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The Torch

August 3, 2016 • 28 Tamuz 5776



If you haven't already RSVP'd to Eliana and Renata Feinstein's B'not Mitzvah and Kiddush Lunch at 10am on September 3rd, please join us [here](#).

This Week

Friday, 8/5

6:30 pm
Family Shabbat Under the Stars

Saturday, 8/6

9 am
Hevrah Torah

9 am
Tiny T'filah in Flora's Room

Join us for Tiny T'filah this Saturday at 9 am with Rabbi Simonds



The Holy Days are coming; The Holy Days are coming...

Lisabeth Lobenthal
Executive Director

It's hard to believe another year has passed. We are once again blessed with an opportunity to start anew and re-commit ourselves to our Jewish community and Jewish values.



At University Synagogue, I see this in action every single day. Our commitment to Tikkun Olam is second to none. Our leadership works tirelessly to ensure our Unisyn family remains welcoming, and thriving. Our staff team is the best I've ever worked with.

It is also a time of details. In the office, we are putting together High Holy Day packets, distributing decals, processing membership forms, welcoming new families and preparing the building to welcome the community.

Shortly, we will be mailing your High Holy Day information packet. This will include your tickets, your membership decal, the forms for childcare and the Book of Remembrance. Please take a look at the deadlines on the forms. We want to make sure we can accommodate you.

If you haven't had a chance to renew your membership, there is still time. If you have any questions, comments, or needs, just give us a call. We are here to help and we always look forward to talking with you.

I know this year will be meaningful, spiritual, uplifting and exciting. I can't wait to spend it together.

Mazal Tov



Our Music Director, **Susan Rosenstein** and her wife **Anne Richards**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Lilah Faye, born to Student Rabbi Eric and Carly Rosenstein.

U.S. IS COOKING IN THE KITCHEN WITH OPCC AND LAMP COMMUNITY



**CARE + COOK + COMMUNITY =
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN**

Farewell from Consul General David Siegel

PEOPLE'S LIVES

JOIN US FOR LIFE SKILLS COOKING WORKSHOPS WITH OPCC & LAMP COMMUNITY

Are you looking for a great summer tikkun olam project with your family or havurah? University Synagogue is hosting its **Life Skills Cooking Workshops** this summer and the new dates are: **August 10, August 24 and September 7**, from **5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, at OPCC's Cloverfield Services Center in Santa Monica. Our theme is "5 Ingredients for \$5 dollar of Less" and the meals have been delicious. We create the menu and bring the food. Our last workshop menu was created by Jenn Haarmann, Ellen Dorros and Susan Corwin and included: a quinoa caprese salad, grilled chicken Caesar salad and strawberries stuffed with vanilla yogurt and graham cracker crumbles.

We've been told by OPCC's Director of Volunteer Services that our Cooking Workshops are a hit with the residents. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our workshops, and experienced how meaningful and fun they are for all of us. We are preparing, cooking and eating together! We are building community, and making a difference in peoples' lives. Please email Co-Chairs Susan Corwin (susan@sjclaw.com) or Ellen Dorros (ellendorros@gmail.com), to sign up and for further information.



Community Calendar

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, August 7, 3:00 pm

The Music Guild presents Summer Fest '15

Piano Trio Celeste will perform music by Haydn, Piazzolla, and Dvorak. Discount tickets (30%) available to members of University Synagogue. Call (310) 558-3500 or email concerts@themusicguild.org.

Sunday, August 7

The Jewish Federation's Community Service Day

Volunteer at the Federation's next Community Service Day to make an impact on Angelenos of all ages by participating in one of these four uplifting projects: Helping Young People Excel (HYPE), Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC), Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles' Tools for School/National Council of Jewish Women LA Back 2 School Store Community Day (Please note: This project is exclusively reserved for young adults ages 25-40.), and L'Dough V'Dough. For complete project details or to RSVP, [click here](#).



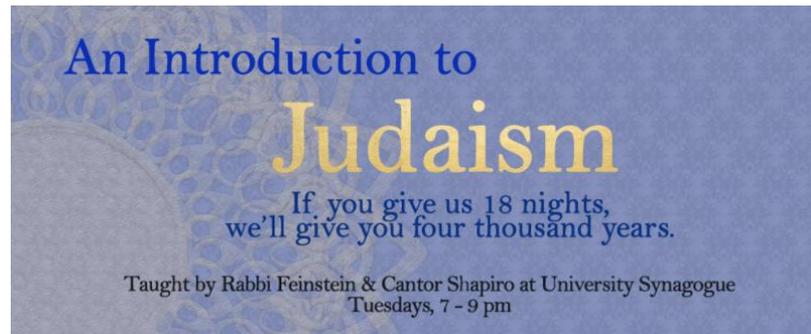
Consulate General of Israel
Los Angeles

Dear Rabbi Feinstein ,
From David Seigel, Consul General of Israel

As I complete my 5 year term as Israel's Consul General to the Southwest and return home to Israel with my family, I want to thank you for so warmly embracing us and supporting Israel. I feel very fortunate to have represented Israel in such an outstanding community.

[\[Click here to read the rest\]](#)

Introduction to Judaism Classes Begin October 16!



Registration starts August 15th.

Tour de Summer Camps



Help our kids go to camp! The city wide Tour de Summer Camps will be held on **Sunday, October 30**. University Synagogue has creating a team led by Ralph Hattenbach (ralphhattenbach@gmail.com; (310) 486-3446).

For anyone who is interested, please call Ralph or go on the [website](#) to register for the ride and join University Synagogue's team!

The cost to register is \$45 and you can sign up for the 18, 36, 62 or 100 mile ride.

We would love to see 10+ people join our University Synagogue team and will have a pre-ride meeting or ride to review plans for that day.

[Register now](#) and join Team University Synagogue!

Los Angeles Tisha B'av

Tisha B'Av with local reform congregations sponsored by
The Religious Action Center
Saturday, August 13th, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills

8844 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

The evening program will be led by many rabbis and Cantors including Rabbi Joel Simonds and Rabbi Morley Feinstein.

Reform congregations from throughout Los Angeles County will join together to observe Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av. Tisha B'Av commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and is a day that has been tied to many terrible moments of destruction for the Jewish people throughout our history. Today, we seek to understand our broken communities, the rifts between neighbors, and the destructions that we face daily, through this same lens. In our re-imagining of Tisha B'Av we come together not only to commemorate destruction, but also to commit ourselves to acting in partnership with one another to repair and rebuild that which has been destroyed.

Join us for an evening of havdalah, study, prayer, chanting from the Book of Eicha, and a chance to connect with one another to imagine together a more just and compassionate California in which we seek to end mass incarceration, rebuild lives that have been destroyed, and strengthen our democracy.

All are welcome - bring your friends and congregations!

Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm

Jewish Federation of Greater LA presents: Being in College Today: An Evening of Inside Information for Parents and Students

What's it like to be Jewish in college today? You and your student can join us to hear directly from campus professionals, current students, and Federation staff. You'll get expert tips on everything a student needs to be Jewishly involved - from finding a place to go for Shabbat dinners and High Holy Day services to discovering a campus group where your child will feel welcome. Free of charge. Dessert and coffee will be served. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Location: The Jewish Federation, 6505 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90048

To see more of our events, go to our [calendar](#) on our website!

Ten Minutes of Torah

ReformJudaism.org
Jewish Life in Your Life



Sign up to receive a one-page email each day on a topic of Jewish interest. It only takes 10 minutes a day to get started on a lifelong journey. Spend 10 minute a day - and before you know it you'll have completed 100 hours of Torah study.

Ten Minutes of Torah - Monday

Reform Voices of Torah (modern Torah commentaries)

Ten Minutes of Torah - Tuesday

Celebrating Jewish Arts and Culture

Ten Minutes of Torah - Wednesday

Israel Connections

Ten Minutes of Torah - Thursday

Reform Life, Jewish Life

Weekly Update

Ten Minutes of Torah and weekly news updates delivered on **Fridays**

[Click here to choose which days you would like to receive Ten Minutes of Torah.](#)

Photos from Camp Newman:





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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



SHABBAT BBQ and OPEN HOUSE

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 26TH**

Join us for our Annual Shabbat BBQ & Open House. We will be led in a special outdoor Shabbat service followed by a delicious bbq.

5:30 PM — SHABBAT SERVICE
6:30 PM — BBQ & OPEN HOUSE

Meet new members, reconnect with old friends, join our UNITY leaders, and get ready for the new year with our community. If you would like to volunteer and help us prepare for this fun evening, please email US at info@unisyn.org

◀ Koshers burgers & dogs • Turkey chilli • Vegan options and more! ▶

➔➔➔ Please RSVP by Monday, August 22!



Brought to you by University Synagogue and our very own fantastic past-presidents!

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