

Temple Or Rishon Weekly Bulletin: Week of March 1, 2010 – 15 Adar, 5770
TOR Website: www.OrRishon.org

Shabbat Services

Friday night Shabbat Services are at 6:45 pm. Saturday Morning Shabbat Services are at 10:00 am with Women's Torah Study & weekly Torah Study from 9-10. To learn the name of this week's Torah portion and to find out more about the Torah portion click here <http://urj.org/learning/torah/>.

Final Friday Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, March 26 – Shabbat Services are at 6:45 pm, followed by a catered dinner at 7:45 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call the office at 916-988-4100 by March 25 to RSVP.

ebay Giving Works

Help TOR & make money for yourself at the same time. Bring in your collectables, gently used goods & crafts and we'll share the profits with you upon sale on ebay. Please call Lynn Berkley-Baskin at 916-983-0856 for more information.

Passover

Passover B'bayit: Do you have room for guests at your Passover table (it's a mitzvah, you know...). Please let the Temple Office know that you can host others in need of a Seder on the first night of Passover, March 29, 2010. And if you are looking for a home Seder to attend, please let the office know. We will do our best to match.

TOR Community Passover Seder

March 30, at 6:00 pm. Join us for the second night Seder at the Marriott Hotel. Rabbi Rabishaw and Cantorial Soloist Carol Gunnerson will give us a Seder to remember. Flyers are available on the website and in the Temple Office.

Religious & Hebrew School

Sunday School: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/16

Hebrew School: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12

Women's Torah Study

Every first Saturday of the month, at 9:00 am in Classroom 6. Where all women are invited to deepen their relationships to each other and to Torah through Torah learning emphasizing women's perspectives, concerns and experiences. **Next study session is March 6.**

TASTY & TASTY Bites

Youth Advisor: Monica Dean, email Monica_Dean@hotmail.com, phn. # 916-300-4217.

President: Jacob Fefer, phn. # 916-663-3002, jfefer@sbcglobal.net.

For information on TASTY Bites events, contact Janice Oliver-Iraci, email oivey2@yahoo.com, phn. # 916-988-2792.

Sisterhood

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00 am.

Sunday, March 14, 3:00 pm – 9th Women's Seder at TOR. Open to women ages 12 & up. \$18 per person – Ma'yan Haggadah available for \$10. Please email Janet Berman-Brooks at janetbb1981@comcast.net for more information.

Sunday, March 21, 9:00 – 10:15 am – Sisterhood General Meeting with guest speaker, Joyce Keyak, PHD, Professor of Radiological Sciences.

Sisterhood Cookbooks - cost is \$25. The cookbook is also on CD and costs \$20. Please contact the office to purchase one.

Men's Club

Bagel Breakfast & Meeting - Sunday, March 7 at 9:00 am

Poker night is the 2nd Monday of every month from 7 – 10 p.m. at Calvin Sachs home. Contact Dave Cuttler at 916-765-4253 for more information.

The Jewish Book Club

Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm at TOR. The book for March is The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein. Written by Harry

Bernstein at the age of 93, this amazing memoir is about a young boy's first hand view of poverty and anti-semitism in prewar England. He describes the 'invisible wall' that ran down the middle of his street, keeping the Jews on his side and the Christians on the other. It's 'very much like a Dickens novel, harsh yet sweet in many ways, so much like life'. Please call Alison Braverman at 916-988-7110 or email alcinp1@aol.com for more information.

"Freilache Menschen" - Senior Group (ages 55 & up)

2nd Wednesday of each month at noon. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 10 at noon. Program: Rabbi Rabishaw will speak about Passover. Please call Gert Jacobs at 916-967-6516 for more information or to be put on our mailing list.

Early Childhood Education

Gan K'tan Class:

Every Friday, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. For children ages 18 months to 5 years. The cost of the program is \$150.00 for 10 classes.

Wake Up and Taste the Torah Class

Every 2nd Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. This program is for families with young children and children of all abilities. No cost.

All That Jazz Gala

Sunday, April 25, 4-9 pm at Timber Creek Ballroom, Sun City, Roseville. Dinner-Dance & Silent Auction. Live Entertainment and Speak Easy. Vintage Attire Encouraged. Cost is \$65 per person.

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, March 13, 6:00 pm. Enjoy a Mediterranean dinner beginning with appetizers & drinks, then dinner and finally dessert at TOR. Cost is \$28 per person. Call Beth Fassler at 916-791-4789 for more information.

Penny Drive

TOR 5767 Club is having a penny drive. **We have collected 120,000 pennies so far.** Their goal is to collect 6,000,000 pennies that will be donated to the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. and The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. We have a penny collection jar in our foyer.

ONLINE SHOPPERS

Make your purchases count for the temple. Instead of going directly to any online shopping site, click on the eScrip Online Mall link on the temple website. Then shop as usual. TOR gets a percentage of your purchase!

Anyone can earn for TOR – **even if they are not enrolled with eScrip** - they can click on the link, shop or download AutoEARN*, and earn anonymously!

- Earn up to 16% from purchases at over **1,000 name brand merchants**
- Shop from the same **websites** you know and trust
- **Pay exactly the same price** as you normally would

*check out AutoEARN – this program allows you to earn for TOR whenever you make an online purchase at a participating retailer, even if you haven't gone through the online mall link.

Questions? Contact Cecily Kane at 916-969-5936, chcoholic@hotmail.com or Karen Ziman at 933-6537 or karziman@aol.com

TOR Chavurah

Being part of a Chavurah - a designated circle of friends- is a way to develop more focused friendships within the wider Or Rishon community. Each Chavurah is a small group of congregants who meet to socialize, pursue similar interests, and to celebrate Jewish life together. For more information please call Dorothy Anderson at 530-622-7689. **(for members only).**

Mah Jongg

Every 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday from 11:30 am to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play. No cost.

RSVP Concert

Sunday, April 18, 3:00 pm. RSVP (Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace) is thrilled to present its 10th Anniversary Celebration concert series celebrating 10 years of helping local charitable organizations.

While the economy has struggled, RSVP has quietly donated tens of thousands of dollars to local Sacramento charities. RSVP not only gives 100 percent of its concert proceeds to help others, but the giving has increased every year for the past ten years thanks to benefactors and audience donations.

This concert series is a gift to everyone who made RSVP's first 10 years a tremendous success. With music ranging from Franz Biebl's beautiful *Ave Maria* to the rhythmic, soulful sounds of Sydney Guillaume's Haitian *Kalinda*, this series will feature the best of the best! Plus there will be a special reception after each of the concerts. Come celebrate with RSVP!

All members of RSVP donate their time and all of the concerts are free of charge. For more information on RSVP and this concert series, visit www.rsvpchoir.org.

E-Waste Collection

2nd annual E-Waste collection sponsored by Sacramento Chapter of Hadassah will be on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at the Northeast corner of the Mosaic Law Parking lot, (East Side). Collection drop off hours are from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon. Start your spring cleaning early. Pesach is just around the corner.

Equipment Accepted:

- Monitor/Televisions
- Desktop PC
- Notebook PC
- Small Equipment: VCRs, Stereo equipment, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones etc.
- Printers& Copiers
- Laser and Multi-function Peripherals: scanners, fax machines

Shalom School Gala Honors Nancy and Alan Brodovsky

In celebration of their extraordinary contributions to Shalom School (www.shalomschool.org), the Jewish community and Sacramento, the 2010 Shalom School Gala will honor Nancy and Alan Brodovsky on Saturday, March 6, at the Center at Twenty Three Hundred in Sacramento. The event, titled Celebrating the Extraordinary, will honor the Brodovskys for their generosity in creating educational opportunities, leading by example and investing in the future of Shalom School students.

The gala, beginning just after sundown at 7 pm, will feature cocktails in the courtyard and dinner, dancing and dessert in the beautiful, new multi-million dollar event center on the Mosaic Law Congregation campus. Dinner will be catered by culinary specialists at Mulvaney's B&L. The ticket price is \$150 per person. Proceeds from the event will benefit students through Shalom School's scholarship program, its educational and enrichment programs as well as its global community service.

"We are very proud to receive this honor from Shalom School. This school has been a focus of our charitable work for many years because we believe that the future of Judaism lies with the Jewish education of our youth; that Jewish Day Schools are the best way to accomplish that goal; and that Shalom School is a star among day schools. It is our great joy to be associated with Shalom School," stated Alan and Nancy about the honor.

With more than 65 years of combined volunteer experience serving Sacramento and the Jewish community, Nancy and Alan's commitment and valuable contributions are varied and great.

As Sacramento's only Jewish day school, Shalom School offers a rich, academic curriculum with a tradition of global community service. Since its inception 31 years ago, the school has embraced students diverse in race, religion, academic and financial ability. Its graduates are destined for greatness and are inspired and motivated by a love of learning. Shalom School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), an accrediting organization for public and private schools. During its last visit, the evaluating team left Shalom stating it was the best school they had visited in 25 years. There are 215 students enrolled in the school.

If you would like to receive an invitation to the upcoming Gala, volunteer for the event or need additional information, please contact Gala Chair Sarah Zeff at (916) 485-4151. For more information about Shalom School please call Admissions Director Lynette Otis at the same number.

Hillel at Davis and Sacramento's "Honorable Menschen Brunch"

Join Hillel at its annual fundraiser on Sunday April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the UC Davis ARC Ballroom. For reservations and more information, please contact Hillel at (530) 756-3708, email administrator@hillelhouse.org or visit www.hillelhouse.org

PJ Library Program

Sunday, April 18th at the Sacramento Zoo from 11:00-3:00. Our day will include performances from storyteller and juggler Izzi Tooinsky, music from the Freilach Makers band, a chance for PJ Library families to meet and spend time together, and of course light refreshments and time at the zoo.

JSN – Jewish Singles Network

ON THE LIST?

Do you know someone who wants to be connected but isn't receiving the calendar? Let us know and we'll add that name to the e-mail list ASAP.

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JSN Website Is Only a Click Away

Bookmark JSN's jazzy website for instant information about happenings in Sacramento for Jewish singles over 40: www.freewebs.com/jewishsinglesnetwork

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JSN is an organization dedicated to providing activities and events for Sacramento area's single Jews over 40 who enjoy meeting others. Our focus is to bring people together to share the fun of life.

### **Grief Group**

This is an ongoing therapeutic group for those who have lost a loved one to death or mental illness. Come experience a safe environment in which to understand, express, and transform grief due to significant loss. This group will meet from 3:00 to 4:00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month beginning May 4, 2008 at Pathways Therapy Center: 700 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite G, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Prior to attending the group, please call Melody Nolan, Marriage & Family Therapy Intern (#IMF 52957) at (916) 979-0964 ext. 4#. This group is being offered by Pathways as a free service to the community. If you have mixed feelings about attending a group, please call and discuss your needs. A non-interactive status may be established for those attending for the first time. Melody is being supervised by Sally Fitts, LCS#19276.

### **NCJW – National Council of Jewish Women**

NCJW is the oldest national Jewish Women's organization in the United States. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW has been at the forefront of social change for over a century. Locally, current NCJW programs include the Family Shalom project to end domestic violence, an annual Hanukkah luncheon for seniors, and working to pass progressive legislation in such areas as healthcare and family planning.

### **Family Shalom (916) 204-8777 or familyshalom.org**

Family Shalom is a project of National Council of Jewish Women Sacramento section. Its mission is to educate the Jewish community to the fact that Jewish families do experience domestic abuse. Domestic abuse crosses all economic, ethnic and religious backgrounds, including Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Misrachi, Sephardic, unaffiliated and interfaith families. No one should have to endure an abusive relationship! Trained volunteers answer the Family Shalom information and referral line at (916) 204 8777. All calls are strictly confidential, and a caller may remain anonymous, Speakers are available for both adult and teen programs. Brochures are available in the lobby and in the bathrooms at Or Rishon.

### **Community Information**

**Derech L'Chaim JACS** - Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others in cooperation with Jewish Family Service.

Jewish 12 Step Recovery Meetings

Every Monday each month 10:30 - 11:30am

Albert Einstein Center, 1935 Wright Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, Card Room, Sacramento

We welcome all individuals in need of a 12 Step meeting with a Jewish focus. SAFE, SECURE, ANONYMOUS. If you have any questions, please contact me directly by telephone (916) 487-2792 or email [samuelsd85@aol.com](mailto:samuelsd85@aol.com).