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The Torch

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This Week

Friday, 1/13

6:30 pm
Family Service

Saturday, 1/14

9 am
Hevrah Torah

5 pm
[Bar Mitzvah of Jason Morganbesser](#)

Sunday, 1/15

No RS in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Zichronam Livrachah



Stephen Downey, father of our Director of Jewish Education, Jessie (Omar) Shamout.

Steven Feldman, son of Danny and Diane Feldman.

COOK WITH US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES' LIVES



LOOKING FOR A GREAT TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT FOR YOUR FAMILY, HAVURAH OR TEENAGER?

You don't have to be a master chef or even a good cook - just someone looking for a great way to help our fellow community residents at OPCC/The People Concern. Our **LIFE SKILLS COOKING WORKSHOPS** are incredibly fun and rewarding. We are now booking for this upcoming date: **FEBRUARY 22nd**.

The Cooking Workshop meets from **5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, at the Cloverfield Services Center in Santa Monica. Our theme is "*5 Ingredients for \$5 Dollars Or Less*", and the meals have been delicious. We are preparing, cooking and eating together. We are building community, and making a difference in people's lives. Please email Susan Corwin (susan@siclaw.com) or Ellen Dorros (ellendorros@gmail.com), for more information and to secure a date.



Join UniSyn in the 2017 Homeless Count!

HEROES AMONG US



HELP WITH OUR AUCTION

The Auction Committee needs every family's help with securing donations! Please bring (or email) the [solicitation letter and donation form](#) to the businesses you patronize (restaurants, beauty salons, gyms, etc). Remember, all proceeds generated from the Auction will directly benefit children's education. Thank you so much for your help. Together we can make this happen!

How did the Jewish community in Rome survive for 2000 years? What is Jewish life like in present-day Berlin?

Jewish Life in Rome Through the Ages and in Berlin Today



Tuesday, January 17, 2017
7:00 pm Refreshments
7:30 pm Program

University Synagogue, 11960 Sunset Blvd. LA 90049

Dr. Daniel Stein Kokin will discuss the intriguing two thousand year history of the Jewish community in Rome and how it survived in the capital of a mighty empire and missionizing church. He will then tell of his own Jewish family living in present-day Berlin.

Dr. Stein Kokin is the 2016-2017 [Viterbi Visiting Professor in Mediterranean Jewish Studies at UCLA](#). Born and raised in West Los Angeles, he has a B.A. from University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Harvard. He is a recipient of a fellowship from the renowned [Villa I Tatti Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies](#) in Italy. He teaches Jewish literature and culture at the University of Greifswald in Germany.

No charge. Everyone is welcome.
Bring your family and friends.

Please RSVP by January 14 to [Barbara Braunstein](#) at 310-474-6337 or at Varya18@yahoo.com.

2017 Homeless Count

Join US in the largest homeless count in the country!
UniSyn is a HUB this year.
Everyone counts. No matter where they live.

Wednesday, January 25th

[Click here to learn more & volunteer.](#)

UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE IS A HUB FOR THE 2017 HOMELESS COUNT!

- WHAT:** The largest homeless count in the country
WHY: To secure appropriate resources for the 47,000 homeless people in our community
WHEN: Wednesday, January 25th, 5:00 pm
WHERE: University Synagogue, Klein Hall
HOW: Here's how volunteer sign-ups work from now until the Count:
1) Log on to www.theycountwillyou.org to register.
2) Indicate your desired SPA (SPA 5 - West LA) and enter in the rest of your information. You will receive a confirmation email from LAHSA immediately.
3) Within 24 hours, you will receive a second email from LAHSA with a link to a list of deployment sites to choose from. (List can also be viewed here)
4) RSVP to your chosen deployment site through the link in Step 3.

For more information and to view the flyer, [click here.](#)

LUNCH MAKING FOR DAYBREAK WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER OPPC

"One good cause countless good effects"



Lunch making for Daybreak Women's Homeless Shelter OPPC in Santa Monica continues on Sundays once a month in the Synagogue Kitchen or Cloverfield Service Center.

Sack lunches are prepared by our Synagogue Volunteers, hopefully YOU, and delivered to Daybreak. ALL are welcome to help with this activity. Sisterhood is generously sponsoring this program. Please contact Suzy (suzy4433@aol.com) or 310-850-4566) if you are interested in this Tikvun Olam activity.

UPCOMING DATE:

January 29 at 9:45 am

Cloverfield Service Center

(1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404)



Shalom Hartman Institute of North America presents

VISIONS FOR A SHARED SOCIETY: THE "TRIBES" OF ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE COLLABORATIVE LECTURE SERIES

What are the core values of 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?

November 13, 2016 Sunday, 4 pm Leo Baeck Temple	December 11, 2016 Sunday, 4 pm Stephen S. Wise Temple	January 22, 2017 Sunday, 3 pm Valley Beth Shalom	March 5, 2017 Sunday, 4 pm Temple Beth Am
 YEHUDA KURTZER	 TAL BECKER	 MICAH GOODMAN	 ELANA STEIN HAIN

All lectures are free for members of sponsoring organizations

Non-members: Series pass \$75 / Individual lectures \$20

Free for University Synagogue members.

[Click here to register.](#)



Bar Mitzvah Spotlight: Jason Morganbesser

Jason is the son of Neil Morganbesser and Megan Jones.

School:
Harvard-Westlake

Spiritual Highlight:
Continuing a historic tradition by reading from the Torah in front of my friends and family.

Tzedakah Project:
Helping raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Association.



Photo of the Week:

Ohel Sarah women enjoy "The Hebrew Hillbilly," Shelly Fisher at their first event.



Silver Generation presents: Surviving Skokie



On Saturday, January 28, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the Gray Family Chapel, our Silver Generation group will present a new documentary film, "Surviving Skokie." Following the screening there will a discussion with the filmmaker, Eli Adler, and synagogue member Jim Ruxin.

This new, one hour film has already won the Audience Awards at several film festivals because it starts conversations across generations. It is suitable for middle school children and all those older.

Jack Adler survived Auschwitz, but in 1961 he had to witness American Nazis marching down the main street of Skokie, Illinois, the comfortable suburb of Chicago where he raised his family. Jack had never spoken of his internment and did not react much to the new American Nazis either.

Years later, as Jack began to teach Holocaust education in high schools, he decided, with his son Eli, to return to Jack's village in Poland for the first time in 65 years. The film frames this journey, from turbulent Skokie through Jack's finding warmth and hostility in his native Poland, where he and Eli find a new understanding of the Holocaust and each other. It ends with a march with Jewish teens at Auschwitz.

Jack's journey brings new ways of understanding the Holocaust by finding a way to survive Skokie as well.

If you have a survivor in your family survivor or are close to one, this is a wonderful way to create a deeper and loving discussion of that experience.

[Click here](#) to make a reservation for your family and friends.

For more information and updates on what's happening at University Synagogue, "[like](#)" us on [Facebook](#)!



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