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# The Outreach



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# From Rabbi Li-Paz

July begins one of the cycles of our year. It's the New Year for synagogue membership. While I clearly hope that you will be continuing your membership in the VOS family, I want to suggest that you consider how you might make this New Year extraordinary and memorable.

Audience experiences are wonderful but as a performer and participant for many years of my working life, I want to tell you that there is nothing like taking part in the story itself. At VOS, that story is one of rich personal relationships, yes, shared sorrows and shared joys, volunteerism, lifelong learning, and most profoundly, a strong sense of purpose.

Most good literature on happiness, good health and longevity comes to the same conclusion: It won't be our vitamin and mineral supplements that ensure the quality and length of our days. It will be our connection to purpose at any age.

Harvard's longest running longitudinal study on health and longevity concluded that community was the most important factor in positive outcomes.

A multitude of current study results from sources across the globe conclude that people (of all ages) who regularly attend religious services live longer and healthier lives. It's a stunning finding. My assumption is that people who are involved in religion are inherently connected to hope. Why pray if you don't have hope? Religious affiliation and involvement offers a tight-knit community, multiple sources of support, compassion, perspective, and a connection to purpose-driven living.

In case all of my thoughts here seem to be geared only to older people, I want to suggest that we who are parents of younger adults or children, reread this article and reconsider these ideas as they relate directly to our children and grandchildren. VOS and Judaism offer connection (life's greatest safety net), a strong sense of accountability, faith in a better future, fun, spiritual growth, friendship, belonging, inspiration and yes, valuably, a clear sense of moral clarity, one of life's great tools.

If you would like to sit down with me to discuss how you and your family might further immerse yourselves in VOS life this year, I would welcome the chance to chat.

In the meantime, I respectfully ask that you don't wait until the High Holy Days to renew or join VOS. Please support us with your membership today.

## **President's Message**



I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As the warm and joyous month of July approaches, I am looking forward to our upcoming Shabbat service. In an effort to embrace the beauty of nature and foster a sense of togetherness, we will be holding our July Shabbat service in the park!

This unique gathering will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Oak Canyon Community Park. It is an excellent opportunity for us to come together as a community, bask in the splendor of the outdoors, and celebrate Shabbat in a refreshing setting. Surrounded by the lush greenery, we will have the chance to appreciate the wonders of creation and deepen our connection with both each other and our faith.

During the service, we will have the pleasure of enjoying meaningful prayers, soulful melodies, and insightful teachings. Our talented Rabbi, along with our Cantor, will lead us in heartfelt worship, inspiring us to reflect upon the blessings in our lives and find strength in our shared values.

In addition to the spiritual aspect, this gathering will also be a time for us to engage in social activities and enjoy each other's company. Prior to our service, we encourage you to bring a picnic dinner and some light,

non-alcoholic beverages and refreshments, creating a joyful atmosphere as we break bread together and share in the spirit of Shabbat unity. Please join us at 5:30 PM for Shabbat dinner and schmoozing.

Please remember to dress comfortably, and most importantly, bring your warm smiles and open hearts. Let us embrace this opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in a unique and unforgettable way.

I look forward to seeing you all on July 14th at Oak Canyon Community Park as we come together to embrace the beauty of nature, celebrate Shabbat, and strengthen our bonds as a community.

Wishing you and your loved ones continued blessings and peace.

L'shalom,

Bill LaVere  
VOS President

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**July 11 - 7:00 p.m.**





Dear VOS students, parents, families and friends –

Finding the right words to express my thoughts and emotions at this moment is not an easy task. After a remarkable 15 years as the VOS Director of Lifelong Learning, the

time has come for me to embark on a new chapter in my professional journey and pass the reins of JEWELS to the next education director. As I contemplate my decision to leave a position that has filled my life with immense meaning, connection, pride, and joy, my heart becomes a canvas of mixed emotions.

While I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to dedicate more time to my family and explore new horizons in my career, I cannot deny the void that will be left by the absence of daily interactions that have allowed me to inspire our cherished youth, families, and congregants of all ages with a lifelong love for Jewish learning. The accomplishments achieved alongside the JEWELS education team and VOS lay leadership fill me with a deep sense of pride, yet a hint of apprehension accompanies me as I embark on this new path. However, above all else, an overwhelming sense of blessing and gratitude envelops me for the unwavering encouragement and support I have received by this embracing community throughout the years.

Rest assured that Jewish education at VOS will continue to thrive under the guidance of an exceptional educator, whose appointment you will soon learn about. Even though my role as a staff member at VOS comes to an end, I will continue to remain a part of this special sacred community.

With heartfelt appreciation, I bid you farewell with the words, "L'hitraot B'Shalom" - May we continue to meet again in wholeness and peace.

*Gratefully yours -*

*Carla*



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## CELEBRATING ROSH HODESH at VOS The Woman's Holiday

Rosh Hodesh, when only a sliver of the new moon is visible in the sky, marks the beginning of each month in the Jewish lunar calendar. Think

Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, which begins on Rosh Hodesh Tishrei. Tradition tells us that G-d gave the holiday exclusively to women as a reward for not contributing their jewelry to the building of the Golden Calf at Mt. Sinai. Kabbalistic teachings recognize the special relationship between women and the moon. According to the Talmud, it is a day when women abstain from some forms of work.

As women have celebrated over the centuries, so too do women participate worldwide today, including our own VOS members. Our group employs some contemporary ritual and creative practices, always looking to the calendar for themes. We draw from a variety of resources, use journaling, art projects and discussion. Each meeting is unique, building upon the relationships we are cultivating with one another and our Jewish heritage. Examples of some of our activities have included painting our own Miriam cups, decorating our own timbrels, and having a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

As we begin our third year, we are inviting more women to join us so that you too can experience this beautiful ancient tradition. We usually meet in the evening on the fourth Monday of the secular month.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions by text to 818-429-1220. (I do not answer calls from unidentified callers.) Or you can email me at [AdultEducation@vosla.org](mailto:AdultEducation@vosla.org)

Susi Weissman

Rosh Hodesh Facilitator

Chair VOS Adult Education Task Force



## RABBI-IN-RESIDENCE LECTURE SERIES



We hope you've been enjoying our Rabbi-In-Residence Lecture Series where we bring you inspiring and insightful talks from some of America's finest rabbis.

It has been such a privilege to hear the wisdom of the rabbis who visit us and we learn so much from them. They give us a lot to think about and their presentations are meaningful, enlightening and thought-provoking.

Our next Rabbi-In-Residence lecture will take place this summer at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom so be sure to check the VOS Happenings for the date. You can find us on our website at [vosla.org](http://vosla.org). We appreciate and need your continued support. If you would like to sponsor a rabbi please contact Wendy Levenson at 310-985-4285 or [wendylev@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wendylev@sbcglobal.net).

We look forward to seeing you for future Rabbi-In-Residence lectures when we will bring you interesting rabbis to share their wisdom, knowledge, and expertise. Everyone is welcome and we hope you join us for our next exciting program!



# Tuesday, July 4th



From sea to shining sea, we stand,  
United, proud, hand in hand,  
For in this land of hope and dreams,  
Together, we're stronger, it seems.

So let us rejoice, both far and near,  
On this July 4th, let's cheer,  
For in our hearts, forevermore,  
The spirit of freedom shall endure.

### **Is VOS a part of your enduring Jewish legacy?**

Designate tax beneficial funds from your estate plan for Valley Outreach Synagogue Charitable Fund, managed by the Jewish Community Foundation

## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**



High Holidays are just around the corner. It's that time of year to remember a loved one. Plaques and Yahrzeit Walls are widely observed in the Jewish tradition to commemorate the passing of a relative or loved one. We have a beautiful Yahrzeit Wall in the lobby of Valley Outreach Synagogue.

A new memorial plaque is available for \$200. A new or existing plaque can be personalized with a biography and up to six photos for an additional \$180.

For more information on obtaining a plaque, please contact Karen Lavin at 818-882-4867 or email [karenl@vosla.org](mailto:karenl@vosla.org).

On Yom Kippur we remember them – this is your time to memorialize them.

Forever in our hearts,

Denise Horowitz

VP of Fundraising



## **MEN'S CLUB**

Our V.O.S. Men's Club has monthly meetings. The Men's Club is dedicated to the camaraderie of great men, the support of our synagogue, and the exchange of life experience and (occasionally) good jokes! Men's Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:45 p.m. for FREE DINNER and meet at 6:30. Next meeting is July 6, 2023. Contact Bob Brandt for additional details: 818-535-0067

Men's Club of V.O.S. ANNUAL DINNER at Rosie's in Northridge. The buffet style meal includes soft drinks, salad, and dessert. In addition, there will be an auction. This event is to support our synagogue. Buy your tickets now -

Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023

\$35.00 per person.

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Rosie's, Northridge.

Contact Information: Bob Brandt 818-535-0067

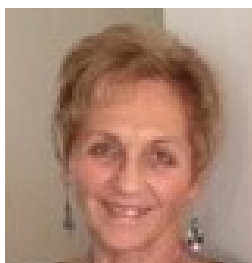
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## **SISTERHOOD**



Hi Ladies:

This is my first article as your new president of Sisterhood. I am looking forward to serving in that capacity and hope I will

make you proud.

We had a lovely End of Year Luncheon on June 6th at the Olive Garden. There were 27 of our members attending including our Rebbetzin Bronwen. The food was yummy, the company great and a short but meaningful installation of the new Officers by Rabbi Sara took place:

Barbara Barackman, President

Donna Sheanin, Secretary

Hallie Kraft, Treasurer

Barbara Huff, Outside event planner

Rita Puritsky, Member at Large

Please enjoy the lovely pictures.

The new Board will meet soon and we hope to plan an outside activity this summer. We will keep you posted!

We look forward to many more gatherings, meetings, luncheons and field trips, and hope you will all join us for those occasions.

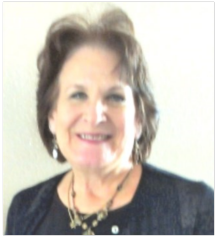
Have a safe and fun-filled summer. Be in touch soon.

Barbara Barackman, President

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## **MITZVAH AND BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES**



I am so glad to be out and about and enjoying the summer weather. I always look forward to interacting with other synagogue members and friends at the Services in the Park. In July, we have another opportunity to schmooze, eat and enjoy another Shabbat Service under the clear skies before we return to the Synagogue and begin preparations for the fall High Holidays. I hope to see many of you there at Shephard this year to help bring in the Jewish New Year. Membership information and packets have been sent. Valley Outreach Synagogue needs your commitment so don't delay. Returning your membership packet to the office is greatly appreciated.

I am always looking for a commitment from our members to join me and the Breavement Committee. We make such a difference when the need arises after a loved one has passed. Please contact me if you are considering helping. I would love to discuss what we do to help our Synagogue families. We may not be available to assist every time but we do our best to help.

I was recently told recently that VOS is unique in that we are one of the few Synagogues that provide bereavement help to its members. Personally, I didn't know of any other Synagogue that provided this service and had to learn "on the job," with the help of many volunteers along the way !!!!!

Hope to see many of you at future services and events.

Marlene Frierson



### **Thank You to Our Excellent Proofreaders**

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Dear VOS Community,

As we enter the first month of the VOS Membership year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for all of our members. The

membership team recently gathered for a dinner party in appreciation of one another, and it was a joyous occasion filled with laughter and love. We are so grateful for the generous, creative, and inspiring individuals who make up our community.

Valley Outreach Synagogue is more than just a place to gather for services. It is a Jewish Life Center, where we come together to share a respect for life and a pursuit of goodness. We are a family, celebrating life-cycle events and supporting each other through all of life's ups and downs.

As we reflect on the meaning of gratitude, we realize that we would not be where we are today without the people in our lives. We are so happy to have made the people of VOS our community, our extended family in friendship, care, and concern.

We invite you to join us as members of VOS and make this your home as well. Our Jewish life center has truly become living life at its finest, and we are excited to continue growing and thriving together.

Thank you to all of our members for your support and dedication to our community. We look forward to another year of growth and connection.

Warmly,

Anne Sperling

VP Membership



## YOUR SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The VOS Sunshine Committee is a wonderful group of VOS members who volunteer to contact VOS members in their time of need.

The Sunshine Committee members insure that our VOS family members are contacted by phone for well-being checks and encouragement.

Typically, the committee members send get-well cards, sympathy cards, and thinking of you cards to VOS members. In addition, phone calls are made and an occasional visit if appropriate.

Our Sunshine Committee members give of themselves to help others in need.

Thank you Sunshine Committee!

Sue and Harvey Magidow

Committee Co-Chairs







The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is here and I'm thinking about our troops stationed far from home. The photo below – prior to 2019 – shows service people receiving and opening our

boxes at mail call in Erbil, Iraq. A box is packed with 25 bags of goodies, one baggie for each person in the unit, but they do share with one another. And it is **heart-warming to see that our wonderful Synagogue's "Outreach" does indeed reach across the globe!** To all of you who have donated goodies and greatly needed shipping funds to OI throughout the years, we are so grateful.

However, the need is always there **so please don't stop now.** We truly need your continued help in order for us to keep bringing a little joy to our troops who give so much of



themselves in the name of our precious freedom.



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#### **DONATION BOXES**

Boxes near our Shalom Desk may be filled with food for SOVA and snacks/treats for Operation Interdependence

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Join Rabbi Li-Paz and Cantor Michael Li-Paz

# Shabbat in the Park

Our 2023 Shabbats in the Park are generously sponsored by VOS Sisterhood and VOS Men's Club.

**July 14 | 5:30 p.m. BYO Picnic | 7:00 p.m. Service**

**VOS JEWELS PJ Library Storytime at 5:30 p.m.**

*Games for Youth & Teen Hang Out*

**Oak Canyon Community Park Amphitheater**

**5600 Hollytree Dr., Oak Park, CA**



# Torah Inspired Learning

## with Rabbi Li-Paz

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Join Rabbi Li-Paz and your friends to read The Contemporary Torah, A Gender-Sensitive Adaptation of the JPS Translation, to explore its beauty and relevance to your life.

No prior knowledge of Hebrew or Torah is necessary.

Thursday – 8/10  
VOS Lobby

9:30 a.m. – Check-in & informal schmooze

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Class session

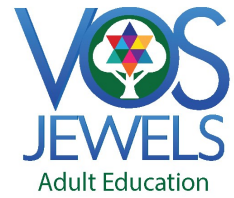
\$5 donation

Bring an item for our potluck breakfast.





# BAGELS & Banter



Join Rabbi Ron Li-Paz for a monthly discussion and a nosh.

Wednesday, July 5 | August 16 |

9:30 a.m. – Schmooze

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Discussion

\$5 donation

VOS Lobby

Bagels & Banter is a joint group with both men and women.



# Simply Shabbat

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friendship, inspiration,  
and serenity*

July 28 6:30 p.m.



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All the while, campers will interact with exceptional teachers and high-energy counselors in a safe, COVID-conscious setting. We provide a max student to staff ratio of 7:1 to ensure your writing development receives consistent personal attention throughout the journey. It's all designed to give you a "leg up" in the coming year.

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**WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS SUMMER?  
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## ***Building New Friendship Connections - Chavurahs!***

# **We Have Begun!**

In this phase, there is no commitment to a group. We are getting to know you, and you have the opportunity to know others by joining in and sharing a meal and breaking bread together. These connections could be compared to dating in a matchmaking scenario.

Everyone that turns in a form will receive a call for a get-together-date opportunity. You do not have to be sure that you want to join a chavurah, this is a discovery time, and in the process, you will make new Synagogue friends.

You need to be a VOS member to participate in this friendship activity.

Please download the Chavurah form and send the form to **AnnieSperling279@gmail.com** or call 805-796-9255.

If you are not a member, you can fill out a Chavurah form, and Annie can sign you up as a VOS member during the call. The dues are prorated to July 1st, when the VOS fiscal year begins.

***Let's Get Started!***  
***We look forward to meeting you!***

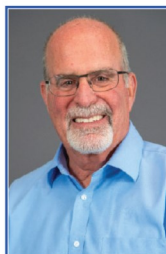
Download the Chavurah form:  
<https://www.vosla.org/join-a-chavurah.html>





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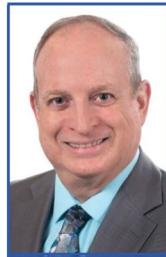
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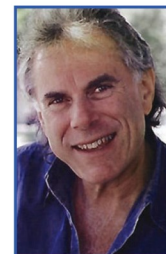
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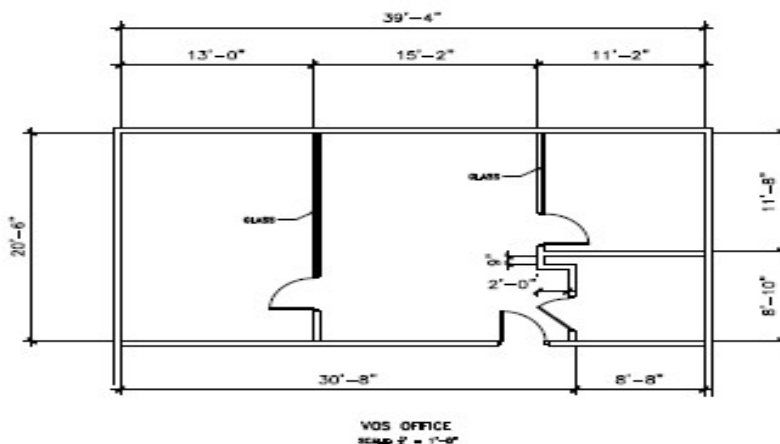
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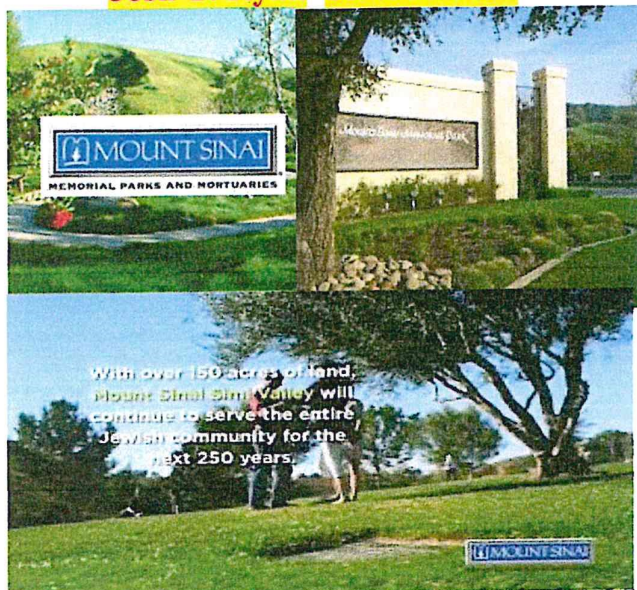
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### **Starting the discussion:**

“I don’t want to think about it.”

“Let’s talk about it later” ... *(but the time never comes)*

“Let’s be obvious, it’s not a fun subject...”

“We don’t need to think about this now at our age.”

### **Reflecting:**

“I think he was sorry he didn’t have it planned at the time because he couldn’t think about it when it happened. and when it happened he let someone else do the deciding.”

“I didn’t know the answers”

“It was one of the toughest things to go through...”

“I never realized all the decisions.”

### **Why you made the arrangements now:**

“I don’t want them to go through what I had to experience”

“Why? Because it takes the burden off my kids when they will have so much to deal with ... that’s why.”

“Because it is my responsibility to shield my family from having to make intense financial and difficult decisions at a vulnerable challenging time.”

“I know I need to do this to take care of my family: spiritually, financially and emotionally.”

“They have enough to worry about. I know it’s the best gift I could give to my family.”

“I know my family will appreciate it in the long run.”

“I don’t want to be buried in my gym clothes.”

“I like knowing now where my family will be visiting me.”

***We ALL know someone who wasn’t prepared, who didn’t know what to do.***

Having discussions, making arrangements, can alleviate a significant amount of pressure in an already most stressful time for your loved ones no matter what age. Hopefully this helps you start the discussion needed because starting the discussion is sometimes one of the hardest steps. I know it was for me

***Being responsible, starting the discussion  
Is not always easy***



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