

Kol HaShalom

Adat Shalom's Newsletter

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CELEBRATE PURIM WITH ADAT

From *hamentaschen* to *mishloach manot*, to music, costumes, Operation PB&J, and more, Adat Shalom is ready to celebrate!

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PLEDGE YOUR VOTE TO MERCAZ

Your vote matters! Please help make our voice in Israel heard and vote MERCAZ.

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HOLD THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

This wonderful annual event will be held on Sunday, June 7.

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Vote for the World Zionist Congress!

RABBI NOLAN LEBOVITZ



Each year, we as a community seek new ways to connect with Israel. Years ago, we helped rebuild Kehillat Moriah in Haifa after the fires. This year, we set out to feed the hungry in Israel through our support of Leket. We will

be welcoming Joseph Gitler, the Founder and Chairman of Leket, into our community on Shabbat, March 28th. I hope you will mark your calendars to join us.

Another way in which we can impact Israel for the better is the current World Zionist Congress elections. As many of you have already heard from the *bimah*, elections are underway for the next congress in Jerusalem in the Fall, 2020. I have had the pleasure of sitting on the national board of MERCAZ, proudly serving as a MERCAZ delegate at the 2015 World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, and also participating in the Rabbinic Steering Council for these current elections. I am once again on the slate of delegates for MERCAZ and have already committed to serving if enough delegates are elected.

As Conservative Jews, it is to our benefit to elect as many delegates as possible from our slate to participate. Representation in

Israeli government posts and funding for the Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel are dependent on the elections and results from the next World Zionist Congress. We had a disappointing showing four years ago and we are looking to increase our vote dramatically. Voting MERCAZ is our voice in Israel in support of religious pluralism, democracy, and the strengthening of the connection between Israel and the Diaspora.

I implore you to please take a few moments and vote for MERCAZ by following the steps in the box below. Thank you to all who have taken the time to vote, and please tell all of your friends and family as well.

1. Fill out the form at www.Mercaz2020.org
2. Once you click to start your ballot, you will be taken immediately to the official voting site of the AZM.
3. Follow the instructions on the site completely and cast your ballot for MERCAZ Slate #6.
4. Voting will require a small fee of \$7.50 or \$5 for those 25 and younger. Fees cover the cost of the election and do not go to MERCAZ.
5. Once you've vote, remember to share and encourage others to Vote MERCAZ Slate #6.



An amazing weekend at our Annual Shabbaton

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From the President



JANET SCHULMAN, President

Our last *Kol Hashalom* came out before the High Holidays and much has happened since then. Adat Shalom is on a positive trajectory with positive energy and ideas flowing from the Board, volunteers and congregants.

The sanctuary was filled during the High Holidays with meaningful services and sermons, book discussions, children's activities, and other events. The joyful Kabbalat Shabbat dinner on Sukkot drew more than 150 people in the beautiful *sukkah* built by the Men's Club. Yael Hartstein and Lisa Schechter led a well-attended book discussion on Yom Kippur and Blair Lebovitz and Orley Garber led children's activities throughout the entire High Holidays.

Our new Yahrzeit Board is a stunning piece of artwork—a legacy to our loved ones and an opportunity to remember our families in the future. Richard Destin and Esther Margulies led the effort with the help of many volunteers. Thank you to Jerry Siegal for creating such a beautiful piece of art.

Hanukah was quickly upon us after the Holidays. On December 29, a large crowd gathered as Adat Shalom lit the 8th candle on the Menorah on the 3rd Street Promenade, with Rabbi and Cantor Dale leading the prayers and singing. Marla Knoll led our annual Hanukah Angels program in support of Chai Lifeline. Religious School students, parents, and

volunteers spent the day wrapping presents for needy families.

Our *Hesed* program led by Marla Knoll and Natalie Stanger, provides transportation to shul events and services and meals for *Shiva*, families with new babies, and those who are ill. Our program "A Place at the Table" brings people together to share a Sabbath meal, coordinated by Liz Bar-El.

Our Israel Social Action Committee, led by Allan Cohen, is building a strong relationship with Leket Israel, an organization which focuses on food inequality in Israel. During the High Holidays we raised more than \$12,000 which will provide a great deal of support to the Leket mission.

The Shabbaton on January 10-12 was a rousing success with 100 people attending, including more than 20 children. It was a spiritual, social, and educational experience and was enjoyed immensely by all. Next year's Shabbaton has already been booked for January 8-10, 2021.

I want to recognize Judy Paz and Naomi Friedman, who stepped down from the Board this year and remain active and engaged. Our two new Board members, Mitchell Gossett and Orley Garber, bring many talents and skills to Adat Shalom. We welcome them to the Board of Directors.

Adat Shalom is a robust shul and we will continue to grow our membership, meet the needs of new and long-standing congregants and become the centerpiece of Judaism in West Los Angeles.

From the Executive Director



RENALEE PFLUG, Executive Director

This will be my last 'first' Kol article. By the time Kol Spring 2020 is published, I will have celebrated my 1-year anniversary as Executive Director at Adat Shalom. But let's not rush things... I want to savor my last few weeks of my first year and reflect on the past few months.

Fall 2019 flew by in a flash. I was a little nervous knowing over 500 people would be coming for High Holiday services. The office staff—Joanna, Leslie, and Melody—had worked tirelessly leading up to the Holidays to ensure things ran smoothly, but I was still concerned about security, safety, seating, adequate parking, and the nagging thought...how would I remember everyone's name?

Thankfully Joanna was nearby throughout the *chaggim*. Her experience with Adat Shalom and her calm was reassuring as people came through the door. Joanna knew everyone... and everyone knew her! I had a lot to learn.

The Israeli Consul for Public Diplomacy, Jonathan Bar-El, visited during Yom Kippur services. He was greeted by Rabbi Lebovitz on the *bimah* and shared a message of friendship between Israel and the United States. Then, he went back to his seat and stayed for the service for as long as his security detail allowed...extraordinary!

Shabbat dinner in our *sukkah* brought another first. Our *sukkah*, built by our Men's Club, was bursting at the seams with over 150 people. Everyone crowded under the *schach* for *kiddush* and *motzi*, chanted by Rabbi Lebovitz and Cantor Schatz, on a warm, fall evening. Cesar expertly added tables and more tables, around the *sukkah* and there was a seat everyone.

Fast forward to January 2020 and my first Shabbaton! Brandeis Bardin did not disappoint! The weather was magnificent. The services, the programming, and lighting Shabbat candles together with over 100 Adat Shalom members were unforgettable. We enjoyed delicious meals, lots of Israeli dancing, (now you know my passion), a challenging ropes course, and an early morning hike up to House of the Book. It was magical—and we had a magician too! I'll never forget Saturday night, huddled in the rotunda, holding the havdallah candle, and as I looked around...I knew everyone's name.

The next few weeks and months will be filled with more holidays, events, and fun. Join us for Purim; our mishloach manot program is underway thanks to Judy Paz. Cantor Dale and friends will rock the house on Erev Purim and Operation PB&J will be in full swing. We'll be making sandwiches and packing essential items to deliver to the homeless in West Los Angeles. See you there...my second Purim at Adat Shalom.

Services

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

TOT SHABBAT AT 10:30AM

1st Saturday of the month

KID ULPAN AT 10:30AM

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER & KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

February 21, March 20, April 3, May 15

6:30pm Dinner; 7:30pm Service

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:30pm on

February 21 & March 20

Office Closures

Monday, February 17

In observance of President's Day

At 1:00pm on Wednesday, April 8;

closed April 9, 10, 15 and 16

In observance of Passover

Monday, May 25

In observance of Memorial Day

At 1:00pm on Thursday, May 28;

closed May 29

In observance of Shavuot

Mazal Tov to...

Abby Phon & Michael Blain on the birth of their son, Jake Merin

Rebecca & Benjamin Yaghoubian on the birth of their son, Joseph Noah

Leah Yadegar & Roe Kaufman on the birth of their son, Levi David

Warmly Welcoming New Members

Neil & Deana Camberg Michael Stein & Sharon Atlas-Stein

Marcia Greenberg

Veronica Schweitzer

Jonathan & Andrea Shouhed

Mike Van Wyk & Amber Lynn Scott

Upcoming Events

MONDAY MORNING WITH THE MASTERS

Mondays at 8:15am

No classes February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18 & 25

TALKING TORAH

Thursdays at 10am

No classes April 9, 16 & 23, and May 14 & 28

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT 7:30PM

March 11 & May 13

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AT 7:30PM

February 26, March 25,

April 22, May 27

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER W/ GUEST SPEAKER RABBI ANDREW FEIG & TOT KABBALAT SHABBAT

February 21

SHABBAT ACROSS ADAT

March 6

ASSEMBLING MISHLOACH MANOT

March 8

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING

March 8

EREV PURIM CELEBRATION

March 9

JEWGLE RABBI IN RESIDENCE W/ RABBI KAREN FOX

March 14

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER & TOT KABBALAT SHABBAT

March 20

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE W/ GUEST SPEAKER JOSEPH GITLER FROM LEKET

March 28

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

April 3 & May 15

CAFÉ EUROPA

April 23

JEWISH WORLD WATCH WALK TO END GENOCIDE

April 26

Jewgle Concert

AMERNET STRING QUARTET AT ISRAEL TRAVELOGUE CONCERT

April 27

ANNUAL DINNER

June 7

Religious School

FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT

February 21

March 20

FAMILY SHABBAT SIYYUM WITH CANTOR SCHATZ

May 2

OPEN HOUSE

March 22 at 9:00am

CLASSES

Wednesdays

February 12 & 26

March 4 & 25

April 1, 22 & 29

CLASSES

Sundays

February 9 & 23

March 1, 8, 15,

22 & 29

April 5, 19 & 26

Our Condolences to...

The Cohen family on the passing of Dora Rosenfeld

The Gordon-Levine family on the passing of Sylvia Gordon

The Sperber family on the passing of Regina Sperber

Hanukah Came with Puppies this Year!



Thank you to everyone who joined us on December 22 for our annual Congregational Meeting and Hanukah party. While the adults got to hear from Rabbi Lebovitz and President Janet Shulman about the state of the shul and install our new Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 year, the kids celebrated the first night of Hanukah with puppies! Now, who had more fun? Actually, everyone since we followed the meeting with menorah lighting, dinner and singing with Cantor Schatz. What a way to start the Festival of Lights!

Dr. MLK, Jr., Weekend Partnership with Ward AME Church

We continued our annual tradition of hosting our friends at Ward AME Church for our Community Shabbat Dinner on January 17. It was beautiful bringing our communities together with Pastor John Cager providing words of welcome and Rabbi Lebovitz sharing a *drash* about brotherhood, in the book of Exodus between Moses and Aaron, as well as in more recent history between Dr. Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. While we missed Cantor Schatz, who was under the weather post Shabbaton, we were grateful to have Cantor Robert Pflug step in to lead us with his beautiful melodies. The weekend with Ward AME continued on Sunday with a private tour of the Museum of Tolerance for our religious school students and families and Ward AME friends. We hope you will join us for our upcoming monthly Community Shabbat Dinners and Kabbalat Shabbat services on February 21, March 20, April 3 and May 15.



KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

February 21
March 20

April 3*
May 15*

5:30pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
6:30pm Dinner • 7:30pm Service

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

Service is open to all! Dinner \$18/adult and \$10/child until the Wednesday before, then \$25/adult.

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

If you're able to volunteer to help set up and clean up, please contact the office. We'd be grateful for your assistance!

***No Tot Kabbalat Shabbat**

How to Begin a Decade: Celebrating Together at our Shabbaton Weekend



HILARY LOTTENBERG

The weekend of January 10-12 was the second weekend of the decade and the second Adat Shalom Shabbaton with Rabbi Lebovitz at AJU Brandeis Bardin Institute in Simi Valley. With 100 of us ranging in age from under 2 to over 95, we crossed generational divides to further bond as a community. With no rain in the forecast this year, we were able to more easily enjoy the benefits of a Jewish congregational camp experience.

From the moment we lit the Shabbat candles on Friday through our closing circle on Sunday, everyone participated with our special Adat Shalom *ruach*. Highlights included special teachings from Dubi Paz and Ari Kopmar during services Friday night and Saturday morning, beautiful Shabbat brides, endurance tests on the ropes course, another

sing-off with Cantor Dale, spirited Israeli dancing and a joyous communal Havdallah service in the round. The many activities were designed to engage everyone in our group in spite of our age and demographic differences.

I firmly believe our Shabbaton is the best way to integrate more deeply into the Adat Shalom community whether you are a new member or have been involved for years. There are always new people to meet and opportunities to deepen connections with those you already know in a fun and relaxing environment. What a great way to begin a new decade! A big thank you to Al Harris and the Violet Harris Fund for making this weekend possible. Please save the date for next year's Shabbaton – January 8-10, 2021!



Adat Shalom Superbowl Champion!

Mazal Tov to the Schwartz family, Lee & Olivia, on their son Mitchell's winning the Super Bowl! We are so proud that a bar mitzvah boy from Adat Shalom grew up to be a Superbowl champion!



(right) Lee Schwartz with his Super Bowl Champion son Mitchell holding the trophy after the game.

(left; top & bottom) Mitch and Geoff Schwartz at the Adat Shalom book signing of their book, "Eat My Schwartz."

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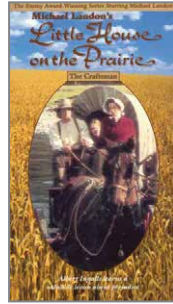
Saturday, March 14



**RABBI
REBECCA SCHATZ**

Saturday, June 13

FILM SCREENING



"LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE" **THE CRAFTSMAN (1979)**

Date TBD

When Albert works as an apprentice to an old Jewish man named Issac, the children in school call Albert a "Jew-lover" and beat him up. Albert soon develops a sense of pride in his work, thanks to the old man.

ADAT ACROSS L.A.

AMERNET STRING QUARTET

April 27, 2020

The Amernet String Quartet has garnered recognition as one of today's exceptional string quartets and are Ensemble-in-Residence at Florida International University in Miami.



Shabbat Across Adat

We kicked off another year of successful Shabbat Across Adat programs on Friday, November 1. We gather together on these evenings in our community member's homes to celebrate Shabbat together with food, singing and laughter. We are looking both for new hosts and people to be hosted so please contact the office if you are interested in participating in our next program on Friday, March 6.



Another Packed Winter & Spring of Jewgle Activities

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Our Jewgle events continue to provide thought provoking programs. The Rabbi in Residence Program does not disappoint. Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson engaged, enlightened, and challenged the congregation with his topic *Too Important to Leave to the Believers: Judaism for Atheists*. On February 2, Rabbi Avi Havivi, MD, delivered a thought provoking drash on "*Panim el Panim (Face to Face)*". We learned that face to face conversation is more powerful and rewarding than screen to screen, and the concept is embedded in our Jewish tradition.

More to come with two special Rabbis in Residence including Rabbi Karen Fox on March 14, and newly ordained Rabbi Rebecca Schatz, Assistant Rabbi at Temple Beth Am, on June 13.

On April 27, a special concert *Amernet String Quartet: Israel Travelogue Concert* in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut. The Amernet String Quartet has been praised for their "intelligence" and "immensely satisfying" playing by *The New York Times* and has garnered recognition as one of today's exceptional string quartets.

PURIM ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 8 at 9:00am
Mishloach Manot Assembling

Sponsor baskets for entire congregation for \$150 or purchase individual baskets for \$18/each. Form due by March 2.
Contact Judy Paz at 310-398-4518 or jpazpot@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 8 at 9:30am
Fresh made hamentaschen for Purim.
Join us baking these delicious treats.
Order yours by March 5.

Monday, March 9 at 6:30pm
Hear the Megillah reading! Wear your costumes and enjoy a rockin' night with Cantor Dale and Friends
Stay for Operation PB&J

OPERATION PB&J

One of the main ways we are required to celebrate Purim is to give to the poor ("Matanot L'Evyonim"). On any given night, there are over 50,000 homeless men, women and children in Los Angeles. On Purim night, we will make PB&J sandwiches and assemble survival kits for the homeless which will be delivered on Purim day. We hope to make this a yearly tradition at Adat Shalom when we, alongside other synagogues in our community, take on the responsibility to help take care of the homeless in our midst. Our goal is to make and deliver at least 50 kits at a cost of \$10 each.

After making PB&J lunches and survival kits, we will need your help to deliver them to the homeless on Purim day. To volunteer to deliver kits or to make a contribution towards the cost of the kits, please contact the office.

*Save
the
Date*

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020
5:30 COCKTAILS, 6:30 DINNER
FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

ADAT SHALOM'S
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Hesed - Community of Compassion

MARLA KNOLL & NATALIE STANGER

The *hesed* program is off to a great start! Many people volunteered to help with the first 3 initiatives launched after Rabbi Lebovitz's announcement of Community of Compassion in September. We are helping with hosting members for Shabbat dinners, transportation to Shabbat services and synagogue programs/events, and meals for bereaved families and members returning from a hospitalization. Because so many people have volunteered for meal preparation, we are happy to add helping parents with newborn babies!

We are fortunate to have helped so many members already. We are happy to be of help and support synagogue families in times of need. Please contact the office or email hesed@adatshalomla.org to request help. You will be contacted by one of the coordinators: Liz Bar-El for Shabbat dinner hosting, Marla Knoll for transportation and Natalie Stanger for meal requests.

If you would like to volunteer for the Hesed committee, please contact the office or email hesed@adatshalomla.org to let us know. A big thank you to all our volunteers! You bring others joy and comfort!

Masorti Movement Protecting Our Rights in Israel

ALIZA WINE

As new members, we were attracted to the Zionist atmosphere of Adat Shalom from the start, including the leadership of Rabbi Lebovitz with regards to Israel. Our synagogue's involvement with Leket is, of course, an expression of this commitment.

Rabbi Lebovitz asked me to write about my connection to Masorti (the Conservative branch of Israeli Judaism) as we gear up for the 38th World Zionist Congress. When I lived in Israel, I participated in several Masorti communities, Congregation Eshel Avraham in Beersheva, Kibbutz Hannaton in the Lower Galilee, and in Karmiel, at Kehillat Hakerem, where I met Liz and Barry Bar-El, who, unsurprisingly, were active members!

Back in the United States, the Conservative movement continued to be a big part of my life while raising my two children, Yael and Ezra. Subsequently, Ezra attended Nativ, the United Synagogue college leadership program in Israel, made *aliyah*, served in the IDF, and is now, himself, a social worker and the assistant director of Nativ's Yozma program.

The Masorti movement is working on the front lines to secure Israel's future as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic country. All streams of Jewish practice are empowered in Masorti, as are the civil and political rights of all the citizens of Israel. MERCAZ USA--The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism, is on the slate at the 38th World Zionist Congress. The vote will be held between January 21 and March 18, and our own Rabbi Lebovitz could participate as a voting member if the slate gets enough votes. Please go to the website mercaz2020.org and pledge to vote for the future of pluralistic and inclusive Judaism.

Leket - Israel Social Action Project

ALLAN COHEN

Our partnership with Leket Israel is going strong. Leket Israel provides excess fresh, nutritious food to over 200 nonprofit organizations throughout Israel, including senior centers, schools, social service programs, and soup kitchens free of charge. Leket feeds over 175,000 needy Israelis of all backgrounds, ethnicities and religions each week, including Holocaust survivors, youth at risk, single parent families, the working poor, and others.

A cornerstone of our partnership is involvement of Adat Shalom members. When visiting Israel, we have the opportunity to volunteer with Leket by picking produce in fields or helping sort food at their distribution center in Ra'anana. During their December trip to Israel, Adat Shalom members Michael and Oren Wacht volunteered at the Ra'anana distribution center. According to Oren, "My dad and I went to Leket in Israel and sorted all the already picked bell peppers into smaller bins. We threw out the rotten ones. We did this at the same time another school group was there too. The people there were really nice and it felt good to do something helpful for other people while we were on our vacation." *Kol hakavod*, Oren.

On March 28, the CEO of Leket, Joseph Gitler, will join us Shabbat morning to talk more about the organization and how critical relationships with synagogues like ours contribute to their success. We hope you will join us for an inspirational morning.



Women's League had a Busy Two Months!

The Women's League annual Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 15th was a festive event, with some 50 members and guests joining together to celebrate. Holly Factor and Rose Ziff, with a team of Women's League volunteers, set up beautiful Hanukkah decorations in Newmark Hall and on our tables.

Master chef Sara Lewis and her team of volunteers prepared a delicious brunch, followed by entertainment and sing-a-long with singer Cindy Paley. The songfest began with reciting the blessings and singing *Maoz Tzur* and candle lightings at each table. Readings featured heroines in the Bible and Jewish history, introduced by new, enthusiastic member Sharon Atlas Stein.



Women's League members also joined in supporting the Chai Lifeline/Hanukkah Angels Project with contributions of gift cards for the families. After the Hanukkah party, our Judaica shop was open for holiday purchases.

Women's League Shabbat on January 18th, with over 140 people, was the product of the perfect marriage of Ronnie Lampert's experience and depth of knowledge of our congregation and the enthusiasm and creativity of Karen Halaszi. We were guided throughout by our own Rabbi Lebovitz, whose words of praise were much appreciated. Women's League Shabbat is a highlight of our Adat Shalom life.

We honored Ronnie Lampert with the Women's League Annual Cha'yay Olam Award, recognizing her not only for all she does, but also for her warmth, caring and unique ability to remember something personal about each member of our community. Rhoda Lipsig, former Torah Fund Vice-President of the Pacific Southwest Region of Women's League, gave a moving presentation on Torah Fund and its many benefits. A beautiful *kiddush* luncheon, prepared by Sara Lewis and team, in the social hall decorated with the beautiful purple orchids, Ronnie's favorite color. Thank you to Karen Halaszi for her generous donation to the festive décor. A unique spirit, *ruach*, permeated all that happened this day. This was due not only to the planning and execution that went into it, but also to the special women who participated and conducted the service and read the week's Torah Portion and Haftarah.

Each of them embodies the spirit of *hesed*, of lovingkindness, that is the theme of both Women's League, and of our wonderful congregation, Adat Shalom. Please contact Miriam to tell you more at 310-474-0423 or via e-mail at hearn.miriam7@gmail.com.

Adat Shalom Men's Club had a Busy Fall!

Our *sukkah* was bursting at the seams! Men's Club built another beautiful *sukkah* this year which over 150 of our community members enjoyed (a new record!) for our annual Shabbat under the Stars celebrating Sukkot on October 18. We were so packed, we couldn't all fit in the *sukkah*, so we've tasked Men's Club President, Richard Destin, to build an even bigger *sukkah* next fall! Thank you to Richard and to all the Men's Club and community members who pitched in to build and take down our *sukkah* this year.

On the heels of Sukkot, Team Adat Shalom participated in the Tour de Summer Camps (Ride for the Jewish Future!) on October 27. Proceeds from this event make it possible for more children across Los Angeles to have the life-changing experience of attending Jewish summer camp and Team Adat Shalom raised over \$3600. Thank you to our community members who supported our team. If you're interested in participating in the next Tour de Summer Camps this Fall, please contact Richard Destin.

Men's Club wrapped up the calendar year with LA Clippers Jewish Heritage Night on December 17th. Over 40 members of our community attended and, from the pictures, you can see a great time was had by all (including the big chicken!).



TALKING TORAH

Thursdays at 10:00am

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

This year we will be discussing Theodor Herzl's "Altneuland" or "Old New Land," Herzl's vision for a Jewish state in the Land of Israel.

Adat Shalom Book Club

The Adat Shalom Book Club kicked off 2020 with a lively discussion led by our fabulous co-chairs, Yael Hartstein and Lisa Schechter, of "The Best Place on Earth" by Ayelet Tsabari. We read books by an array of Jewish authors, on Jewish topics, and/or with Jewish themes. Everyone is welcome to join our club, whether for one session or all. Our next meeting will be on February 25th at 7:00pm in the Library. We will be reading "The Last Watchman of Old Cairo" by Michael David Lukas. We hope to see you then and bring a friend!



ADAT SHALOM/HILLSIDE MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARY PRE-NEED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Planning your funeral arrangements in advance with the help of a caring and professional Hillside Family Service Advisor is the perfect way to ensure your family is able to focus on what is truly important: The Memory of Your Life and Legacy. Our exclusive PRE-NEED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM enables you to make all your arrangements in advance, giving your family peace of mind.

Adat Shalom members will receive a Pre-Need Partnership Program savings on selected properties and special financing. In addition, each purchase will generate a \$500 per space donation to Adat Shalom from Hillside. This program is offered to serve the Jewish Community and to provide additional support for Adat Shalom.

For more information call:

Rachel Lowenthal

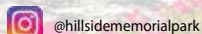
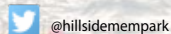
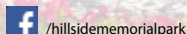
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From September 1, 2019 through January 20, 2020

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- **HELEN BRILL**
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for Hanukah Angels
- **ROBERT & CANDACE
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in memory of
Beatrice Chapman
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in memory of
Dora Rosenfeld
- **JUDITH COHEN**
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Joseph Yaghoubian
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