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THE TORCH

May 24, 2017 | 28 Iyyar 5777

This Week

Friday, 5/26
7:30 pm
Shabbat Service

Saturday, 5/27
9:00 am
Hevrah Torah

May/June Friday Shabbat Eve Services

Friday, May 26, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Evening Services

Friday, June 16, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Under the Stars/Board Installation

Friday, June 2, 6:30 pm
Family Shabbat and Confirmation

Friday, June 23, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday, June 9, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Zimrah Under the Stars
Clergy Israel Panel

Friday, June 30, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Under the Stars

A Year In Review

Presented at the Annual Meeting by Allan Golad, President

My term as President began last July. A short time later we had our first congregational event of the new fiscal year, our Shabbat BBQ. If you can remember back to last summer, over 350 people came together to celebrate Shabbat and to celebrate the connection we have with our synagogue. It was a remarkable prelude to the beauty of the High Holy Day services. Our High Holy Day services had an added feature- congregants came to the pulpit and shared the special place that University Synagogue holds in their lives. The stories of friendship, spiritual growth, and acts of kindness remind us of what we may take for granted- that University Synagogue is an essential part of our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren. [Click here to read the full statement.](#)

**Mazal Tov to our 17-18 Board of Trustees approved at the annual meeting
of May 22, 2017:**

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**We gratefully acknowledge the service of those trustees Stepping Down as of June 30,
2017**

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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](#)

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



Meet Our New Student Rabbi Joanne Loiben!

Student Rabbi Joanne Loiben is from Chicago originally, where her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews still reside. She studied at Saint Louis University for her undergraduate degree in Political Science with a minor in Theology. In order to further her Jewish education after college, Joanne moved to Israel and studied at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. She stayed two additional years to complete her Masters in Jewish Education in the Pardes Educators Program. Joanne then moved to Atlanta, GA to teach at The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy, a Reform Jewish day school. She taught sixth grade Jewish Studies for three years, as well as Kindergarten through second grade Hebrew at the Diamond Family Religious School at Temple Emanu-El. Teaching was a particularly rich experience for Joanne, and she knew it was time to further her own Jewish education and fulfill her dream to become a rabbi. Last year she taught in our Tichon program, while serving as the student rabbi in Billings, Montana.

Joanne is currently a third year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion. We welcome Joanne warmly to University Synagogue!

Mazal Tov

Nick Melvoin, elected to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education for District Four. Nick is the son of Martha and Jeff Melvoin.

Photo of the Week



Cantors Shapiro, Cahana, and Grant

Celebrating Community with Wine and Music

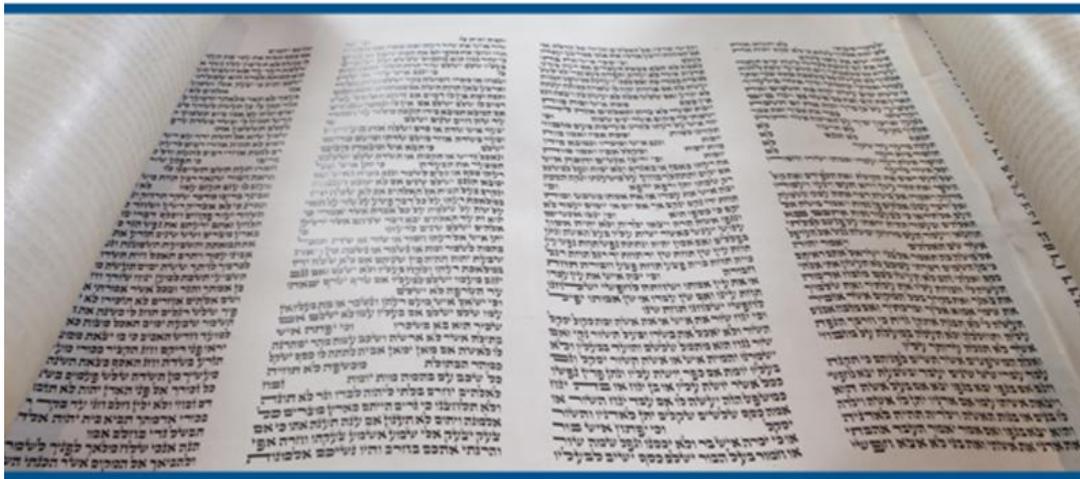
On Sunday, May 21, 2017, our community gathered at the beautiful home of Jill and Allen Chozen to celebrate music with wine and friendship.

Community: Seventy members and non-members sat together drinking wine and listening to the vocal stylings of our Cantor, Kerith Spencer-Shapiro, and her colleagues, Ida Rae Cahana and Jonathan Grant. The Hollywood Bowl has nothing on them. Many thanks to Geoff Pattison of Wally's Wines for sharing his knowledge of wines that were appropriately paired with each set.

Generosity: We could not have been successful without the gracious hospitality of the Chozen family, our patrons and ticket holders. Thanks to them, we reached our financial goal to help support the music program at University Synagogue.

Talent: We are so blessed to have experienced the great talents of Cantor Shapiro. She created a program that highlights what University Synagogue represents: generosity, joy, and community.

Celebrate Shavuot



Chag Sameach - Happy Shavuot! May 30-31, 2017

Get ready to learn all night in celebration of the giving of the Torah! We have sweet dairy recipes for your Shavuot gatherings, activities for your family, study guides, and so much more.

Celebrate Shavuot!

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"Wherever You Go..."

Refugees, Immigration and
Jewish Responsibility

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

at Valley Beth Shalom

HIAS

Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.



*"HIAS doesn't
help people
because they
are Jewish
but because
we are Jewish."*

- Mark Hetfield
HIAS President

7:00 p.m. Reception
Blintzes and Nosh

7:30 p.m. Welcome Shavuot and Conversation
with **Mark Hetfield, President and CEO**
of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)

Mark Hetfield is an expert in refugee and immigration law, policy, and programs. He has led HIAS' transformation from an organization focused on Jewish immigrants to a global agency assisting refugees of all faiths and ethnicities, partnering with the United Nations Refugee Agency and the U.S. Department of State. HIAS is the pre-eminent voice of the American Jewish community on refugee and immigration issues on a mission to help all who flee ethnic cleansing, violence, and other forms of persecution.

9:15 p.m. Breakout Study Sessions with Rabbis

Jonathan Bernhard
Denise Eger
Noah Farkas
Ed Feinstein

Morley Feinstein
Dara Frimmer
Joshua Hoffman
Sarah Hronsky
Joshua Knobel

Joel Simonds
Ellie Steinman
Ron Stern
David Woznica
Yoshi Zweiback

10:15 p.m. Coffee & Dessert

10:30 p.m. Late Night Study Session with Rabbis

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