



The Torch

July 27, 2016 • 21 Tamuz 5776



This Week

Friday, 7/29

7:30 pm
Shabbat Under the Stars

Saturday, 7/30

9 am
Hevrah Torah

Zichronam Livrachah



Miguel "Mickey" Kahan, father of Alex (Susie) Kahan

Sara Rev, mother of Anna (Frank) Rubin

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



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

Faithfully Yours: Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein

Words From Campers

I'm here at Camp Newman, a laboratory of Living Judaism sponsored by our Union for Reform Judaism located in the Santa Rosa Mountains. I spend time each day teaching in new and different ways, as do the other 10 Rabbis, Cantors, and Educators who are here. I have been privileged for 33 summers to explore our faith and transmit our heritage to a diverse group of Jewish kids from all over America.



Today we connected the miracles of nature - using our senses to experience the beauty of the outdoors - with the miracle of freedom our ancestors felt upon leaving Egypt. We asked the campers to be silent as they used their senses to appreciate their world. Among my campers' thoughts:

The tears of my people remind me how it is to breathe freedom.

In nature peace is all around you. You see the trees and they remind us of You.

There are mountains I see outside. They remind me how big the world can be, and how much we have from God. God gave us many things and mountains are just as big as His heart.

We all need to take time to appreciate daily miracles. Let our campers teach us to acknowledge the intricate universe in which we live and to be grateful for all we are and all we have.

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@siclaw.com) or Ellen Dorros (ellendorros@gmail.com), to sign up and for further information.



Community Calendar

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 27th, 7 pm

Startup Salon

Dive into the startup field with the dreamers, executives and venture capitalists who are leading the way in cutting edge innovations. \$18 online presale; \$25 at the door; free for IAC Lead members. To register, [click here](#). For more info, contact

Talg@israeliamerican.org

Location: Cross Campus Santa Monica (929 Colorado Ave. Santa Monica, CA 90401)

Sunday, July 24, 3:00 pm

The Music Guild presents Summer Fest '15

Piano Trio Celeste will perform music by Haydn, Beethoven, 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](#).

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



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.

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

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

➔➔➔ Please RSVP by Monday, August 22!



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

Introduction to Judaism Classes Begin October 16!

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

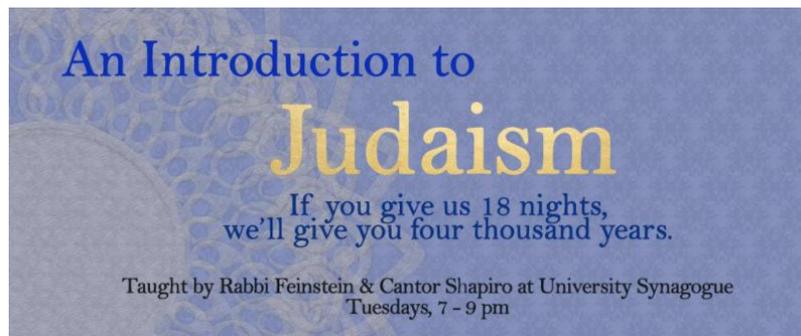
Ten Minutes of Torah - Thursday

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.](#)



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 is creating a team led by Ralph Hattenbach (ralphhattenbach@gmail.com; (310) 486-3446). [Register now](#), form a new team, or join an existing one.

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!

Photos From the Garden:

Thanks to our youngest harvester yet, Jake, we delivered another bundle of produce to St. Josephs Center.



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



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