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THE TORCH

June 7, 2017 | 13 Sivan 5777

This Week

Friday, 6/9
7:30 pm

Zimrah Under the Stars - First of the summer session!

Saturday, 6/10

9:00 am
Hevrah Torah

**ZIMRAH
UNDER
THE STARS**

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30 P.M.

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June Friday Shabbat Eve Services

Friday, June 16, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Under the Stars/Board Installation

Friday, June 23, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday, June 30, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Under the Stars



50 Years of Miracle and Memory
Lessons and reflections on the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War

Rabbi Morley Feinstein
Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro
Rabbi Joel Simonds
Rabbi Stanley Davids

Join us for Shabbat Zimrah Under the Stars, followed by Israeli food, and an opportunity to learn with our clergy about Israel as they reflect on fifty years after the June 1967 war.

June 9th, 7:30 PM



FAITHFULLY YOURS: Mitzvah and Modern Times

Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein

We sing our **Mi SheBerakh** prayer in our services as a way of connecting spiritually with those who are healing. How do we reach out to people in need in this modern age of social media?

An active congregant posted about his forthcoming surgery on Facebook. No call or email to the office- merely a quick comment which could easily have been missed. And if we hadn't read FB that night, or were unable to respond? The emotional guillotine of "the rabbi never called me..." would fall...even if we never knew!

Another Synagogue missed the death of a congregant's parent which was only announced on Twitter. When it's vacation time, holidays are being observed, after hours when the office is closed, or people are otherwise away from social media, the ability to keep in touch is limited. No clergy member can depend on an algorithm to connect with someone. But here's the issue: the congregant relied on Twitter and never told anyone. FB, a tweet, even an email do not replace a personal call with a specific message.

This is why our Synagogue spends funds for a 24 hour call center, a human voice who can help in an emergency. The staff is trained how to contact our clergy in case of a crisis counseling need, a death in the family, a tragedy where your spiritual reservoir needs a guide to help you. Your rabbis and cantors are certainly here for you. But we have to know what the issue is. If I'm away and the message left is merely "Yankel called, please call back" it does not carry the same weight as "Yankel calling, my sister is dying and I need to talk to the Rabbi." Sue Share, our Assistant to the Clergy, can always direct a call if any of us are away from the office.

So we need your help! We want to be responsive to your needs- but you have to let us know. HIPA rules prevent us from knowing who is in the hospital unless we are informed privately. You can show kindness and let us know who is in need of a call or a visit.

FB, Twitter and other varieties are just another new thing we need to figure out. If we want to be responsive communities today, we can't depend on social media. We deputize each congregant to be our eyes and ears for the health and wellbeing of our Synagogue family. Let us know so we can do our Mitzvah of caring.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017**

Jaden Elkins
Andrew Finebaum
Emma Golad
Hannah Goldsobel
Hannah Levine
Jack Silver (not pictured)
Zev Spencer-Shapiro
Rachael Weiss





PLEASE JOIN SISTERHOOD IN HONORING

Woman of the Year
Cindy Lederer

AT OUR GALA INSTALLATION LUNCHEON



Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 11:30 am

Brentwood Country Club, 590 S Burlingame Ave, LA

Plated lunch \$60 per person.

Includes choice of preselected entree & fancy dessert.

Reservations required.

Please RSVP no later than June 7th.



This is the final event of our Sisterhood year and we would love to have you join us!

Questions? Please contact Marilyn Weitz at 310-451-1980 or at cmweitz@icloud.com.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Mazal Tov

Rachel & Noah Sheer on the naming of their daughter, Hazel Ayla.

Zichronam Livrachah

Albert Abraham "Abe" Kaufman, remembered by Jeff Kaufman & family

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