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THE TORCH

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This Week

Friday, 8/25
5:30 pm
Shabbat Service - BBQ to follow

Saturday, 8/26
9:00 am
Hevrah Torah



Calling all volunteers!

Our Annual Shabbat BBQ & Open House is right around the corner... and we need volunteers in the kitchen! If you are available and would like to help prep for our BBQ on Friday, August 25th, please email Emilie Leder at Eleder@unisyn.org.

An Introduction to

Judaism

If you give us 18 nights,
we'll give you four thousand years.

Taught by Cantor Jay Frailich at University Synagogue
Sunday mornings beginning October 15.

[Registration](#) is now **open!**

Faithfully Yours: The Totality Of It All
Rabbi Morley Feinstein



What a week... from Charlottesville to Cheyenne, from Barcelona to Bend... our hearts have been thumping, our emotions stretched, our minds trying to absorb it all.

The solar eclipse offered us the knowledge that there are forces in the universe that are larger than ourselves. It made us recognize that each day is different from the one before, and from the day that follows. We can truly recognize that night follows day, and day follows night, an ordered pattern of sun, moon, and stars; we praise the Creator of all who endowed us with insight to appreciate this glorious universe.

We have now seen something ultimate and beyond our ken. It brought us amazement, not panic; understanding, not fear; a thirst for knowledge, not a denial of scientific facts. For a brief moment, we were all focused on the same phenomenon. As citizens of this planet we have to act with the singularity of this natural event- to recognize that we are all one, as God is One.

As we have witnessed the eclipse, may we be moved to acknowledge that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."* Long after the eclipse fades, may each of us strive to bring truth, healing, and righteousness to the totality of our world. (*Theodore Parker)

Sprucing Up ECLC!

Alana Levitt, Assistant Director of ECLC

This summer our school has undergone some exciting renovations. Bright colors on the walls have been removed and replaced with white and warm tones. New research and knowledge about early childhood has shown that children respond to an atmosphere that is calm and reflects a home, rather than the institutional look of the past.

The purchase of new wooden chairs in each classroom helps to further our design goal of a school that reflects nature and allows the children and their artwork to take center stage. We are thankful for the support of the Temple Board of Trustees, including VP of Education Kevin Loew. Special thanks to the hard work and efforts by Lauren Gwartz, Robert Shamsi, and Alison Schwartz for their vision and expertise. We look forward to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th!



Sav'lanut; we want to talk with you.

Lisabeth Lobenthal, Executive Director

It's an exciting time of year. Our community is coming into the building, which we love and the phones are ringing off the hook. It is wonderful to be in touch with everyone as we begin a year of meaningful programs and services.

Because it's a busy time, we ask you to indulge us with a little bit of sav'lanut--patience. If we miss your call because we're on with another member or in a meeting, please leave a message. We promise to call and email you back.

Thank you so much for your understanding. We're looking forward to seeing you and talking with you.

HIGH HOLY DAYS COUNTDOWN: SAVE THESE KEY DAYS!



While we're enjoying summer, it's hard to believe that the High Holy Days are just around the corner! Now is the time to:

- Renew your Membership and get your HHD tickets
- Register for Religious School
- Register for ECLC

HIGH HOLY DAYS EVENTS & SERVICES 2017 | 5778

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

5:30pm - Annual Shabbat BBQ and Open House

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00pm - Standing At The Gates: A Community S'lichot Experience

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Services (Sanctuary)
7:30pm - Brentwood Havurah Services (Chapel)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30am - Rosh Hashanah Tot Service
10:30am - Rosh Hashanah Morning Services
3:15pm - Tashlich on the Beach (Will Rogers Beach, Lifeguard Station 15)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30pm - Kol Nidre Services (Sanctuary)
7:30pm - Brentwood Havurah Services (Chapel)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30am - Yom Kippur Tot Service
10:30am - Yom Kippur Morning Service
1:00pm - Sacred Jewish Music Meditation with award-winning composer and world-music artist Yuval Ron. *Experience contemplative music played on the biblical lute, the Oud, for a personal time of prayer, meditation, and inner exploration on the holy day of Yom Kippur.*
2:30pm - Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yizkor, Ne'ilah Services

Programming for Youth

Preschool through K

Our High Holy Day Tot services are just for you!

Grades 1-3

Children in grades 1 - 3 are invited to join us for a program in ECLC. We will have some activities, play time, snack and an age-appropriate High Holy Day service including hearing the shofar! This program is available at **morning services only**.

Grades 4-6

Children in grades 4 - 6 are welcome to join us on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings in the Gray Family chapel for an age-appropriate service. Our service will run concurrently with the main service up until the time the Torah is brought out. We will then bring all the children back to the sanctuary where they can meet their parents and sit with them for the remainder of the morning. These services are available during morning services only.

Grade 7-12

We expect our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and those who have become B'nai Mitzvah to join us in the congregational service.

Book of Remembrance

We are preparing for our annual Yizkor Memorial Book, which will be distributed to the Congregation on Yom Kippur afternoon. In order to help us prepare this book, we urge you to submit names to us as quickly as possible. The deadline to turn in the form is **September 6, 2017**. The form was mailed out but can also be found on our [High Holy Day page](#) at our website.

For questions, please contact Sue Share at sshare@unisyn.org.

SISTERHOOD: SWEETEN THE NEW YEAR WITH A GIFT OF HONEY

Wish your family and friends Shana Tova by sending them a gift of honey for a Sweet New Year.

Each gift jar contains 8 ounces of delicious golden certified pure Kosher honey and your personalized gift card. Order and pay online and your gift of honey will be on its way to your friends and families. It's that easy!

Our Special Price: \$12.00 per jar (includes shipping within the U.S.)

Please Note: The price on the website is marked \$25.00. Our special price of \$12.00 will be applied at check out after you enter the coupon code ***sisterhood310***.

All proceeds will benefit Sisterhood's special projects. Online orders need to be placed by September 6, 2017 to guarantee delivery by Rosh Hashanah 2017. [Click here to order!](#)

Mazal Tov

Steve Mindel, who will receive the Ethel Levitt Humanitarian Award from the Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center at the Annual Stand for Justice Gala. The Center provides legal services for poor and low income individuals.

Zichronam Livrachah

Natalie Weinstein, sister-in-law of Maryann Fenster.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events



2017 FALL WELCOMING DINNER:

Working Together for a Better World

Each dinner guest will be given a Bag of Hope filled with food and other items which can be carried in our cars and given out to a homeless person in our neighborhood.

Special entertainment by Shelly Goldstein, a gifted comic and popular cabaret singer.

Thursday, September 7, 2017

6:00 pm, Klein Hall

\$36 per person for catered dinner

Invite your female family & friends to this all women evening!

[Please RSVP](#) by September 1st. Reservations required.

Know of Anyone...?

We rely on our University Synagogue families, their friends and relatives, to alert us when someone is hospitalized or suffering any illness or bereavement. The Clergy would also be delighted to learn about happy events such as celebrating a birth, or any Simchah. Local hospitals do not release patient information; kindly call Sue Share, Assistant to the Clergy, at 310-472-1255, ext. 120, or email her at SShare@unisyn.org, so that our Rabbis and Cantors can better serve our congregation.

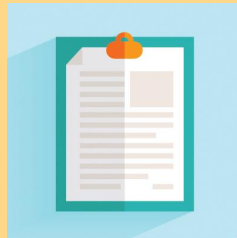
~Save the date~

TOGETHER
AS
ONE:

An Interfaith Concert to
provide aid to people
experiencing
homelessness.

OCT. 29
4 PM

*Featuring the
Yuval Ron Ensemble*



Calling all Volunteers!

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities?
We are looking for enthusiastic individuals
to join our volunteer workforce! Contact
Emilie Leder at ELeder@unisyn.org if you
are interested!



Know of someone who is interested in joining US?

Maybe there's a friend who is unaffiliated and
wants to be part of a dynamic community!

Send their name to Emilie Leder at
ELeder@unisyn.org or (310) 472-1255.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsorships

Share your special life cycle event with the congregation on Friday night!
Birthday, Anniversary, Engagement, Auf-Ruf or Baby Naming

Click [here](#) to see the sponsorships.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Kebre at BKebre@unisyn.org.

Photo of the Week



Welcoming Girl Talk Philly at Shabbat Services

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