

Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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Join us on Friday, June 16 as we welcome Shabbat with music, community, and a tasty dinner. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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Thank you to all those who walked with us and supported our team. We had a wonderful time and made a huge impact!

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Beginning & Ending the Same Way

RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ



There is a belief that, according to the Jewish tradition, on two nights during the year the Heavens open and God is closer than usual. On Kol Nidre, we recognize that the gates are open and we petition God. On Leil

Shavuot, we sense that God is near and we study to gain insights into the Divine. On Yom Kippur we speak to God and on Shavuot we study what God has to say to us.

There is a symmetry to the year that is profound. Whether it be the academic year or the synagogue programming year, we end the year as we began, with an intense active service of reflection and revelation.

This year has meant so much to me personally. I've not only completed my first year as the rabbi of Adat Shalom—I've been welcomed into the life of each and every person in the community. I feel very grateful.

At the same time, we cannot be content to enjoy the success of a great year. We have to use it to build momentum for the

upcoming year as well. Please help me to reach out to new potential members of our community. Feel free to call me with ideas for the religious school. It would be great to receive more offers to participate in services and sponsor and volunteer for programming.

My family is going to Israel for three weeks at the end of June and beginning of July, where I will study for one week at the Conservative Yeshiva and recharge for the coming year. We began this year with a welcomed sense of renewal and growth. Let's continue that notion into the summer and beyond. And most importantly, let's continue to walk forward together as a community.

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Adat Shalom's Annual Gala

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017
6:00 PM

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This No June Gloom at Adat Shalom!

ELIZABETH BAR-EL, President



One year ago, we celebrated our rabbi's ordination at our annual gala, and just like that we are coming to the end of Rabbi Lebovitz's first

year with us. For me this year has flown past, and it has been both busy and successful for our congregation. Beginning with welcoming many new members and holding meaningful and beautiful High Holiday services, 2016/17 brought us so many wonderful services and programs. Monthly Tot Shabbat programs have brought together a *chavurah* of young families. We have enjoyed the more frequent participation of Dale Schatz as our cantor. We have celebrated *chagim*, diversified our Violet Harris Jewgle Program events and joined

the Women's League and Men's Club for interesting speakers and fun activities.

As a community with a great need to raise money for our own operations, I am very proud that, in addition to the love and support our members have shown the synagogue this year, we led two campaigns to raise funds for others. The first benefited our sister congregation in Haifa, Kehillat Moriah, following their devastating arson damage, and just last month, we hit a new high in our team effort for the Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide. We also collected toys last Hanukah that brightened the menorah-lighting for needy Jewish families in Los Angeles. Our ability to rally as a community to give to others enriches us all and elevates our purpose as a synagogue.

And, equally significant, we will be finishing the fiscal year in

good shape, thanks to all who have contributed throughout the year, capped off by a gala that is poised for success with great ticket sales and sponsorships. The Board has just approved the FY2017/18 budget, which projects another good year and has been prepared with special attention to implement our values and maintain our facility. The 17/18 budget anticipates new programs to forge closer connections between our members away from synagogue-based activities and to make required repairs and site improvements.

Membership packets will be mailed soon, with no change in membership dues, and a small increase in the security assessment. Please return your membership forms promptly so we will know that you plan to continue this exciting journey with the Adat Shalom community.

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL GALA

Sunday, June 4 at 6:00pm

TALKING TORAH

Thursday, June 8 at 10:00am
(No class June 15, 22, or 29)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 14 at 7:30pm

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Monday, June 19 at 7:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30pm

Religious School

Religious School is on summer break and will resume on Wednesday, September 20th. Enjoy your vacation!

Services

Shabbat morning services are held every Saturday at 9:30am. Morning minyan begins at 7:00am Mondays and Thursdays.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Tuesday, May 30 at 8:00pm

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Wednesday, May 31 at 9:30am

Thursday, June 1 at 9:30am; 11:00am Yizkor

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, June 3

9:30am Service; 10:30am Tot Shabbat

COMMUNITY KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE WITH CANTOR DALE SCHATZ

Friday, June 16

6:30pm Dinner; 7:30pm Service

Office Closures

The office will close early in observance of Shavuot on May 30 and remain closed on May 31 and June 1.

Thank you for supporting our gala honoring our past presidents taking place on Sunday, June 4. If you haven't had a chance to donate to our annual fundraiser, it's not too late to send in your donation!

Thank you to the Gala Committee, who worked tirelessly to plan a wonderful event! Pictures will be included in the next issue of Kol HaShalom.

Marla Knoll, Gala Chair
Elizabeth Bar-El
Elana Dixon
Holly Factor

Henny Gordon
Miriam Hearn
Sandra Kass
Judy Paz

Alexis Schutzer
Tracy Shemano
Janet Trask
Rose Ziff

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
2017 Adat Shalom Gala

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017
6:00 PM COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER ⁴
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Adat Shalom
3030 WESTWOOD BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 9003

Honoring our Past Presidents

HELEN BRILL
DAVID FACTOR
ESTHER MARGULIES

ANDREA NITZ
DAVID SHEMANO
KENT UGORETZ

Summer
- AT ADAT SHALOM -

Please join us for:

SHA-BBQS
July 21
& August 18

PJ LIBRARY AFTERNOON
August 6

Adat Shalom's
TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Tuesday, May 30 at 8pm
Join us for an evening of learning with Rabbi Lebovitz and Rabbi Charles Simon, recently retired Executive Director of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. We will then celebrate the holiday of Shavuot with cheesecake and ice cream!

KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, June 16
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Service

Join the Adat Shalom community in welcoming Shabbat with a delicious dinner followed by musical Shabbat services with Cantor Dale Schatz.

Please RSVP to the office at 310-475-4985.

\$18/adult \$10/child before June 14, then \$20/adult.

Service is open to all!

TOT@ADAT
Tot Shabbat

Saturday, June 3
10:30am

Join Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz and Cantor Dale Schatz at Adat Shalom with your kids for a special Tot Shabbat morning filled with art, music, and treats!

Questions?
Contact Joanna in the office at 310.475.4985

Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide

DIANE STERNFELS, JWW Team Captain, 2017

A very big THANK YOU to all who took a stand for Jewish World Watch because genocide is not a thing of the past. You ran, you walked, and you donated to raise funds to educate and advocate, as well as provide relief and build resilience in conflict affected communities. With your generous actions, we showed our elected officials that we demand that our government take action to support the survivors and refugees of these ongoing atrocities in Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

We walked and donated for people who we will likely never meet, people like us who also have families, hopes, and dreams. I have been an enthusiastic supporter of the JWW for many years because I have seen the wonderful projects our funds support. Years ago, I took part in the solar cooker project, which allowed the women to stay in their village and not stray outside to gather firewood where they would be in danger. Now, partnering with groups in Africa, JWW is building schools for preschool children called Little Ripples, tailored to a population exposed to severe trauma. A home-based model is now seeking to include even more children. There are other projects geared to women of all ages for training, education, and safety.

There are several more projects JWW is involved in, but one in particular is doing much to create a social change movement for the protection of the Congolese Women. That project is Sons of the Congo, a men's mentorship program that uses a curriculum that draws on biblical lessons and demonstrates how women should be valued and respected. Thousands of men have embraced this programming.

Jewish World Watch is so grateful your support of its work through projects like these that provide safe, protected places where children and adults can heal and create community.

On our Adat Shalom and Friends team I would like to give a shout-out to Barry Bar-El, who brought in the most donations. He and Liz accounted for more than a quarter of all of the funds raised by our team. So many of you were so very generous. Thank you all for your support.

JOEY SCHACHAT
Jewish Education Center
Religious School Student

I did the Walk to End Genocide with my mom and brother. We met with hundreds of people at Pan Pacific Park. To start the walk a group of people blew shofars. Then we walked with other people from Adat as well as other people in our community. I helped hold the Adat sign for part of the way. The walk helped raise money to help people who don't have homes and who live in dangerous places. I was proud that I walked a 5K!



MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Max Cohen, Brentwood High School

Rachel Formaker, Hamilton High School

Hannah Lottenberg, New West Charter High School

Joshua Miller, Milken Community High School

Aidan Schechter, Laces High School
& Los Angeles Hebrew High School

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Adam Paz, Bachelor of Science, UC Santa Cruz

GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Lior Bar-El, Masters Degree in Economics,
London School of Economics



Happy Anniversary!

Michael & Nadia Gabai Allan & Elizabeth Cohen

Mark Gordon & Amy Levine Arthur & Marilyn Russell

David & Michelle Lewis Murray & Regina Sperber

Gary & Karen Zelcer Iain Gulin & Anne Lefton-Gulin

Joel & Audrey Swartz Leonard & Muriel Hess

Max & Mari Berman

Stuart & Marlene Bernstein

Happy Birthday!

(under 18 years)

Simon Lebovitz

Jonathan Shemano

Oren Hartstein



ADAT SHALOM'S GET2GIVE PROGRAM

Buy gift cards to:

- Ralph's
- Vons/Pavilions
- Sprouts
- Starbucks
- Whole Foods
- Macy's
- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Pottery Barn
- Old Navy
- Amazon.com
- ...and hundreds of other popular stores!
(julyvisit glscrip.com for a complete list)



Your Gift Card purchase supports Adat Shalom and Women's League educational and social programs. For more information contact Sara Lewis at (310) 826-3228 or by e-mail at halsara@earthlink.net

Talking Torah

Learn with Rabbi Lebovitz and enjoy coffee and a nosh at Adat Shalom

All Are Welcome!

Every Thursday at 10:00am



Women's League Event: FDR and the Jews

On Sunday, May 7, Women's League held an amazing educational event titled *FDR and the Jews* that, in content, presentation, and attendance, exceeded all our expectations. Over 40 people listened with rapt attention to a presentation by Women's League member Gerda Ben-Zeev on not only FDR, but also the historical background that preceded the Second World War and the Shoah, which devastated our world Jewish community.

Gerda drew from the background and information gained during her participation in a Plato Society symposium during which 14 participants each took a portion of the world changing events surrounding the growth of anti-Semitism in Europe and the US and the economic, social and political developments that led to Nazi domination of Germany and then Europe. She supplemented this overview with personal, emotional stories of her family's experiences at that time in Romania and the miracles that led them to survive in the face of hatred.

We hope to host similar quality programs in the future, and invite the entire congregation to join us.

New Member Corner Jerome and Sandy Helman

Adat Shalom is delighted to welcome Jerome and Sandy Helman to our community. Both Jerome and Sandy are originally from Detroit, Michigan. After living in New England and Ohio, they moved to and settled in Los Angeles in 1965. Jerome is a retired physician and Sandy is a retired librarian. Sandy is presently a docent at the Natural History Museum. She recommends an upcoming special exhibit called *Extreme Mammal*, which opened in May!

Sandy and Jerome have three adult children, one of whom is a doctor and one who recently received his PhD. The Helmans also have one grandson, who lives in Florida.

The Helmans are such welcome additions to our Adat Shalom family! Jerome enjoys being a part of the morning minyan and he and Sandy both like attending our lectures and movie screenings. We have the Helmans to thank for introducing Rabbi Lebovitz to their good friend, Louis Sneh, who graciously shared his story with us on Yom Hashoah. Welcome, Jerome and Sandy!



A huge THANK YOU

to to everyone who
walked or made a
donation to our JWW
team!

Joseph Augustyn

Barry & Elizabeth
Bar-El

Cecile Benson

Gerda Ben-Zeev

Richard Destin

Elana, Chris, Mira
& Laila Dixon

Irwin & Naomi
Friedman

Eveline Ginzburg

Henrietta Gordon

Alvin Harris

Miriam Hearn

Betty Z. Henry

Mehran & Aaron

Javid

Norman Kane

Denise Katz

William & Lenore
Lambert

Ronnie Lampert

Rabbi Nolan
Lebovitz

Sara Lewis

Delores Novack

Judith Orlando

Judith Paz

Lolita Penhasi

Bruce Robinson

Carin, Alex & Joey
Schachat

Cantor Dale &

Tracy Schatz

David Schechter

Anat Soffer

Lew & Diane
Sternfels

Janet Trask

Louise Wechsler

Marilyn White

Scott Wimer

Karen Yaghoubian

Ron & Rose Ziff

Donations

As of May 10, 2017

General Fund

- ADAT SHALOM WOMEN'S LEAGUE
in honor of Gerda Ben-Zeev
- CECILE BENSON
in honor of the wedding party for Bernard & Linda Schwartzman's marriage
- HELEN BUDIN
- SANDRA HANDLER
in memory of Al Levin
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- MYONG LEE
in appreciation of Talking Torah
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in memory of Al Levin
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in memory of Al Levin
- LEWIS & DIANE STERNFELS
in memory of Al Levin
- PHILIP & JANET TRASK
in memory of Al Levin
- RUTH & BERNARD WALDOW, JR.

Yizkor

- SARA EZRA
- MARCUS & JUDITH JACOBSON
- ARTHUR & BETH OJENA

Chaim Sabbah Fund

- SANDRA KASS
in memory of Al Levin

Kiddush Fund

- TONY EBRAHAMS

Rabbi Discretionary Fund Donations

- ANDREA ESPINOZA
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- JASON & ALEXIS SCHUTZER
- MURRY & REGINA SPERBER
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- CECILE BENSON
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in memory of Harry Klein and Sarah Hess

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in memory of Bessie Jacobson

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in memory of Leron Barends and Isidore Kaufman

- BETH KOONAN
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- MARIAN LAST
in memory of Marian Kahan

- LISABETH LOBENTHAL
in memory of Joshua Lobenthal

- SHARON & LINDA OFER
in memory of William Goldman and Shaul Ofer

- OWEN & LINDA ROBINSON
in memory of Bernard Robinson

- JEROME & JEAN SANDERSON
in memory of Doris Sanderson

- DAVID SEGAL & ELAINE CRAIG SEGAL
in memory of Gladys Dunn Kellet

- KENT & NANCY UGORETZ
in memory of Anne Zetzel

- JOSEPH & KAREN YAGHOUBIAN
in memory of Eleanore Beard

- STEVEN ZUSMAN
in memory of Sylvia Zusman

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