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## THE TORCH

April 19, 2017 | 23 Nisan 5777

### This Week

**Friday, 4/21**

**7:30 pm**

Shabbat Zimrah: a soulful and spiritual experience of music, connection and community

**Saturday, 4/22**

**9:00 am**

Hevrah Torah

**9:00 am**

Tot Shabbat AM - Best Playdate Ever!

**10:30 am**

Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Lena

**5:00 pm**

Bar Mitzvah of Avi Carson

**Sunday, 4/23**

**9:00 am**

Sandwich Making for OPCC in the Synagogue Kitchen

### Havurah Raises Funds for Our Torah Restoration

One of our havurot hosted a Purim evening with Cantor Shapiro invited to read the Megillah. When the Cantor unrolled the scroll, this havurah group noticed that it was quite well worn with some damage from years of use. Cantor Shapiro explained that many of University Synagogue's Torah scrolls are also in need of repair. Due to the very intricate and specialized work it takes to repair these ancient scrolls, it can be extremely costly. This havurah decided on the spot to help: standing around the Cantor and the Torah, they had the quickest fundraiser ever! Each couple donated money to fund the repair and raised \$7,000. Torah restoration will cost approximately \$10,000. If you or your Havurah want to contribute to this fund, please contact Cantor Shapiro at [cantors Shapiro@unisyn.org](mailto:cantors Shapiro@unisyn.org). Once the restoration takes place, we plan to enter a yearly maintenance agreement with a Sofer (scribe) so that our scrolls are regularly maintained and we will not have to incur such a large expense at once.

Thank you to...

Gail & Bob Israel  
Martha & Jeff Melvoin  
Nancy Stark & Stanley Iezman  
Donna Shapiro-Castillo and Angel Castillo  
Jocelyn & Paul Silverman  
Lisa & Jeff Cohen  
Karlene & Howard Weg  
Susan & Josh Wieder

Life is a  
**CABERNET**



Cantor's Salon Concert and wine tasting in the charming setting of Judy Garland's Bel-Air home.

Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm



**Bar Mitzvah Spotlight: Samuel Lena**

Samuel is the son of **Bonnie and David Lena**.

**School:** Lincoln Middle School

**Spiritual Highlight:** The highlight has been learning about the specific food laws in the Torah that tells us about what we can and cannot eat, and why.

**Tzedakah Project:** I am volunteering as an assistant field referee at the West Valley Soccer League to guide younger children to play better soccer.

**Bar Mitzvah Spotlight: Avi Carson**

Avi is the son of **Stephanie and Jonathan Carson**.

**School:** Harvard-Westlake



**Spiritual Highlight:** Getting to be with all of my family and becoming a Jewish Man.

**Tzedakah Project:** I am working with "Remember Us" to remember people who died in the Holocaust

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### Mazal Tov

**Dr. Tristan Bickman**, who has co-authored a book with Kelly Rowland entitled "Whoa Baby! A Guide For Moms Who Feel Overwhelmed And Freaked Out"

**Bill Feiler**, who has become Chair of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles



Friday, April 28 at 7:30 pm

### People of the Book "Revenge After the Shoah" Friday, April 28 at 7:30 pm

Dr. Margaret Myers Feinstein will discuss the troubling issue of "Revenge after the Shoah." Dr. Feinstein is a Lecturer at LMU where she teaches classes on Anti-Semitism, Nazi Germany, Modern Jewish History, and Genocide in the Twentieth Century. She received her Masters at Columbia and her Ph.D. in History from UC Davis. She received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Germany. Her book *Holocaust Survivors in Postwar Germany* was highly praised by reviewers and she has published extensively in Jewish scholarly journals. All are welcome and services are open to the community.



Cooking Workshop

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### COOK WITH US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES' LIVES

We are now booking for this upcoming date: **May 17th** from **5:30 to 7:30 pm**. (Cloverfield Service Center in Santa Monica)

Our theme is "5 Ingredients for \$5 Dollars Or Less", and the meals have been delicious. Email [Susan Corwin](#) or [Ellen Dorros](#) for more information and to secure a date.



**Daybreak Designs**  
*Mother's Day Sale*  
**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017**  
 11:00am - 6:30pm  
 &  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017**  
 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Daybreak Cloverfield Services Center (2nd Floor)**  
 1751 Cloverfield Avenue  
 Santa Monica, CA 90404  
 (Between Michigan and 26th St., just south of Olympic Blvd. & north of the 10 freeway. Free parking off 26th St.).

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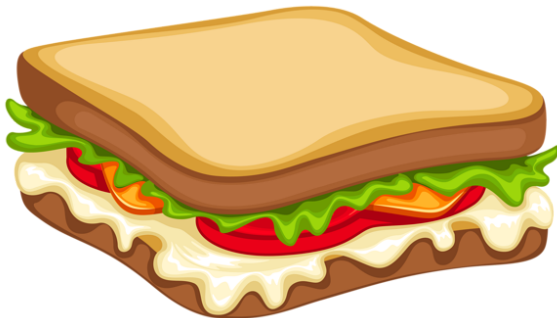


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### LUNCH MAKING FOR DAYBREAK WOMEN'S SHELTER OPPC

Lunch making for Daybreak Women's Homeless Shelter OPPC in Santa Monica continues this month. All are welcome to join this activity. Sisterhood is generously sponsoring this program. The next date is Sunday, **April 23rd at 9:00 am** in the Synagogue Kitchen. Please contact [Suzy](#) if you are interested in this fun Tikkun Olam activity. Hope to see you there!

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## UniSyn walks to end genocide

Join our UniSyn team at the 2017 LA Walk To End Genocide on April 30!



# YOM HAZIKARON COMMUNITY WIDE NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE

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FIDF, TEMPLE OF THE ARTS & CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL PRESENT

**Yom Hazikaron Community Wide Night of Remembrance**  
*Join us for the third annual Night of Remembrance as we stand together to commemorate Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror.*

SUNDAY  
**APRIL 30, 2017**

4:30pm Doors Open | 5:15pm Program Begins

*Free admission. No RSVP necessary.  
 Free parking at the La Cienega Tennis Courts.*

**Beverly Hills TEMPLE OF THE ARTS | STEVE TISCH CINEMA CENTER  
 at the SABAN THEATRE**

8440 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

**REMARKS BY SAM GRUNDWERG**  
*Consul General of Israel*

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**WE CARRY WITH US THE MEMORY OF ISRAEL'S FALLEN.  
 HELP US HONOR THESE HEROES.**

**Community Calendar**

April 27, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**The Rendezvous: Film Screening & Panel Discussion**

In this romantic adventure filmed in Jordan, Rachel, a Jewish-American doctor, and Jake, a Muslim-American U.S.

State Department agent, come together in a perilous quest to solve the mysterious death of Rachel's biblical archeologist brother and stumble onto a conspiracy that could plunge the world into a real Armageddon. The following panel discussion will explore some of the timely issues covered by the film including extremism, prejudice, and narrative perspectives. This is Co-sponsored by University Synagogue with Hebrew Union College, MPAC, and New Ground. [Click here to view flyer.](#)

Location: Lamemle's Royal Theatre Santa Monica

*Sunday, April 30, 4:30 pm*

**Yom Hazikaron Community Wide Night of Remembrance**

Join the community wide third annual Night of Remembrance as we stand together to commemorate Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror. No RSVP necessary.

Location: Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts

*Sunday, April 30, 2017*

**Jewish World Watch's Walk to End Genocide 2017**

Jewish World Watch (JWW) works to end genocide and mass atrocities worldwide by educating and mobilizing individuals, advocating for policy changes and funding projects to support and build resilience in conflict-affected communities. Please lend your hearts and your feet to the 2017 Run and Walk to End Genocide. WALK WITH US!

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