



MALIBU JEWISH CENTER  
& SYNAGOGUE

# The Seabreeze

Fall 2017/5778







## Heneni—Here I am

Heneni! The Hebrew phrase, repeated throughout the Bible, means Here I am. "As we approach the High Holidays, 5778, Heneni, **I'm still here**, despite my upcoming retirement. As the saying goes, "Woman makes plans, and God laughs." It is a wonderful and unexpected pleasure to be here, with you, for this High Holiday season 5778.

Even more importantly, YOU are still here, and this means that you too have made it through to another year. No one should take that for granted. We think of those who were here last year, but are absent this evening, and acknowledge that our lives are fragile. Just getting here on the Pacific Coast Highway is a miracle. As we say in our opening prayer each time we gather for these High Holy Days:

*Modeh(dah) ani l'fanecha- Ruach Chai V'kayam  
S'chechazarta nishmati b'chemla- Raba emunatecha-  
I give thanks before you, Holy Spirit  
For returning my soul to me after sleep, once again  
Great, God, is Your faith in me.*

Great is your faith in me, and I am deeply grateful for all of the support that I have been given over the past twenty-one years. Why am I still here? It's a long story, but the real answer, I believe, will be revealed during this High Holiday journey together.

Why are **you** still here? On both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, many of us will come to the bimah to "bench gomer", to say the formula of gratitude to God for saving us from immanent danger. The New Year gives us an opportunity to look back, and ask the question: Why am I here? Am I fulfilling the tasks that I am here to complete? What are you going to do with your "one precious life?"

Heneni. It literally means, "I am Present! The journey from Erev Rosh Hashanah to Neilah is about finding a seat, following the directions in the prayer book, and listening to the Cantor's beautiful voice. Our task, over the next ten Days of Awe is to be able to say Heneni-Here I am. Present. Fully.

What would it take for you to answer "Heneni", Here I am, with your all of your innermost being during these Ten Days of Awe? How much of you are here, right now, and how much of you is off somewhere else, distracted? Is your mind clogged with meaningless distractions, or can you take a breath, and be fully present? Our modern day practice of Mindfulness is really the modern version of saying, Heneni, here I am.

It is so difficult to say "Heneni" in this age of social media. One of the things that I am most proud of is that cell phones are really OFF in our sanctuary, and very few people are texting during our precious time together. (Remember, I can see from the bimah!) I am so grateful for our shared bond of community, and the respect and attention that is given to the cantor, the choir, and each other in this sacred space.

Modah ani l'fanecha. I give thanks before you. You have given me so much love and inspiration. How many rabbis get to have a "purple" gala, in a room filled with great music and memories? Thank you to Dana, Monica, Lauren, Jennifer(s) and all who labored to put that incredible evening together. Thank you to the Board for your unfailing support for twenty-one years. Thank you to each and every one of you as together, we begin one more High Holy Day journey to discover why we are here.

Shana Tova U'Metuka, **Rabbi Judith**

## Heavenly Music on Earth

Dear MJCS Family,

This year we will become God's partners in bringing wholeness and holiness to the world. We will answer the call to repair the world's brokenness and heal the suffering. We will seek shalom, the blessing of wholeness and share the responsibility of transmitting Judaism to the new generations.

This year, together we'll share the responsibility of creating a community of holiness that embraces and embodies the ideals, ethics, faith and culture of the Jewish people. We will deepen our own Jewish identity and nurture our Jewish souls through music, worship and action.

The true essence of the New Year begins with renewal of our spirit. Our voices are precious gifts that inspire us to believe that we can have this renewal of spirit in the coming New Year.

The time has come. Rabbi Judith and I, our beloved choir, our Torah readers—this year we have close to 50 readers who will read from the Torah, our shofar players, our musicians—and all of you join together to uplift us to a higher state of consciousness and sacredness.

Singing our prayers will open our hearts to Godly thoughts. Singing brings us a sense of security from knowing that this life is taking place in the presence of God. It helps us tap into our inner melodies and renew our spirit in the coming New Year.

*Shema Yisrael...* listen! Each tune tells a story. The *nusach* tells a tale of the ongoing saga of survival and hope. We need to only listen closely and we will hear its eternal message. The word *teshuvah*, "returning," hints at the fundamental goodness that is in each of us.

This season, more than ever, is the time when we gather together to pray and create that spiritual and sacred environment here at MJCS.

This New Year we will have wonderful new activities with our successful program "Hand in Hand" including hosting the fourth "All Abilities Fair" in March, new Cantor's concerts with our Malibu Center for the Arts, our "standing-room only" Chanukah concert, new musical shabbatot series, including Gospel and Jazz, tango dancing classes, an original and hilarious Purimshpiel, special celebrations including a GLBT Passover seder with our new GLBT Chavurah, life cycle events that will stay in your hearts for a lifetime, and new original programs to reach out to new people as we embrace everyone here at MJCS ...a new wonderful year is waiting for us!

I wish you all a happy, healthy and musical New Year!  
Shanah Tovah, vemele'ah b'Musikah!  
The best is yet to come! Come with us!



Love,  
**Cantor Marcelo**



## Message from the President

### Shana Tovah!

Welcome to the new season at MJCS! Now into my second year as your President, I am very excited about this season. We have lots of new events and programming being planned and will continue with our successful programming like Shabbat on the Beach, Torah Study, and Waking Up to Jewish Ethics. Our newly invigorated Sisterhood already has planned a number of exciting events and has plans for more. We will be launching our Malibu Center for the Arts

@MJCS programming (which already includes the highly successful Malibu Film Society), with opportunities for our members to schmooze, sing and dance, and experience great performances, lectures and other participatory events.

Over this past year I have been blessed to experience the wonder of our community and the extraordinary people who comprise it. From the outpouring of love at Rabbi Judith's Gala, to the loving support of our Hand in Hand kids, the great gift of having so many of our post-b'nai mitzvah kids reading Torah during the High Holy Days, the dedication to supporting those in need or who are grieving, giving the LGBTQ community a special seder – and I could go on and on – we truly are a warm and inviting home for all who wish to commune, pray, play and celebrate with us.

This year we also will bring us a new rabbi with Rabbi Judith retiring after the High Holy Days. The Board and Rabbi Search Committee are actively engaged in finding a new rabbi, and our goal is to have that decision made by December 2017. Only Members of MJCS can participate in the final selection decision. Your continued membership and support thereby will ensure a successful and enduring transition.

We also would love to see more of you actively engaged in our leadership, event programming and participation and our outreach. We actively are seeking your ideas and thoughts. We now have an Executive Director, David Assayag, who is charged with ensuring that great ideas become realities.

As you already know, ours is a very special Synagogue and Jewish Center, made more special by members like you. On behalf of the Board, Rabbi Judith, Cantor Marcelo, and our administrators, teachers and staff, we truly appreciate and thank you for your continuing membership, and look forward to sharing with you a new season filled with light, joy and great things for us all.

**Steven Weinberg**



## Message from the Executive Director

### Dear MJCS Members,

I am honored to be the new Executive Director for MJCS. I grew up in Montreal Canada and lived in Miami Florida for the past 15 years. I am so excited to join my new Jewish Community with my wife Rosalie and children Jade and Brian. Over the past 30 years my career has focused on facilities and business operations, and more recently I was the Director of Facilities and Operations at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. It has been a pleasure working with our very dedicated Board of Directors over the past few months to evaluate the current challenges

we are facing and formulate strategic plans that will create wonderful opportunities for future growth. I am very excited to meet with each and every one of you, and I will do my best to listen, plan and implement programs that benefit you the "congregant" of MJCS. You are the most important part of our Jewish Center and Synagogue.

At MJCS we are committed to providing individuals and families with synagogue experiences and educational opportunities that engage in community building. Our Jewish Center and Synagogue is a pillar of strength in the Malibu Community—as a place of worship, a center for learning and a community center for Jewish life. Together, our members create a legacy for the future of MJCS, for each generation—L'dor v'dor.

L' Shana Tova  
**David Assayag**



# Board of Directors

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## Welcome New Board Members



**Jonathan Goldstein**, a Los Angeles native, is a digital video and television broadcasting executive. Earlier, he was a strategy consultant to media companies at Booz Allen. He began his career at The Walt Disney Company. Jonathan earned his undergraduate and MBA degrees at Wharton. He lives in Calabasas with

Albert and their two dogs Dino and Dora, who are studying with the Cantor for their "Bark" Mitzvot.



**Lori Lerner Gray** and husband Larry have been MJCS members for 30 years. Lori, who holds a degree in Communications & Public Policy from UC Berkeley, became the youngest (and only female) News Director in the Bay Area in the early 70's. She went on to a successful radio career in Los Angeles and was a familiar voice (Lori Lerner) at numerous stations including KILS FM, KHJ & KRTH 101 where she also served as News Director. Her scores of regional and national awards include 6 Golden Mikes from the Radio & TV News Directors Association. In the late '80s Lori founded Radio Links Hollywood, Inc., which became a programming tool in the industry for the next 25 years. Lori produced/voiced 'behind-the-scene' featurettes, interviewing Hollywood's top celebrities for her nationwide show. Lori was also the voice of "Movie News" for The Walt Disney Company for over a decade and an active

member of SAG/AFTRA for over 40 years. Lori (who retired 4 years ago) can be heard in the evenings on KBUU/Malibu. She has played a very active role at MJCS and currently heads up Sisterhood. Her 3 children (Scott Wells, Rachel & Rebecca Gray) were all Bar/Bat Mitzvahed @ MJCS. Lori enjoys hiking, yoga, surfing and horseback riding with cowboy Larry.



**Tricia Silberkleit Graup** has been a MJCS temple member since 2014. She started going to Shabbat on the beach and fell in love with MJCS instantly. Tricia grew up in Beverly Hills. As a child she had a summer home in Malibu so she found a love and connection for Malibu as an adult. Before Tricia became a mom, she

owned a very successful event planning company, Tricia Nicole Events for 12 years. Since then, Tricia has three little girls - Sophia age 10, Simone age 8 and Sloane age 5 and they all go to MJCS Hebrew School and Sloane is a 2017 MJCS Pre-School Graduate. Tricia is a very busy single mom wearing many different hats now to support her family. Not only is she the Vice President of the PTA at Webster Elementary, she is a Pharmaceutical rep in oncology helping cancer patient and she has an Adventure charity group called Soul Adventure LA. Feeling very blessed to be in such a beautiful Jewish community, Tricia decided to give back and become a board member to represent the younger members of MJCS and hopes to continue to bring more young members to the Malibu community.



# Hand in Hand

With enthusiasm, open hearts, and seven years of experience, we begin our 8th year of Hand in Hand. It has been a joy reconnecting with all of our participants—volunteers and families alike—after a summer of planning.

As always, we'll be cooking, singing, dancing, making art, taking fieldtrips and making friends. We are so lucky to have the participation of many local chefs, musicians, yogis, dancers, and yes, even woodworkers, who share their talents and passions with us every week.

We will be continuing our commitment to community service again this year by partnering with organizations such as Chai Life, who serves families of children with serious health issues, JCA Shalom, and My Stuff Bags, who provides blankets and other personal necessities to kids in the foster care system. We are also busy planning for our two big events for the coming year: our "Winter Formal Dance," on Friday, February 2nd, 2018, and our "Annual All Abilities Fair," on Sunday, March 18th, 2018. We will do our annual trip to Disneyland as well as a trip to the Semler Ranch. We welcome community involvement and attendance at both of these amazing events. If you would like to



become a sponsor, please, let us know.

Hand in Hand is a place of inclusion for all of Malibu—a place to laugh and enjoy the company of others, of all abilities; a place for students and adults to volunteer; a place for families to connect with resources; a place to come home to, and just be yourself.

So come and join us, any Thursday from 4:00-5:30pm, and see what all the happiness is about.

Please, check on youtube our latest promotional video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2UJGZO6T74](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2UJGZO6T74)

We thank the Windsong Trust for their continued generosity.

This year we are also hoping to purchase a van for our program. We are reaching out to anyone and everyone who would like to help us purchase a "Hand in Hand van". If you or someone you know would like to help us, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in being a volunteer and having a year of purpose and fun, please, let us know!

Come with us

As we walk "Hand in Hand"

**Cantor Marcelo, Janet Ettenger and Lisa Szilagyi**





# Religious School



**Michelle Droeger**  
Religious School  
Coordinator

I am delighted to welcome you, or welcome you back, to the 2017-2018/5777-5778 religious school year. In planning this year's curriculum, the concept of "transformation," "metamorphosis," organically arose as a theme. Many of us, me included, are going through our own transformation of letting go as we send our children off to college. As I dropped my daughter off at college recently I realized that the moment represented a milestone not only in her own growth into

adulthood, but also a growth for me in learning to allow her to be what she will become. As I watch her take on new challenges and learn to take her place in the world and succeed on her own power, I realize that I am able to grow from the experience as well. But it sure isn't easy to let go...

When you bring your kids to MJCS every Tuesday for religious school, you have to let go as well. Beyond the fact that you are putting your children in our care physically each week, you are hoping that their spiritual and religious well beings are nurtured and enriched. You send them to learn substantive content regarding Judaism, but even more significant is that you hope they will be taught spiritual health and how to be a good person, a "mensch."

As in years' past, students will work hard to raise tzedakah, money for a charity, and rekindle an awareness of those in need. The Emily Shane Foundation will benefit from the kids' efforts this year. As many of you, I knew Emily and know the Shane family, and am grateful to be able to teach the kids about this beautiful girl and what her organization stands for. The kids will

raise money and purchase butterflies to be released at Bluffs Park on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Please try to come as an entire family for this experience and support your kids' efforts.

For this year we have planned, along with family Shabbats, Seders, the Israeli Shuk, Gaga tournaments and other annual traditions they love, a few transformative experiences. One significant change is on Tuesday we will have a Parsha (Torah portion) of the week experience. The Torah is the very essence of the Jewish faith, the heart and soul of Judaism. Of course, as a rite of passage for their B'nai Mitzvah, the kids will be reading and receiving Torah, just as the nation of Israel received it thousands of years ago. This year we will call up the kids (based on your child's birthday) and briefly explain the relevant Torah portion, as if this is the year of their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Although they might not read that particular Torah portion for their actual Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they will take one step closer to a personal connection.

Just as a butterfly involves a process of transformation by sending your kids to school each week and allowing them to be with us, they will grow and develop spiritually. I have seen this happen to the kids through the years, as well as to the school since I started working here in 2008. Although not as transparent as the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly, the school is stronger than ever! Each teacher is here because they love children and the chance to impart and educate them. Thank you for letting us be there during these crucial years and partake in your child's own metamorphosis.



**From left: Tamara Leider, Anat Golan, Michelle Geft, Cantor Marcelo, Miriam Kracoff, Michelle Droeger, Joy Czubiak, Robin Katz. Not pictured Rabbi Bill Kaplan**



# Preschool News

Shanah Tovah and welcome to the 2017-18 school year!

The teachers and I have been very busy preparing for another wonderful year.

There were many highlights from the previous school year. Our preschool and religious school fundraiser was a huge success! The "Art of Wine" brought both schools together at the spectacular venue of Saddlerock Ranch. Multiple wineries participated in offering tastes and education of their wines. Good friends, live music, great raffle items and delicious food all combined to make an incredible afternoon.

Towards the end of the year we celebrated all the mommies with a "Mommy and Me Yoga" class. We couldn't leave out the daddies, so we also had "Drumming, Doughnuts and Dads". The children loved sharing the day with their parents.

We were off on an imaginary trip around the world at this year's summer camp. We started in our own country, the USA and "visited" different countries each week while learning about some of their customs. Our safari to Africa was very memorable as this time the children had their chance to go to Saddlerock Ranch and visit the animals there.

I am thrilled to welcome you all back to school. I am also excited to let you know that I will get the opportunity to teach once again in the Toddler Classroom. I bring with me over 27 years of teaching experience as well as being the director here for the past 4 years. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Child Development with an emphasis in Psychology, as well as both my Administrative and Infant/Toddler certificates. I have two amazing children, Carly who is 20 and Josh, 24. My passion is working with young children and opening their world and senses to the magic that lies ahead of them.

Isa Rogers has been teaching preschool for 21 years. She has her Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts Education, an Applied Behavior Analysis certificate and her Early Childhood Education certificate. She has a beautiful 12 year old daughter that is her everything. They live in the Malibu community where they love surfing and anything to do with water.

Tamara Leider is from Toronto, Canada where she graduated from college with a high honors degree in Early Childhood Education. She has an adult daughter living and working in Mexico City and a stepson attending college in Sonoma. Tamara is also a trained life coach and has a passion for travel, languages, cooking and writing poetry. She brings over 36 years of preschool directing and teaching into the classroom and to the children each day.

I am so proud of our school and incredible teachers. Their warmth and caring is what makes our school the extended family it is. We cannot wait to get to know our new friends and families!

We at MJCS ECC view each child beginning

at birth as great communicators, self-motivated learners, innately social beings and a canvas that is always growing, developing and maturing. When we respect this in each child, the sky is the limit for what lies ahead! Forming hypothesis of the world around them and then investigating through trial and error creates life-long learners. They are all very competent!

We all look forward to another year of growth, maturation, and most importantly love and friendship!



**Jennifer Pearlman**  
Program Director



**From left: Teachers Isa Rogers, Jennifer Pearlman, Tamara Leider**



# Annual Gala

## Celebrating Rabbi Judith – What a Night!

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> MJCS came together to celebrate Rabbi Judith and her 20 years of service to our community. Our beautiful sanctuary was exquisite in purple while our congregants dined, danced, and paid tribute to our spiritual leader. Many thanks to our event chairs, Dana and Steve Weinberg, and our committee, Gisselle Borress, Monica DeMoulin, Jaclyn Gelb, Dede Gooden, Lori Gray, Harriet Nichols, Eva Stern, Janie Sweet and Marilyn Wolk, all who worked tirelessly to create such a successful fundraising and send-off event.





# B'Nai Mitzvah 2017



**Julian Glasser** 10.29.16



**Evan Zicklin** 1.7.17



**Miles Ostrow** 2.4.17



**Tallia Efraim** 2.11.17



**Jason Kohn** 3.4.17



**Michaela Kory** 3.25.17



**Jackson Herrguth** 4.8.17



**Stella Carr** 5.27.17



**Nirvana Brady** 5.30.17



**Julia & Luke Levin** 6.3.17



**Sienna Berman** 6.10.17



**Yona Aaron** 8.8.17



**Ava Barnett** 10.28.17



**Sarah Ziff** 11.11.17



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# Baby & Me

Every Thursday  
October 19<sup>th</sup> - December 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:30am - 11:00am

Babies and toddlers are welcome to come explore our amazing school through blocks, paints, dramatic play, puppets, music, cooking, movement, sensory play, holiday celebrations and, of course, bubbles! There will be a weekly discussion pertaining to your baby or toddler's beginning years.

**INCLUDES BI-MONTHLY BABY AND ME YOGA with Anat**

Synagogue Member - \$180 Synagogue Non-Member \$225  
Fee includes healthy snack and supplies

## RETREAT · RECONNECT · REJOICE

*A retreat to replenish your soul*



**Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 3, 2017**

Rabbi Judith returns for a spiritual journey of renewal with meaningful meditation, yoga, hiking and conversations that will transform our lives – together.

Spend Shabbat with your sisters for a break-away weekend of rest, renewal and relaxation at Casa de Maria in Montecito.

*Space is limited. Please reserve your room with Jennifer Herrguth at 310.456.2178 or [lauren@mjcs.org](mailto:lauren@mjcs.org)*

**\$575.00 Single    \$395.00 Double - All meals are included**



# MALIBU FILM SOCIETY

**New Season starts September 8-9 with  
Kathleen Quinlan, Sam Elliott, & Katharine Ross!**

- ★ Q&A discussions with top stars & filmmakers
- ★ Awards Season screenings of top contenders
- ★ Sneak previews of films not yet in theaters
- ★ Red carpet Oscar-night fundraising gala
- ★ Special screenings of restored classics
- ★ Fully catered "Dinner & a Movie" nights

## **Annual Memberships Available for Just \$250!**

- ★ Free admission to all shows (dinners extra)
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- ★ Free popcorn, snacks, wine and beverages
- ★ Exclusive "members-only" nights

For more info, please visit [MalibuFilmSociety.org](http://MalibuFilmSociety.org)



## **MJCS TEEN PROGRAM**

**8th-12th graders**

**2nd Tuesday of every month**

**3:30-6:15pm**

A place for our Jewish teens to connect and catch up. Teen leader led discussions, an escape room, a socio-drama, a possible field trip (or two) and other engaging topics that will bring awareness of the world to our teens through a captivating, Jewish lens. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up,  
contact **Michelle Geft** at **310.650.9642**.

## **MJCS Sisterhood**

Connect.  
Inspire.  
Lead.

We are a diverse group of Jewish women in Malibu who inspire our community to observe and promote Jewish values and traditions.

### **S.O.S**

#### **[Sisterhood Outreach Support]**

We are here to respond and help where we can w/ a call, casserole, challah or a ride to MJC&S events.

Call MJC&S @ 310.456.2178 or email [mjcssisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:mjcssisterhood@gmail.com).



*Emails will be sent w/ more info the week prior to these events*

JOIN US!

<b>Wed:</b> <b>October 11</b> <b>@ 6pm</b> Sisters in the Sukkah Shake your Lulav/ potluck	<b>Sun:</b> <b>November 19 @ 5 pm</b> Rosh Chodesh/ Potluck. Call office to rsvp/info	<b>Fri – Sun:</b> <b>Dec. 1st – 3rd</b> Retreat, Reconnect, Rejoice w/ Rabbi Judith in Montecito rsvp/office	<b>Fri: January 12 @ 7 pm</b> Karaoke Shabbat Sing, Dance & Play	<b>Thurs:</b> <b>February 15 @ 9:30 am</b> Meet your Kl Sisters Walk from Temescal	<b>Thurs: March 1 @ 7 pm</b> Queen Esther Night Purim & pampering Call office for location	<b>Thurs: April 19 @ noon</b> Breed Street Shul tour & Fiesta Lunch/ rsvp office	<b>Thurs: May 17 @ 8 am</b> Carpool to Lotus Land lunch w/SB Sisterhood	<b>Tues: May 29 @ 5-7 pm</b> Clothing Exchange & Drive Cocktails & fun/rsvp office	<b>Thurs: June 7 @ 7 pm</b> Community-wide event Homeless in America
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# Music Program at MJCS

## Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Series

Featuring our own musicians, members of the choir, and our special guests:



### Cami & Don

**November 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.**

Cami and Don (a biological duo) play Jewish music and prayer based on their reunion story. Cami grew up with her adoptive family while Don struggled with a history of drugs and crime. It was their deep connection with music that helped to reunite Cami with her biological father Don.



### Eli Lester and the Gospel Choir

**December 1st @ 7:00 p.m.**

Sing, shout and clap your hands along with the choir as they put a gospel spin on both the liturgy and some original Jewish spiritual music.



### Annual Chanukah Concert

**December 8th @ 6:00 p.m.**

Featuring our MJCS choir, musicians, Hebrew school, preschool, Hand in Hand program, and much more!



### Abraham Mc Donald

**January 5th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Abraham McDonald, introduced to the world by Oprah Winfrey has had the opportunity to perform for dignitaries royalty including the former prime minister of Israel Shamone Perez the former first lady of America Michelle Obama. His soulful mellifluous voice is remnant of the days of the iconic crooner.



### Noa Dori

**March 16th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, a native of Israel to a Middle Eastern & Hispanic decent.



### Larry Steen

**May 4 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Winner of the International Society of Bassists' Jazz Competition, bassist/composer/producer Steen has performed with world-renown artists Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, Dionne Warwick, Mel Torme, Ella Fitzgerald, Barry Manilow, Melissa Manchester and Jimmy Buffet, among others. He recorded two award-winning, world-jazz albums (LarrySteen.com) and co-leads Sip of Soul (SipOfSoul.com) with his wife, vocalist Nikki Steen.

*Sponsored by the Cantor's Discretionary Fund*



# ADULT EDUCATION with Rabbi Bill Kaplan

Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

## Edible Judaism: Discovering the Jewish Holidays Through the Flora of the Torah



### *edible* JUDAISM

Come nosh, experience, and learn about the High Holy Days and more with Rabbi Bill Kaplan through the lens of “Edible Judaism.” Flora and nature imagery permeate the Torah with over 100 plants mentioned by name and are found in Jewish traditions, rituals, and foods. In this interactive session, we will explore the plants, foods, and traditions of Jewish Holidays and the methodology of Rabbi Bill’s “Edible Judaism” educational model. Come with an empty stomach and open mind!



<b>Sukkot</b>	Wednesday, October 4, 2017
<b>Hanukkah</b>	Wednesday, December 13, 2017
<b>Tu B'Shevat</b>	Wednesday, January 24, 2018
<b>Purim</b>	Wednesday, February 21, 2018
<b>Passover</b>	Wednesday, March 21, 2018
<b>Shavuot</b>	Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**\$10 for members, \$25 for non-members — includes snacks**  
**Must register in advance! RSVP 310.456.2178**



# Shabbat on the Beach

Thank you to our generous sponsors: Farzaneh Bibian, DeMoulin Family, Farbenbloom Family, Keyes Family, Monus/Kalmar Family, Portnoy Family, Ross Family, Stern Family, Weinberg Family, Weingarten/Silbert Family, York Family



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# 7th Grade



**Our 7th Grade Religious School Class and their families getting ready for their B'Nai Mitzvah Year!**

## The Art of Wine

**March 18<sup>th</sup> | Saddlerock Ranch**

A special thank you to the Semler Family for hosting our successful Art of Wine School Fundraiser at their Saddlerock Ranch.





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## 2017 SUKKOT SCHEDULE



### Wednesday, October 4

**7:00 p.m.** Adult Education:  
Rabbi Bill Kaplan – Edible  
Judaism in Sukkah

### Thursday, October 5

**11:15 a.m.** Preschool Family  
Sukkot Celebration

**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Hand in Hand  
in the Sukkah

### Friday, October 6

**6:00 p.m.** Family Shabbat and  
potluck, honoring our volunteers  
and new members in the Sukkah

### Saturday, October 7

**9:00 a.m.** Shabbat Services  
in the Sukkah

**9:45 a.m.** Torah Study in the Sukkah

**11:15 a.m.** Torah Service in  
the Sukkah

### Monday, October 9

**6:30 p.m.** Board Meeting  
in Sukkah

### Tuesday, October 10

**5:00 p.m.** Religious School  
Celebrates Sukkot

### Wednesday, October 11

**6:00 p.m.** Sisterhood in  
Sukkah

### Thursday, October 12

**9:00 a.m.** Sheimini Atzerit  
Yizkor Service

### Friday, October 13

**7:00 p.m.** Simchat Torah Service  
(Parade & Celebration followed  
by "Torah Tarot") led by Rabbi  
candidate Michael Schwartz  
and Cantor Marcelo