

LECTURE OF THE DAY 2018

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

Chairs: Stella & Michael Dubey

January 8

“DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE, (EVEN AFTER THE HOLIDAY FUN, THEY ARE STILL AROUND)”- Terry Paulson, Ph.D., Famous National Motivational Speaker

Learn how to capitalize on disagreements and diversity to produce winning results with humor. By finding the assertive middle ground between doormat and steamroller, you can increase your influence in dealing with tough issues and tough people!



January 22

**“FROM CONVERSO TO THE RABBINATE”
Rabbi Devin Maimon Villarreal**



A descendent of two Converso families, Rabbi Villarreal was raised as a Christian in the U.S. But as he grew up, he heard about his Jewish ancestors. He will share his exciting personal story and describe his decision to formally embrace Judaism and become ordained as a rabbi.

February 5

“THRIVING IN YOUR RETIREMENT”- Phillip DeBoalt, Financial Consultant, Fidelity Investments

For successful retirement we need to have a continuous plan. We want to make the most careful decisions to sustain our style of living and make the most of our retirement income through thoughtful investing. This program is educational and not commercial.



February 25

**“CAMERA Exposes the Media Lies and Distortions About Israel”-
Thor Gold, Director, Western Region of CAMERA**



Founded in 1982, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America is a media-monitoring, research and membership organization devoted to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East. CAMERA fosters rigorous reporting, while educating news consumers about Middle East issues and the role of the media. Because public opinion ultimately shapes public policy, distorted news coverage that misleads the public can be detrimental to sound policymaking.

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Program

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 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

JANUARY 8

"A CONVERSATION ABOUT CANNIBIS: FACTS, OPINIONS, AND MYTHS" - Mark Davis is the CEO of "Mozen" - A Cannabis Lifestyle Brand. (mozen — Hebrew word for "Balance").

Cannabis is an impressive "medicine" with numerous strain origins, methods of production, options for consumption, and dose amounts that can all produce different effects. Understanding the plant and its uses are important for deciding if Cannabis is even an option, and if so, how to best and safely use it under the new CA law. We will discuss some cannabis basics and have a frank conversation on what works, what doesn't work, and what is still unknown.

JANUARY 22

"COMMON CONSUMER SCAMS TARGETING OLDER ADULTS" - Stephanie Holloway

Hear about new ways scammers are targeting older adults. Learn how to prevent identity theft and what to do if someone steals your identity. Stephanie Holloway is the Senior Program Associate for the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Center for Financial Empowerment.

"JEWISH WORLD WATCH IS STILL WATCHING"

Susan Freudenheim, Executive Director of Jewish World Watch

JWW envisions a world that does not stand idly by while civilian populations are being attacked simply because of who they are; a world without genocide and mass atrocities. Learn about the latest issues, with focus on the conflict areas of Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, and the Rohingya in Myanmar.

FEBRUARY 5

"STOP 'WINING' ABOUT KOSHER WINE"

Cantor Keith Miller

Does your tongue begin to throb at the thought of sipping Manischewitz wine? Good news: great (kosher) wines do exist. Join Keith Miller from d-cantor enterprises and learn more about the history of wine in Israel, where it's been, and where it's going.

"THE REAL LAW AND ORDER—AN INSIDE LOOK"

Judge Fred Wapner

Did you know there was a courthouse in Hollywood? Can you imagine what went on there? Have you ever sat on a jury? Why is our system of justice so wonderful and infuriating all at the same time? Judge Fred Wapner, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge and former Deputy District Attorney, shares his stories, musings, and insights.

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2018 HAZAK PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

Time	JAN 8	JAN 22	FEB 5	FEB 26
9:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION			
10:00 a.m.	<i>A Conversation About Cannabis: Facts, Opinions, and Myths</i>	<i>Common Consumer Scams Targeting Older Adults</i>	<i>Stop 'Wining' About Kosher Wine</i>	<i>The Best of Times, The Worst of Times</i>
10:00 a.m.		<i>Jewish World Watch Is Still Watching</i>	<i>The Real Law and Order—An Inside Look</i>	
11:15 a.m.	LECTURE OF THE DAY			
	<i>Dealing With Difficult People (Even After the Holiday Fun, They Are Still Around)</i>	<i>From Converso to the Rabbinate</i>	<i>Thriving In Your Retirement</i>	<i>CAMERA Exposes the Media Lies and Distortions About Israel</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 Hoffman	Torah Portion with Rabbi Feinstein	Torah Portion with Rabbi Feinstein	Torah Portion with Rabbi Hoffman
12:45 p.m.	ORACLE	ORACLE	ORACLE	ORACLE
12:45 p.m.	Mah Jongg	Mah Jongg	Mah Jongg	Mah Jongg
12:45 p.m.		<i>Great Decisions The Waning of Pax Americana</i>	<i>Great Decisions Russia's Foreign Policy</i>	<i>Great Decisions China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation</i>

FEBRUARY 26

"THE BEST OF TIMES, THE WORST OF TIMES"

Rabbi Ed Feinstein, Ph.D., Valley Beth Shalom

Never in Jewish history have we had it so good. Never have we worried more. Never have we lived more freely and securely. But that very freedom seems to be a trap. Once we worried about our physical safety, while we were secure in our spiritual identity. Today, it's the other way around. How do we cope with such gyrations of fortune? How do we make sense of our circumstances?

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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.

ORACLE PROGRAM – Continues on Monday, Nov 6, and 20; Dec 4 and 18 at 12:45 p.m. For more information, call Marv at (818) 783-4920.

GREAT DECISIONS 2018 – 7-session discussion group beginning Monday, January 22, 2018 at 12:45-2:15 p.m. with rotating moderators, Al Wilen and Steve Krantz.

The Topics after 2/26 are: *Media and Foreign Policy; Turkey: A Partner in Crisis; US Global Engagement and The Military; South Africa's Fragile Democracy; and Global Health: Progress and Challenges.*

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