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February 22, 2017 | 26 Shevat 5777

2017 Heroes Among US

gala

honoring:

Rabbi Joel T. Simonds
Dr. Barry Silverman

March 16, 2017
Riviera Country Club

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

This Week

Friday, 2/24

5:30 pm
Tot Shabbat PM

7:30 pm
Shabbat Service

Saturday, 2/25

9 am
Hevrah Torah

Sunday, 2/26

9 am
Lunch Making for OPCC
(Synagogue Kitchen)

The Case For Community

Jessica Shamout, Director of Jewish Education

If you ask a child what his/her favorite things are, you will get a laundry list of items, people and activities. I recently asked a toddler what her favorite thing was and she said, "I love pink and also my dad and my friends and playing soccer and my bunny and my high heels and playing pretend and music and playing drum with my class." I was exhausted just listening to her! How does she find time to fit all those favorite things into her day? It got me thinking about my students' favorite things. If you were to ask a middle-schooler what his favorite things are, you'd probably get a slightly more sophisticated answer: sports, spending time with friends, playing music, singing in the choir, dance classes, skateboarding with kids in the neighborhood, going to the movies, etc. While these answers may appear very different, they are actually parallel responses: both kids enjoy connecting with others. [Click here to read full article.](#)



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Heroes@Unisyn.org.

ALL THINGS HEROES



COOK WITH US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES' LIVES

We are now booking for this upcoming date: **March 22** 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.



UniSyn Calendar

Community Calendar

Sunday, February 26

Jewish Federation Volunteer Day

Make a difference in our community in five meaningful ways and at locations throughout Los Angeles when you volunteer as a part of the Jewish Federation's Community Service Day. Choose from several ways to give back. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Wednesday nights, March 1, 7-8:30 pm

New Bereishit Session: Creating Jewish Marriages From the Beginning

For newly engaged or married couples to explore the ways to integrate aspects of Judaism, Jewish values and traditions into their marriages, while socializing with other couples. This program is open to ALL couples looking to infuse Judaism into their marriage! Questions? Email Rabbi Ashley [here](#).

For more information, go to http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0014L7h68Dk-3nPivVx8qdHWlqzIhithMivX9L8CsirbFq3OYGCRRHmbpdIjHRDpk3LmpvhAnOW-iKi0aKXdKkzD_exusrw5eeOFKzx9Z4pFS7BaR4thOeOzTMWSPif3v3bxbXmYJIFf5xi-2BdCBmba0mxL97sz0et0haru-ZF8k=&c=EZbtsr8niFT2UP8Gm-ecSC99enFE2rV4rPGsDHyoEEU2ifLS4WJdvq==&ch=oqCtIsim4ya3U8THcJn8xWEqHRE3x8UadeHf0yK8O-WkbFAsNzn4A==

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 4 PM

Shalom Hartman Institute presents: Visions For A Shared Society: The "Tribes" of Israel with Elana Stein Hain and Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein

What are the core values some of the "tribes" that comprise Israel today? How does a divided people build a shared society? What are the challenges and the possibilities for building a Jewish and Democratic Israel? **All lectures are free for members of University Synagogue.** [Click here to register.](#)

Location: Temple Beth Am (1039 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035)

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 7:00 pm

The Golden Rule: Is There Still Common Ground Today?

Join us for an Interfaith dialogue as Episcopalian, Muslim, Sikh, and Jewish leaders discuss issues of mutual concern. Moderated by Rabbi Morley Feinstein and Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro. All are invited.

Location: University Synagogue

Sunday, March 19, 5:15 pm

Partners in Peace: An Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue with Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Ali Abu Awwad

For more information, call (310) 476-2861

Location: Leo Baeck Temple (1300 North Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90049)

Monday, March 27, 7:30 pm

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More info: TempleIsaiah.com

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Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger

Ali Abu Awwad

Rabbi Schlesinger is an Orthodox Rabbi, teacher and passionate Zionist settler from Alon Shvut in the West Bank. He serves as the International Director of Roots, which he helped found at the beginning of 2014, to bring together Jewish Israelis and Palestinians, both Muslim and Christian.

Ali is a leading Palestinian activist teaching his countrymen non-violent resistance, and reaching out to Jewish Israelis at the heart of the conflict. He has toured the world telling his riveting story of violent activism, imprisonment, bereavement, and discovery of the path of non-violent resistance and personal transformation.

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The Ethics of Living in a Shared Society

ELANA STEIN HAIN

Director of Leadership Education
Shalom Hartman Institute
of North America

Sunday, March 5, 2017
4:00 – 6:00pm
Temple Beth Am,
Los Angeles

New!
Post-lecture dinner &
discussion 6:00-8:00 pm
by RSVP only.

All lectures are free for members of sponsoring organizations.
Non-members: series pass - \$75 / individual lectures - \$20
Post lecture dinner & discussion at additional cost.

See shalomhartman.org/LAcollaborative for cost, details, and registration.

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