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Newsletter

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Message from the Rabbi

Our community is in pain and grieving the loss of a pure soul, Blaze Bernstein, whose body was found after a heart-wrenching 8-day search. We mourn with the Bernstein family and the Orange County community that united in hope and prayer.



When tragedy strikes and we begin to feel confused and sad, we look for inspiration and guidance wherever we can get it.

Blaze's father, Gideon, shared with us that his desire is to make good and light come from this tragedy, since that is the only thing we can control.

The Jewish response to evil and darkness is goodness and love; the response must be proportionate: the response to senseless hate is senseless love.

What can we do in response?

We can seek out opportunities to help total strangers, impacting their lives in a significant way and spare no effort, planning, spending and even risking accomplishing this.

Goodness is far more potent than evil, just as a tiny flame dispels a room filled with darkness. The collective good deeds throughout history will ultimately usher in a time of complete light and redemption for all of humanity when "the spirit of evil will vanish from the earth and G-d will wipe away the tears from every face".

As we light our Shabbat candles on Friday evenings, we pray that Gideon, Jeanne and the entire Bernstein family find comfort and solace, and only know of good and blessings from here on out.

Rabbi Stillerman

February 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chicken Soup Delivery 1:30-2:30 pm 	2 Community Shabbat Dinner RSVP by January 31 6:30 pm 	3 Birthday Shabbat & Blessings Service 9:00 am P: Yitro 
4 Jewish Culture Club: "Elsa & Fred" 2:30 pm 	5	6	7	8 Chicken Soup Delivery 1:30-2:30 pm 	9	10 Shabbat Service 9:00 am P: Mishpatim 
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Chicken Soup Delivery 1:30-2:30 pm Yeshiva with The Rabbi 7:00 pm 	16	17 Shabbat Service 9:00 am P: Teruma 
18	19 Shabbat Song/Prayer Class 7:00 pm 	20	21	22 Chicken Soup Delivery 1:30-2:30 pm 	23 Friday Night Family Service and Oneg Shabbat 6:30 pm 	24 Shabbat Service 9:00 am P: Zachor 
25 Yiddishkeit Club 10:30 am Judaica and Bake Sale 12:00 pm Jewish Culture Club: "The Man Who Sued God" 2:30 pm	26 Shabbat Song/Prayer Class 7:00 pm 	27	28 Purim in the Jungle Dinner Party and Megillah Reading RSVP by February 23 6:00 pm 			





Thursday, February 1 - **Chicken Soup Delivery** 1:30-2:30 PM at Chabad –The Chabad That Brings the Soup -- Chicken soup will be available for deliveries **every Thursday**. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. If you would like to volunteer to deliver soup or know of someone who could use this warm and delicious "hug-in-a-jug", please call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173

Friday, February 2 – **Community Shabbat Dinner**. Once a quarter we celebrate together with a Friday Night Shabbat Dinner. Complete with all the fixings and lovingly prepared by Rochel Leah Stillerman, please join us for this community Shabbat Dinner. Bring friends and family. Dinner at 6:30pm at Chabad. Cost is \$25 Adults/ \$18 Children. Sponsorships welcome. Please RSVP to Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173 by Wednesday, January 31.



Saturday, February 3 – **February Birthday Shabbat and Blessings Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am. Kiddush to Follow (Kiddush sponsorships welcome. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173) [Parashat Yitro](#)

Sunday, February 4 – **Jewish Culture Club** will be featuring "Elsa & Fred" (2014). In New Orleans, a feisty retiree (Shirley MacLaine) and her new neighbor, an uptight widower (Christopher Plummer), discover that it's never too late for true love and romance. At 2:30 pm LW Clubhouse One. Main Lounge



Saturday, February 10 – **Shabbat Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am. Kiddush to Follow (Kiddush sponsorships welcome. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173) [Parashat Mishpatim](#)

Tuesday, February 15 – **Yeshiva with The Rabbi** – Once a month in-depth study, learn, debate and philosophize with the Rabbi over small select pieces of Jewish religious texts. No prior knowledge of Judaism is necessary, but a willingness and desire to learn, discover and debate is a must! 7pm at Chabad.



Saturday, February 17 – **Shabbat Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am – Kiddush to Follow. (Kiddush sponsorships welcome. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173) [Parashat Terumah](#)

Monday, February 19 – **Shabbat Song/Prayer Class** Taught by Selma and Phil Silverman, this four-week, one-hour long class will help aid congregants in the tunes, the flow and the meaning behind our weekly prayers. A knowledge of Hebrew is a pre-requisite. @Chabad 7:00 - 8:00pm.



(2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12)



Friday, February 23 – **Friday Night Family Service and Oneg Shabbat**. Service begins at 6:30 pm in the Beth Torah Sanctuary. The fourth Friday of every month we have a family friendly Erev Shabbat Service complete with a great message from the Rabbi, new and old songs, followed by a tasty Oneg Shabbat with chicken soup and sweets. Hope to see you there!



Saturday, February 24 – **Shabbat Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am. Kiddush to Follow (Kiddush sponsorships welcome. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173) [Parashat Zachor](#)

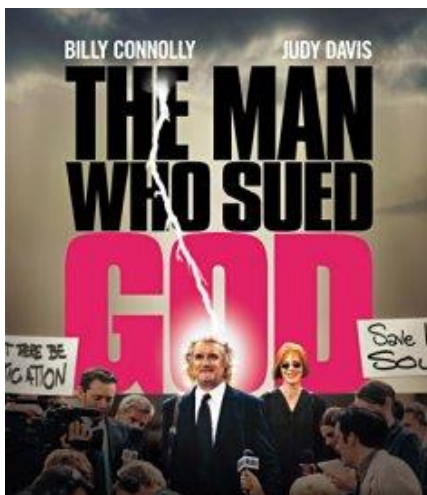


Sunday, February 25 – **Yiddishkeit Club**. Literally translated, Yiddishkeit means “Jewish way of life.”

Come share your stories growing up Jewish, sing along to familiar and new Jewish songs, discuss current events and Jewish news, laugh a ton, and learn a little Yiddish while you're at it.

10:30AM - Noon at Chabad. \$5 Donation.

Sunday, February 25 – **Judaica and Bake Sale** @ Chabad 12:00 noon. Stock up on freshly baked challahs, cakes, cookies and more.



Sunday, February 25 – **Jewish Culture Club** will be featuring “The Man Who Sued God” (2001). Steve (Billy Connolly), an ex-lawyer who is unable to collect insurance money for his destroyed boat, deems the accident an “act of God,” and decides to sue the man at the root of his problem - namely, God. Anna (Judy Davis), a jaded journalist who took a particular interest in Steve's case, decides to help him out on his quest to collect from the almighty. “The Man Who Sued God” is one of Australia's highest grossing films of all time. At 2:30pm LW Clubhouse One. Main Lounge

Monday, February 26 – **Shabbat Song/Prayer Class** @Chabad 7:00 - 8:00pm (2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12)

Wednesday, February 28 – **Purim in the Jungle Dinner Party and Megillah Reading.** This Purim will be like no other! *Beat your Bongos in an amazing African Drum Circle * Create African Art * Jungle Flavor Face Painting * Traditional African-Kosher Buffet * Purim Slideshow * Dress up in your favorite Jungle Garb and win a Prize! * Music and Dance @Chabad 6:00pm. Cost \$18/pp. Event Co-Sponsor \$180. (Please RSVP by February 23 to Rochel Leah at

(949) 244-8173)



Save the Date

Thursday, March 1 – **Purim Megillah Reading Service**

@Chabad 9:00 am

Yahrzeit Memorials – Debbie Hallet is our Yahrzeit Memorial volunteer. Call Debbie with the names and dates of your loved ones who have passed and who you would like to see remembered by the congregation on a regular basis at our Shabbat Services. Debbie will record those dates and will call to remind you of the service marking their passing. Please provide your name, the name and relationship of the departed, your phone number, and your mail and email addresses. Please call Debbie or leave a message at (617) 281-1105 or email to: rwhallet@gmail.com



Rabbi Yosef Shusterman, Director of Chabad of North Beverly Hills,

spoke at our Chabad last month regarding Family Dynamics – the relationships between spouses, parents, adult children, kids, grandparents and everyone in between. It was wonderful! If you missed it, we are providing the YouTube link below where you can see and hear his wise and common-sense Q&A discussion with members of our community.



Some highlights and tips:

1. Said “tongue-in-cheek,” after your adult child marries, close your mouth and open your wallet. Only give your two cents about their marriage or the way they raise their kids when they ask for your advice.
2. In disagreements with family members, address items that are current. Do not re-hash items in the past – it’s not productive.
3. Parent with consistency. If you want your children to respect the truth, don’t lie yourself. If you want your children to cherish their Judaism and honor the holidays, be consistent and honor the holidays as well; if you pick and choose your Judaism, they will follow suit and do the same.
4. Just as a teacher teaches to the needs and particularities of each student, so too must you parent individually to each child. Not all children are the same. Some require more attention, some learn at different speeds, each have different interests, triggers and hopes, etc.
5. Do Not Be A Friend to your children. You are their parent. The role of a friend and the role of a parent are two different things that must never be confused.

There is so much more that the Rabbi imparted to our community. Do yourself a favor and go to the YouTube link to view the discussion in full. Copy in your browser and go to: https://youtu.be/G57_sy8AXi8



Consider Chabad in Your Estate Planning

Wills and Trusts: Creating a will or trust is one of the most important steps in planning for your future, and we encourage you to consider including the Chabad of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Woods in your estate plan at a level that is appropriate for you and your family. Not only may this provide a tax benefit to you and to your heirs, but it also will bring priceless benefits to our community.



Create a new special fund: If you are considering a more substantial gift, you may also honor a loved one by creating a fund in their name to support a designated program or project at Chabad. These gifts help support our vibrant and enriching congregational community, while helping you achieve your philanthropic goals and bring additional meaning to special moments in your life.



Chabad of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Woods Now Accepts Car Donations (Running or Not!): It's a win/win for you and for Chabad! Car donations are an easy way to support Chabad, providing you with a tax write-off and Chabad with additional funds for our community. We take care of the DMV paperwork, pick up your car, sell it at auction and then send you a receipt for the full amount that the car sold for. It's that easy! We can also accept trucks, boats, motorcycles and RVs.

For more information on the above, please contact Rabbi Tzali Stillerman directly at (949) 244-7627.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Deborah Hallett	Ron Hallett
Bill Guzik	Bea Wachs
Dennis Shaffier	Marcia Satz
Donald Wilson	Cindy Peterson
Rita Lapidus	Laurie Rorman
Lita Pickman	Faye Pearl
Gail Halpern	Blanche Schulman
Jacqueline Berner	Norman Goldsmith
Jessica Mullen Ballis	

**MAZEL TOV
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**



Celebrate Your Birthday with Chabad

If you have registered your special dates with us, Rabbi Stillerman will give you a special blessing during our Birthday Shabbat (this month it's February 3) and Rochel will provide a surprise treat from her kitchen. To register, please call Flo Malakoff at (949) 770-3116.

SEND A VERY SPECIAL TRIBUTE CARD!

Celebrate and acknowledge life's special events with a Chabad Tribute Card. It sends a greeting to a loved one, stating that a donation has been made to Chabad in their honor or their memory. Send a Mazel Tov Card or an In-Memoriam Card.

*** To purchase a Tribute Card, contact Toby Farbman at (781) 367-5310 or email to: massmed@yahoo.ca or by mail: 3167 Via Vista, #O, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

Shop, and Shop Often with SCRIPT

This program couldn't be easier. Every time you purchase an item at your favorite store using a Scrip Gift Card, our Chabad benefits. By the end of the year, your everyday purchases amount to Big Dollars for our Chabad fund raising efforts. Please participate!

1. Pick from among the list of your favorite stores, restaurants, movie theaters, gas stations, etc. to shop
2. Choose an amount you wish to spend at that store(s). Send in a check made out to CHABAD OF ALISO VIEJO AND LAGUNA WOODS and mail to **Toby Farbman at 3167 Via Vista, #O, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**
3. Within 2 weeks you'll receive a gift card(s) to your selected stores/restaurants to start shopping

IT'S THAT EASY!!!

Note: the attached list we provided below is only a partial list of the stores that participate in the program. Visit www.shop.shopwithscrip.com to see the full list. If your store is not on our list but is on the website, write it in with your quantity and \$\$ total.



GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

Remove this page as you will be filling it out and mailing it in. Select the gift card(s) you want. Write the total, and the grand total at the bottom. Make your check out to **CHABAD** and mail to **TOBY FARBMAN, 3167 Via Vista #0, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**. You will receive your gift cards within 2 weeks. Thank you for your participation!

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Full Mailing Address	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
A.C. Moore \$25.00	5%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$	Peeet's Coffee & Tea \$20.00	8%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Pep Boys \$20.00	4%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	9%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$
Albertsons \$100.00	4%		\$	Footaction USA \$25.00	9%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$
Albertsons \$25.00	4%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Regal Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	3%		\$	Gap Factory \$25.00	14%		\$	Safeway \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	3%		\$	Golfsmith \$25.00	8%		\$	Saks Fifth Avenue \$50.00	12%		\$
AMC Theatres® \$25.00	8%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$	Sally Beauty Supply \$25.00	12%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	10%		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
ARCO \$50.00	1.5%		\$	iTunes® \$15.00	5%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Sears Auto Service Center \$25.00	4%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	Shell \$25.00	2%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	9%		\$	jcpenny \$25.00	5%		\$	ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Smart & Final \$25.00	3%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Sprouts Farmers Market \$25.00	5%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Bloomingdale's \$25.00	12%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Brooks Brothers \$25.00	16%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Stater Bros. Markets \$100.00	5%		\$
Chevron \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lord & Taylor \$25.00	8%		\$	Stater Bros. Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf \$25.00	9%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	Stein Mart \$25.00	7%		\$
Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Sunoco \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Marshalls \$100.00	7%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Crew Cuts \$25.00	13%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
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Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Neiman Marcus \$50.00	12%		\$	The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12%		\$	Toys"R"Us \$20.00	3%		\$
Discover® Universal Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	6%		\$	Vons \$25.00	4%		\$
Disney \$25.00	2%		\$	Nordstrom Rack \$25.00	6%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	6%		\$
Dressbarn \$25.00	8%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
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