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This Week

Friday, 1/27

7:30 pm

[Shabbat Service with People of the Book speaker Dr. Neil Wenger. Dr. Neil S. Wenger of the UCLA Ethics Institute will address "The End of Life Option Act".](#)

Saturday, 1/28

9 am

Hevrah Torah

4 pm

[Film Screening: "Surviving Skokie" in the Gray Family Chapel](#)

Sunday, 1/29

9:45 am

[Lunch making for Daybreak Women's Homeless Shelter](#)

(Location: 1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404)

Friday, January 27

People of the Book speaker: Dr. Neil Wenger



Dr. Neil S. Wenger of the UCLA Ethics Institute will address "**The End of Life Option Act**"

Dr. Wenger is Professor of Internal Medicine at UCLA, Director of the UCLA Healthcare Ethics Center, Chair of the Ethics Committee at the UCLA Medical Center, and a consulting researcher at RAND.



Excerpts from Rabbi Allen Freehling's Invocation at the New Orleans Jewish Community Center

May these words be of help as we try to align our stars in the midst of our nation's new realities.

Especially during times of considerable chaos, widespread confusion and growing uncertainty, it is absolutely necessary that we, as dependable individuals, and those public institutions, which we establish and maintain, remain strong, trustworthy and capable of moving forward - ever determined to sustain those who turn to us and them for guidance, as well as for emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual nourishment.

Without question, we have embarked upon a moment in history when our faith will be tested, when our principles will be challenged, and when our way of doing things for ourselves and for others will be scrutinized and questioned as perhaps never before.

So, it is vitally important that we adhere with strength and purpose to the teachings of Moses, who instructed Joshua and really all of us to "be strong and resolute."

Yes, all around us are profound questions to be answered, challenges to our very way of life, and concerns about the days ahead.

But, our stability as reasonable persons, who have lofty goals, and the sturdy foundations of our communal institutions and the benefits, which so many people derive from them, give us reason to be assured that the storm-tossed season, which we are now encountering, will be overcome by the constancy that is ours and is the

Mazal Tov



Julie Munjack, who will become the next President of Raise A Child, an adoption and foster parent organization.

Todah Rabbah

Todah Rabbah to the anonymous donors of the new Torah Commentary for the Hevrah Torah group.

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.



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. 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 Tikkun Olam activity.

UPCOMING DATE:

January 29 at 9:45 am

Cloverfield Service Center
(1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404)

Community Calendar

essential quality of what they provide everyone, who depends on them and enriches them - day in and day out.

TONIGHT: Join UniSyn in the 2017 Homeless Count

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.](#)

TONIGHT:

- 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, 8:00 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](#).

WOMEN ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

Did you or a loved one take part in a **Women's March** on Saturday? Are you wondering how to keep the momentum of the March going? How to take action to preserve women's rights post-March?

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) and the **Religious Action Center (RAC)**, the social justice arm of the Reform Movement, are working together on a strategy to help you engage on these important issues.

RAC Eisendrath Legislative Assistant, Maya Weinstein, provides critical updates and context to WRJ on pending legislation and important judicial cases regarding women's issues. Her salary is subsidized by WRJ.

When you join **University Synagogue Sisterhood**, \$18 of your dues payment goes directly to WRJ. When you join University Synagogue Sisterhood you support WRJ and the RAC in their work on behalf of women's rights. [Please click here to join now.](#)



UniSyn member Julia Weinstein, VP of Advocacy and Marketing & Communication for WRJ, leading the RAC delegation at the Women's March in Washington DC, with daughter-in-law Julie Zhou and husband Roy. See more photos on the [RAC Facebook page](#).

Join us on February 10th as we unite with five other Los Angeles congregations for a rare adventure in Jewish Music

Monday, January 30, 2017, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies Event
The Politics of Inequality in Israel: New Insights from the Social Justice Protests of 2011

The Israeli social protests of 2011 were dominated by affluent, left-leaning secular Jews. However, new evidence documents and helps explain the limited involvement of some Arabs and Haredim (Ultra-Orthodox Jews). These findings have important implications for both the political sociology of protest and the study of Israeli society and politics. [Click here for more info and to RSVP.](#)
Location: 6275 Bunche Hall

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies:
Law, Culture and Collective Identity: Palestinian-Arabs and Jews in Israeli Law and Society

University of Haifa Professor Gad Barzilai will discuss the interactions between Jewish and Palestinian identities and the heated debates on law and society within the global context.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Location: UCLA School of Law, Room TBD

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 www.bereishitjewishmarriage.com

Location: Temple Isaiah

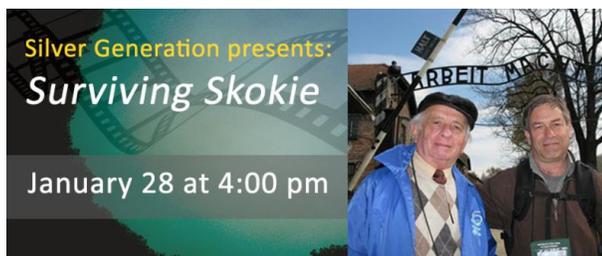
by Michael Isaacson

Ladorot Habaim - For Generations To Come - contains twenty-three newly composed settings that, like *L'Maasei V'reisheet*, the service composed for the new millennium, are realized with musical instrumental synthesis, along with solo acoustic instruments and percussion and meant to be performed to a standardized prerecorded accompaniment track that compliments live singing voices. Each participating congregation received the score and accompaniment tracks as well as one hundred fully produced performance CDs to aid in the teaching of the service and to fully recoup the buy-in cost. This service differs from the previous one by adult participation, the sophistication of its vocabulary - Quartal harmony, four tonic writing and other extensions, and stylistic resonances of popular forms previously not called upon. Its compositional engine is having the words dictate the rhythm, prosody, and treatment of each musical setting. Finally, following the advice of my book *Music as Midrash - What Makes Music Jewish?* I try to offer a fresh musical midrash to each section of the liturgy through its unique musical setting. As in previous services, I choose to interweave easily remembered melodies side-by-side more through-composed approaches. Informed eclecticism marks the prevailing musical style of our time and of this work.

I'm so excited that Cantor Shapiro and the University Synagogue musical forces conducted by Susan Rosenstein will be performing with over 100 combined choral singers from Stephen Wise Temple, Leo Baeck Temple, Temple Judea, and Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills at Stephen Wise Temple at 7:30. Please come join us. It will be an experience of a lifetime that you'll long remember...and please come over afterwards and let us know how you enjoyed it. See you at **Stephen Wise Temple on Friday, February 10, at 7:30 pm.**

To read Michael Isaacson's full reflection, [click here](#).

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.

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