slips down into the recesses of your inbox. It should take under 15 minutes, and the Board will be using the survey results to focus our efforts at the June Board retreat. There is a raffle prize for participating, too!

If you did not receive the email, or if you need help to access the survey, please call the office for help. We now have 179 member families, and how great would it be to hear from every single one!

Next week, May 6, we will hold our annual fundraiser, honoring the Men's Club and Women's League for their years of collective service to our community. It is a very opportune time to honor these two groups, who have been part of the community fabric of Adat Shalom for decades. Chair Marla Knoll and her committee are planning an event that will be fun and festive. I hope you have your tickets and will be there to support the synagogue and have a great time. Thank you so much to all who are sponsoring the event and soliciting silent auction items to ensure that we end our financial year well, ready for the challenges ahead.

## Upcoming Events

### TALKING TORAH

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17,  
24 & 31 at 10:00am

**MONDAY MORNINGS  
WITH THE MASTERS**  
May 7 & 14 at 8:15am

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday, May 2 at 5:00pm

**ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISING DINNER**  
Sunday, May 6 at 5:30pm

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30pm

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING**  
Monday, May 14 at 7:30pm

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING**  
Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30pm



## Services

Shabbat morning services are held every Saturday at 9:30am. Morning *minyan* takes place on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00am.

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE  
AND TOT SHABBAT**  
Saturday, May 5  
9:30am Service, 10:30am Tot Shabbat

**SHABBAT SERVICES AND RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL SIYYUM KIDDUSH**  
Saturday, May 12 at 9:30am

**COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE**  
Friday, May 18  
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service

**EREV SHAVUOT**  
Saturday, May 19 at 8:15pm

**SHAVUOT SERVICES WITH CANTOR SCHATZ**  
Sunday, May 20 at 9:30am

**SHAVUOT SERVICES & YIZKOR SERVICES**  
Monday, May 21 at 9:30am; Yizkor at 10:45am

## Religious School

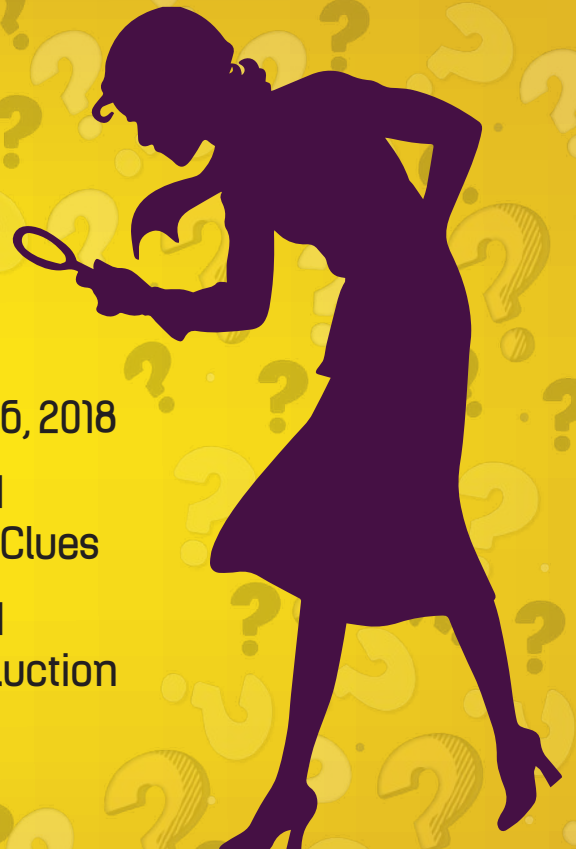
Wednesdays,  
May 2 & 9 at 4:00pm

Sunday,  
May 6 at 9:00am

## Office Closures

The Adat Shalom office will be closed on Monday, May 21 in observance of Shavuot and Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

Join us at our annual fundraising dinner as we honor Women's League and Men's Club for their many years of service to Adat Shalom. The evening will feature a fun and interactive mystery dinner experience.



Sunday, May 6, 2018

5:30 PM

Cocktails & Clues

6:30 PM

Dinner & Deduction

# Celebrate Shavuot!

## **Erev Shavuot**

Saturday, May 19 at 8:15pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

*The Book of Ruth: From the perspective of Naomi.*

Join our special Tikkun Leil and look through a new lens at the Shavuot story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz. Expect a lively discussion led by Rabbi Lebovitz, with cheesecake.

## **Shavuot Services**

Sunday, May 20 at 9:30am

Monday, May 21 at 9:30am

Yizkor at 10:45am

After Yizkor, join us as we rededicate our newly renovated Minyan Torah Scroll in memory of Chaim Sabbah (z"l).



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## OPEN HOUSE

MAY 2, 2018 FROM 5:00-6:30PM

Join us for an Open House and experience an hour of religious school with students from 5:00-6:00pm and see for yourself the meaning and power of our program. Rabbi Lebovitz will be available from 6:00-6:30pm to discuss Adat Shalom's Jewish Education Center and how it can impact your children.

1st Year of Religious School  
Free with Membership  
Program begins with one day per week kindergarten class



### Program highlights include:

*An approach to Jewish learning that emphasizes critical thinking and personal connections*

*Meaningful learning opportunities with Rabbi Lebovitz*

*Joyful Tefillah (prayer) and lively music with Cantor Dale Schatz*

*Hebrew instruction geared toward synagogue skills*

*Seamless transition to Adat Shalom's Bar and Bat Mitzvah Track, guided personally by Rabbi Lebovitz*

*Hands-on Tikkun Olam projects that teach acts of loving kindness within the Jewish Community and with our neighbors in the wider community*

*Connection with Israel*

## KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

**Friday, May 18**  
**6:30pm 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 and Cantor Dale Schatz. Service is open to all!

Dinner \$18/adult and \$10/child before April 18, 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!



Adat Shalom is partnering with Friendship Circle to assemble summer camp backpacks for special needs Jewish children in Los Angeles.

You can help by doing the following:

- 1) Sign up to bring one or more of the items on our Sign Up Genius. Our goal is to complete 75 backpacks. All items should be brought to the office by Friday, May 4. The Sign Up Genius page can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/AdatFriendship](http://www.tinyurl.com/AdatFriendship).
- 2) If you are unable to purchase items but would like to contribute, please call or visit the office to make a monetary donation which we will use to purchase the backpacks and/or any remaining items needed for the backpacks.
- 3) Help us assemble the backpacks on Saturday, May 5th during our Tot Shabbat program. Backpacks will be delivered the following Monday. We need volunteers for delivery, as well.

We hope we can count on your participation for this important initiative! Please call the office at 310-475-4985 with any questions.

# Shabbat Across Adat

On Friday, April 13th, over 90 members of Adat Shalom enjoyed delicious Shabbat dinners in eight different homes. While celebrating Shabbat together, hosts and guests made new friends, reconnected with old ones, and had a great time! Shabbat Across Adat was such a success that we will be bringing back this program in 5779, so stay tuned!





## Jewgle Event: Maggie Anton

On Sunday, April 8th, our community enjoyed a visit from Maggie Anton, author of the Rashi's Daughters series. Maggie talked about her journey through Talmud to becoming an author and her latest book: *What the First Rabbis had to Say About You-Know-What*.



## Jewgle Film Screening: *Absent*

On Sunday, April 15th our community watched the documentary, *Absent*, about the extermination of Jews in the small town of Marculesti, Moldova, and the impact of that tragedy on the community that remains there today. After the film, the filmmaker, Matthew Mishory, told us about the making of the film and about his grandfather, who fled Marculesti as a child.



## Adat Shalom Softball Team

Come Support The Adat Shalom All Stars!  
All games are played at the Cheviot Hills  
Rec Center. Upcoming Games:

May 7 at 7:30pm*	May 14 at 9:00pm
May 21 at 9:00pm	June 4 at 7:30pm

\*played Penmar Rec. Center in Venice



## Religious School visit to Museum of Tolerance

MELODY JAVID, Religious School Parent

On Sunday, April 15th, many students and their families from the Adat Shalom Religious School toured The Museum of Tolerance. For me, it was an informative and moving experience to walk through this incredible museum with three generations of my family: my mother and my son, Aaron. We each asked questions and still have more questions, some of which may never be answered. In particular, we enjoyed gaining deeper insight into Anne Frank's life and her family's, before and during the Holocaust. On behalf of the entire Adat Shalom Religious School, I would like to thank Evelyn Ginzburg, whose generosity made this field trip possible and who also gave our group an outstanding and inspiring private tour!

Pictures from the day are below.



## Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Hope Birnbaum

Colin & Eve Gelb

Dov & Judith Paz

Jason & Alexis Schutzer

David Segal & Elaine Craig-Segal

Justin & Roz Wenner

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Ron & Rose Ziff

## Happy Birthday!

*Happy birthday from  
Adat Shalom to our friends  
18 and under*

Lilia Destin

Hillary Lewis

Charlie Schutzer

## Mazal Tov !

Mazal Tov to Rabbinic Intern Miriam Green on her rabbinic ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies! Our entire community is invited to the ordination ceremony on Monday, May 7, 2018 at American Jewish University

Mincha: 7:00pm (Shapiro Synagogue)  
Ceremony: 7:30pm (AJU Campus)

## Congregational Assessment Survey

Don't Forget! Please fill out your Congregational Assessment Surveys ASAP!

Your input is essential!

## Thank you

My sincerest thanks to all the members who made contributions, calls, or attended the funeral or a shiva minyan in memory of my beloved daughter, Bonnie Armstrong. Your kindness meant so very much to me and my family.

With deep appreciation,  
Judy Miller

## We Need Your Help...

We rely on our Adat Shalom community to let us know when someone has been hospitalized, ill, or has lost a loved one. Rabbi Lebovitz would also love to know if anyone is celebrating a birth or other *simchah*. Hospitals are not permitted to release patient information, so we would appreciate it if you have such information about someone in our community please call the Adat Shalom office at 310-475-4985 or email [joanna@adatshalomla.org](mailto:joanna@adatshalomla.org).

## ADAT SHALOM/HILLSIDE MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARY PRE-NEED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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Adat Shalom members will receive a Pre-Need Partnership Program savings on selected properties and special financing. In addition, each purchase will generate a \$500 per space donation to Adat Shalom from Hillside. This program is offered to serve the Jewish Community and to provide additional support for Adat Shalom.

For more information call:

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in memory of Ruth Zev
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in memory of Bonnie Armstrong
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in memory of Ellie Gordon and Bonnie Armstrong
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in memory of Bonnie Armstrong

## Religious School

- **RICHARD & LEAH BERNSTEIN**

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- **CYNTHIA HASDAY**
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