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THE TORCH

July 5, 2017 | 11 Tamuz 5777

This Week

Friday, 7/7

6:30 pm

Family Shabbat Under the Stars

Saturday, 7/8

9:00 am

Hevrah Torah

High Holy Days 5778/2017

Thank you for your continued support! If you have renewed your membership or recently joined our congregation, your High Holy Day tickets and parking decals will be sent in the mail on August 9th.



Faithfully Yours: Rabbi Morley Feinstein Body Worlds

The California Science Center recently opened **Body Worlds**, which features the anatomical exhibition of real human bodies. In order to teach about anatomy and public health, they have been plastinated, preserved through a chemical process involving polymers and resins. Those attending can view full skeletons, the nervous system or vascular system, a lung tarred by tobacco smoke, a body in action playing cards or hockey. Our Synagogue member, Dr. Diane Perlov, Vice-President for exhibits at the CSC, deserves great credit for her vision and courage to bring Body Worlds to this city. No exhibit has ever had a bigger viewership than Body Worlds ; the exhibit expands the mind and opens the eyes in a fresh way.

I was asked to serve on the CSC Ethics Committee formed to analyze the moral implications and ethical underpinnings of hosting this exhibit. Did people donate their bodies to science knowing they might appear posed as a sculpture? Were donors given full and informed consent about the plastination process? Since its creator Dr. Gunther Von Hagens is German, were any bodies donated that might have been from the period

the Nazis ruled? Is it right and proper for the public, including school age children, to view cadavers or pregnant women or a couple engaged in their most intimate act? These questions and more were addressed by our broad range committee.

Donors were aware that willing a body to science meant the possibility of public exhibition, as well as private research. One donor wrote, "I am fascinated to see the structure, design, parallel functions and reflection of large parts in small parts...Intricate clusters of capillaries like a maze of branches or network of roots you find in the human body. It is a wonderful work of art in itself and due to plastination becomes visible and palpable for every interested person. *Maybe it will also help young people to take better care of their bodies.*"

I hope that each of us has the opportunity to view Body Worlds, to learn about this marvelous and magnificent gift each of us has been given, our physical body. May we take this chance to learn and grow from the experience, to appreciate all we are and all we have. And through the process, may we learn as did Shakespeare when he wrote in Hamlet, "What a piece of work is man! How noble in reason! how infinite in faculties! In form and moving, how express and admirable! in action how like an angel! in apprehension, how like a god! The beauty of the world!" (II, ii, 115-117)

Mazal Tov

Marion Goldenfeld, who was the recipient of the the Zelda White Woman of the Year Award from the Associates of the Los Angeles Jewish Home.

Garrett Halperin, who was awarded a Masters Degree of Professional Accountancy from UC Davis Graduate School of Management. Garrett is the son of Diane and Larry Halperin.

Alana Levitt, Assistant Director of Early Childhood, who is a participant in *The First 36 Project*. This ground-breaking pilot program was developed by the Simms/Mann Institute, BJE (Builders of Jewish Education), and The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. The First 36 Project provides Parent & Me facilitators with an exclusive professional development opportunity. It offers access to the latest child development theories combined with cutting-edge neuroscience research relating to children ages 0-3, providing strategies to help parents promote healthy connections and resilience with their children. To learn more, [click here](#).

Zichronam Livrachah

Ernest Roseman, father of Susan (Scott) Corwin.

Fazolah Lari, father of Herzl (Fariba) Lary.

An Introduction to Judaism

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Sunday mornings beginning October 15.

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NOW ENROLLING

BABY CLASS NOW OPEN AGE 6-12 MONTHS

ECLC's Caterpillar class is back! Babies ages 6-12 months may be enrolled in our newly revitalized Caterpillar class, taught by ECLC Assistant Director Alana Levitt. On Thursday afternoons during our summer camp, we sing songs, spend time discussing an article, or chat about a child development concept. We enjoy interaction as parents while the babies play. The class has been an excellent way to invite new families into our preschool program as well as involve younger siblings while their brother or sister is in our ECLC Mini-Camp this summer.

Know of Anyone...?

We rely on our University Synagogue families, their friends and relatives, to alert us when someone is hospitalized or suffering any illness or bereavement. The Clergy would also be delighted to learn about happy events such as celebrating a birth, or any Simchah. Local hospitals do not release patient information; kindly call Sue Share, Assistant to the Clergy, at 310-472-1255, ext. 120, or email her at SShare@unisyn.org, so that our Rabbis and Cantors can better serve our congregation.



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Maybe there's a friend who is unaffiliated and wants to be part of a dynamic community!

Send their name to Emilie Leder at ELeder@unisyn.org or (310) 472-1255.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsorships

Share your special life cycle event with the congregation on Friday night!
Birthday, Anniversary, Engagement, Auf-Ruf or Baby Naming

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For more information, please contact Bonnie Kebre at BKebre@unisyn.org.



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FRIDAY NIGHTS - JULY 14 - AUGUST 25
7:30PM-10PM

JULY 14 ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE -PG*	AUGUST 11 MOANA -PG
JULY 21 THE JUNGLE BOOK -PG	AUGUST 18 STAR WARS THE FORCE AWAKENS -PG-13
JULY 28 SING -PG	AUGUST 25 TROLLS -PG*
AUGUST 4 WRECK IT RALPH -PG	

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