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The Torch

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SHABBAT ZIMRAH
A SOULFUL AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE OF
MUSIC, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

FEATURING
Ava Nahas and Yuval Ron

SEPT. 9th 7:30 PM

This Week

Friday, 9/9

7:30 pm
Shabbat Zimrah

Saturday, 9/10

9 am
Hevrah Torah

9 am
Torah Off the Beaten Path with Cantor
Shapiro
(Will Rogers State Park)

5 pm
[Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Goldsobel](#)



Faithfully Yours: Rabbi's Remarks at the B'not Mitzvah

What an exceptional day to share with you, Renata and Eliana, within this community of family and friends. *Zeh hayom asah Adonai, nagilah v'nismichah vo-this is the day Adonai has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!* You have led our service with joy, with song, with your zest and big hearts. You taught us great lessons from Torah. We need to pause and thank Cantor Shapiro for her heartfelt love and her cantorial expertise, Cantor Jay and Rabbi Joel for leading our service, Susan our director for her music, all my colleagues who graced our Bemah, Michael Isaacson for composing Oseh Shalom, as well as LB, Bonnie, Sue, Caroline, Hang, Emilie, Cruz and all the amazing crew at University Synagogue for their help in creating this day.



You each are a special gift. You have made your mother and me better people. You care deeply for your family and friends. You have kept your humility with all that you have achieved and are eminently kind and caring. You may have grown up as twins but each of you is independent, different from the other, unique spirits. You especially love your grandparents, your brothers, and have opened your hearts to Rachel and Shira, your future sisters-in-law. You live in a household that is often a reservoir of other people's feelings, many of them at sad or difficult or tragic times, and that has not always been easy; from an early age you have respected other people's privacy and dignity. Thank you.

Our Torah teaches us **Re'eh-Look**-the name of your Parashah. I hope you look

Zichronam Livrachah



Irving Grauer, uncle of Jeff (Martha) Melvojn

Gloria Schall, mother of Steve (Wendy) Schall

Fran Waldman, former ECLC Director



[How You Can Help](#)

Those Affected by the Louisiana Floods

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.

Winter Birthright



Registration for Winter Birthright Israel opens **September 12!** 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

Friday, September 9, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Zimrah

Saturday, September 10, 9 am
Torah Off the Beaten Path
Location: Will Rogers State Park

Friday, September 16th, 7:30 pm
Consul General Nasimi Aghayev will speak on "Azerbaijan: A Majority-Muslim Ally of Israel in a Challenging Region"

Saturday, September 24th, 4:30 pm
Selichot Off the Beaten Path
Gather with family and friends at Will Rogers State Park in Pacific Palisades. Bring your picnic dinner. Havdallah Selichot service will follow.
Location: Will Rogers State Park

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, September 9 - Sunday, September 11
Marriage For Life: A Weekend Experience In Relationship Building
The Whizin Center for Continuing Education is offering a weekend retreat which provides a safe, open environment for couples to learn to share, develop and enrich intimate loving relationships. This is open for couples who are engaged, newly married, thinking about

forward to an amazing life ahead. We want you to gaze in wonder and surprise at this marvelous world, to soak it all in, and know that we are always here to support you as you create your future. You are fiercely protective of each other, and we want you to always look after each other. Search your hearts to find your passion, and then look into doing it with all your God given heart, soul, and might. And look to the sources of our tradition to guide you on your journey.

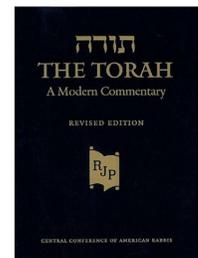
Torah also maps out for us **Derekh**: the way to go. We've been on some amazing adventures in Europe and Israel and in our country and you have become wonderful travelers. You have led your Imma and me into doing things we never knew before! Discovering your own way ahead comes with planning, flexibility, spontaneity, and knowledge. No one here knows exactly what will happen in your life, and I hope you will count on the people here to support you as you seek your destination. Along the way, may the journey be filled with **Darchei Noam**, pleasant ways, life changing experiences, grand vistas, beautiful horizons, and open eyes to see it all.

And your Torah portion discusses **Yad'cha**-your hand. Both of you know that our hands can be hard like a rock, fisted and angry, or palms up, soft and gentle. Use your hands to continue to give of yourselves. Open your hand to sustain and nourish those in need by offering them a hand up. Raise your hands to ask questions and place your hand out to stop injustice. Be brave and strong and celebrate all the joys of life. Hold the hands of those you love and put your arms around them to hug them as only you know how.

In the words of the Talmud "May you live to see your world fulfilled. May your destiny be for worlds still to come. May you trust in generations past and yet to be. May your eyes shine with the light of holy words. And your face reflect the brightness of the heavens. May songs of praise be upon your tongue, your vision straight before you, even as you ever yearn to listen to the words of the Holy Ancient One of Old. May you live to see your world fulfilled." (Berachot 17a)

New Torah Commentary Now Available

University Synagogue is delighted that nearly thirty-five years after the groundbreaking publication of the first-ever English language liberal Torah commentary, we present the Revised Edition of The Torah: A Modern Commentary. It is now available for study or for reference during our Torah services. This volume features updated commentary and translations, including a gender-sensitive version of the JPS translation, with largely gender-neutral God language and a completely fresh translation of Genesis and of the haftarot, Prophetic selections for each week, by the late Rabbi Chaim Stern. In addition, the volume is reorganized by parashah (weekly portion) and includes a helpful index and aliyot markers, improving upon the 1981 original.



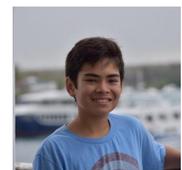
As Rabbi David Ellenson, Chancellor of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, states, "This book provide a dazzling compendium of sources both classical and modern, and a variety of voices that will enhance worship and study for everyone."

Bar Mitzvah Spotlight: Lucas Goldsobel

Lucas is the son of **Antonia and Steve Goldsobel**.

School:
Windward School

Spiritual Highlight:
Going to adult Torah study and seeing how many ways the Torah can be interpreted.



marriage, or in a committed relationship. Open to Jewish and interfaith couples. Cost: \$360 per couple (scholarships available) To register or for more information, call (310) 440-1246 or visit wcce.aju.edu.

Wednesday, September 14th

Heroes of Hatzalah Gala

Support the Heroes of Hatzalah Gala on September 14th. The gala is a joint partnership between United Hatzalah of Israel and Los Angeles Hatzolah, raising funds to support their work in LA and Israel. United Hatzalah of Israel (Hebrew for rescue) responds and arrives to medical emergencies anywhere in Israel in under 3 minutes. It is able to do this by training and equipping over 3,000 unpaid volunteers across Israel who drop everything at a moments notice to respond to an emergency. For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Location: Beverly Hilton

Monday, September 19, 6:30 pm

Freedom of Speech on College Campuses

The Jewish Studies Program at Loyola Marymount University presents the Annual Fischmann Family Distinguished Lecture: *Freedom of Speech on College Campuses* featuring Erwin Chemerinsky. Moderated by Evan Gerstmann, Professor of Political Science, Loyola Marymount University. Erwin Chemerinsky is the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. [Click here to register](#).

Location: Loyola Marymount University, Roski Dining Hall

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

Ten Minutes of Torah

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Ten Minutes of Torah

Sign up to receive a one-page email each day on a topic of Jewish interest. It only takes 10 minutes a day to get started on a lifelong journey. Spend 10 minute a day - and before you know it you'll have completed 100 hours of Torah study.

Ten Minutes of Torah - Monday

Reform Voices of Torah (modern Torah commentaries)

Ten Minutes of Torah - Tuesday

Celebrating Jewish Arts and Culture

Ten Minutes of Torah - Wednesday

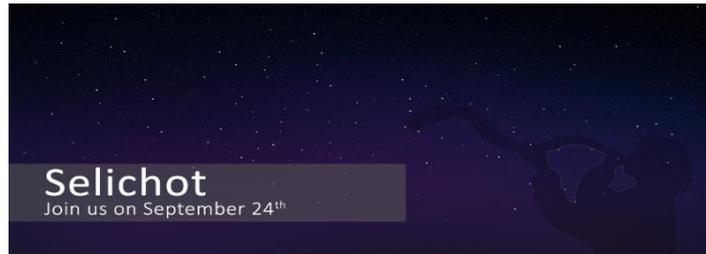
Israel Connections

Ten Minutes of Torah - Thursday

Tzedakah Project:

I volunteered at SOVA, helping pack food for the hungry and homeless.

Selichot Off the Beaten Path - SEPTEMBER 24



Join us on Saturday, **September 24**, as we welcome the High Holy Day Season with a beautiful outdoor Selichot experience. Gather with family and friends at Will Rogers State Park in Pacific Palisades at **4:30 PM**. Bring your picnic dinner and Havdallah Selichot service will follow.

For many, the High Holy Day season begins with Rosh HaShanah and the start of the new month of Tishrei. Jewish tradition, however, teaches that the preceding month of Elul is a time of soul-searching and reflection to prepare oneself for the magnitude of the Days of Awe. It is during this time that we observe Selichot (forgiveness).

Rabbi Feinstein, Cantor Shapiro and Rabbi Simonds invite you to join our community for a new and different way to enter this unique season of spiritual yearning.

Please meet by the lawn in front of the Will Rogers home. The park closes at 6:45.

Sweeten the New Year With a Gift of Honey

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Online orders need to be placed by September 16, 2016 to guarantee delivery by Rosh Hashanah 2016.

[Click here to order!](#)

[Click here to view online help sheet.](#)

Reform Life, Jewish Life

Weekly Update

Ten Minutes of Torah and weekly news updates delivered on **Fridays**

[Click here to choose which days you would like to receive Ten Minutes of Torah.](#)

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 havurahs. Our **September 7th** and **September 28th**, *dates are full*. We are now booking for: **October 19th** and **November 2nd**. The Cooking Workshop meets from **5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, 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 was created by the Heine Family - Deb, Chris, Cole & Cece, and included: chicken pot stickers, white and brown rice, broccoli and mochi ice cream for dessert. This menu was a huge success with the residents and they learned just how delicious and easy a meal can be for approximately \$3 dollars 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.

OPCC & Lamp Community are the largest providers of housing and social services on the Westside of Los Angeles County. Their Safe Haven and Daybreak Shelter provide dignity and support for homeless women, men and veterans, as well as critical services including: transitional and emergency housing, medical and mental health care, daily meals, showers, clothing, laundry, case management, obtaining permanent housing and life skills programs.



Any questions? Please contact Lynne Wertheimer at Lwertheimer@mac.com and she will be happy to help you.

Ordering tips:

On order page, select number of gifts, then click Add to cart. Then click View cart. Enter code, click Apply, then Proceed to checkout. Click on Ship to a different address? to enter your recipient(s) address(es) and your gift message(s), then Place order.



Help New Members Feel At Home



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!

Azerbaijani Consul General to Speak Sept 16th Azerbaijan: A Majority-Muslim Ally of Israel in a Challenging Region



Nasimi Aghayev has served as Consul General of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles with a consular district that includes California and other 12 Western U.S. states. He holds the diplomatic rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of First Class. Appointed by Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev, the Consul General served at the country's Embassies in Austria, Germany, and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baku. At Azerbaijan's Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Consul General served as Counselor for Political and Public Affairs.

In 2009, the Consul General was a Visiting Scholar at the Canadian Munk School of Global Affairs (University of Toronto).

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.

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!

Zichronam Livrachah: May Their Memories Be For A Blessing Book of Remembrance 2016

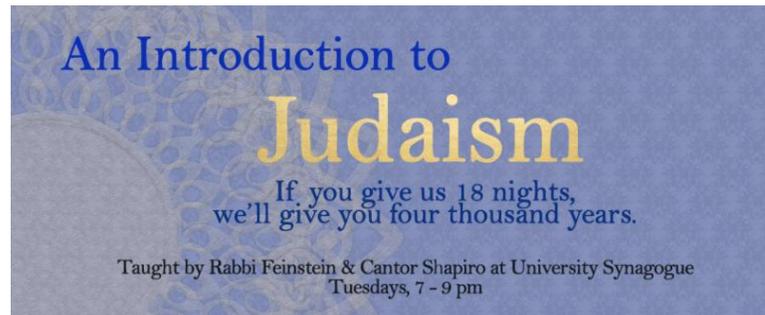
We are preparing our annual Yizkor Memorial Book to be used during the Yom Kippur Afternoon Service.

In order to help us prepare this book and meet our print deadline, please turn in your form with the names of your loved ones as soon as possible.

This form must be received by Monday, September 19 or we cannot guarantee inclusion in the book.

Please [click here](#) to access the form.

Introduction to Judaism Classes Begin October 18!



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

Tour de Summer Camps



Anyone interested in doing the ride, please meet on Sunday September 25th at 9:30 am at the Synagogue followed by a ride to the beach and back. You can RSVP to Ralph by calling 310-486-3446 or emailing ralphhattenbach@gmail.com.

During your long weekend, earn chances to win a three-class pass to SoulCycle!

For every NEW Rider you recruit for Tour de Summer Camps you gain one entry to win and your new recruit can take advantage of a discounted registration fee - it's a win-win situation.

It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Find a friend who has NEVER ridden with Tour de Summer Camps.
2. Have them register with the discount code NewFriend for only \$35.
3. Make sure they list your name in the "Referred By" section of the registration process.

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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