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CHABAD CENTER  
FOR JEWISH LIFE

# PROGRAM GUIDE

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 5778 / 2017





# DEAR FRIENDS,

Shana Tova and welcome to the fall season at Chabad!

This Sep. - Dec. program guide is filled with community events, uplifting lectures, stimulating classes and courses, mouth-watering programs, and engaging clubs and education for our youth and teens.

At Chabad we welcome and embrace each and every Jewish family no matter your background or affiliation. Join the Tri Valley's vibrant Jewish community. Experience the richness, beauty, and joys of Judaism. Join Chabad.

From our family to yours - Shana Tova. May you be "inscribed and sealed in the book of life" for a joyous, healthy, prosperous, peaceful, and sweet new year!

***Rabbi Raleigh and Fruma Resnick***

*(and Malka, Yankele, Shimi, Mendel, Mushka, Riva, & baby Rachmiel)*

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*All programs and events are held at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life unless otherwise noted. Register online or call our office.*

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*Chabad of the Tri Valley  
was established by  
THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE,  
OF BLESSED MEMORY,  
whose teachings continue to  
drive and inspire its operation  
and expansion.*

# HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

*In a warm and welcoming atmosphere you'll experience melodic and spirited prayers conducted in Hebrew and English; spiced with meaningful, uplifting, and humorous insights to engage you in the service.*

*We offer age appropriate children's programming and youth services.*

*Babysitting is available for children 2 & under (registration required).*

*No membership, affiliation, or tickets necessary.  
Contributions are appreciated and encouraged.*

## ROSH HASHANAH SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

Candle Lighting: 6:49pm  
Evening Service: 7:00pm  
Community Dinner: 7:30pm

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Shofar Blowing: 11:45am  
Buffet Lunch: 1:00pm  
Tashlich Service: 2:00pm  
Family Shofar Blowing: 6:00pm  
Candle Lighting: after 7:44pm

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Shofar Blowing: 11:45am  
Buffet Lunch: 1:00pm  
Family Shofar Blowing: 6:00pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:46pm



## ROSH HASHANAH *Community Dinner*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 7:30PM**

Join us and welcome in the new year with friends and family at our traditional Rosh Hashanah gala buffet dinner. Advance RSVP please.



## YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Candle Lighting: 6:35pm  
Kol Nidrei Service: 6:30pm

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Yizkor Memorial Service: 12:00pm  
Neliah Closing Service: 6:30pm  
Havdallah / Fast Concludes: 7:30pm

*The following hotels are a 15-20 walk from Chabad:  
Courtyard by Marriott, Extended Stay America,  
Four Points by Sheraton, Hyatt House, & Motel 6*

## YOM KIPPUR *Break Fast*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
AT 7:45 PM**

Join us for a deluxe bagels & lox break-fast  
buffet (catered by Izzy's Brooklyn Bagels)

\$15 per person

## SUKKOT SCHEDULE

### MEGA-SUKKAH *Community Dinner*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4  
AT 7:00PM**

Join us for an elegant and delicious three-course holiday dinner filled with moving stories and spirited songs under the stars. Space is limited. Please reserve in advance.

\$25 per person

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

Candle Lighting: 6:28pm  
Evening Service: 6:30pm  
Community Dinner: 7:00pm

### THURSDAY, OCT. 5

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Holiday Lunch: 12:30pm  
Candle Lighting: after 7:16pm

### FRIDAY, OCT. 6

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Holiday Lunch: 12:30pm  
Candle Lighting: 6:25pm



# SIMCHAT TORAH

*Be sure not to miss the climax and highlight of the High Holiday season – Simchat Torah at Chabad! Join us as we celebrate the completion of the Torah cycle with song, dance, and l'chaim.*

## SIMCHAT TORAH SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

Candle Lighting: 6:18pm  
Evening Service & Hakafot: 6:30pm

Simchat Torah Celebration: 7:00pm  
Candle Lighting: after 7:13pm

### THURSDAY, OCT. 12

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Yizkor Memorial Service: 11:30am  
Holiday Lunch: 12:30pm

### FRIDAY, OCT. 13

Morning Service: 10:00am  
Lunch: 12:30pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:15pm

# LIVE!

## SIMCHAT TORAH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 7:00PM

A gala buffet holiday dinner with l'chaims followed by 7 rounds of spirited hakafot (circular dances) with holiday flags and lots of treats for the kids.



# CHANUKAH

## CHANUKAH WONDERLAND

**TUESDAY, DEC. 12 | 5:30-7:00 PM**

**Stoneridge Shopping Center's Grand Court**

Celebrate the "Festival of Lights" with live music, a holiday game & craft centers, balloon entertainment, Chanukah photo-ops & face painting concluding with the kindling of a 9-foot menorah.

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## CHANUKAH UNDER THE STARS

**SATURDAY, DEC 16 | 7:30-8:30 PM**

**Downtown Livermore, Bankhead Theater**

Light up Livermore's Menorah, enjoy hot latkes & Chanukah doughnuts with musical entertainment, city dignitaries, and glow in the dark fun.

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## CHANUKAH PARADE

**SUNDAY, DEC 17 | 5:30-7:00 PM**

Light up the night and fill the city streets with Jewish pride! Join us in your car as we drive with a police escort proudly wishing a "Happy Chanukah" to all. Parade culminates at Chabad with menorah lighting and Chanukah Bash!





# FIRST SHABBAT OF THE MONTH

*Join us on the first Shabbat of each month for a special Shabbat experience with a community lunch and guest speaker, children's service & babysitting, and spirited prayers.*

## SHABBAT WITH DR. JOEL FINE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Service 10am / Torah Reading 11am / Lunch 12:15pm**



In private practice for over 25 years, psychiatrist Dr. Joel Fine will weave his journey towards observance with thought provoking, warm, and humorous patient anecdotes and personal stories. His style of teaching about both religious and clinical topics will be sure to challenge you to think about your own spirituality.

## SHABBAT WITH RABBI YOSEF LEVIN

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**Service 10am / Torah Reading 11am / Lunch 12:15pm**



Born in Sunderland, England to parents who escaped the Soviet Union, Rabbi Yosef Levin was sent by the Lubavitcher Rebbe to establish Chabad in Palo Alto in 1980. As the senior director of a growing network of Chabad institutions in Silicon Valley, the father of 13 children, and the grandfather of many, Rabbi Levin will share personal reflections on how his faith in G-d has propelled him to personal and professional success.



# SHABBAT DINNERS

## שישי ישראלי

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 6:00 PM | \$36 for family

יום שישי את יודעת ... יש בעיר קבלת שבת ...  
כולכם מוזמנים לארוחת שבת קהילתית באווירה ישראלית ...  
נקבל את השבת לבושים בבגדים לבנים

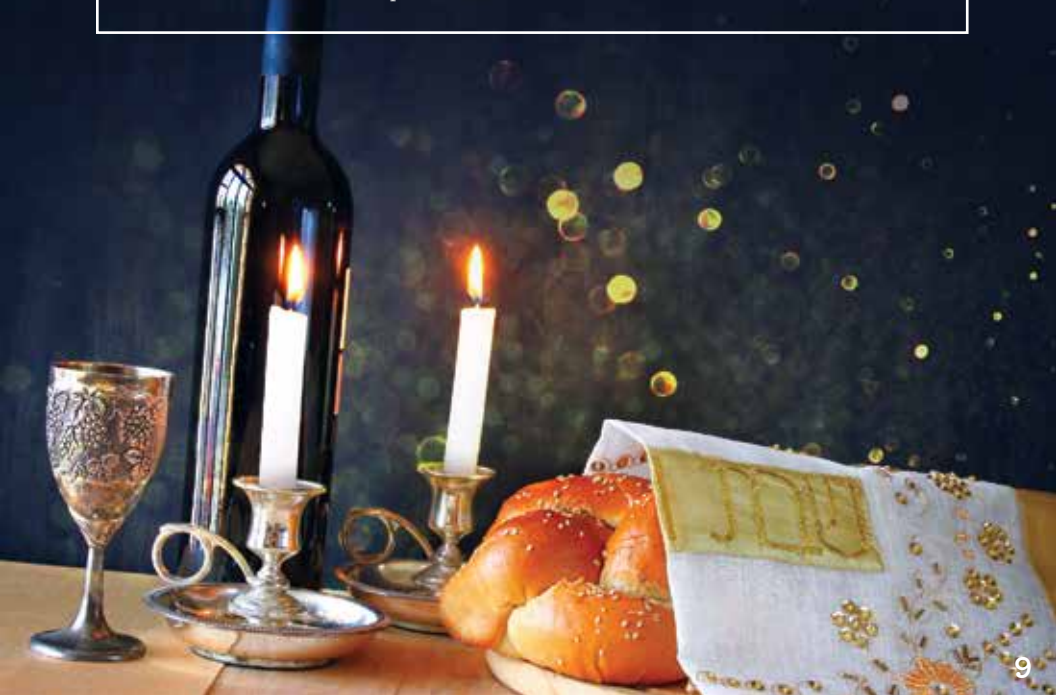
### *A Unique Shabbat Dinner with Israeli Flavor*

שישי ישראלי הוא אירוע קהילתי שבו ישראלים ויהודים דוברי עברית חולקים חוויה לבבית ומרוממת סביב שולחן ארוחת הערב. מסורת שבת עם ארוחה ישראלית טעימה ופעילויות לילדים בכל הגילאים. שישי ישראלי הוא מקום לפגוש משפחות, ולפתח קשרים קהילתיים חזקים, תוך בניית מסורת שבת חזקה.

## GREEK SHABBAT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 6:30 PM | \$15 per person

It's Chanukah - the perfect opportunity to combine mouth-watering authentic Greek cuisine with an unforgettable Shabbat dinner experience at Chabad of the Tri Valley. Learn about Jewish life & history in Greece, hear their stories, and experience their customs over a 3-course dinner.





# JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE



## A SWEEET NIGHT OUT

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 7:30 PM | \$18**

Design an exquisite Rosh Hashanah honey dish and enjoy a honey-flavored buffet. Learn the Kabbalistic secret behind the sin of Adam & Eve and how its message empowers us to begin our new year.



## PAR-TEA IN THE SUKKAH

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 7:30 PM | \$18**

Make sure to RSVTea for our sukkot special-tea & enjoy tea and dain-tea delights. Learn the Kabbalistic take on Jewish uni-tea & individuali-tea.



## WOMEN'S ONLY SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 7:30 PM**

An exclusive and elegant Shabbat evening for women.



## NOT YOUR SAME OLD "MEAT & POTATOES"

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 7:30 PM | \$18**

A hands-on cooking demo of 3 exotic versions of this age-old combo. On this final night of Chanukah, bring home a take away message from the "Festival of Lights".

13TH ANNUAL  
*Gala Women's Dinner*  
*"Celebrate the Jewish Woman"*  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

# ROSH CHODESH SOCIETY FOR WOMEN

*The Kabbalistic Journey in Personal Development*



## SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**7:30 PM**

Inner feelings vs. external actions – are we in sync? Can we achieve true harmony and emotional precision or are we destined to live with hypocrisy and self-delusion? The Kabbalah offers a third possibility.

## FREEDOM

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**7:30 PM**

A prisoner may feel free while someone with prosperity and luxury may feel imprisoned. If freedom isn't determined by our conditions, what ingredients liberate our spirits and allow them to soar free?



## ANGER

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10**

**7:30 PM**

Classical Judaism and morality talk of the gravity of venting anger. Mental health specialists talk of the toxicity of suppressing anger and letting it fester. The Kabbalah offers us a solution.

*\$90 for the entire course (7 classes) or \$15 per class*



## YIDDISH SONG FEST

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**2:00 PM**

**Reutlinger Community**

**4000 Camino Tassajara, Danville**

A musical afternoon filled with classical Yiddish song. Join this spirited and soulful Yiddish cultural experience with piano and mandolin accompaniment. Happy Grandparents Day!

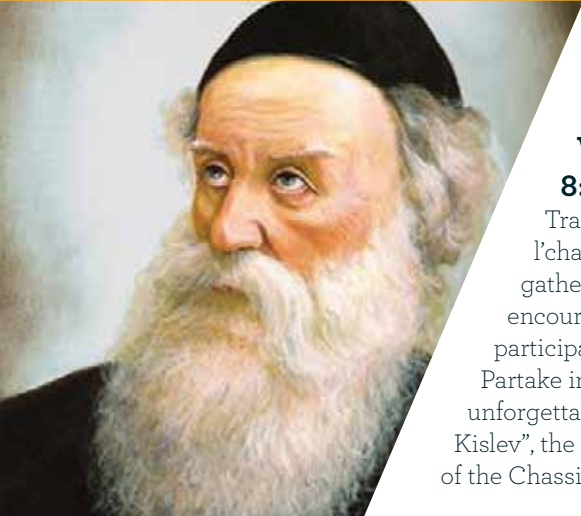
## WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**7:30 – 9:00 PM**

Vanguard Grav Maga specialists will lead a 90-minute session for teens and women. Learn to protect and defend yourself from assault and maintain your personal safety.

*\$29 per person*



## MEN'S "FARBRENGEN"

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**8:00 PM**

Traditionally replete with food and l'chaim, a "Farbrengen" is a meaningful gathering wherein , words of Torah, and encouraging words are shared between participants.

Partake in what promises to be an unforgettable farbrengen in honor of "19 Kislev", the auspicious day marking the birth of the Chassidic movement and its teachings.



# TORAH CLASSES

## WEEKLY CLASS: THE LIVING TORAH

**TUESDAYS | 12:00 PM**

Study and plunge the depths of the Torah. Based upon the weekly portion or approaching holiday, we'll engage in lively discussions on fundamental Jewish concepts as they relate to our modern lives.

*RSVP online at [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) ("Lunch and Torah Study Group")*

## WEEKLY CLASS: TORAH STUDIES

**TUESDAYS | 7:30 PM**

Enjoy the experience of opening a book of the Torah and analyzing the words and sentences. You'll explore new horizons and discover big ideas that are encapsulated in and expressed through the letters and words of the Torah.

## KABBALAH 101: A 3-PART COURSE

**3 TUESDAYS: OCT. 24, OCT. 31 & NOV. 7 | 7:30 PM**

Embark on a journey from the Prophet Ezekiel to the Baal Shem Tov. Familiarize yourself with the tenants, questions, and themes woven within the tapestry of kabbalah. Experience life and relationships in terms of masculine and feminine energies.

*\$45 for course or \$18 per class*



"I AM THE SOLE SURVIVOR  
OF A LARGE AND LOVING  
FAMILY OF OVER 100...  
IT IS MY MISSION TO  
ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF  
ALL GENOCIDES FROM THE  
HUMAN RACE"



JOIN US FOR AN HISTORIC EVENING  
WITH HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

## DR. JACOB EISENBACH

WHO WILL SHARE HIS MIRACULOUS JOURNEY FROM  
THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS TO LIBERATION

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**7:30 PM**

**\$15 IN ADVANCE**



Born in 1923, Dr. Jacob Eisenbach's blissful youth abruptly came to a halt in September 1939 when Poland was defeated by Hitler. His miraculous tale of survival and life story is the subject of a book, "Where You Go, I Go," by Karen McCartney.

Liberated by the Russians in January 1945, he immigrated to the US with his wife (whom he met in the concentration camp) and settled in Southern California where he practiced dentistry for 60 years until retiring in 2015 at the age of 92.

# CTEEN

*The Jewish Club for Jewish teens in the Tri Valley (8th – 12th grade). Each monthly club get-together is filled with friendship, energy, food, and engaging Jewish discussions and learning. Leadership opportunities are available.*

*RSVP to cTeen events on Facebook / Join at: [cTeen@gmail.com](mailto:cTeen@gmail.com)*



## WE'RE OFF TO S. CRUZI!

**SUNDAY, SEPT 17**

**2:00 PM \$15**

Join the "Jew-Crew" for an afternoon at the gravity-defying "Mystery Spot" and a kosher deli dinner on the boardwalk.

## "PIZZA IN THE HUT"

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

A Saturday night teen Pizza-Party in the Sukka with a lively discussion on the extent & limits of our obligations to our parents.



## 2ND ANNUAL GALA SHABBAT TEEN DINNER

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**6:00PM**

An incredible Shabbat dinner you don't want to miss! 4 course of scrumptious home-made Shabbat food, engaging discussions, & great stories.

## TEEN PRE-CHANUKAH PARTY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**7:00PM \$10**

Rev up your engines for the "Festival of Lights" at our teen pre-Chanukah Party and internalize its personally relevant message.





# THE REYZELMAN FAMILY

## CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Where Judaism Comes Alive!



Imagine a Hebrew School where children don't want to miss a day. Walking through the classrooms you'll hear sounds of lively discussion, singing, laughter, and prayer.

Imagine a child who feels the warmth and spirit of Judaism.

Imagine the pride of his/her parents.

**Imagine the Chabad Hebrew School**

**BOYS & GIRLS 4-13 | SUNDAYS AT 9:45AM - 12:15 PM**  
Begins Sunday, September 10





# 2017 HEBREW SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



## ROSH HASHANAH SWEET SHOPPE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | DURING SCHOOL**

An immersive sweet start to the year. Create edible honey challah dishes, flavorful honey sticks, honey taffy, and honey-flavored lip balm.



## SUKKOT FAMILY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 | DURING SCHOOL**

Non-stop action and fun for the whole family in our Mega-Sukkah.



## FAMILY HAVDALLAH DRUM CIRCLE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | 6:15 PM**

Make your pizza & Panini and escort out the Shabbat with a musical havdallah and spirited drum circle.



## CHANUKAH PARTY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | DURING SCHOOL**

Chabad Hebrew School gets into Chanukah spirits with our in-house "Chocolate Gelt Factory".



## HEBREW SCHOOL FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | 6:00PM**

An opportunity for families to connect and glean nachas from the accomplishments of their children.





# BAT MITZVAH CLUB

JOIN US FOR BMC TIER II - A MONTHLY CLUB  
FOR GIRLS, BY GIRLS, STARRING GIRLS

**GIRLS AGES 11-13**

Have a blast exploring, crafting, learning, creating and bonding. At this year's Bat Mitzvah Club we will explore basic questions of Jewish identity: What does being a Jew mean in the 21st century? What happens after I die? As I enter teen-hood how can my Judaism empower me to overcome the challenges I'll face?

Whether you've celebrated your Bat Mitzvah or about to do so, the Bat Mitzvah Club is the perfect place to engage and immerse yourself in Judaism.

## **2017 MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:**

**SUNDAYS 6:00 – 7:30PM**

**SEP 17 / OCT 22 / NOV 19 / DEC 17**

*Club Membership: \$150 (10 annual meetings)*





# SHABBAT SERVICES

## SATURDAY MORNINGS

### 10:00 AM MORNING SERVICE

Be moved and uplifted by participating in a melodic and spirited service with under-friendly Hebrew / English siddurim.

### 11:00 AM TORAH READING

Follow along as the weekly Torah portion is read aloud while thought-provoking tidbits are sprinkled throughout to engage and connect you to the text.

### 11:45 AM SERMON

Rabbi Resnick's weekly sermon is sure to leave you with food for thought and a powerful take-away to invigorate your week.

### 12:15 PM LUNCH

Enjoy our kiddush / lunch with Fruma's signature cholent, l'chaim, and great Jewish delicacies.



- Sponsor a Kiddush in honor of a family occasion or in memory of a loved one.
- Contact us if you like kaddish to be recited on a yahrtzeit or for the passing of a loved one.
- Looking to make your Bar / Bat Mitzvah experience a meaningful one? Schedule a meeting with Rabbi Raleigh and Fruma Resnick. They will help you customize the perfect service for your family.

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# THE NEW CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE... BE A PART OF IT!

***J\_daism is not the same without “U”.  
For that matter, neither is our Comm\_nity***

Join us in building a center that will change the landscape of Jewish life in the Tri Valley:

*Early Childhood Education Center, Community / Event Hall, Kosher Catering Facility, Teen Lounge, Library, Synagogue, Hebrew School, Holocaust Memorial Center, Judaica Shop, Mikvah, and more...*