



MALIBU JEWISH CENTER
& SYNAGOGUE

The Seabreeze

Fall 2018/5779





L'Shana Tova u'Mitukah!

May it be a Good and Sweet New Year!

This is the season for sounding the shofar and hearing its *tru'a*, its call. The Shofar's penetrating sound should awaken us from our routine to new possibilities and opportunities. The shofar calls us to "*shipur*"—the same root letters in Hebrew as "*shofar*"—which means to make an

"improvement". How can we improve not only ourselves, but also our community and our world?

The MJCS community is bursting with possibilities and opportunities for the coming year. I can report from personal experience having joined this community recently, that getting involved with MJCS brings "improvement" to the quality of one's life's experiences in ways that are of profound worth:

- Connecting to others in a spirit of belonging and *kehilla*—community;
- Fulfillment in sharing one's ideas, talents, time and energy;
- Personal, intellectual, and soulful growth through learning;
- Spiritual exploration, experience, and discovery of meaning in and through prayer, study, and *mitzvot*;
- Being part of a "*minyan*", which is to say, being an irreplaceable and essential part of Jewish civilization, culture, and covenant. Its unique and evolving qualities are needed now more than ever by the world, and in our own lives.

Since arriving to MJCS this past February, I've become totally enamored by this community's people, talent, commitment, and wonderful spirit. The pages of this Seabreeze convey a sense of how dynamic and fun this community is! It is not only an honor to serve you as your rabbi, a privilege for which I am both appreciative as well as humbled, but also a pleasure to be involved with such great people making such great things happen!

I am thoroughly excited about our plans for the New Year! I want to call your attention to the many new and ongoing programs you can engage with as part of the MJCS community—opportunities and possibilities abound: New adult education classes that promise to expand the level of your intellectual and spiritual discourse, a new and innovative curriculum for our K-7th grade school, a new rotation of themes for Friday nights including musical and family services, special guests and "*Shanti-Shabbat*" (our new Shabbat-off-the-Beach experience), Shabbat morning services and profound Torah study, Caring Committee, many Sisterhood and MENSch club activities, "*Forever Young*" program for seniors, and so much more. MJCS aims to be a welcoming social center of gravity, and your address for cutting edge and living Jewish culture.

I invite you to get involved at MJCS in whichever way you want and can: Plug into all that is happening in our community! Cantor Marcelo, the MJCS staff, preschool and school faculty, and I are all looking forward to a wonderful New Year in 5779. We are all here to serve you, our community. Thank you for your generosity of time, energy, and resources, and for making this community so special! L'Shana Tova u'Mituka!

Rabbi Michael Schwartz

With Heart and Soul

Dear MJCS Family,

I am celebrating my 19th year in our beloved community. It seems like yesterday (maybe because my accent didn't change much ☺).

...We grew together, we evolved together. We laughed together... we cried together... We celebrated together... "*Gracias a la vida, que me ha dado tanto*" "Thank you life that has given me so much; my beloved community that I embrace with music."

It is a privilege and an honor to be your cantor.

During these High Holy Days, we gather together in our magnificent sanctuary and sing our prayers. Rabbi Michael and I, our beloved choir, our Torah readers—this year we have 47 readers who will read from the Torah, our shofar players, our musicians—and all of you who will join together to uplift us to a higher state of consciousness and sacredness.

As we gather during the Days of Awe, we are aware of familiar feelings of reflection, remorse, forgiveness, and our earnest endeavors to improve. 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 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. We have prepared new original music that I promise will make your spirits soar!

Listen closely on Rosh Hashanah, listen closely on Yom Kippur, and remember where you come from, and where you want to go. The word *teshuvah*, "returning," hints at the fundamental goodness that is in each of us.

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

This New Year brings new activities in addition to our successful "*Hand in Hand*" program. This year brings new Cantor's concerts including our (standing room only) Chanukah concert, new musical shabbatot (including Gospel and Jazz), an original and hilarious Purimshpiel, "*Tot Shabbat*", special celebrations including the LGBTQ Passover seder, and life cycle events that will stay in your hearts for a lifetime ...a new wonderful year is waiting for us!

This year, together we share the responsibility of creating a community of holiness that embraces and embodies the ideals, ethics, faith and culture of MJCS. We will deepen our own Jewish identity and nurture our spirits through music. With heart and soul.

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 and share the responsibility of transmitting love for Judaism to the new generations through music.

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, amor, ahavah, as always,

Cantor Marcelo Gindlin





Message from the President

L' Shana Tovah!

It's hard to believe another year has passed, and what an incredible year it has been!

For starters, after two decades of extraordinary service, Rabbi Judith HaLevy retired, and we were blessed to find our

new Senior Rabbi, Michael Schwartz, who joined us in February, and is everything we had hoped he would be. We also were lucky to find our new, very experienced Executive Director, Al Welland, who started with us September 1st. And there's more. Our schools have new leadership—we created the position of Director of Schools and Community Engagement, which has been ably filled by our own Jennifer Pearlman, who formerly was our Pre-School Director. Our Board of Directors has worked harder than ever, and we have been very fortunate to add to the Board some remarkable people—Chris DeMoulin, our new Treasurer, Paula Mae Schwartz and Dr. Don Rosen.

The year also has been filled with a cornucopia of wonderful events and programs: the "Un-Gala" annual gala, Shabbat on the Beach, the Purim Carnival (and Purimshpiel), the Chanukah Concert, Waking Up to Jewish Ethics, Shabbats in the Home, Tuesday Mamas, Tot Shabbats, Edible Judaism with Rabbi Bill Kaplan, Sisterhood events and retreats, Master Chef Shabbat, Israeli Dancing, Adult Education programs, the Art of Wine school fundraiser, the LGBTQ and Community Seders, special movie events by the Malibu Film Society, and Hand In Hand events.

If that's not enough, we have even more planned for this coming year. With Shabbat on the Beach such a hit, we're starting a Shabbat Off the Beach program for the non-summer months. We're calling it Shanti Shabbat ("shanti," an Indian word, means "peace, tranquility and bliss"), to be held on the last Friday of every month (except on holidays), with the first one in October. Like Shabbat on the Beach (sans sand), it will be an informal, joy-filled celebratory and

spiritually uplifting evening for all age groups, followed by musical performances (and dancing), comedy and other forms of entertainment. We're also permanently moving the Annual Gala from May to March, so please watch for announcements and save the date (March 3, 2019). And based on the positive responses to our surveys, we'll be planning trips to Spain with Cantor Marcelo and Israel with Rabbi Michael and Cantor Marcelo, so stay tuned for news about these.

We are a very blessed, very giving and very active community. There are so many people to thank for their hard work and commitment—our clergy, our Board, our teachers, the Rabbi Search Committee, the Executive Director Search Committee and our many generous, hardworking volunteers. At the heart of everything we accomplished is our office staff—Monica DeMoulin, who did an amazing job filling in as interim director for most of the year, Lauren Abramowitz, our resident expert on everything MJCS, Jennifer Herrguth, who makes everything run and is the heart of our communications, the incomparable Ramon Mendez, our master of maintenance, and our schools' Jennifer Pearlman.

Most of all, we thank you, our members. Without your dedication, participation and spiritual and financial generosity we wouldn't exist; because of you we have a bright future. Please continue to be active this coming year; we would love to see more of you involved in event planning, committees, community outreach and attending our programs. We would love to hear your feedback and ideas. A community is nothing without its members, and the more involved you are, the more our community thrives.

On behalf of the Board, our staff and our teachers, we wish you a new year filled with light, joy and great things for all.

Warmly,
Steve Weinberg



Message from the Executive Director

It is a pleasure to introduce myself, as the new Executive Director of MJCS. I have been involved as the Director of various synagogues for the past 40 years; having served communities in Los Angeles, New York and Texas.

My wife Marcy and I have four children ranging in age from 25-39 and three beautiful grandchildren Malena and Avery, both turning 5, and Evie who is 10 months old. Marcy runs a Chiropractic Office in Beverly Hills and we live in Santa Monica.

I look forward to being a part of the MJCS community

and welcome the opportunity to meeting many of you in the upcoming weeks and months. Our family tree actually runs through MJCS. Marcy's first cousin Stuart Seidner z"l, served this community as your President and together with Roxie, Daniel and Erin have been active and valued members for many years.

Please know that my office door is always open, so please stop in and say hello. I want to take this opportunity of wishing each of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

L'shana Tovah,
Al Welland

Board of Directors

Rabbi Michael Schwartz
Cantor Marcelo Gindlin
Steven Weinberg, *President*
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Jonathan Goldstein
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Michael Hakim
Susan Kushner
Susan Monus
Don Rosen
Paula Mae Schwartz
Adam Stern
Karen York
Al Welland, *Executive Director*

Welcome New Board Members



Chris DeMoulin and his wife Monica moved to Malibu in 2013, immediately fell in love with Shabbat at the Beach, and became members of MJCS. Over the years the synagogue, cantor, rabbi and community played an increasingly important role in their lives, through Thursday Ethics classes, Saturday morning Torah study, joining

the Choir and spending time with good friends, culminating in Chris's formal conversion to Judaism in June 2016 after 26 years of "practicing." Chris recently joined the Board, and has assumed the Treasurer's role.

Chris has had a varied career, working in advertising in New York, for Disney Licensing which brought them to Los Angeles in 1994, in film production and marketing, and trade show management. He is currently an entrepreneur, and among other projects is a part-owner and manager of the Los Angeles Comic Con, a footwear trade event in Las Vegas, and a skate sneaker brand. He and Monica share a dedication to never losing the wonder of watching the sun set in the Pacific from their deck. Their (mostly) grown children love Malibu and visit often, as they forge their own lives.



Don Rosen and his wife Betsy moved to Malibu in 2010 from New Jersey. They joined MJCS soon after. They have owned a home here in Malibu for 14 years. They have three children Dustin, Greg and Tracy. Their expanding family lives in the West LA area and includes their daughter-in-law Emily and soon to be son-in-law, A.J.

Don is a Radiologist who trained here in southern California and practiced for a short time in Orange County. He worked

as a Radiologist in Princeton, New Jersey for over 20 years. He also founded a Pharmaceutical Outsourcing Company, RadPharm, in 1998 that kept him busy through 2008. After moving to Malibu, he became the Chief Research Officer and EVP of the American College of Radiology, a 37,000 member non-profit Medical Society, with his offices in Philadelphia. Don recently retired and is looking forward to being home, playing golf and spending time with his family. Don has served on many corporate and nonprofit boards including The Jewish Center in Princeton and Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.



A Boston University graduate, **Paula Mae Schwartz** started in journalism at Newsweek, then moved into marketing. She founded Schwartz Communications with her husband, Steve, in 1990. The firm made the Inc 500 List of the fastest-growing private companies, with more than 250 employees worldwide.

Chockstone Pictures, a film company, is the second major venture for the Schwartzes. Among their accomplishments: Co-executive producers of "The Tree of Life" (Palm D'Or winner at Cannes & Academy Award Nominee); "The Counselor" with an all-star cast including Brad Pitt; and "The Road" with Viggo Mortensen and Charlize Theron.

Paula Mae's "hobby" is theatre. She has been President/Board Chair of the Gloucester Stage Company, produced shows at the Malibu Playhouse, and helped bring the musical "Spring Awakening" back to Broadway. Recently, Paula Mae and Steve produced "Homeless: The Sound Track," a documentary that received Special Jury Mention at Tribeca, and placed first in its category at the Nantucket Film Festival. On the MJCS board, Paula Mae will be focused on membership.



From Rabbi Judith

Dear Malibu Family, Shana Tova.

For more than twenty years I have reminded you that "Shana" means not just "year" but "change," and that Shana Tova literally means "May you have a year of good change."

On a personal level, this has been a year of great change for me, and despite the stresses of moving and adjustment, the changes have been good. I have had time to visit with family, I putter in my own garden every morning, and Richard and I even got to travel to Morocco last spring. It's quite a change not be "Rabbijudith," 24/7. So much has changed, and so much has not.

I am reminded of a poem by Yehudah Amichai that I quoted two years ago on Rosh Hashanah:

And he laid the palms of his wide-open hands on my head with the Yom Kippur blessing:

Honor, love that thy days be long on this earth. And the voice of my father—white as his hair.

Then he turned his face to me, as on the day he died in my arms and said: I would like to add two more commandments:

The Eleventh Commandment: "Thou shalt not change."

And the Twelfth Commandment: "Thou shalt change. You will change."

Thus spoke my father, and he turned and walked away and disappeared into his strange distances.

"Thou shalt change. You will change." This year, 5779, for the first time in twenty-one years I will not be leading

High Holy Day services at MJCS. We started together in the Tent, built our magnificent building, and for the last eighteen years, Cantor Marcelo has been my other half. This year I will experience a great change. I am leading services with the Jewish community of Taos, New Mexico for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There will be no Cantor Marcelo, no MJCS Choir, No Ramon, and no you, my beloved community. The Taos congregation uses a different prayerbook, which means that I do not know the pages by heart. Many of the melodies that they are accustomed to are not the same as our favorites. At most, there will be about 200 people, not the 800 or so who fill our space on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

"Thou shalt not change"—But the essence of the High Holidays does not change, and has not changed for 2000 years. This is the moment when, as Jews, we seek atonement, forgiveness, for ourselves and our community. The New Year will continue to usher in a time of hope and joy, even as the *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer reminds us that death, and change is inevitable. Most of all, my love for you, my community, does not, cannot change. Despite the "strange distances" that separate us, you are forever in my heart.

Shana Tova U'Metukah. May this be a year of sweet changes for us all.

Much love,
Rabbijudith

MJCS' New Chesed Caring Committee

WE ALL SOMETIMES NEED a little support, kindness, and help. Whether celebrating a family simcha or going through a tough time in our personal life, emotionally and/or physically, experiencing a loss, or in the simple but not-so-simple day-to-day, your MJCS community wants to offer chesed—support, caring and kindness.

MJCS' newly organized Chesed Caring Committee helps support MJCS members who are:

- HOMEBOUND
- With a NEW BABY
- JUST MOVED or NEW TO MALIBU
- RECENTLY DIVORCED
- Experiencing a RECENT LOSS
- Suffering ILLNESS yourself or in your immediate family



We make visits, timely phone calls and check-ins, provide Shabbat and other meals, organize minyan for shiva, extend personal invitations to join community events, give a helping hand...

Your privacy is paramount, and the Chesed Caring Committee's support is always respectful. If you experience any of the above situations, please let us know so we can know how best to help. Please contact chesed@mjcs.org or call the MJCS

office (310) 456-2178, or contact Rabbi Michael (rabbimichael@mjcs.org) or Cantor Marcelo (cantor@mjcs.org).

And if all is going well enough for you that you can offer your own chesed and ability to help by cooking a meal, making a visit, offering a ride or some other kindness, please let us know that too! This committee is predicated on the idea that 'what goes around comes around'—and we are trying to get more chesed and caring into circulation!

*And if you share your bread with the hungry,
And relieve the afflicted soul...*

*Then shall your light rise in the darkness and your healing quickly sprout,
Your righteous deeds shall guide you and God's Presence guard you*

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Isaiah 58:7-8

Hand in Hand

With enthusiasm, open hearts, and eight years of experience, we begin our 9th 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 field trips 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, every Thursday from 4pm to 5:30pm.

We will be continuing our commitment to community service again this year by partnering with organizations such as Chai Life, which serves families who have children with serious health issues, and My Stuff Bags, which provides blankets and other personal necessities to kids in the foster care system.

This year we are also excited to announce that we are launching "Hand in Hand Kids," an amazing new endeavor for kids 3 to 8 years old, on Fridays from 2pm to 3pm.

This year we have an exciting NEW event which we



think will be both amazing and fun: Our first ever "Hand in Hand Fashion Show" on Sunday January 27th. With the help of Jillian Rosebaum we are excited for this unique and special event. We welcome your help if you would like to get involved. We are also busy planning for our two big annual events for the coming year: our "Winter Formal Dance," on Friday, March 8th, 2019, and our "All Abilities Fair," on Sunday, March 31st, 2019. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES. 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 continues to be 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 our latest promotional video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7F1Z42yLGI

JOIN US FRIDAYS 2:00PM-3:00PM

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Hand in Hand KIDS is designed specifically for young children ages 3-8 years. Hand in Hand creates opportunities for children of all abilities to develop friendships, strengthen motor skills and engage in a variety of



HAND IN HAND kids

Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue

creative activities in an inclusive social setting. Our "Buddy" system pairs children with special needs with same-aged peers, to encourage lasting friendships that enhance each child's life. The peers that participate in this program receive specific training and guidance.

Directed by Cantor Marcelo Gindlin,
Lisa Szilagyi, Janet Ettenger and
Jennifer Morgan.

Building a Foundation of Friendships That Will Last a Lifetime

Youth Education Programs

Preschool News



Jennifer Pearlman
Education Director

New Year, New Attachments

Welcome 2018 MJCS ECC preschoolers! Our summer program was a great success with the launch of our Atelier (art studio). We began our long-term exploration with a study and observation of lines. It was amazing to watch the children engage in this unique and special space, and extend it to their lives outside of the Atelier. We are eager to begin another wonderful school year with our favorite "littles".

Starting the new school year always comes with much anticipation and excitement! For some children (parents and teachers, too!) this may also bring feelings of nervousness or anxiety. At MJCS we respect and value the whole child, along with their multitude of emotions.

Many parents have heard of the term separation anxiety. When you think of the word "separation", the act of pulling one thing apart from another comes to mind. Rather than thinking of this transition in the negative, looking at it as "forming new attachments" has a much more positive connotation. This term and process translates as connecting (rather than separating) to a new environment/school, new teachers, new friendships, toys and routines.

Not only is this important for children, parents and adults can also appreciate the comfort and care that goes along with the process of a new transition. For some, signing in and a kiss at the door is enough. Some children barely look up to say goodbye! For others, we are here to help and guide you and your child. All children are special and unique and so is each situation.

It is important to remember that children always react



Noelle, Isa, Jennifer, Tamara, Victoria

to what they observe from their parents and other adults. When saying "goodbye" to a little one, it is important to show how secure and positive you are about leaving your child at school.

While helping those that might need a little more time to adjust and form these new attachments, take the teacher's lead. They are experts at building these connections! They will let you know when it is a good time to step out for a few minutes. As hard as it is, try not to end your goodbye with an "OK"? At the same time, when you return from a quick break from the classroom, tell your child you are back and go sit in the same place you were in before. They will learn that you will never leave without saying goodbye, and that you will always come back for them.

Joining our wonderful returning teachers, Tamara Leider and Isa Rogers, we welcome two new teachers to our "family" this year. Noelle Jones brings her love and many years of experience to our toddler class. We are also fortunate to have Victoria Conley, who helped out during the summer program, join us for the school year as well. We all look forward to a wonderful year at MJCS ECC!

Shanah Tovah!

Jennifer, Isa, Tamara, Noelle and Victoria

Religious School News

Shalom and Shanah Tovah!

School is back in session, and we are all getting back to our routine. We are so lucky to have our returning teachers this year: Joy, Robin, Tamara, Victoria, Anat, Gil, Michelle, and of course Rabbi Michael and Cantor Marcelo. Also joining us this year teaching is Rabbi Len Murrof.

I am excited to be joining the religious school staff as well. I know many of you through the early childhood center, and look forward to getting to know you and your children this year.

We are so excited to be adding a wonderful new curriculum element. Our "Hebrew Through Movement" program is a cutting-edge approach to teaching Hebrew as a useful spoken 'living language' and in a way that children learn naturally, meaningfully, and effectively.

"Active learning" means students engage with the material, participate in the class, and collaborate with each other. This type of learning through movement benefits greater attention, faster cognitive processing speed and

better overall classroom performance. It also aids in the student's retention and most importantly it's fun!

Yet another change taking place this year is adding a community building "kinus" (gathering) to the start of our Tuesdays together. This is a time for socializing with friends, teachers and clergy, and connecting with our MJCS community. The weekly curriculum will be launched during this time as well.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year!



**Religious School Staff top row: Tamara, Jennifer, Michelle, Robin, Victoria Rabbi Michael
Bottom Row: Rabbi Len, Anat, Cantor Marcelo, Gil, Joy**

B'Nai Mitzvah 2018



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Jadin Baron
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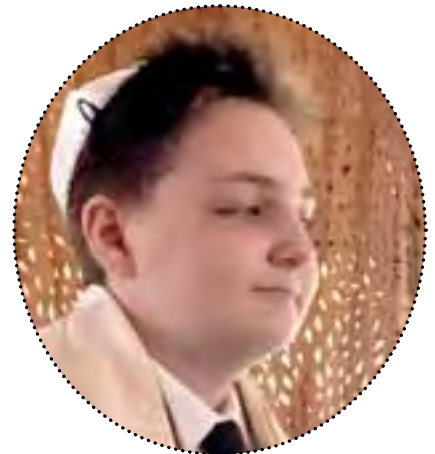
Sadie Gilison
6/16/18



Sophia Sabag
6/23/18



Joshua Haynes
8/11/18



Devyn Levy
8/25/18



Kai Silver
10/6/18



Jace Kletter
11/10/18



Lucella Costa
11/17/18

Adult Education

A Taste for Learning at MJCS!

All MJCS members are invited to attend these classes at no cost! Come learn and enjoy!

**November 13, 20, 27,
December 4, 11
Tuesdays @ 7pm**

Melodies and Meaning in Prayer with Cantor Marcelo and Rabbi Michael



Are you one of those people who recognizes many classic prayers and melodies from your childhood

but never learned what the prayers are really saying? Are you new to Jewish prayer? Are you looking to connect to both the traditional and modern melodies? Come explore the matrix of Jewish prayers through their music and meaning with Cantor Marcelo and Rabbi Michael.

**Tuesday, December 18
@ 7pm**

Israel-for-Reel: Eurovision



This innovative series gives an "insider's" view into Israeli culture and society through film, TV, documentaries, advertisements, and more. MJCS is sponsoring a taste of the series, tracing Israel's winning songs from the annual Eurovision song contest including last year's victory for Israel. It offers insight into the cultural nuance of the songs which conquered the world. We look ahead to this year's contest in Tel Aviv! Israel-for-Reel is a program of Palo Alto's Israel Cultural Connection and is taught by Tamar Forman.

**January 9, 16, 23
Wednesdays @ 7pm**

Mali-'BuJew' :



Rabbi Michael helps us explore the connections, insights, and shared wisdom—as well as the differences—

between the philosophy, mysticism, and ritual practice of our own Jewish tradition with that of Eastern thought and philosophy. Jewish tradition comes from the "Middle East," physically between East and West, and also intellectually, culturally, and spiritually between worlds as well. We'll explore how this helps make for Judaism's—and our own—unique approach to spiritual life.

**February 7, 14, 21
Thursdays @ 7pm**

Wisdom & Wine:



Wine has been a part of Jewish culture much longer than

Manischewitz has been around—and in a far more pleasant way! Rabbi Michael helps us explore the connection between wine and wisdom in ancient Jewish sources. Come sample some of Israel's new boutique wines from the revived industry in the ancient land which grew the grapes of which the sources speak.

**Date and Time TBA
Oh Freedom!**



Rabbi Michael and Cantor Marcelo prepare you to either host or attend a Passover seder by revealing

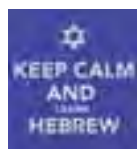
customs, insights, music, and how-to's, together with an in-depth exploration of this holiday's relevance to our lives today.

**Date and Time TBA
Edible Judaism**



Come nosh, experience, and learn with Rabbi Bill Kaplan through the lens of "Edible Judaism." Flora and nature imagery permeate the Torah and are found in Jewish traditions, rituals, and foods. In this interactive class, we will explore the methodology of Rabbi Bill's "Edible Judaism" educational model. Come with an empty stomach and open mind.

**Date and Time TBA
Speak Hebrew!**



Learn to speak, understand, and connect to this uniquely ancient and ultra-modern

language! Unlock the depth of Jewish culture, music, poetry and the Jewish People. Tamar Forman brings the language to life for those with beginner and intermediate Hebrew skills.

**There is a subsidized cost for MJCS members for this course.*

**Date and Time TBA
Ceramics at MJCS**



Veteran educator and artist Tamar Forman helps

you unleash your inner artist! Get your hands dirty with clay, learn a variety of hand-building techniques to create, paint, and glaze in a relaxed and fun atmosphere—take home your finished works of art!

**There is a subsidized cost for MJCS members for this course.*

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Series

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



Klezmer Juice | October 5 @ 7pm

Klezmer Juice is the new generation of Jewish Soul music. It's Yiddish Soul Music with a Latin American vibe.



Noa Dori & Freddy Shifan

November 2 @ 7pm

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



Annual Chanukah Concert

December 7 @ 6pm

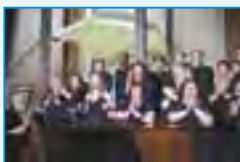
Featuring our MJCS choir, musicians, Hebrew school, preschool, Hand in Hand program, and much more!



Shir Appeal

January 4 @ 7pm

Shir Appeal is an award-winning mixed-gender Jewish a cappella group from Tufts University, singing in variety of languages and styles.



Eli Lester and the Gospel Choir

February 1 @ 7pm

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



Kimberly Haynes March 1 @ 7pm

Kimberly Haynes is a visionary musical artist, traversing many styles, genres, and forms of expression.



Purimshpiel | March 22 @ 6pm

Featuring the talents of our MJCS choir, Hebrew school and preschool.



Larry Steen | April 5 @ 7pm

Larry Steen returns with Jewish World Jazz; a blend of Jewish liturgical, folk songs with the rich harmony of jazz, and the global rhythms of the Middle East, South America and the Caribbean.



Cami & Don | May 3 @ 7pm

Cami and Don (a biological duo) play Jewish music and prayer based on their reunion story.



MJCS Choir

June 7 @ 7pm

Come to a musical extravaganza featuring our beloved MJCS choir. An uplifting evening in harmony and community.

Sisterhood



Our Sisterhood offers us a special place to come together not only to socialize and make new friends, but to strengthen the bonds that connect us to our past while engaging in a wide range of philanthropic activities. As Jewish women, we are the hearts of our homes and the center of synagogue life. We are here to learn from each other while encouraging and transmitting our goals of transforming ordinary lives into lives of meaning filled with our rich traditions. Whether we're shaking our Lulavs in the Sukkah, belting it out during Karaoke Shabbat, hiking our gorgeous trails, or tackling the question of homelessness in Malibu, our Sisterhood truly has something for everyone, including our monthly bookclub. Find out what we're reading and consider joining us! We are looking forward to having Rabbi Judith join us for our annual retreat at Camp Ramah in Ojai at the end of November following last year's extraordinary retreat in Montecito. We are also thrilled to welcome our new rebbetzin Tamar Forman. During a recent Rosh Chodesh gathering, Tamar enchanted us with several amusing Talmudic stories and delighted our tastebuds with a most delicious onion tart...while giving Rabbi Michael full credit for this much requested recipe.

(mix together 4 chopped onions along with 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, ½ cup water, ½ cup oil, 2 eggs salt/pepper to taste & 1 cup shredded cheese. Bake for 30-45 minutes until golden brown.)

Shana Tova! **Lori Lerner Gray**

MJCS Sisterhood Clothing Drive

Benefitting



November 1 - 30*



- Men's & Women's Shoes and Business Clothing CLEAN ON HANGERS
- New Socks

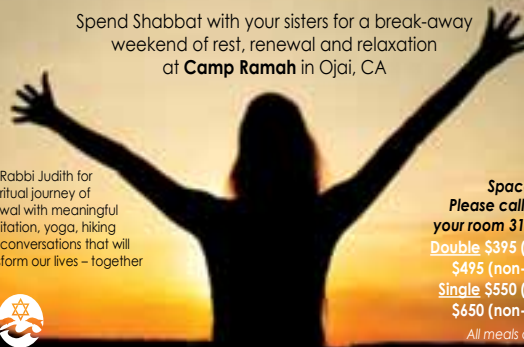
* Drop off at MJCS in the month of November

RETREAT · RECONNECT · REJOICE

With Rabbi Judith

Friday, November 30 – Sunday, December 2, 2018

Spend Shabbat with your sisters for a break-away weekend of rest, renewal and relaxation at **Camp Ramah** in Ojai, CA



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



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Registration begins August 20 – members
September 20 – non-members

JOIN US!

Details to follow closer to each event

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 with a call, casserole, challah or a ride to MJCS events.
Call MJCS @ 310.456.2178

Thurs. Sept. 27 @ 6pm

Sisters in the Sukkah
Shake your Lulav/potluck

Sat., Oct. 20 @ 7pm

Community Wide Event
Film screening:
"Homeless:
The Soundtrack"

Nov. 1-30

Sisterhood Sponsored
Clothing Drive to benefit
Weingart Center

Fri., Nov. 30 – Sun., Dec. 2

Retreat, Reconnect,
Rejoice
Women's Retreat with
Rabbi Judith HaLevy

Thurs., Dec. 13 10am-2pm

Weingart Center Tour
DTLA & lunch

Sun., Jan. 13, 11am - 4pm

Co-sponsored with
Men's Club
LA Jewish Historical
Society
DTLA - walk/lunch

Tues., Feb. 6, 6pm

Rosh Chodesh potluck
"My Jewish Mother"

Fri., March 29, 7pm

Sisterhood Karaoke
Sing, Dance, Pray

Wed., April 24, 9:45am

Morning walk at Temescal
with KI Sisterhood

2018 Sukkot Schedule



Sunday, September 23

10am – 12:00pm Sukkah Decorating & Brunch,
honoring volunteers

Tuesday, September 25

5pm Religious School Celebrates Sukkot

Thursday, September 27

4-5:30pm Hand in Hand in the Sukkah

6pm Sisterhood in the Sukkah

Friday, September 28

10am Preschool Celebrates Sukkot

6pm Shabbat in the Sukkah – New Member
Welcome Dinner

Monday, October 1

9am Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service

6pm Simchat Torah Celebration (Parade and
"Torah Tarot")



MALIBU FILM SOCIETY

Last season included 67 films; this season, we'll do
even more thanks to our new Summer Movie Series!

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

Join anytime; annual memberships are still just \$250!

MFS is by far the best deal in town, as members get:

- ★ Free admission to 60+ shows (dinners extra)
- ★ Free or discounted admission for your guests
- ★ Free popcorn, snacks, wine & beverages at all shows
- ★ Exclusive "members-only" events

For more info, please visit MalibuFilmSociety.org

Save the Date

- October 1** Simchat Torah Celebration
- November 7** Leonard Cohen Yahrzeit Program
- December 6** Chanukah Concert
- January 20** Tu B'Shevat Seder
- March 3** Art of Wine Gala
- March 8** Hand in Hand Winter Formal
- March 17** Purim Carnival
- March 20** Megillah Reading
- March 22** Purimshpiel
- March 31** Hand in Hand All Abilities Fair
- April 20** Community Passover Seder
- April 21** LGBTQ Passover Seder

Annual Gala

Welcoming Rabbi Michael with Malibu Nights UN-GALA – A NEW way to Gala!

New Rabbi, New Gala! We called it the UN-GALA and most of our community got in on the action! For a month leading up to the party, our members and friends generously supported the MJCS programs of their choice: The MJCS General Fund, Music Fund, Programming, Preschool Enrichment, Chesed Committee, Shabbat on the Beach Sponsorships, and more. Then on Saturday night, June 2nd we left the gowns and suits at home, donned our Malibu-

Style and simply CELEBRATED! Our community came together and gave Rabbi Michael a warm welcome, cozied up to the bar with friends, enjoyed an array of delicious food and hit the dance floor. Many thanks to those who made it all possible: our generous donors, our supportive Board of Directors and the creative and hardworking team that executed the event: Monica DeMoulin, Tricia Silberkleit, Danny Lane, Lauren Abramowitz and Jennifer Herrguth.



The Art of Wine

April 15, Saddlerock Ranch

Thank you to the Semler Family for hosting the Art of Wine at the spectacular Saddlerock Ranch. What a fun afternoon wine tasting and raising money for our education programs!



Shabbat on the Beach

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

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