

LECTURE OF THE DAY 2018

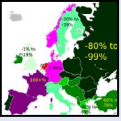
Beginning Monday at 11:15 a.m.
and featuring Guest Speakers.

Chairs: Stella & Michael Dubey

March 12

“JEWISH SURVIVAL IN WESTERN EUROPE”

Marvin Leon, Attorney, Teacher, Author, Valley Beth Shalom member for over 60 years



Join Marv as he continues his series on Modern Jewish History after the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D. This lecture will deal with Jewish history in Italy and Germany from the early days of the Jewish diaspora to the start of the Hitler and Mussolini Eras in our own lifetimes. It is an important precursor to broaden one's understanding of our journey into America.

March 26

“HOW DID FOUR STREAMS OF JUDAISM EMERGE OUT OF ORTHODOXY?”

Dr. Gil Graff, Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education

Coming back by popular request, Dr. Graff has a phenomenal background in Jewish History and Jewish Law. How and why do we need different streams of Judaism for our comfortable belonging? What is the future of the various groups? An exciting discussion is sure to take place.



April 16 “HAZAK ART TOUR”

Please see page 1 for further information.

April 30

“OASIS OF PEACE – CAN ISRAELI'S AND PALESTINIANS EVER LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE?”

Scott Brockman, Executive Director, and a Palestinian Executive will lead the discussion. They are part of Neve Shalom/ Wahat al Salam “Oasis of Peace” in Israel.



The name *Neve Shalom* is taken from a passage in Isaiah 32:18: “My people shall dwell in an oasis of peace”. We have a rare opportunity to hear both sides of the issue and to question them.

May 14 “YEAR-END-CELEBRATION”

Please see page 2 for further information.

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Program

MARCH - MAY 2018

“Let us grow together, deepen our lives,
sharpen our intellects and
cultivate our conscience.”

— Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis



Learning with the Rabbis



Classes

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

2018

Beginning Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Planning Team:

Joel Hyatt, Loren Kleinrock, Sandy Cooper

MARCH 12 "LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER"

Sheila Coop, Human Resources Consultant

A personal and humorous conversation about "meeting and greeting" a time of life which is largely unexplored and for which we are unprepared. Sheila, a frequent speaker on approaches to the challenges and opportunities of aging, will also discuss all the new things that are available, as well as an honest assessment of what your personal fears and disappointments really mean, including the freedom to make choices that were not available before.

"CONVERSION"

Rabbi John Carrier, Burbank Temple Emanu El

Rabbi Carrier converted to Judaism at 25 after marrying a Jewish woman. Nine years later he became a Rabbi. Now he teaches the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program. He will speak both personally and academically about Jewish conversion, sharing traditional rabbinic texts on conversion, as well as the modern experience of being a convert and a rabbi.

MARCH 26 "QUESTIONS IN THE TORAH"

Rabbi Joshua Hoffman, Valley Beth Shalom

It is marvelous to consider that a book of sacred literature, a book that conveys Truth, could be riddled with the uncertainties a question poses. Questions do not have to be trivial — questions of identity, community, power and influence, relationship, and even hope. Indeed, these are the questions we are invited to ask not only of our sacred texts, but also of ourselves in every time and generation. Join Rabbi Hoffman in a class that discusses the questions found in the Torah.

APRIL 16

"HAZAK ART TOUR" - Please join us for Hazak VBS member Art Tour at the Getty Villa in Malibu. We will travel to the Getty Villa by bus. Reservations only. For full details see enclosed Flyer.

APRIL 30 "HOMELESSNESS IN LA"

Rabbi Noah Farkas, Valley Beth Shalom

In our tradition, every Jew knows what it means to be homeless. What can you do to help those who have yet to find a place to rest their heads? As a leader with the LA Homelessness Services Authority, Rabbi Farkas galvanized a broad coalition to pass historic legislation to build affordable housing in LA County. Based on several years of intensive engagement on public

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2018 HAZAK PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

Time	MARCH 12	MARCH 26	APRIL 16	APRIL 30	MAY 14
9:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION				
10:00 a.m.	<i>Living Happily Ever After</i>	<i>Questions in the Torah</i>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>Hazak Art Tour</i>	<i>Homelessness in LA</i>	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <i>Year End Celebration</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Conversion</i>				
11:15 a.m.	LECTURE OF THE DAY				
	<i>Jewish Survival in Western Europe</i>	<i>How Did Four Streams of Judaism Emerge Out of Orthodoxy?</i>	<i>Hazak Art Tour</i>	<i>Oasis of Peace – Can Israeli's and Palestinians Ever Live Together in Peace?</i>	<i>Year End Celebration</i>
12:15 p.m.	LUNCH: Bring your own DAIRY lunch. Coffee & cookies provided. Bagels & cream cheese available for purchase.				
12:45 p.m.	Torah Portion with Rabbi Feinstein	Torah Portion with Rabbi Farkas	Torah Portion with Rabbi Feinstein	Torah Portion with Rabbi Farkas	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <i>Year End Celebration</i>
12:45 p.m.	Mah Jongg	Mah Jongg	Mah Jongg	Mah Jongg	
12:45 p.m.	Great Decisions <i>Media and Foreign Policy</i>	Great Decisions <i>Turkey A Partner in Crisis</i>	Great Decisions <i>U.S. Global Engagement and the Military</i>	Great Decisions <i>South Africa's Fragile Democracy</i>	

policy causes and solutions to homelessness, this class will look at how rabbis and congregations can use Jewish values and moral suasion with policy makers to get people housed in our communities.

MAY 14 "YEAR-END CELEBRATION"

Featuring VBS Music Director Chris Hardin and Cantor Phil Baron Presenting "Come and Sing Songs of Spring". Reservations only. For full details see enclosed Flyer.

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1. Visit www.vbs.org/hazak
2. In left panel, click on Events & Classes, Lecture Recordings, or ENROLLMENT (to enroll online)

Hazak supports the **VBS Food Bank** by collecting food contributions at each Hazak session. Especially welcomed are non-expired canned or dried healthy foods, preferably in small packages.

Please arrive to classes and lectures on time. Late comers are disturbing to the presenters and the audiences. Thank you.

TORAH PORTION WITH THE RABBIS – Portion of the Week continues from 12:45-1:45 p.m., led by our distinguished rabbis.

MAH JONGG – Carol Gray will teach newcomers and supervise the games at 12:45 p.m. Bring a 2017 National Mah Jongg League Card or you can purchase one from the receptionist at the front desk at Temple.

GREAT DECISIONS 2018 – 7-session discussion group that meets on Hazak Mondays, at 12:45-2:15 p.m. with rotating moderators, Al Wilen and Steve Krantz.

The next discussion topics are: March 12, *Media and Foreign Policy*; March 26, *Turkey a Partner in Crisis*; April 16, *U.S. Global Engagement and the Military*; Apr. 30, *South Africa's Fragile Democracy*.

If you didn't order a Briefing Book yet, you can call the Foreign Policy Association at (800) 477-5836 to order one. For more information, contact Jerry Davis at (818) 326-5961.

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