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Healing in the midst of our nation's divisiveness...

SHABBAT ZIMRAH

A SOULFUL AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE OF
MUSIC, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

FEATURING
PETER GORDON, AVA NAHAS, AND YUVAL RON,

THIS FRIDAY

7:30 PM



People of the Book Rabbi Denise Eger,

author of "The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate"

Friday, November 18 at 7:30pm

This Week

Friday, 11/11

Offices closed in observance of Veteran's Day

7:30 pm
Shabbat Zimrah

Saturday, 11/12

9 am
Hevrah Torah

Sunday, 11/13

No Religious School

10 am
[Jewish Historical Murals Tour](#)

Mazal Tov



Margarete and Rabbi Morley Feinstein, on the marriage of Ari Feinstein to Rachel Mylan.

Bruce Sanders, who received first place in the Pacific Palisades Art Association, Fine Print category, and an honorable mention in the Mixed Media category.

This Sunday!

Join **University Synagogue**
and **Kehillat Israel** in a

Jewish Historical Murals Tour

SUNDAY,
November 13th

→→→ 10 AM - 4 PM

This amazing tour will be led by Dr. Eric Gordon, former Director of Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring in Southern California. Dr. Gordon offers significant knowledge of the Jewish Murals of Los Angeles. At one time, Dr. Gordon served in the Social & Public Art Resource Center (SPARC), the organization which helped create much of the work we will see on the tour.

Bus Pick-up/Drop-Off

Location:

Kehillat Israel
16019 W. Sunset Blvd.
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
**Bus leaves from KI at 10 AM

Cost:

\$20/person plus cost for lunch
at Canter's Deli (first 25 people
from each synagogue will be
accepted)



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Let's All Be Educators



University Synagogue Sisterhood, for winning the Kavod award for the Sisterhood Creative Service at the WRJ Pacific District Convention.

COOK WITH US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES' LIVES "LIFE SKILLS COOKING WORKSHOPS" WITH OPCC & LAMP COMMUNITY



**EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE COOKING WORKSHOPS AT OPCC!
COOK WITH US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES' LIVES**

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. Our LIFE SKILLS COOKING WORKSHOPS have been incredibly fun and rewarding for everyone who has participated including families and havurot. We are now booking for these dates: **NOVEMBER 30TH and DECEMBER 14TH!** The Cooking Workshop meets from **5:30pm to 7:30pm**, at OPCC's Cloverfield Services Center in Santa Monica. Our theme is "5 Ingredients for \$5 Dollars of Less" and the meals have been delicious. Our last workshop menu created by Behnaz Naeim was an incredible lentil and feta salad, pasta with homemade turkey sauce, and individual strawberry shortcakes. Everything tasted great, and the residents learned how to prepare this meal for about \$4.10, per person!

Our Cooking Workshops have become the residents' favorite life skills class at OPCC. 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@sjclaw.com** or **Ellen Dorros ellendoros@gmail.com**, to sign up or for further information.



LUNCH MAKING FOR DAYBREAK WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER OPCC

"One good cause countless good effects "



Lunch making for Daybreak Women's Homeless Shelter OPCC in Santa Monica continues **on Sundays once a month at 9:00am** in the Synagogue Kitchen or Cloverfield Service Center.

50 Sack lunches are prepared by our Synagogue Volunteers, hopefully YOU, and delivered to Daybreak.

This will be a monthly project, please [contact Suzy](#) if you are interested in this Tikkun Olam activity.

Children are welcome to help with this activity. Religious School students will be participating as well. Sisterhood is generously sponsoring this program. (SOS, SISTERHOOD SOCIAL OUTREACH)

UPCOMING DATES:

**Jessica Shamout
Director of Jewish Education**



Ben Zoma said, "Who is wise? One who learns from all people" (Pirkei Avot 4:1). One might think this refers to classroom teachers and even rabbis; those with whom a child interacts in an academic or synagogue setting. But the text says "all" people, so I expand to include counselors, mentors, coaches, advisors, librarians, directors and nannies who don't necessarily work in a formal institution but offer countless lessons to our children. But even when we expand to include this tier of educators, we are forgetting the most important players in this game: parents and guardians, I am speaking to you.

You are the constant while we the teachers and coaches rotate each year; you know what types of snack your child eats when she gets home from school or his favorite position on the couch when he watches TV. You help with math homework, watch soccer games, grab band-aids and run lines in preparation for the big show. You are on their team and therefore we want you on our team. We want to be partners with you to help your children become leaders and grow in the Jewish community. One of our jobs is to instill a sense of pride in a child's Jewish heritage and an appreciation of the beauty of Jewish tradition as guided by the principles of Reform Judaism. We cannot do that alone.

Since we are allies, I want you to know what is happening when your child is within our walls. I want you to know the Torah portion he studies or the text she is acting out on a Sunday morning. I want you to know what social justice project her class is working on or what Haftarah verses he is practicing. Since we are allies and I want you to have information, I'm going to ask a favor of you: **ask questions**. I want you to ask your child questions and join our team of educators.

For one week, try asking these questions when your child climbs into the car after Religious School instead of the uncomplicated "what did you learn today?":

1. *Tell me about a moment when you felt excited about what you were learning. This helps us to create more exciting learning opportunities for him or her.*
2. *Tell me about a moment when you felt confused. This allows us to adjust our language or seek additional perspectives.*
3. *Were there times when you felt that one of your classmates demonstrated care for you? We are a kehillah, a community, and we want to know that concept of community filters down to our students.*
4. *What did you learn about yourself today? It is our job to create an environment that foster inquisition about personal Jewish identity development.*
5. *Is there a question you wish I'd ask about your day? Your children trust you first and foremost, this shows them that you trust them to steer the conversation and that you are invested.*

If we listen Ben Zoma's words, all of us should come together to take a role our children's education. All of us can instill that sense of pride for our combined Jewish heritage together.

A Moment of Kavanah at the Western Wall

Shoshana Dweck, ARZA Board Member and daughter of Rabbi Stanley and Resa Davids, joined the masses in protesting for an egalitarian section at the Kotel. She expected the violence, the sound of hundreds of people praying together, but she didn't expect how deeply the prayer service would impact her.

As I stepped off the plane Thursday morning on my way home from Israel, my body's aches and pains were different than the usual post-flight stiffness. Yesterday, I had asked my legs to brace me and keep me upright against the pressure of those who wanted to keep us from reaching the Western Wall. My arms and ribs reminded me that I had been pushed and jostled and manhandled along the way. From Tel Aviv to New York, I carried on my skin the hands and sweat of those who tried to stop us from reaching the Wall, intermingled with our tears of joy that we, in fact, brought our Torah scrolls into the Women's section for Rosh Hodesh prayers.

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[Taken from Arza.org]

November 20: Cloverfield Service Center - 1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Santa Monica, CA (Meet in the parking lot)

December 11: University Synagogue Kitchen

December 24: Annual Holiday Party at Cloverfield Center from 2-4 PM

- As we have done in the past, we are asking our University Synagogue families to please donate a set or two of towels (wash cloth, face towel, bath towel) to the ladies as a holiday gift that will be given to them on December 24th. If you can please put them in a decorative gift bag that would be wonderful. Other toiletries being collected include travel size lotions, tooth paste, makeup, soaps, shampoos, etc. Towels can be dropped off at the Synagogue office from now until December 20th.

Community Calendar

Sunday, November 6

Jewish Federation Community Day

Start the Jewish New Year with a meaningful day of volunteering with The Jewish Federation on Mitzvah Day! Join the community in giving back with many impactful opportunities. [Click here to volunteer!](#)



VISIONS FOR A SHARED SOCIETY: THE "TRIBES" OF ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES SYNAGOGUE COLLABORATIVE LECTURE SERIES



Opening Lecture

Living in a Tribal Family

YEHUDA KURTZER

President
Shalom Hartman Institute
of North America

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016

4:00 – 6:00pm

Leo Baeck Temple, LA

New!

Post-lecture dinner &
discussion 6:00-8:00 pm
by RSVP only.

All lectures are free for members of sponsoring organizations.

Non-members: series pass - \$75 / individual lectures - \$20

Post lecture dinner & discussion at additional cost.

See shalomhartman.org/LAcollaborative for cost, details, and registration.

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