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The Torch

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This Week

Friday, 9/30

7:30 pm

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Feinstein will speak on "Shimon Peres, Defender and Visionary"

Saturday, 10/1

9 am

Hevrah Torah

Sunday, 10/2

No RS Classes due to Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mazal Tov



Aundrea and Stephen Katz, on the marriage of their son Jonathan Eric Katz to Gabriela Galvan. He is the Director of Operations, Lawrence J. Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine and Asst Prof. of Research Medicine, USC, and Gabriela is a Hospice Coordinator.

Zichronam Livrachah



Fred Krieger, father of Lauren (Jennifer) Krieger.

Shimon Peres, Prime Minister and President of Israel.



Make the World a Better Place on Sukkot. Tikkun Olam Sukkot Program and Dinner, October 16, 6 PM



Let's make a difference around homelessness in Los Angeles as we join together on Sukkot to recognize the fragility of housing in our lives and in those of our neighbors.

- Eat together in the Sukkah

Either bring your own dinner, or [order a turkey sandwich boxed dinner here](#). Beverages and sweets provided for all.

- Learn together about the connection between the holiday of Sukkot and awareness of homelessness
- Hear from and have the chance to speak to elected officials about the issue of homelessness in our community
- Shake the lulav
- Spend time with staff from St. Joseph Center

We are working together throughout the year as close partners with St. Joseph Center in addressing homelessness.

- Write letters with UNITY (our youth group) to our elected officials, letting them know that we are concerned with homelessness in our community
- Braid challot to share with people who are transitioning out of homelessness
- Create tiny herb planters for St. Joseph Center Food Pantry

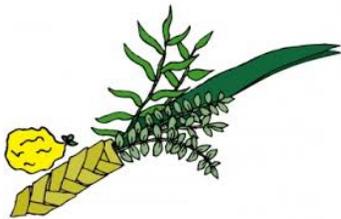
Azerbaijan's exemplary model of interfaith peace highlighted in Los Angeles

A heartfelt thank you to our friends at Fazio Cleaners Brentwood for cleaning our *Tallitot* free of charge. Thanks for being such kind and generous neighbors!

Invite Your Friends to Join our Synagogue Community!

New Members are always welcome to become part of our Temple Family. If you know of a family or individual who might wish to learn about our Synagogue, visit us for services, or meet with our Executive Director, please contact Lisabeth Lobenthal at Llobenthal@unisyn.org or (310) 472-1255 ext. 108; or Karlene Weg at KarleneWeg@yahoo.com.

Lulav & Etrog Sets



Sukkot is right around the corner. If you would like to complete the mitzvah of shaking the Lulav in the Sukkah, and would like to purchase your own set of Lulav and Etrog, the price is \$50.00. [Please fill out the form](#) and submit to Bonnie Kebre, bkebre@unisyn.org.

Winter Birthright



Registration for Winter Birthright Israel is now open! Travel with other Angelenos on an LA Way trip! Join one of seven trips departing this winter - including trips in partnership with Hillel at UCLA, Hillel 818, and entertainment professionals. Learn more: www.jewishla.org/Birthright.

Community Calendar

UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE EVENTS

Saturday, October 8th, 9:00 am
Tot Shabbat AM - Best Playdate Ever!
Torah Off the Beaten Path

Sunday, October 16, 9:00 pm
Lunch Making with S.O.S.

Sunday, October 16, 6:00 pm
Tikkun Olam Program to Raise Awareness of Homelessness

Wednesday, October 19, 12:00 pm
Sisterhood Lunch in the Sukkah



University Synagogue of Los Angeles hosted an event on Azerbaijan on September 16, 2016. At the invitation of the Synagogue, Azerbaijan's Consul General in Los Angeles, Nasimi Aghayev, delivered a keynote speech at the event. [Click here to continue reading.](#)

HIGH HOLY DAYS COUNTDOWN: SAVE THESE KEY DAYS!



HIGH HOLY DAYS EVENTS & SERVICES

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm - Brentwood Havurah Service (Chapel)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30 am - Rosh Hashanah Service for Families with Young Children
10:30 am - Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 pm - Kol Nidre Service (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm - Brentwood Havurah Service (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30 am - Yom Kippur Service for Families with Young Children
10:30 am - Yom Kippur Morning Service
2:30 pm - Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yizkor, Ne'ilah Services
(3:30 pm - Torah Service
4:15 pm - Yizkor
5:00 pm - Ne'ilah Service)

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

Bar Mitzvah Spotlight: Arya Naeim

Arya is the son of **Behnaz and Arash Naeim**.

School:
Paul Revere Middle School

Spiritual Highlight:
The spiritual highlight of becoming a Bar Mitzvah was learning about how my torah portion, Nitzavim, relates so closely to today's time, especially because of politics and the 2016 election.

Tzedakah Project:
I held a toiletry drive at my old preschool in UCLA and delivered the much needed items to PATH, a program that helps homeless individuals get jobs and move into apartments and housing.



Help New Members Feel At Home

Friday, October 21, 5:30 pm
Sukkot Tot Shabbat PM & Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah

To see more of our events, go to our [calendar](#) on our website!

Lunch Making For OPCC

"One good cause, countless good effects "



Sunday, October 16 @ 9am

Cloverfield Service Center OPCC
(1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404)

Social Outreach with Sisterhood (S.O.S.) invites you to assist in making sandwiches for Ocean Park Community Center's Daybreak Shelter!

Our first lunch making date is on Sunday, October 16th in the Sukkah, where we will be making 75 lunch bags. The 8th grade religious school students will be making the lunches at 9 am one Sunday a month alternating between our synagogue kitchen and the OPCC kitchen.

Thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring this amazing program.

Please [contact Suzy](#) for more information.



**UNITY
BONFIRE!**

**Dockweiler Beach
5pm-9:30pm**

Come join us as we kick off the New Year with our annual bonfire event! Reunited with old friends and make new friends in a night full of mixers, games, snacks, and more!
Pick/ Drop off is at University Synagogue
RSVP by emailing Lenette
LENETTE.HERZOG@HUC.EDU

Calling All High Holy Day Ushers!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to provide a wonderful service to University Synagogue, while having fun and connecting with our warm and welcoming community? Then, ushering at High Holy Day services is the opportunity for you.



Remember when you first joined University Synagogue and you had a lot of questions, were unsure about where to park, how to find the information you were looking for or just felt nervous about coming to events and services alone?

We are hoping you'll share your knowledge and become a mentor so all new members have someone to call, email, or text when these questions or fears arise.

It's easy and fun to be a mentor. Just a welcome, an invitation to services, an email letting them know you're there to help is all it takes.

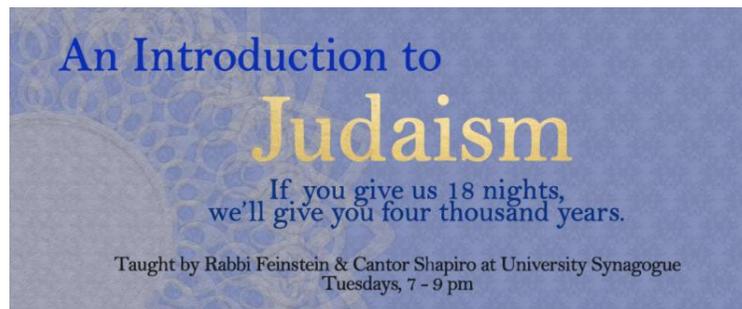
- *A Mentor Family is one that embodies the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim-hospitality, welcoming the guest-the very characteristic our ancestors, Sarah and Abraham are praised for. The mentor is a welcoming agent of our synagogue community.*

Would you consider being a mentor to a new member and help us keep University Synagogue the warm, loving place it has always been?

If yes, please email Emilie Leder, Engagement Coordinator, at ELeder@unisyn.org or call at 310-472-1255. Or contact our Vice President of Membership and Outreach, Karlene Weg at KarleneWeg@yahoo.com.

Thank you for making a difference!

Introduction to Judaism Classes Begin October 18!



Registration has opened. [Click here to enroll.](#)

Photos of the Week

ECLC students are preparing for the High Holy Days! Children have been exploring honey and bees, the sounds of the shofar, making Happy New Year cards, singing happy birthday to the world and much more.

If you have time to offer during one or more of the services, please contact Barry Sikov, our Head Usher at insurer9@aol.com. He is looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you in advance!

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 has created a team led by Ralph Hattenbach (ralphhattenbach@gmail.com; (310) 486-3446).

For anyone who is interested, please call Ralph or go on the [website](#) to register for the ride and join University Synagogue's team!

The cost to register is \$45 and you can sign up for the 18, 36, 62 or 100 mile ride.

We would love to see 10+ people join our University Synagogue team and will have a pre-ride meeting or ride to review plans for that day.

[Register now](#) and join Team University Synagogue!



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