

Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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Volunteerism Sweeps Across Adat Shalom



RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

Shavuot is a holiday that celebrates the revelation of Torah, wisdom, and the Divine spirit. It is necessary to pause from time to time and consider expressing gratitude for the exceptional —that which usually

goes unnoticed. During the holiday this year, I began to think about the incredible spirit of volunteerism sweeping across Adat Shalom and those whose efforts might go unnoticed.

Volunteerism is a priority of the upcoming Board of Directors retreat in June. How do we as a synagogue community welcome new volunteers? How do we make volunteers feel more appreciated? Volunteerism is a major factor in any community. It is especially important in a community of our size (mighty and growing!).

As just one example of acknowledging our volunteer culture, I take great pride in our new library. Our book collection is growing and in great shape and the room looks very organized and welcoming. The lion's share of that credit is due to the countless hours of work by Sandy

Helman and Barbara Stone. They took the bare bones of a library and transformed it into a welcoming learning center. They have dedicated more volunteer hours to the library than you might realize. Please walk by and take note of their incredible effort. Thank you, Sandy and Barbara!

Sandy and Barbara are examples of community members who each had talent and experience in dealing with libraries and child education. And their talents translated beautifully into fulfilling a need of our community. I feel that each of us has countless talents that may enhance our communal experience at Adat Shalom. Please remember that every Jew contributed to the construction of the tabernacle in his or her own way.

As our year of programming winds down, I reflect back and think of so many of us who play more visible roles in our community and who help make our community what it is, whether on staff or as volunteers, like the Board of Directors or hard working committees, like Community Committee and the Gala Committee. And there are more and more entering the fold as new volunteers contributing to our community as well. I hope that we all volunteer more and begin to acknowledge each of those contributions more often through announcements, *Kol HaShalom*, and through individual "thank you's." Each and every one of us is responsible to create a more robust Judaism, to contribute to a more thriving community, to volunteer our time, resources, and talents to make it all happen. And to say thank you to those that we see and to those whose volunteerism is revealed.



Thank you for joining us for...
An Evening of Mystery Honoring
Women's League & Men's Club

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From the Executive Vice President

JANET SCHULMAN TRASK
Executive Vice President

This past year has been a very dynamic and exciting one for the Adat Shalom community. We have increased our membership, welcomed many new people to the congregation of all ages and backgrounds, developed a number of new programs and activities to meet the needs of our congregants, and shared many special times together with a renewed spirit and energy. When you walk through the door for services, programs, Tot Shabbat, Jewgle events, and holiday celebrations, you can feel the energy and joy in the room as we greet each other and meet new friends. And of course, Shabbat Across Adat brought many new people together to learn about each other and get the chance to know each other more intimately.

The excitement and creativity continues with the planning that the Board and others are doing to sustain and grow our current programs and to develop new activities that will further

enhance our synagogue and deepen our outreach into the community over the next few years. Many of you filled out the organizational assessment survey, which we deeply appreciate. The feedback and comments from that assessment have been reviewed by a committee of the Board and will be used as the starting place for a Board retreat on June 3, 2018. The focus of the retreat is to develop a two-year plan for growth and expansion as well as strengthening and sustaining our current activities and enhancing our facilities.

The areas that we will be discussing and exploring at the full day retreat include: strengthening community engagement on every level; examining our communications in order to ensure that we are reaching everyone in the community in effective ways; enhancing our volunteer activities to offer meaningful opportunities and increase the number of people who want to contribute even more to synagogue life; and discussing

ways to provide new programs and events such as *tikkun olam* and social action projects. All of these topics and more were chosen based on your survey responses and comments.

I would like to thank the members of the Organizational Assessment Committee and the Retreat Planning Committee for their hard work, insightful and thoughtful discussions, and their dedication to ensuring that Adat Shalom will have meaningful outcomes and plans at the end of the retreat. The committee members are: Liz Bar-El, David Factor, Ari Kopmar, Barry Bar-El, Miriam Hearn, Maureen Sweeney, and myself. We worked diligently to develop the survey, to analyze the results and to begin the work of planning the retreat. In addition, we are utilizing two professional consultants to help plan and facilitate the retreat: Leslie Horowitz and Hugh Leonard from the Executive Service Corps. We look forward to sharing the plans with you in the very near future.

Upcoming Events

Monday Mornings with the Masters is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the fall.

TALKING TORAH

Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21
& 28 at 10:00am

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 6
at 7:30pm

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Monday, June 11 at 7:30pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 13
at 7:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, June 27
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.

BAT MITZVAH OF LAILA DIXON & TOT@ADAT

Saturday, June 2
9:30am Service, 10:30am Tot Shabbat

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & TOT@ADAT ULPAN

Saturday, June 9

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, June 15
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service

Religious School

Religious school is on break for the summer.
See you in the fall!

ShaBBQs

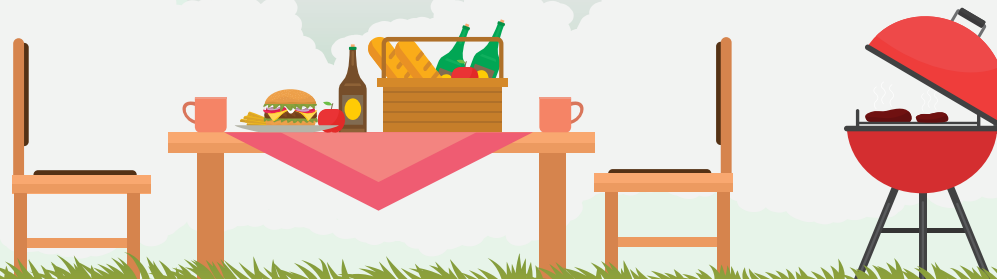
July 20 & August 17

Adult Education Series with Rabbi Lebovitz

July 31 & August 7

Tisha B'Av

July 21-22



Summer Preview

KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, June 15
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 special guest musician Ariel Wolpe. Service is open to all!

Dinner \$18/adult and \$10/child before June 13 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!

TOT@ADAT

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, June 2
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 fun!

There will be no Tot Shabbat in July.

Questions?
Contact Joanna in the office at 310.475.4985.



Honoring Women's League and Men's Club at Our Annual Fundraising Dinner

On Sunday, May 6th, Adat Shalom honored Women's League and Men's Club's decades of dedication, service, and giving to Adat Shalom. Over 130 guests joined to eat, drink, and solve a mystery together and everyone had a fantastic time. Thank you to the chair of this event, Marla Knoll, and the committee for working so hard to make this event a success!



Gala Committee

Marla Knoll, Chair
Elizabeth Bar-El
Elana Dixon
Holly Factor
Naomi Friedman
Henny Gordon
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A Note from Women's League of Adat Shalom

Dear Adat Shalom Family,

We want to share with you our gratitude on being honored as an important part of our Adat Shalom community at the Annual Dinner this month. It was deeply moving for Henny and me to receive this honor and to hear the Rabbi's words of Torah. The engraved Tzedakah box was a most fitting gift; we look forward to it being part of our synagogue life for many years to come.

In accepting this honor, Henny and I stand on the shoulders of many other women. We rely on the dedication of today's Women's League members and on the leadership of those who came before us. It is their talents and energies which have created the vital organization we are honored to represent. We represent all Adat Shalom Women's League members and with them celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our organization.

Women's League is grateful to be acknowledged as among the leadership of our growing, vibrant Adat Shalom community.

Henny Gordon *Miriam Hearn*
Co-Presidents, Adat Shalom Women's League



Shalom Mishpacha

On Sunday, April 29, over 30 families visited the Adat Shalom campus for our first Shalom Mishpacha event. While the kids had a blast dancing and singing with The Beat Buds and having their faces painted, parents took advantage of opportunities to learn about pool safety and pediatric CPR.



ADAT SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5718

By Aaron Khodorkovsky, Teacher

We had an amazing year this year learning about our 5 Middot and integrating them with different experiences that we tied them into. We learned a lot of different prayers and meaning in Hebrew Lab with Miriam and different parts of the Siddur with Cantor Dale. We are very excited for next year and the new things we will learn!



Adat Shalom Softball Team

Come Support the Adat Shalom All Stars! The following games will be played at Stoner Rec Center.

Upcoming Games:

June 4 @ 7:30pm June 18 @ 7:30pm
June 25 @ 9:00pm



ADAT SHALOM

NER TAMID SOCIETY

"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.

Through the efforts of our diligent committee members The Ner Tamid Society continues expanding to ensure the future of Adat Shalom. Our founding members are 11 strong and many other congregants have expressed interest in the program. We will continue to hold educational events and provide information about how you can join in this critical effort.

Recognition and appreciation of your participation will be shown through permanent plaques in the synagogue, through our newsletter and other announcements, and at religious services and other events.

What will be your Legacy?

For more
information, contact
Maureen Sweeney
at 310-475-1985

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- Gifts of cash
- Gifts of real estate
- Deferred gifts and bequests
- Gifts of personal property
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- Charitable remainder trusts
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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 your calling the Adat Shalom office at 310-475-4985 or emailing joanna@adatshalomla.org if you have such information about someone in our community.

Happy Anniversary!

Maxwell & Marianne Berman
Stuart & Marlene Bernstein
Allan & Elizabeth Cohen
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Mark Gordon & Amy Levine
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Ari & Marcy Miller
Arthur & Marilyn Russell
Steven & Robin Schneider
Murray & Regina Sperber
Joel & Audrey Swartz
Gary & Karen Zelcer

Happy Birthday!

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

Emma Blain
Michael Dekofsky
Oren Hartstein
Simon Lebovitz
Jonathan Shemano

Mazal Tov !

Mazal tov to Dov and Judith Paz
on the marriage of their daughter
Leah Paz to Michael Philips
on May 27th.

Mazal tov to Rabbi Miriam Green on
her rabbinic ordination.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES!



JONATHAN SHEMANO

**LACES High School,
Valedictorian**

JONAH KNOLL

**California State University,
San Marcos**

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For more information call:

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