



AHAVAT TORAH

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Rabbi Miriam Hamrell

Cantorial Soloist

Gary Levine

November 5, 2011

Associate Cantorial Soloist

Kimberly Haynes

9 – 9:45 AM Mussar Ethics Study with Rabbinic Intern Susan Nanus
10 AM Shabbat service
1.30 PM Midrasha with Susan Nanus:
"Movers and Shakers in the Yiddish Theater"

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Abraham gazes at the stars: detail from Lech Lecha Tallit

The image of Abraham is taken from E.M. Lillian's nineteenth century etching "Abraham Counts the Stars."

Torah Portion: Lech Lecha, Genesis: 12:1-17:27
Chanter: Aharon Nachshon
Cantor: Gary Levine
D'var Torah: Judith Weinberger

**UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL SERVICES AND OTHER TEMPLE EVENTS ARE HELD AT
VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 343 CHURCH LANE, LOS ANGELES 90049**

In consideration of our members and guests who suffer from allergies, please refrain from wearing even small amounts of perfume, cologne, scented lotions and hair products during services and other temple activities.



Our popular adult Midrasha educational program is scheduled for the first Shabbat of every month, starting

THIS Saturday, November 5 at 1:30 PM

Movers and Shakers in the Yiddish Theater

Come laugh and cry with our Rabbinic Intern, Susan Nanus, right after lunch this Shabbat, in the rear of the lunch room, near the piano.

To be or not to be...that is the q'vestion!

Free
Donations will be gratefully accepted
Please bring a friend



We gratefully acknowledge the following donations by

Ellen DuBois in honor of Mildred DuBois

Judy Kollack for a safe trip for the Rabbi

Marion Klein, Sherry Modell, Renee Schwartz in honor of Blanche's birthday

Fred & Joannie Summers in honor of many family and friends

SOCIAL ACTION



On **Thursday, November 3 from 6 to 8 PM** at the Iman Center, 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, 'Beyond Coal' will be co-hosting with Sierra Club a Town Hall program to support a plan for the DWP to increase energy efficiency citywide while creating jobs. City Council members Rosendahl, Koretz, and Wesson are expected to attend.

Contact Jonathan Troper for more information: Jonathan.Troper@gmail.com



Our entire congregation is encouraged to attend a special event this coming Monday evening, **November 7, 2011**. Jewish World Watch, partnered with Temple Isaiah Women, will offer an amazing and unforgettable evening. We will be viewing an award-winning documentary honored by the Museum of Tolerance, "The Last Survivor", a moving testament to four survivors of genocide: the Shoah, Darfur, Rwanda, and Congo, who struggle to make sense of their experiences and who eloquently teach us the lessons of tolerance and standing up to stop human rights violations.

Please see the trailer of this exceptional film the film's website <http://www.thelast survivor.com/>

6:45 PM Oneg, 7:00 PM Film, 8:30 PM panel Discussion, Q & A

Fred Kramer, Executive Director of JWW and Naama Haviv, JWW Assistant Director, along with Rabbis Klein and Frimmer, will reflect on the film. We welcome you to join in this important community conversation.

Please **RSVP** to Gail Minkow at gail@templeisiah.com

שמחת שבת

Simhat Shabbat

November 12, 2011

Happy Birthday



*Sophia Avants, Jane Best, Beth Devermont,
Vivian Gold, Hal Jaffe, Marjorie Raucher,
Barbara Stone, Joannie Summers,
Judy Weintraub*



Rena and Hal Jaffe

HOOTENANNY & HAVDALAH

Saturday, November 12, 2011 6 PM



Serving *Arroz con Pollo*--bring light accompaniments, *no milk or cheese dishes*.
Bring yourselves, instruments, songs, and warm hearts.



3235 Kelton Avenue, Los Angeles, 90034

RSVP to Vivian and Phil at 310 470-5142 or vgold@ucla.edu

Come even if you haven't RSVP'd.

MEMBER NEWS



Janice Batzdorff invites you to her operatic debut in the one-act opera *Dido and Aeneas* by Henry Purcell. Performances of this Celestial Opera Company production, together with *The Impresario* by Wolfgang Mozart, will be at the Woman's Club of South Pasadena, 1424 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030. Both pieces will be sung in English with English supertitles.

Sat. Nov. 12 at 7:30pm, Sun. Nov. 13 at 3pm, Fri. Nov. 18 at 8pm, Sun. Nov. 20 at 3pm

Tickets at \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, with 10% Discount for Groups of 10 or more
http://www.celestialoperacompany.org/my_weblog/purchase-tickets-prod-version.html



Rabbi Miriam volunteers once a month at California Institute for Women, together with Shayna Lester, who teaches *Jewish Ethics including Mussar* to the Jewish inmates and interested women. Shayna has been associated with this program for five years. She would welcome any women from Ahavat Torah who would like to participate in visits to the inmates.

SALON

The Art of *Siona Benjamin*

Sunday, November 20, 2-4 PM



Ahavat Torah Congregation is very pleased to be hosting renowned Jewish artist, and Fulbright Fellow, Siona Benjamin. Originally from Bombay, now living in the U.S., Siona's work reflects her Bene Israel Jewish descent. Having been brought up in predominantly Hindu and Muslim India, her paintings are inspired by traditional Indian/Persian miniatures, Byzantine icons, and Jewish and Christian illuminated manuscripts.

Siona was commissioned to create the illustrations for a unique and beautiful Megillat Esther, a copy of which was recently purchased by Ahavat Torah.

The Salon will present an opportunity to meet the artist, see the scroll, and hear an illustrated talk on her process in creating the scroll, as well as some of her other art.

RSVP to Rita Reuben at 323-934-5973

Please bring a guest.

Free. Donations are gratefully accepted



This event is sponsored by our own Gloria Orenstein, PhD, USC Professor of Comparative Literature and Gender Studies. Gloria is an expert on Jewish women artists; women's studies in contemporary art, literature and culture.



VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AHAVAT TORAH CONGREGATION, MUSALLAH TAUHID

invite you to an interfaith celebration of

Thanksgiving Pilgrimages that Changed our Lives



Don't miss hearing about

****Karima and Bob's Hajj Journey****

****Pastor Janet's Search for Global Spirituality ****

****Rabbi Miriam's Trip to Bosnia****

Sunday, November 27, 12 noon

at Village Lutheran Church, 343 Church Lane, Brentwood

POTLUCK - each person please bring a vegetarian dish

RSVP to Arlene: arlenesid@gmail.com



אני לדודי ודודי לי

*Debra Ann Barrath
and
Jonathan Daniel Troper
invite you to share in our simcha
by joining us as we exchange vows
Sunday December 4, 2011 at 1PM*

*at Ahavat Torah
343 Church Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90049*

*Huppah Ceremony & Reception in
the Social Hall*

RSVP Arlene 310-429-6817

In lieu of gifts, we would appreciate contributions to a
travel fund to enable family to join us on this special day.

*I am My Beloved's
and My Beloved is Mine*

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Friday, 4	6:00PM	Community Shabbat Dinners in member's homes
Saturday, 5	9 – 9:45 AM	Mussar Ethics Study with Susan Nanus
	10 AM – 12:30 PM	Shabbat services with Susan Nanus followed by lunch
	1:30 – 4:00PM	Midrasha Series – Movers and Shakers in the Yiddish Theater with Susan Nanus
Thursday, 10	11:45 AM – 2 PM	Lunch and learn at Sally Morgan's home
Saturday, 12	9 – 9:45 AM	Mussar Ethics Study with Susan Nanus
	10 AM – 12:30 PM	Shabbat services and Simhat Shabbat with Susan Nanus followed by lunch
Saturday, 12	6 – 9:00 PM	Havdallah Hootenany at Vivian and Phil's home
Monday, 14	6:00 PM	Ahavat Torah Board Meeting at Rena and Hal's
Thursday, 17	11:45 – 2 PM	Lunch and learn at Sally Morgan's home
Saturday, 19	9 – 9:45 AM	Mussar Ethics Study with Rabbi
	10 AM – 12:30 PM	Shabbat services followed by Social Action Committee meeting
Sunday, 20	2:00PM	Salon with Siona Benjamin in the Social Hall
Thursday, 24		THANKSGIVING
Saturday, 26	9 – 9:45 AM	Mussar Ethics Study with Rabbi
	10 AM – 12:30 PM	Shabbat services
Sunday, 27	12 PM – 2 PM	Interfaith Thanksgiving

Contact Arlene for information & RSVP'S arsid@aol.com or call (310) 429-6817

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FABULOUS HANUKKAH PARTY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011



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