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SYNAGOGUE
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THE TORCH

October 4, 2017 | 14 Tishrei 5778

This Week

Friday, 10/6

5:30 pm

Sukkot Potluck and Service in the Sukkah

Saturday, 10/7

9:00 am

Hevrah Torah

5:00 pm

Shabbat Service celebrating Capp Gordon becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, 10/8

5:30 pm

[Tikkun Olam Sukkot](#)

CORRECTION: Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah is at 5:30 pm.

An Introduction to

Judaism

If you give us 18 nights,
we'll give you four thousand years.

Taught by Cantor Jay Frailich at University Synagogue
Sunday mornings beginning October 15.

Experiencing the High Holy Days can leave us feeling like we want to further our connection to Judaism and to our synagogue community. You may want to learn or brush up on your Hebrew reading, connect to a spiritual path through learning about holiday and life cycle observances, or learn about the history of our people. University Synagogue, in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism, is offering an Intro to Judaism course. Classes meet on Sundays, beginning 10/15, and will be taught by our own Cantor Emeritus, Jay Frailich. Cantor Frailich is a mensch and a font of knowledge. In his "retirement" he is teaching at both the Hebrew Union College and the Academy for Jewish Religion. [Register before Friday!](#)

Be Prepared To Look Out The Windows

Rabbis Matthew Soffer and Joel Simonds

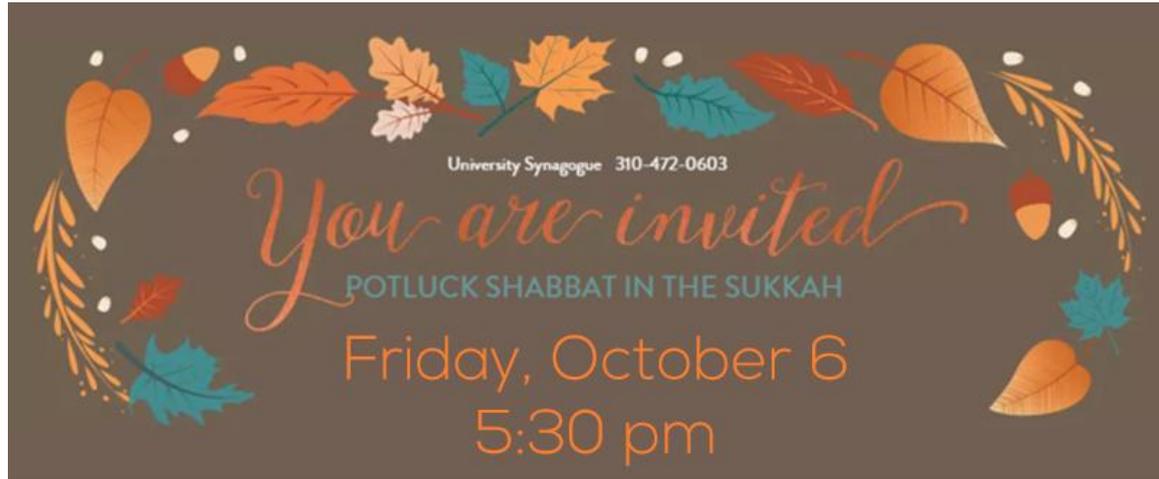


The prophet Daniel, Scripture tells us, prayed in the upstairs room of his home. Why upstairs? Because that's where the windows were, showing him the world outside, facing Jerusalem. For Daniel, real prayer calls attention to the real world, the happenings outside the sanctuary of one's comfort zone: in the sobering suffering of the public square.

The diversity of the Jewish community is a wondrous feature of our people; it's amazing that we can be so different yet cling to the same Torah. No two synagogues are alike, just as each community sings with its own voice and animates our age-old duty to pursue justice in its own way. [Continue reading here.](#)

Sukkot Schedule and Celebrations

[For more information about Sukkot, click here.](#)



Enjoy a Shabbat potluck with University Synagogue Community including the Early Childhood Learning Center and Religious School! This event is a **vegetarian** POTLUCK so please bring:

Last name A-F Appetizers

Last name G-L Salads/Sides

Last name M-S Entrees

Last name T-Z - Desserts

Please refrain from bringing meat. Feel free to bring wine or your favorite beverage for the adults. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

[Click here to RSVP!](#)



Join Tikkun Olam for family activities such as challah braiding, planting, and advocacy. Bring your own dinner or [purchase a boxed dinner here](#). RSVPS not required.

Zichronam Livrachah

Gloria Abrams, aunt of Debbie (Ed) Ross.

Gayle Israel Levy, sister of Bob (Gail) Israel.

Ebrahim Sharafi, grandfather of Sheila (David) Makhani.



Bar Mitzvah Spotlight: Capp Gordon

Capp is the son of **Cambria and Howard Gordon**.

School: Windward School

Spiritual Highlight Knowing that I have many more options for learning more about Judaism.

Tzedakah Project I am cooking meals every week for a homeless man that sleeps near my house.

iEngage

Jewish Values and the
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict



A project of the Shalom Hartman Institute

Rabbi Stanley Davids to Teach Monthly Hartman Institute Class

iEngage 4: Milestones and Meanings

What is real in contemporary Israeli culture, politics, and religion? What has happened in the 100 years since the Balfour Declaration? How has Israel changed since the Six-Day War?

Each session will feature one of the Shalom Hartman Institute scholars in a 20 minute video followed by a wide open discussion led by Rabbi Stanley Davids. Scholars include Donniel Hartman, Yossi Klein HaLevi, and Micah Goodman. Our first class will be on Tuesday evening, **November 7th, 7-8:15 PM** in the **Beit Midrash, Weinstein Family Library**. Other sessions will be on November 28th, December 19th, January 23rd, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th. Seating is limited. RSVP to Sue Share at Sshare@unisyn.org.

STEPHEN
WISE TEMPLE

Prayer Vigil for America's Future
Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Wise Temple is proud to host and join with religious leaders and their congregations as well civic leaders for a Westside interfaith vigil in support of the American values of tolerance, pluralism, and security for immigrants.

Join us as we celebrate the deep respect we have for each other and honor multiple paths to God, spirituality, and meaning. This special evening will honor our belief that the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" is core to our faiths, as our traditions call us to: "do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God."

- Choirs from multiple congregations will sing.
- Clergy will offer brief prayers of solidarity and hope.
- Civic leaders will show their commitment to our shared American values and their continued realization in our communal life.

Participants and Co-sponsors include:

- Stephen Wise Temple
- IKAR
- Leo Baeck Temple
- Temple Beth Hillel
- University Synagogue
- Faithful Central Bible Church
- Reform CA
- LA Voice
- MAJIC and New Ground
- Wise Readers to Leaders
- AJC Los Angeles
- Additional participants

Please arrive early to pass through security.

Location: Stephen Wise Temple, 15500 Stephen S. Wise Drive, Los Angeles, 90077
For information email: Rstern@wisela.org.

~Save the date~

TOGETHER
AS
ONE:

An Interfaith Concert to
provide aid to people
experiencing
homelessness.

OCT. 29
4 PM

Featuring the
Yuval Ron Ensemble



MAVENS



Join us for an evening of music and friends. Our very own MAVENS* will entertain you with music of the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Hear your friends sing and JAM!

Dessert provided. Cash bar.

NOV 11
8 - 11 PM

Entry cost: \$90

Sponsorships available.

*formerly the Jewbies.

RSVP

Caring for Hurricane Survivors

To all those facing challenges as we begin 5778, especially from hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, we join together in praying for peace, wholeness, and health for everyone. The best way to help those in need of assistance is to donate to these organizations which are providing relief in the impacted areas:

- [Jewish Federations of North America 2017 Hurricane Relief Fund](#)
- [NECHAMA: A Jewish Response to Disaster](#)
- [Hispanicfederation.org](#)
- [voicesforpuertorico.com](#)
- <http://www.israaid.co.il/donate>

Mitzvah Corps: We're Here For You!

The University Synagogue Mitzvah Corps wants you to know that we're here, and we care! Dedicated to serving our fellow congregants as they encounter major life cycle events, we will gladly send a welcome gift to a new baby, and provide support for ill or mourning congregants and their families (delivering a hot meal, completing a minyan, running an errand, etc.).

If you're in need of some TLC from the Mitzvah Corps, please just inform any clergy member or the synagogue office. We'd also love to have you join us as a volunteer — the demands are few and the rewards are plentiful! Please contact Susan Wieder at sdwieder@mac.com.

SYNAGOGUE EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 am - Sukkot Morning Service in the Sukkah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30 pm - Community Sukkot Potluck and Service in the Sukkah
Please sign up [here!](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 pm - Join Tikkun Olam for a Social Justice Sukkot including family activities such as challah braiding, planting, and advocacy. Bring your own dinner or [purchase a boxed dinner here](#). RSVPs not required.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:30 am - Sisterhood Lunch in the Sukkah
Participate in the mitzvah of eating a meal in the Sukkah. Recite the international Jewish community blessings, shake the lulav and smell the etrog. Rabbi Joel Simonds will speak on "Inclusion: Working Together For A Better World." \$20 per person (includes lunch). RSVP by October 4th. [Click here to RSVP](#).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 am - Atzeret-Simchat Torah Morning Service in the Sukkah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 pm - Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 am - Tot Shabbat AM - Best Playdate Ever!
9:00 am - Torah Off The Beaten Path with Cantor Shapiro
9:00 am - Hevrah Torah with Rabbi Stanley Davids

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 pm - Shabbat Zimrah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 am - Lunch making for OPCC (1751 Cloverfield Blvd., Santa Monica, 90404)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 pm - People of the Book will feature Rabbi Stanley Davids, who will discuss his new book, [The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism](#). Israel has quickly become one of the most polarizing forces in the North American Jewish community. In a world already much too divided, how can we approach the subject of Zionism without widening the rifts? This book wrestles with and attempts to frame the very fragile dialogue surrounding Zionism and Israel. There are many lenses through which Reform Jews approach Zionism, not only set apart by political differences but also by geographical diversity, religious divisiveness, socio-economic policies, gender issues, the use and abuse of power, and more.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:00 pm - Towards Wholeness: An Interfaith Concert to provide aid to those experiencing homelessness featuring the Yuval Ron Ensemble

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 PM - Sisterhood Hanukkah Dinner

SAVE THE DATES!

University Synagogue has many exciting events this year.

TOGETHER AS ONE

a Tzedakah concert, featuring Yuval Ron Ensemble, to support people experiencing homelessness.

**OCT.
29**

**NOV.
11**

CLUB NIGHT WITH OUR VERY OWN MAVENS

great music, food and friends

CASINO NIGHT

a lively evening with prizes, raffles, and fun

**FEB.
10**

**FEB.
25**

PURIM CARNIVAL & SPIEL

bring the whole family for a day of celebration

CANTOR'S CONCERT

a beautiful afternoon of song benefitting the music program

**APR.
22**



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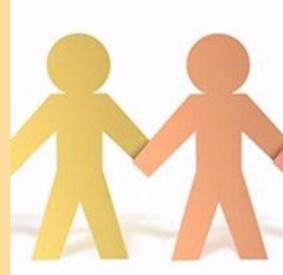
Know of Anyone...?

We rely on our University Synagogue families, their friends and relatives, to alert us when someone is hospitalized or suffering any illness or bereavement. The Clergy would also be delighted to learn about happy events such as celebrating a birth, or any Simchah. Local hospitals do not release patient information; kindly call Sue Share, Assistant to the Clergy, at 310-472-1255, ext. 120, or email her at SShare@unisyn.org, so that our Rabbis and Cantors can better serve our congregation.



Calling all Volunteers!

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our volunteer workforce! Contact Emilie Leder at ELeder@unisyn.org if you are interested!



Know of someone who is interested in joining US?

Maybe there's a friend who is unaffiliated and wants to be part of a dynamic community!

Send their name to Emilie Leder at ELeder@unisyn.org or (310) 472-1255.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsorships

Share your special life cycle event with the congregation on Friday night!
Birthday, Anniversary, Engagement, Auf-Ruf or Baby Naming

Click [here](#) to see the sponsorships.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Kebre at BKebre@unisyn.org.

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