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CHABAD OF  
THE TRI VALLEY

# PROGRAM GUIDE

JANUARY-JUNE 5778 / 2018





## DEAR FRIEND,

If you are one of the hundreds of people who have already enjoyed an experience at Chabad of the Tri Valley, then you'll be excited to read through this 2018 guide. If you haven't yet, then this is your opportunity.

At Chabad we welcome and embrace each and every Jewish family no matter your background or affiliation. We personally invite you to join our growing Jewish community and experience the richness, beauty, and joys of Judaism.

***Rabbi Raleigh and Fruma Resnick***

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

## CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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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.*



*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.*

# COMMUNITY SHABBAT

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

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



## SHABBAT WITH RABBI BERRY & SHAYNA NASH

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

Jewish life in Montana? Meet the Nashs - the Chabad shluchim in "Big Sky Country" and hear the amazing stories from their unique Chabad outpost. Their commitment to reaching every Jew in the state will be sure to motivate you to grow in your commitments and relationship with G-d.



## SHABBAT WITH RABBI YOSEF LANGER

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Whether riding his motorcycle through SF, blowing the shofar at AT&T Park, lighting Union Square's Bill Graham Menorah, or driving the Cable Car Mitzvah Mobile, Rabbi Langer's iconic presence and personality have swept San Francisco for decades and continue to attract and influence Jews and gentiles alike. Come hear Rabbi Langer's unique perspective on how to spread goodness in your life and throughout the world.



## SHABBAT WITH SAGIV WEISS-ISHAI

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

From an officer in the Israeli Air Force, to creating the world's first fire evacuation elevator system, to founding "Fire Protection Education", Sagiv will explain how his personal commitment to his Judaism and Torah continue to guide him through his professional and personal life.



## SHABBAT WITH THE ROSENTHAL FAMILY

**SATURDAY, MAY 5**

Narrowly escaping moments before the flames of the Sonoma fires engulfed their home, everything the Rosenthals had is destroyed - yet their soul, faith, and commitment to their faith continue to burn brightly.

# SHABBAT DINNERS

## HEBREW SCHOOL FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | 6:00 PM | \$36 PER FAMILY**

A special Shabbat atmosphere for Hebrew School students and their families, teachers, TAs. Join together for a spectacular Shabbat dinner and glean nachas!

## ITALIAN SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16 | 6:30 PM | \$18 PER PERSON**

Mouth-watering authentic Italian cuisine and an unforgettable Shabbat dinner experience at Chabad. Learn about Jewish life and history in Italy, hear their stories, and experience their customs over a 3-course dinner.

## BAT MITZVAH CLUB FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13 | 7:00 PM**

A most special Shabbat experience for BMC girls, parents, grandparents, siblings, and families. A dinner filled with toasts, blessings, and stories.





# SATURDAY NIGHT OUT



## BURIAL OR CREMATION? A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

**SATURDAY, FEB 24**

**7:30 PM | \$18 PER PERSON**

Many Jews today choose cremation. Some of the reasons include environmentalism, discomfort with decomposition, and finances.

Bestselling author **Doron Kornbluth** spent over three years studying the subject, speaking with experts, consulting environmentalists, reading industry reports and academic studies, and examining both the realities on the ground and the philosophies behind burial and cremation.

Enjoy this fascinating talk with havdallah and a wine & cheese buffet.

## ISRAELI WINE TASTING

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

**7:30 PM | \$25 PER PERSON**

Enjoy a delightful evening learning all about and tasting Israel's premier wines.

Israel has been producing wine since pre-biblical times and today Israel is regarded as a "New World" wine source. Once largely sweet and unsophisticated, Israeli wines are now elegant varietal wines with international appeal.

Take advantage of great deals & stock up on your wine for Passover.

**At Total Wines & More**  
**4225 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton**



# 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 yahtzeit 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.



# 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")*

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## 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.

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## TALMUD 101: A 3-PART COURSE

**MARCH 7 / MARCH 14 / MARCH 21 | 7:30 PM**

Explore the Talmud's rich history and meet its famed personalities, analyze and argue your way through a Talmudic text, and discover the modern application of its wisdom. No background in Hebrew, Aramaic, or Talmudic dialectic is necessary.

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

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# JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE



## HAMANTASCH BAKE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | 7:30 PM**

An upscale hamantaschen bake fest. Enjoy an intriguing sweet and savory bar of these three cornered treats.

*Discussion: From Purim we learn the secret to Jewish survival in a foreign land.*



## DIY VINTAGE DÉCOR

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17 | 7:30 PM**

Make your very own rustic wood sign to enhance your home.

*Discussion: Decor, it's not only for your home. The soul needs its fair share of decor too.*



## SHAVUOT "CHOPPED"

**TUESDAY, MAY 15 | 7:30 PM**

Compete to create the winning blintz. No prior experience necessary. Judges & prizes.

*Discussion: Moses taught Torah to the women before the men. Why?*





13TH ANNUAL

"CELEBRATE THE JEWISH WOMAN"

# Gala Dinner & CONCERT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 | 5:30 - 9:00 PM

*An elegant evening filled with uplifting personal stories,  
a heavenly concert, community, inspiration, and joy!*

## EMPOWERING FIRST PERSON STORIES:

### **Rebirth: Tela Burshtain**

An escape from war-torn and famine-plagued Sudan to becoming Israel's first Ethiopian TV reporter to raising a family in the Tri Valley, Tela's resurgence and spirit is contagious.

### **Return: Carrie Gilbert**

From a small town in Maine to a Californian sports fan, Carrie reflects upon her recently deceased mother's unique and unexpected Jewish sense of identity.

### **Resolve: Shacharit Rosenthal**

Narrowly escaping moments before the flames of the Sonoma fires engulfed her home, everything she has is destroyed - yet her soul and faith continue to burn brightly.

## FEATURING MÉLÉHA LIVE IN CONCERT



*After winning "Star Search" (France's "American Idol"), Méléha released her first album at age 17. Her golden voice soon led her to stardom with concerts in the famed 'Olympia' and 'Casino de Paris'.*

*Established as a singing sensation, Méléha found herself yearning for more meaning in life. She chanced upon Chassidic teachings in Lyon and chose to embrace her Jewish roots. Méléha now uses her talent and music to inspire Jewish women. She has released more than 10 albums of Jewish music in French, English, Hebrew, and Yiddish. Méléha is traveling from France to join our gala evening.*

\$45 COUVERT | COCKTAIL ATTIRE SUGGESTED

# ROSH CHODESH SOCIETY FOR WOMEN

*A Personal Journey through Jewish Fundamentals*



## WHY THE TORAH?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 PM | \$15

It's sold more copies than any book in human history. It's the foundation of all monotheistic faiths and Western Civilization. But what is it about the Torah that we treasure, dance, and kiss?

## DOES G-D CARE?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 PM | \$15

As we close our eyes during the shema, we thank G-d for all we have and ask Him for all we need. But does G-d, the creator of the entire cosmos, really care what happens to little me? Discover the secret of Shema and realize the depth of the personal relationship we each have with our creator.



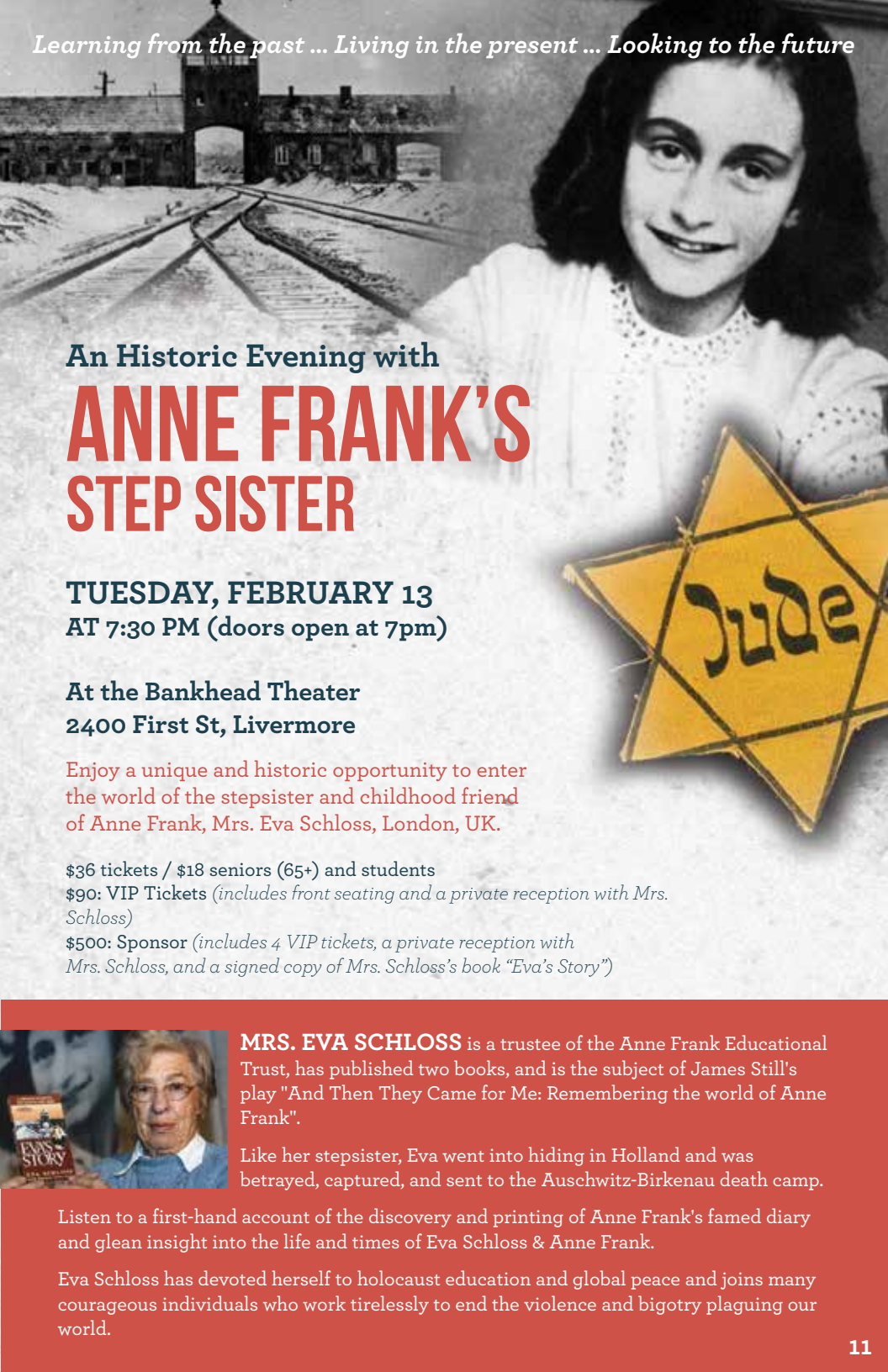
## JUDAISM 1-2-3

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 PM | \$15

So many rules, so many restrictions, so many obligations, why does living a Jewish lifestyle have to be so difficult?

Learning from the past ... Living in the present ... Looking to the future



An Historic Evening with

# ANNE FRANK'S STEP SISTER

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
**AT 7:30 PM (doors open at 7pm)**

**At the Bankhead Theater**  
**2400 First St, Livermore**

Enjoy a unique and historic opportunity to enter the world of the stepsister and childhood friend of Anne Frank, Mrs. Eva Schloss, London, UK.

\$36 tickets / \$18 seniors (65+) and students

\$90: VIP Tickets (includes front seating and a private reception with Mrs. Schloss)

\$500: Sponsor (includes 4 VIP tickets, a private reception with Mrs. Schloss, and a signed copy of Mrs. Schloss's book "Eva's Story")



**MRS. EVA SCHLOSS** is a trustee of the Anne Frank Educational Trust, has published two books, and is the subject of James Still's play "And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the world of Anne Frank".

Like her stepsister, Eva went into hiding in Holland and was betrayed, captured, and sent to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

Listen to a first-hand account of the discovery and printing of Anne Frank's famed diary and glean insight into the life and times of Eva Schloss & Anne Frank.

Eva Schloss has devoted herself to holocaust education and global peace and joins many courageous individuals who work tirelessly to end the violence and bigotry plaguing our world.



# THE REYZELMAN FAMILY

# CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Where Judaism Comes Alive!

BOYS & GIRLS 4-13 | SUNDAYS AT 9:45AM - 12:15 PM

## 2018 HEBREW SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



### HEBREW SCHOOL SHABBAT DINNER

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

A special Shabbat atmosphere for Hebrew School students and their families, teachers, TAs. Join together for a spectacular Shabbat dinner and glean nachas!



### JUNIOR MATZAH CHEF

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18 | DURING SCHOOL**

A hands-on matzah making experience ... from the wheat stalks to the ready-to-eat crunchy matzah.



### FAMILY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, APR 22 | 12:15 PM**

Parents, students, and siblings all welcome to join in soccer games and picnic lunch in the park.



### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, MAY 6 | 10:00 AM**

Starring our students, saluting their achievements, and celebrating their accomplishments.





## TU B'SHVAT ISRAELI FOLK DANCE PARTY FOR KIDS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

2-4 PM

Kids, come and celebrate Tu B'shvat! Learn Israeli folk dances with a trained instructor, taste and bless the fruits of Israel, and enjoy an afternoon filled with stories, games, and crafts about the land of Israel.

**At the Mark Ballas Dance and Performing Arts Studio**  
**4877 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton**

*\$10 for one child / \$5 each additional child / Parents Free*

*For children ages 3-9*

## PRE-PASSOVER CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

5:30-6:30 PM

The Public Library & Chabad offer the community the opportunity to enjoy an interactive hour of story readings, educational games, and lots of Jewish spirit.

Complete with puppets, crafts, and music, these interactive stories will further develop your child's love for books, reading, and Judaism.

Get the family in the Passover spirit with a special story hour!

*Geared to children ages 0-7*

**At the Pleasanton Public Library**  
**400 Old Bernal Avenue**







# 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**

**JAN. 28, FEB 2-3, FEB. 25, MARCH 18,**

**APRIL 22, MAY 6, JUNE 3**

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

## BMC FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 7:00 PM**

A most special Shabbat experience for BMC girls, parents, grandparents, siblings, and families.



# 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@JewishTriValley.com](mailto:cTeen@JewishTriValley.com)



## DEMOLITION PARTY & FALAFELS

**SATURDAY, JAN 27 | 7:00 PM**

Are you ready to get dirty and have a blast? Destroy, paint, scrape, build, and help renovate our community's new center while enjoying lavish falafel buffet dinner. No prior building experience required!



## NY TRIP!

**FEBRUARY 23-25**

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend retreat to NYC with Jewish teens from around the world. Visit NYC's tourist hot spots & Jewish attractions, join the massive Jewish concert in the heart of Times Square, and experience an exhilarating weekend of Jewish unity, friendship & pride.



## TEEN SEDER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 | 7:00PM**

A special seder experience for Jewish teens.



## 7D LASER MAZE & RIDE + BERKELEY

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29 | 2:00 PM**

It's off to Pier 39 for a state-of-the-art laser blasting game on a 3D rollercoaster + an exclusive tour of the Berkeley mikva and dinner at UC Berkeley's kosher cafeteria.





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US IN  
WRITING HISTORY AND ATTEND THE

# Dedication Ceremony & Celebration

OF A NEW SEFER TORAH (TORAH SCROLL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 | 12:00PM

A grand procession, accompanied by live music, will follow the completion of the Torah, to welcome this new treasure into our community. Bring your entire family and all of your friends (including children of all ages) to be a part of this historic event.



*This Sefer Torah  
is dedicated  
in loving memory of  
Dr. Lawrence M. Resnick,  
יעקב ליבער בן גמליאל ליב.  
Donated by  
Mrs. Molly Resnick*

# PURIM IN OUTER SPACE!

THURSDAY, MARCH 1 | 5:30 PM

- ✦ Dinner will be out of this world
- ✦ Travel back in time and hear the epic story of Purim
- ✦ Lots of ha-moon-tashen
- ✦ Experience the Mad Science Show
- ✦ Prizes for all in costume
- ✦ Get your picture taken on the moon

*\$15 person / \$50 family / \$180 sponsor*

## COMMUNITY PURIM DINNER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 7:00 PM

Join us for an authentic NY Deli Purim dinner and open bar: knishes, steamed corned beef & pastrami, matzah ball soup, with pickles and all the trimmings. Listen to the megillah, the Purim story, and enjoy a community Game Show.  
*\$20 per person (\$10 for cTeens)*



# PASSOVER

*Attend all our holiday services, sell your chametz on our website, order hand-made shmura matzah, and delve into our extensive Passover knowledge base.*

## PASSOVER SEDERS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30 | 7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 | 7:00 PM**

Join Rabbi Raleigh and Fruma Resnick for a memorable and uplifting seder experience.

Four-courses of gourmet Passover cuisine & hand-made shmurah matza.

User friendly Hebrew/English haggadahs with inspirational & thought-provoking insights.

Supervised children's room & babysitting available.

*\$40 adult / \$25 child / \$180 & \$360 sponsorships*

## MOSHIACH'S MEAL

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7 | 7:00 PM**

The "Meal of Redemption" is a 'mirror seder' conducted during the final moments of Passover. These are auspicious moments focused upon our redemption and future Exodus. Join us for a soulful meal filled with song and inspiration.







# LAG B'OMER COMMUNITY BBQ & BONFIRE

**THURSDAY, MAY 3**

**5:30 PM**

Celebrate Lag B'omer and experience the flame and passion of Judaism come alive!

Live music, archery, jumpy houses, a deluxe kosher BBQ, a large bonfire,  
*\$15 person / \$40 family*

# CELEBRATE SHAVUOT!

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

**12:00 PM**

Bring the whole family to the reading of the 10 Commandments followed by a scrumptious dairy buffet lunch: lox & bagels, cheesecakes, ice cream, salads, & more! Join us as we accept the Torah for the 3330th time.

## **“RED-EYE WITH THE RABBI”**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 | 11 PM – 4 AM**

A night filled with discussions centering around the most fascinating and controversial topics of faith, law, and ethics.



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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...*