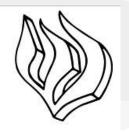
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Conservative Progressive Judaism

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#### A Note from the Rabbi,

In the Talmud, Tractate Taanit we learn about the Hebrew month of Adar (March 2017): "As the month of Adar begins, one should increase in joy."

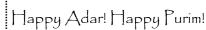
The increase in joy is in anticipation of celebration of Purim and Passover. We cannot always control the amount of joy we feel, teaches the Talmud, rather by learning the full significance of Purim and Passover, we come to appreciate the full significance of Purim

and Passover, times of salvation and deliverance for the Jewish people, recognizing the precious gifts of freedom and divine deliverance bestowed upon us in the past and hopefully continue in the days to come.

On Purim we read the Book of Esther (Megillat Esther). I recommend listening to a chanting of the Megillah. When you do, you will notice a change in melody once you get to Esther 4:14: "For if you will keep your silence at this time, our salvation shall come from some other source, but you and yours shall perish" These are the words Mordecai says to Esther when he asks her to approach King Achashverosh thus putting her life in danger.

There is much we can learn from this verse. There are occasions when we may be able to do a kind deed for someone, but may be reluctant to proceed because of some risk to ourselves. Do not fear, says Mordecai, and trust that fulfilling the Divine mitzvah of helping another human being will never bring you harm. A timely message about bravery and commitment to our fellow human being for us all!

Purim as a joint celebration of Beth Shalom of Whittier and Temple Ner Tamid will be on Saturday night March 11. More details in this Mishpacha issue.



Your Rabbi,

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Everyone is Welcome



## 2017 CSP Lecture

On January 22 Beth Shalom of Whittier hosted the 2017 Community Scholar Program lecture by Professor David B. Ruderman, the Joseph Meyehoff Professor of Modern Jewish History and the Ella Darivoff Director of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The topic was "In Search of Saviors: The Messianic Impulse in Jewish History and its Consequences – Shabbetai Zevi: the Mystical Messiah. Ruderman spoke of the  $17^{th}$  Century self-declared messiah as a manic-depressive who turned the practice of Judaism upside down changing

fast days to feast days, celebrating his birthday on Yom Kippur, and declaring the holy obligations in the Talmud null and void. His movement continued even after converting to Islam and still has some adherents in Turkey.



### Chef's Dinner

On Saturday night, February 4th, 28 of us gathered at Rita and Bob Rubin's home for an amazing dinner prepared by executive Chef Michael Katz, with Sous chefs JoAnn Golden, Bob and Rita Rubin, and Mike Oppenheim (former BSW member).

The menu consisted of: a green salad with watermelon instead of tomatoes, goat cheese croquettes with cherry tomato jam, Salmon encrusted with black and while sesame seeds, quinoa and chick pea

patties with herbed yogurt sauce, Israeli focaccia with various Israeli toppings, ceviche with melon and grapes, roasted cauliflower with tahini sauce, Cannellini bean hummus (Chef's favorite is Lima), whole deboned ocean perch stuffed with tomato and mozzarella cheese, roasted eggplant risotto, tahini parfait (ice cream) topped with cactus fruit sauce, and berries in olive oil topped with lemon sabayon.

The meal was accompanied by many bottles of white Bordeaux. Chef Katz also gave a presentation on the development of fine dining in Israel. It was a memorable experience greatly enjoyed by all. Chef Katz stayed with the Rubins for four days and proved to be a delightful guest who quickly became a member of the family.

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## March Clergy Schedule

Date March 3 March 4 March 10 March 11 March 11	<b>Time</b> 7:30p 9:45a 7:30p 9:45a 6:00p	Clergy on Bima Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson Hazzan Lance Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance Hazzan Lance Rabbis Osnat & Danny, Hazzan Lance & Cantor Ken	Service Kaballat Shabbat Torah Service Kaballat Shabbat Torah Service Erev Purim at Ner Tamid
March 17 March 18 March 24 March 25 March 31 April 1	7:30p 9:45a 7:30p 9:45a 7:30p 9:45a	Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson	Kaballat Shabbat  Siddur Kol Shalom  Players  Torah Study  Kaballat Shabbat  Torah Service

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Hazzan's Notes

This month we enjoy the frivolity of Purim that has a very strong message behind it. We can rejoice because Esther was proactive and took matters into her own hands to expose the evil Haman and his anti-Jewish agenda. We will be meeting at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey on March 11 to again relive that story that ever rings true in our day. Join 🎝 with us to drown out the evil of Haman and cheer on Esther and Mordechai. Show your support for our community and its place in the en-

tire Southern California Jewish community.

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- Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

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- Rita Rubin

# Purim - Sunday, March 12, 2017 SHALACH MANOT PROJECT

## A PURIM GIFT TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

## What is Shalach Manot?

Purim is fast approaching! The Purim mitzvah of *Shalach Manot* is a most enjoyable one to fulfill. Its source comes from Megillat Esther, which details how the Jews united under the leadership of Esther and Mordechai to defeat Haman's wicked plot. To honor their kinship and unity, the Jewish people were directed to "send delicacies to one another" (Esther, 9:22). Jews worldwide have continued to perform this mitzvah, and Purim has become a very special day of community and warmth. One that we look forward to every year.



To celebrate Purim this year, Beth Shalom of Whittier, as a community, will be delivering a complementary Shalach Manot gift to you on Sunday, March 12, 2017.

# WE INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL DAY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR BETH SHALOM SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER



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#### **KOSHER DETAILS**

<u>Utensils.</u> Plates, pots, pans, flatware, et al., must also be kosher. These items pick up their kosher status (dairy, meat, parve, or treif) based on the food that is cooked in it or eaten off of it. From there it transmits that status back to the next food that is cooked in it or eaten off of it. For example, if one cooks chicken in a saucepan, that pan becomes meat. The saucepan cannot be used to heat up



dairy/milk products. If the saucepan is so used, both the saucepan and the milk/dairy become forbidden (treif).

Only in the presence of heat can a kosher status be transmitted from food to the utensil or vice versa. For example, if one is eating cold food in a non-kosher establishment, the plate is not an issue. In this case, because the cold food was kosher, the utensils used are irrelevant.

Stove tops and sinks constantly become non-kosher utensils, because they routinely come in contact with both meat and dairy in the presence of heat. This causes a necessity to use dishpans when washing dishes, in order to avoid soaking them in the sink. One should also use separate spoon rests and trivets when putting things down on the stove top.

Dishwashers are a kashrut problem. To use the dishwasher for both dairy and meat in a kosher home, one needs to have separate dish racks. Another option is to wash dishes and utensils in separate meat and dairy dishwashers. A third option is to use a dishwasher designated for either dairy or meat use, with the remaining non-designated meat or dairy items subjected to bowl washing.

One should use separate towels and pot holders for meat and dairy. These items can be simply laundered between using them for meat and dairy.

Knives, forks, and various other utensils can be "kashered" if a mistake is made in their use. For instance, my father used to rush to our back yard and cover flatware with dirt for 24 hours. Then we could use them again correctly for meat or dairy products.

What I have written in these past three months is only the basis of an introduction to a more than 4000 years of Kashrut/Kosher. This has kept Jews alive and healthy.

According to the year 2000 National Jewish Population Survey, just 22% of American Jews report that they keep kosher in their homes. Today the task of keeping kosher is greatly simplified by Kashrut certification of products. These products are labeled with a mark called a helphsher. This identifies the rabbi or organization that certified the product. Nearly three-fourths of all prepackaged food have kosher certification, and most major brands have reliable Orthodox/Conservative certification.

#### Kosher Links.

- 1. There are some additional rules that may be discussed in sophistic meetings pertaining to kashrut, such as: Cholov Yisrob (pertaining to Jewish presence in milking) and Bushul (a Jewish presence in all food preparation). These and other details should be discussed with the rabbi.
- 2. For an interesting article on kosher, read the February 2017 *J Life* article. Copies can be obtained in the vestibule outside the administration office.

Sam Pearlman

# CELEBRATIONS March Birthdays

Sidney Paul 3/7/2017
Norma Shreiber 3/9/2017
Eunice Singer 3/20/2017
Susan Kramer 3/21/2017
Cathleen Cavanaugh 3/23/2017
Lisa Sandoval 3/27/2017

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes everyone a very Happy Birthday

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## Recipes from Chef Michael Katz Note: These recipes serve 4 to 6 people

## Whole Cauliflower Roasted in the Oven with Tahini

#### Green Tahini Sauce:

- 1 cup Tahini paste
- 2-4 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt to taste
- juice of two lemons –or to taste
- water to desired consistency
- ½ a cup of roughly chopped fresh parsley

#### Method:

Combine tahini paste, garlic, lemon juice and salt and the parsley in blender or food processor. Process until smooth; gradually blend in water for desired consistency. Mixture should be thick for a dip and thin for a topping.

#### Cauliflower:

- 1 medium sized cauliflower
- Olive oil approx. 3 spoons
- Salt pepper

#### Garnish:

- Pine nuts approx 3 oz
- 4 spoons of chopped parsley

#### Method:

Brush the cauliflower with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast at 200 degrees and roast to nice a brown and soft to the knife pick Transfer into a serving dish garnish with the tahini sauce and pine nuts



## Fish of the Day: Ceviche with Watermelon:

- Approx. 1.5lb of white fish such as drum fish, grouper or anything that the local fish monger recommends. (We used yellow tail)
- Watermelon approx. 1lb diced into ½ cm cubes (We used half cantaloupe and half watermelon) (We added about ½ cup seedless red grapes, halved)
- Salt and pepper
- Lemon juice from approx. 4 lemons (We used half lemon juice and half lime juice)
- Olive oil
- Fresh herbs (chive, coriander, basil, spring onion) finely chopped
- Fresh ginger finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 small chili -

#### Method:

Mix all ingredients together, let marinate for 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, then season with lemon juice, olive oil salt pepper and serve.







## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom Book Club will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be meeting at Michelle's to discuss Jodi Picoult's "small great things: a novel". With this book, Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion. And she doesn't offer easy answers.

Everyone is welcome to join our interesting and lively discussions. All perspectives are enjoyed and welcomed. Just come at 12:30 pm., bring your brown-bag lunch, and our hostess will provide drinks and dessert.

#### We are the entertainment.

Call me if you have any questions.

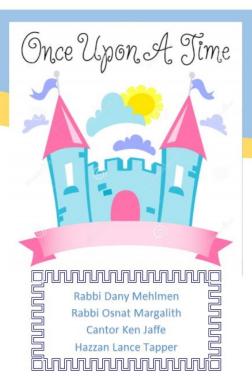
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Temple Ner Tamid of Downey & Beth Shalom of Whittier present

# A Fairy Tale

## Purim







Emperor Ahashu-Naked, Valiant Little Tailor, Three Bears, Three Little Pigs, Fiddlers Three, Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, Hansel and Gretish, Evil Stepmother & stepsisters, Snow Queen, Aladdin, Jasmine, Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, Captain Hook, Little Mermaid, Maleficent, Big Bad Wolf, Pinocchio, Jack (of Beanstock fame), Gepetto, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Princess and Pea, Belle, Esther, Morde-Puss, Rumple-Haman, Magic Mirror, and the Beast (guard)

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Temple Ner Tamid

10629 Lakewood Bl., Downey, CA 90241

Dinner at 6:00 \$15.00/person Service & Megillat Esther at 7:30 p.m.

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### Beloved Departed

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Golden, Bobbie
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Brickel, Seymour
Kuperstein, Joseph
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Graham, Diane

Morzinsky, Pauline Morzinsky, Rose Minnie

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Pinck, Toby

Shreiber, Norma

Tapper, Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hazzan Lance H Husband

Father of Eileen

Grandmother Mother of Joel

Grandfather of Lila

Uncle of Lila
Father of Lila
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Grandmother of Michelle

Mother of Michelle Aunt of Michelle Sister-In-Law Husband Uncle

Grandmother of Susan Grandfather of Rebecca

Mother of Sidney

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Relationship

Husband Father

Father of Sidney
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Step-Mother of Sidney

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Brother

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Hazzan Lance H. Japper

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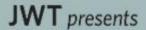
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5 Bingo 6p	6 Daily Minyan 2:30p	7 Deadline for Purim Dinner Reserva- tions to TNT	8	9 Daily Minyan 2:30p	10 5:38p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat 7:30p	Parashat Tetzaveh Erev Purim Breakfast 9:00a Torah Service w Hazzan Lance 9:45a Purim at Temple Ner Tamid 7:30p
12 <u>Purim</u> Gift Bag Delivery Bingo 6p	13 Shushan Purim Daily Minyan 2:30p	14	15	16 Daily Minyan 2:30p Board Meeting 7:00p	17 6:44p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p	18  Parashat Ki Tisa  Breakfast 9:00a  Siddur Kol Shalom w Hazzan Lance 9:45a
19 Bingo 6p	20 Daily Minyan 2:30p Mishpacha Article Deadline	21 Book Club 12:30p	22 Sisterhood Board Meeting 1:00p	23 Woman Who Makes a Difference 9:15a Daily Minyan 2:30p	24 6:49p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat 7:30p	25  Parashat Vayakhel -Pekudei  Breakfast 9:00a  Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a
26 Bingo 6p	27 Daily Minyan 2:30p	28 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	29	30 Daily Minyan 2:30p Deadline for Seder Reservation w Payment	31 6:54p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p	

## Professor Jake Sapiro Origins of Arab/Israeli Conflict





On February 19, Jake Sapiro, Ph.D, professor at Fullerton College and Torah Study Leader at Temple Beth Tikvah, presented a lecture on the origins of the Arab/Israeli Conflict. We learned that starting in the late 1800's nationalism was ascendant throughout the world. In the Middle East (or Near East as it was called then) political Zionism and Arab Nationalism came to dominate the politics of the region. After World War I, British colonialism further complicated the politics and visions of the people of the region. These three competing movements have led to the conflict, which is still being fought today. Sisterhood prepared a beautiful and delicious brunch that preceded the program.





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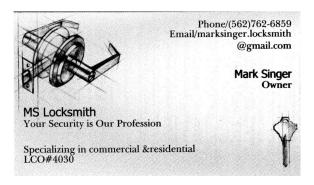


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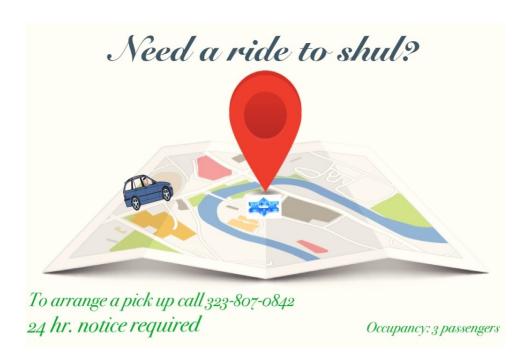
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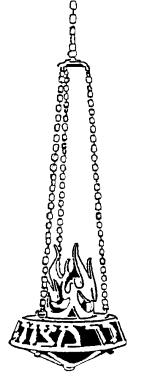


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