# Kol HaShalom

**Adat Shalom's Newsletter** 

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# **NEW QUARTERLY KOL HASHALOM!**

Kol HaShalom will now be published every 3 months. For up-to-the-minute programming information and announcements, check your email inbox and our newly designed website.

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# My Daily Offering



#### RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

Last winter I was invited to join the Jewish Federation's Edah Fellowship for Rabbis to develop vital skills related to congregational innovation and organizational change.

Our teacher for most sessions has been Abby Fifer Mandell, the Executive Director of the Brittingham Social Enterprise Lab and an Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurship at the USC Marshall School of Business. She teaches us primarily about "design thinking."

As opposed to traditional innovation, in which the entrepreneur thinks of a product and brings it to market, design thinking demands that an entrepreneur study his or her intended users and design solutions to address their needs.

#### SO WHAT ARE OUR NEEDS?

I interviewed approximately fifteen members of our community asking to describe their day for me. I interviewed a range of people – women and men, working and retired, ages ranged across the board – and I immediately noticed trends, similarities. All of us wake up really early and go to bed late, many of us use the word "exhausting" to describe our routines. Each member I interviewed is over-scheduled, over-programmed, and able to explain to me her or his entire day within precise fifteen or thirty minute blocks of time.

At the end of each description, I'd ask a simple question: If you could add one or two more activities in your day, without addressing the issue of time, if you could add time to do anything what would it be? Each person—each one—expressed a desire to spend more

time with friends and family, and each one expressed a desire to read more or learn more, for greater intellectual stimulation during the day. At this point, I am unfortunately not sure how to facilitate more time with family and friends during the day, but I do know how to use technology to help with our learning.

This year, I will be launching a podcast called



My Daily Offering. The podcast will be a 2–5 minute inspirational teaching of Torah that is meant to make your day more meaningful.

To subscribe, please use your phone to go the

website www.MyDailyOffering.com. If you have an iPhone, please click on the subscribe button on iTunes. Or, you can simply go to your Podcast App, search My Daily Offering, and subscribe. Finally, if you have an Android phone, please click on the subscribe button on Soundcloud, and then click the orange follow button. If you need help, please bring your phone into the office for assistance.

I hope this new technology helps bring more learning and inspiration into our community. With this podcast, you can carry around a few minutes of Torah learning with you in your pockets. And when you listen to it, at home in the morning or at work on a break, know that others are listening all across the city. For we are a community both dedicated to the incredible wisdom of our Jewish heritage and also dedicated to our cell phones.

Have a Sweet Year of Goodness.

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah

# Shana Tova U'Metuka

**ELIZABETH BAR-EL, President** 



Shana Tova U'Metukah to all. Welcome to a new year at Adat Shalom! The Board has approached this year by spending the summer

planning for renewal and growth, both spiritual and physical, in our synagogue community. You will see signs of these efforts at the High Holyday services, and in our communications and activities in the coming year.

A very important sign of our summer activity is the news I have the privilege to share with you right here in this edition of Kol HaShalom. After two successful years, and with one remaining contract year, Rabbi Lebovitz and the Board of Directors have already signed a five-year contract extension through June 2024. Rabbi Lebovitz has shown unparalleled commitment and enthusiasm for this shul and he shares a vision with the Board of our potential to grow and thrive. The tots that have joined our community with their parents over the past two years will comprise a full kindergarten class in 2018-19, with Rabbi Lebovitz preparing them

from this moment on for their b'nei mitzvah and a lifetime of Jewish family and community values. From the conversations I have had with many of you over the past year, I know that this is very welcome news and I look forward to the support of the entire congregation as Adat Shalom continues to go from strength to strength through Rabbi Lebovitz's spiritual leadership.

This summer, the Board has worked hard, but Adat Shalom members have played hard as well. By this, I am of course referring to our softball team, the Adat Shalom Chaverim, one of five teams in a new LA City Parks interfaith league: three synagogues, one Presbyterian church, and "the Fighting Methodists." Our team ranged in age from 23 to 70+ with varying skill/ experience levels. We transformed from a shaky start (okay, a losing streak) to a solid team that actually won four of our last five games. Win or lose, we had fun! The Chaverim were organized by Richard Destin and Steve Schneider, under the auspices of our Men's Club, and I want to personally thank them because I have not played organized sports since junior high school and I loved it! Next year, we will be back, hopefully joined by more teams and more of you.



As Rabbi Lebovitz once said in a sermon, Judaism is a team sport. We need community to do it, and each of you is part of that. We love when our beautiful sanctuary fills up for the High Holydays, and we look forward to seeing faces we have not seen much during the year. In 5779, please don't be a stranger. This newsletter, Kol HaShalom, will be moving to a quarterly format, and when you see it in your email, please open it up, read what's going on, and join us for classes, film nights, special guest lectures, services and celebrations – or ballgames! You are a member of the fastest growing synagogue on the Westside, and there is a good reason that we are. Come often and enjoy your community.

## **New Member Corner: Jerry Footlick**

Thank you to Anat Soffer for making our New Member Corner possible!



Jerry Footlick might be a familiar face for many of us at Adat Shalom. This is likely because Jerry is a past president of our synagogue. Jerry recently returned to Los Angeles after living in San Diego for four years and we are happy to welcome him back! Jerry has two sons and two grandchildren. His beloved wife, Nanette, passed away in 2010.

Jerry has many friends at Adat Shalom, including Saul Bubis, whom he has known for over 40 years. Jerry hopes to be involved in our Men's Club. Jerry also enjoys attending our Shabbat services and dinners, where is very happy to get to know our Rabbi Nolan and his family, as well as our many new members!

Welcome back to Adat Shalom, Jerry!

## Services

#### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Every Saturday at 9:30am

#### **MORNING MINYAN**

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 am

#### **TOT SHABBAT**

September 8, October 6 & November 3 at 10:30 am

#### **TOT ULPAN**

October 13 & November 10

#### COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER IN THE SUKKAH & SERVICE

September 28 Dinner at 6:30pm Service at 7:30pm

#### COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER, SERVICE & TOT KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, October 19 & Friday, November 16 Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:45 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm Service at 7:30 pm

## Religious School

#### **FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITES**

September 1 Family Selichot

September 16 Tashlich

September 23 Sukkah Building

September 28 Family Kabbalat Shabbat

October 1 Erev Simchat Torah

October 19 Family Kabbalat Shabbat

November 3 Family Shabbat Morning

November 16 Family Kabbalat Shabbat

November 18 Hanukkah Wrap

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

September 26; October 10, 17, 24 & 31; November 7 & 14

#### **SUNDAYS**

October 7, 14, 28; November 11 & 18

## **Upcoming Events**

#### TALKING TORAH

Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m. September 6 & 27; October 4, 11, 18 & 25; November 1, 8, 15 & 29

#### MONDAY MORNINGS WITH THE MASTERS

Mondays after morning minyan October 8, 15, 22 & 29; November 5, 12, 19 & 26

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

7:30 pm on October 10; November 14

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

7:30 pm on September 26; October 24; November 28

#### **JEWGLE EVENTS**

Sunday, October 21 at 7:00 pm — Film Screening Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel

Saturday, November 10 at 9:30am Rabbi in Residence: Rabbi Cheryl Peretz

#### **FAMILY@ADAT SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 23 at 3:00pm

#### SHABBAT ACROSS ADAT

Friday, November 2

#### **WOMEN'S LEAGUE EVENTS**

Sunday, October 7: Come Sail Away w/ Women's League Sunday, November 4: Women's Wellness Program

#### HANUKKAH WRAP

November 18

### Office Closures

Labor Day September 3

Rosh HaShanah Monday, September 10\*

Tuesday, September 11

Yom Kippur Tuesday, September 18\*

Wednesday, September 19

Sukkot Monday, September 24

Tuesday, September 25

Shemini Atzeret Monday, October 1

Simchat Torah Tuesday, October 2

Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 21\*

Thursday, November 22 Friday, November 23

\*Office closing early.







# 2018 HIGH-HOLIDAYS 5779



## **SELICHOT**

Saturday Night	September 1	8:00 pm
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## **ROSH HASHANAH**

Erev Rosh HaShanah	September 9	7:00 pm
First Day	September 10	9:00 am
Second Day	September 11	9:00 am

## **TASHLICH**

## YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre	September 18	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	September 19	9:00 am
Break Time Book Club		4:00 pm
Mincha		4:40 pm
Neilah		6:05 pm

## **SUKKOT**

First Day	September 24	9:30 am
Second Day	September 25	9:30 am

## SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

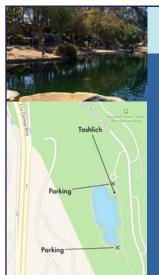
Shemini Atzeret	October 1	9:30 am
Erev Simchat Torah	October 1	7:30 pm
Simchat Torah	October 2	9:30 am

# **SELICHOT**

Saturday, September 1 8:00pm

Begin the High Holiday season at Adat Shalom and stay for friends, community, dessert, and a coffee cart!

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## **TASHLICH**

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 10:00am

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area 4100 South La Cienega Blvd

Join Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz, Cantor Dale Schatz, and your Adat Shalom community as we begin our new year together with prayer and song.

**Parking:** After entering the park from La Cienega, you will find parking on the north side of the lake on the right hand side (see map). There is parking on the south side of the lake as well. Parking is \$6.

## YOM KIPPUR BREAK TIME **BOOK CLUB**

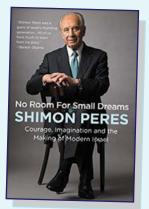
3:30 pm on Yom Kippur

Just before mincha, Rabbi Lebovitz will lead a discussion of Shimon Peres's book.

No Room for Small Dreams: Courage, Imagination, and the Making of Modern

Israel, which can be

purchased through Amazon Smile.



## SIMCHAT TORAH



- of Cantor Schatz and his band
- Fun for all ages
- Free ice cream Sundaes

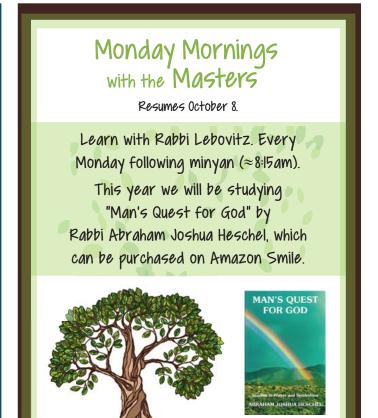
# **COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER** IN THE SUKKAH

Friday, September 28 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm Dinner \$18/adult & \$10/child if RSVP by September 26, \$25/adult thereafter



Learn with Rabbi Lebovitz and enjoy coffee and a nosh at Adat Shalom. All are welcome!

This year we will be studying Samuel 1 and 2. Rabbi Lebovitz will be using the Artscroll Samuel, which can be purchased on Amazon Smile.





I am glad that I made time to attend Rabbi Lebovitz's Adult Education Class called "Understanding the Shema." While I was sure I learned it all in Hebrew School, the Rabbi artfully delineated for us the meaning and message of the Shema, linking it to its origins and giving us a better understanding of how certain parts connect to serve as a central creed of our people. The teaching helped me connect more personally to the words and tradition and bring fresh meaning to a prayer I had said all too routinely many times.

—Marla Knoll







Presented by the Adat Shalom Violet Harris Fund

#### FILM SCREENING

#### Sunday, October 21, 7:00 pm

Film Screening: Heading Home, The Tale of Team Israel

#### **BOOK CLUB**

#### Monday, October 15

The first selection for the new Jewgle Book Club is *The Wine of Solitude*, by Irene Nemirovsky. Discussion for this book will be led by Yael Hartstein. The Jewgle Book Club will meet on Monday evenings every 6 to 8 weeks. Stay tuned for future selections!)

#### RABBI IN RESIDENCE

#### Saturday, November 10, 9:30 am

Rabbi in Residence: Rabbi Cheryl Peretz, Associate Dean,

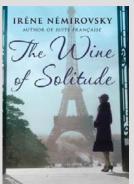
Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies

#### ADAT ACROSS LA

#### Sunday, November 11

Field Trip to the Skirball Cultural Center for a private tour of Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg











Dear Adat Shalom,

Our special kids had a fabulous week at camp and I want to thank you again for the wonderful tote bags and donation to offset the cost of a bus for one day. The kids loved all the goodies inside the colorful bags and were kept busy and excited while on the bus to the daily field trips. The photo below shows one of our kids and his volunteer playing with the coloring book—such a hit!

Our week long camp was such a big deal for the kids and their parents too. Thank you for your contributions!

With much appreciation,

Gail Rollman Development Director Friendship Circle of Los Angeles (310) 280-0955 www.FCLA.org

# ADAT SHALOM'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Earlier this year, we bought and stuffed 150 backpacks full of art and school supplies, toys, and other fun things for children and donated them to The Friendship Circle.

This social action project was coordinated by the Adat Shalom Religious School and many families in our community donated and participated. Kol HaKavod!



# TOT (a) ADAT FREE of Charge

#### TOT SHABBAT MORNINGS

Bring your little ones and invite your friends to musical, creative, and fun Tot Shabbat services led by Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz and Cantor Dale Schatz at 10:30am for infants to age 8.

SEPTEMBER 8 OCTOBER 6 NOVEMBER 3



#### TOT KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday night musical, engaging, family friendly services at 5:45pm with Rabbi Lebovitz and Cantor Schatz.

Community dinner will follow at 6:30. RSVP for dinner required.

OCTOBER 19 NOVEMBER 16



#### **TOT ULPAN**

Bring your children (ages 2-8) to learn and love Hebrew at an early age. These sessions are taught by parents and volunteers in our community.

Sessions begin at 10:30am.

OCTOBER 13 NOVEMBER 10

Tot Shabbat has been a wonderful experience for our family. The congregation is very welcoming to new families and provides fun and educational activities for young children. My kids really enjoy singing with Cantor Dale and learning about all the Jewish traditions. The challah also helps!

- Brooke Dekofsky

Our kids are really enjoying the Tot Ulpan classes with its relaxed and fun-based learning of Hebrew through music/songs, books, games and art projects.

– Erica Kopmar









# Family@Adat

# Fun Sukkah Sing-Along

Come dance and sing at a lively concert featuring Cantor Dale Schatz

### FREE & OPEN TO ALL

Sunday, September 23, 3:00pm to 4:30pm Adat Shalom Synagogue 3030 Westwood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90034

Face Painting! PJ Library Book Reading! Decorate a Sukkah! Art Table! Snacks!

For more info go to www.AdatShalomLA.org

Please RSVP to to Joanna@AdatShalomLA.org or call 310-475-4985

# Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Lebovitz, Cantor Schatz, and your Adat Shalom Family!



# ADAT SHALOM SHABBATON



## Friday, January 4 – Sunday, January 6

Brandeis Bardin Campus in Simi Valley

Adults \$180/each

Children (4 to 13) \$50/each

All meals and snacks included. Stay tuned for more details and registration information. Financial aid available.

Generously Supported by The Violet Harris Fund

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# SHABBAT ACROSS ADAT

Friday, November 2, 2018

Twice in 5778, members of our community hosted each other for Shabbat dinners. Each time, over 100 people participated in fun, memorable dinners with new friends and old from our Adat Shalom community.

We are continuing this tradition on November 2, 2018 and April 5, 2019. If you would like to participate in this new Adat Shalom tradition (host or be hosted), please contact the office. RSVP for the November 2 dinner by October 22.



I had a lot of fun at Shabbat Across Adat! My family went to another family's house for dinner. I really enjoyed meeting and getting to know new people and the food was delicious!

– Nili Steinberg











## **Our Growing Religious School**

#### RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ

When we relaunched the Religious School in 2016, we were a small but mighty group. I have watched several of those original students reach the age of Bar and Bat Mitzvah over the last year or so. As that group begins to transition onward, we are greeting new students in our older group and welcoming a new Kindergarten class of students rising up from our Tot Shabbat program.

This new class is proof that the Tot Shabbat program will provide the synagogue religious school with students who already know and are excited to learn with Cantor Schatz and me.

We have one teacher returning and new teachers going us as well. We are planning an exciting experiential curriculum that will instill love of Judaism and help inspire lifelong Jewish learning.

If you know anyone who might be interested in our religious school, please have them contact the office or me—the first year of religious school is now free with new membership!





## Young Minds Enrichment

As we begin our new year, Young Minds pre-school is beginning its third successful year on our campus. When Adat Shalom had to close its pre-school in 2014, we looked around to find a school that would rent our beautiful space, provide quality early education, and also be a good neighbor and partner. We were fortunate to find it all. Young Minds offers a 10% discount and priority enrollment to Adat Shalom members, which is a great benefit! In addition, Rabbi Lebovitz and Cantor Dale offer a pre-Shabbat enrichment several Fridays each year, which has been a big hit with the kids! If you or friends are looking for a pre-school, call the Young Minds office at (424) 832-3711 to arrange a visit.



## We Need Your Help...

We rely on our Adat Shalom community to let us know when someone has been hospitalized, ill, or has lost a loved one. Rabbi Lebovitz would also love to know if anyone is celebrating a birth or other simchah. Hospitals are not permitted to release patient information, so we would appreciate your calling the Adat Shalom office at 310-475-4985 or emailing joanna@adatshalomla.org if you have such information about someone in our community.



## **SOFTBALL**

It was extremely fun to play with fellow congregants and family members and to meet new people from the other teams, as well.

We are a very funny group so there was a lot of laughter, too it didn't matter what the score was.

Most surprising to me was the enthusiasm our team had to have regular practices on Sunday afternoons during the season. Even some of us hope to continue that (say one per month) during the off-season.

Next year we will have jerseys with "Adat Shalom Chaverim" on them!

-Richard Destin



### **MAZAL TOV**

Mazal tov to Mark Gordon and Amy Levine on the bar mitzvah of their son, Jacob Gordon-Levine. Mazal tov to Colin and Eve Gelb on the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Marley Gelb. Mazal tov to Jason and Alexis Schutzer on the bar mitzvah of their son, Gavin Schutzer.

# **Donations**

As of August 1, 2018

#### **General Fund**

- SAEID & HABIBEH EHSANIPOUR
- ALVIN HARRIS
- MARCIA MACHOL in honor of Nadar Machol for being honorably discharged from the army, Idan Machol for healing, Eliel Machol for graduating high school.
- AKHTAR NAZAR
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#### **Kiddush Fund**

• DENNIS & SHIRLEY COZEN

in memory of Solomon Cozen and Abraham Moskowitz

• ILAN & YAEL HARTSTEIN in honor of their anniversary

#### **High Holiday Pledge**

- ANONYMOUS
- ARI & ERICA KOPMAR
- RICHARD & ROSEMAR MILLER
- MORTON & LORRAINE SCHRAG
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 in memory of Stanley
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#### **Yahrzeit**

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- Fanya Margolin
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  in memory of Leo Wolfe
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- CHRIS & ELANA DIXON in memory of Morton Miller and Jack Futterman
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- RONALD FEINER in memory of Barbara Feiner

• IRWIN & NAOMI FRIEDMAN

in memory of Joseph Rasch, Ruth Shen and Michael Bunim

- MITCH & SANDRA GREENBERG in memory of Sylvia Widofsky
- MURIEL HESS in memory of Rose Klein
- SANDRA KASS in memory of Beatrice Kass and John Gordon
- JUDITH MILLER in memory of Jack Futterman
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- LOUISE WECHSLER in memory of Margaret Wechsler

- CLAIRE WINER in memory of Isadore Klein
- GARY & KAREN ZELCER

#### **Yizkor**

- GERDA BEN-ZEEV
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- EARL GORDON
- HARRIET GORDON
- MITCH & SANDRA GREENBERG
- SANDRA KASS
- DELORES NOVACK
- JERRY & DEBBY ROTTER
- MURRAY & BEVERLY SOMMER
- JOAN WORTMAN

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ELLEN CHRIS
- STEWART FORDHAM in honor of Rabbi Lebovitz's birthday
- IRWIN & NAOMI FRIEDMAN with gratitude for Rabbi Lebovitz
- MIRIAM HEARN
- **DENISE KATZ** for the unveiling of Irwin Katz's headstone

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