

**Next JLI Course Examines Relevance
of Judaism in Modern Society**
NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Chabad at La Costa's next Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) course is titled, "To Be a Jew in the Free World: Jewish Identity Through the Lens of Modern History." The institute's new six-session Winter 2014 course that will begin Tuesday, February 25th. Rabbi Eilfort will conduct the six course sessions at 7pm on Tuesdays at our storefront location, 7740-E El Camino Real, Carlsbad.

A recent PEW study exposed that 22% of Jews identify as 'Jews with no religion' and for many this is a clear indication that the landscape of Jewish identity is changing rapidly. Our objective with this course is to initiate a discussion about Jewish identity, why it is still relevant, and what we can do to make it something our children and grandchildren will cherish for generations to come.

In "To Be a Jew in the Free World" participants will confront questions of allegiance and issues in which Judaism and contemporary society appear to be in conflict. Looking into the past, the course explores a series of fascinating case studies, such as arguments made in the 1650s to convince Oliver Cromwell to readmit Jews to England, and how Ulysses S. Grant's 1862 expulsion of the Jews became a defining issue in his presidential election.

"To be a Jew in the Free World" is unique in that it will likely represent the first nationwide effort to bring the

Jewish community together to address these important issues since the findings of the PEW report were released in October of 2013. The subject of identity is close to the hearts of many in our Jewish community,

yet it's a subject that is rarely discussed nowadays. The course provides a rare opportunity to address this issue that will benefit the wider community of San Diego County and we invite everyone to attend.

Like all JLI programs, "To Be a Jew in the Free World" is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship. Interested students may call 760-943-8891 or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and other course-related information.

Purim Plans Rock!

Purim, the most joyous holiday on the Jewish calendar, comes out on Saturday night, March 15, and Sunday, March 16. Saturday night Purim services with Megillah reading will begin at 8pm at the storefront location, 7740-E El Camino Real, Carlsbad. Sunday morning services will begin at 8:30am and include both a Torah reading and the Megillah. Sunday afternoon at 5pm we will have our annual Purim Banquet (see details below).

This year's banquet will take place in the Banquet Hall of the Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas. The price of individual seats at the banquet is \$50 per adult (\$25 if paid in advance) and \$30 per child (3-12) (or \$15 if paid in advance). Space is extremely limited so reservations are a must by sending an email to info@chabadatlacosta.com. A separate Purim brochure with lots of informative content is being mailed as well.

New Hebrew Class for Adults Begins

Would you like to work on your Hebrew skills? Beginning Wednesday, January 8th

from 6:15pm – 7:15pm and meeting in the storefront location there will be a weekly Conversational Hebrew class for adults. This class will be taught by Ronit Barach a professional teacher with more than 20 years of experience. The suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per class. The regular Torah portion of the Week class will then commence following the Hebrew Class in the same location.

Your Prayers & Good Deeds Needed

We are very sorry to announce that Michael Galperin (Misha) has had some serious complications in his health situation. We are asking everyone to please have him in mind – his Hebrew name is Michoel ben Sofia - and to say some extra prayers, give extra Tzedakah, and study some extra Torah in his merit. Of course we should have all of those who need a Refuah Shelaimah (a complete and speedy recovery) in mind as well.

Many people do not realize the enormous amount of time, energy, and personal resources that Misha has invested in our community, and particularly in our new building project. He has given selflessly for four years! Now he needs our help.

Friday Night Games @ The Rabbi's

Once a month our youth gather for Friday night fun at the Rabbi's! Not only do we enjoy a sumptuous, home-cooked, Friday night/Shabbat feast together, but we have numerous activities (ping pong, foosball, board games) for everyone in attendance. Our next Friday Night @ The Rabbi's will take place on February 14th from 5pm – 9:30pm. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are mandatory by calling 760-943-8891.

JLI TEENS

New Course Just Started NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Have a teenager whom you are trying to keep involved with his/her Jewish identity? Chabad at La Costa offers JLI Teens, an ongoing group focused on the teenagers of our community. The group engages in subject matter that makes them think. At the same time they are able to create ongoing relationships with their fellow Jewish

teenagers. The next six-week course is titled “OMG” and asks if one has to believe in G-d to be a good person and if the Torah is true. Contact the teacher, Morah Nechama, at Rebbetzin@chabadatlacosta.com for more info.

Happy Birthday Club

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to all of those celebrating their birthday this month and each subsequent month. For the Month of February we honor Aviva Alter, Martin Fogel, Rina Israel, Iris Cutler, Chava Israel, Tootsie Braunstein, Rachel Nerenberg, Garrett Stier, David Rivkin, Jason, Kambria, and Zachary Dick, Yerachmiel Shapiro, Ben Braunstein, Carlos Lin, Tarryn Rivkin, Micheline Thomas, Martin Fogel, Nick Shirley, Kevin Mintz, Rina Israel, Alice Thomas, Shirat Barach, Linda Rivkin, Ariella Shapiro, Lauren Wise, Miriam Coplan, and David Tobias. May G-d bless each and every one of you with a happy, healthy, and successful year!

Need a Minyan? We've Got One!

We currently offer the only daily Minyan in North County. The Minyan begins at 8:30am on Sundays and legal holidays, 8am on Mondays through Fridays, and 10am on Saturdays. It is a time-honored Jewish tradition and law to recite the Kaddish to commemorate a loved one's Yartzit. Kaddish may only be recited with a Minyan. If you would like the opportunity to fulfill this beautiful tradition you are welcome to join us. Please contact the Rabbi in advance.

Learn the Code of Jewish Law with Rabbi Eilfort

A daily class in practical Jewish Law is held immediately following the Minyan in our storefront location taught by Rabbi Eilfort. Using the Code of Jewish Law, known in Hebrew as the Shulchan Aruch, participants are able to discuss the laws while learning about the ongoing opportunities one has to serve the Almighty on a moment-by-moment basis. The class begins at about 8:50am and lasts for about 20 minutes. There is no charge to attend.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Join our DAILY Minyan! You too can be a "Minyan-aire!" Hebrew School 9:30am ↓ | Services 8am & Law Class JLI Teens "OMG!" @ Rabbi's 7pm ↓ | Services 8am & Law Class JLI "To Be a Jew in the Free World" 7pm ↓ | Services 8am & Law Caffeine for the Soul 12:15pm Hebrew Class 6:30pm Torah Portion of the Week 7:30am ↓ | Services 8am & Law Class Ask questions @ www.askmoses.com ↓ | Services 8:30am & Law Class Light Candles ↓ | 1 Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Parshat Terumah Services 10am Shabbat Ends 5:36pm ↓ |
| 2 Services 8:30am Hebrew School 9:30am | 3 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI Teens "OMG!" @ Rabbi's 7pm | 4 Services 8am & Law Class JLI "To Be a Jew in the Free World" 7pm | 5 Services 8am & Law Class <i>Caffeine for the Soul 12:15 - 1pm</i> Hebrew Class 6:30pm Torah Portion Class 7:30pm | 6 Services 8:30am & Law Class www.askmoses.com ↓ | 7 Services 8am Light Candles 5:09pm | 8 Shabbat Parshat Tetzaveh Services 10am Shabbat Ends 6:06pm |
| 9 Services 8:30am Hebrew School 9:30am | 10 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI Teens "OMG!" @ Rabbi's 7pm | 11 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI "To Be a Jew in the Free World" 7pm | 12 Services 8am & Law Class <i>Caffeine for the Soul 12:15 - 1pm</i> Hebrew Class 6:30pm Torah Portion Class 7:30pm | 13 Services 8:30am & Law Class www.askmoses.com ↓ | 14 Services 8:30am & Law Class Light Candles 5:15pm Game Night @ Rabbi's 5-9:30pm | 15 Shabbat Parshat Ki Tisa Services 10am Shabbat Ends 6:12pm |
| 16 Morning Services 8:30am Hebrew School 9:30am | 17 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI Teens "OMG!" @ Rabbi's 7pm | 18 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI "To Be a Jew in the Free World" 7pm | 19 Services 8am & Law Class <i>Caffeine for the Soul 12:15 - 1pm</i> Hebrew Class 6:30pm Torah Portion Class 7:30pm | 20 Services 8:30am & Law Class www.askmoses.com ↓ | 21 Services 8:30am & Law Class Light Candles 5:21pm | 22 Shabbat Parshat Vayakel Services 10am Shabbat Ends 6:18pm |
| 23 Morning Services 8:30am Hebrew School 9:30am | 24 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI Teens "OMG!" @ Rabbi's 7pm | 25 Services 8:30am & Law Class JLI "To Be a Jew in the Free World" 7pm | 26 Services 8am & Law Class <i>Caffeine for the Soul 12:15 - 1pm</i> Hebrew Class 6:30pm Torah Portion Class 7:30pm | 27 Services 8:30am & Law Class www.askmoses.com ↓ | 28 Rosh Chodesh Services 8:30am & Law Class Light Candles 5:27pm | Reserve your place NOW for our "Purim in Outer Space" @ the Encinitas Community Center! |

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Our New Building Wish List

Significant progress is being made on our new complex! As construction continues we are looking for generous donors to help cover the costs of specific items that we need. The sooner our community steps forward to support our efforts, the sooner it will be ready for us to enjoy.

The numbers given are based upon the latest estimates offered by our professional team:

Parking Lot - \$60,000. **Roof** - \$55,000. **Domes** - \$50,000. **Heating/Air Conditioning (HVAC)** - \$40,000. **Solar System** - \$40,000. **Stucco** - \$30,000. **Doors & Windows** - \$20,000. **Fire Protection System** - \$15,000. **Security Wall** - \$10,000. **Deck Coating** - \$5,000.

If you are interested in dedicating one of the items listed above or want a tour of our project please contact Rabbi Eilfort at RabbiE@ChabadatLaCosta.com. If you haven't seen the project lately you haven't seen the project. Come by and feast your eyes on our future home!