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West Coast Convention 2006.... A Photo Review...



(l to r) Rabbi Alan Kalinsky, OU National Chairman of the Board & National NCSY Youth Commission Chair Martin Nachimson, OU National President Steve Savitsky and OU West Coast President David Zeffren welcome Rabbi David Shofet (4th from left) from the Nessah Synagogue of Beverly Hills to the Convention.



We honored the leadership of the Greater Los Angeles Hatzolah volunteers (above) at the Opening Dinner. They give so much of their time and energy to our city—Pico/Robertson, Hancock Park & the Valley. Hatzolah's goal is to provide trained volunteers capable of responding to all emergency situations in the communities they serve, with the training, skill & equipment necessary to provide competent medical & emergency care.

Close to 100 Hatzolah volunteers have been trained by the School of EMT and certified by Los Angeles County EMS Agency as Emergency Medical Technicians. Their dispatch center is manned 24/7 and have a Medical Advisory Board, consisting of distinguished physicians within the community.

The organization takes an active role in education and partners with County & City Emergency Services daily. If needed, please remember to call 911 first – then dial the Hatzolah number at 1-800-933-6460.



Rabbi Shlomo Riskin inspires and challenges the crowd at the Keynote Address.

Ultimate Issues – February 20

Join the OU on Tuesday evening, February 20th 7:30 p.m., at Beth Jacob Congregation for a stimulating evening of "Know what to answer".

A distinguished panel will address the challenges to Orthodoxy that were put forth at the recent OU Torah Convention by **Dennis Prager**.

Moderated by **Rabbi Daniel Korobkin**; panelists include **Rabbi Sholom Tendler**, **Rabbi Asher Brander** and **Rabbi Yitzchok Adlerstein**. The original disputation is at: www.ouwestcoast.org/lectures.html

Passover at Ralphs Supermarket Tours, that is

Once again, the OU-West Coast is pleased to conduct the annual Ralphs Kosher for Passover Supermarket Tours to enlighten the consumer of the latest and newest products available and to review the do's & don'ts for your Passover kitchen. Tours will take place during the weeks of March 12 and March 19. Watch for details of locations and encourage your local Ralphs store manager to make all information available for the Kosher consumer.



Martin Nachimson and David Zeffren look on as Rabbi Kalinsky presents Steve Savitsky with a gift of appreciation.

A Convention to Remember...

The 16th annual Torah Convention was an amazing 5 day event! The multifaceted program contained something for everyone. It was inspiring, entertaining, provocative and educational.

Post convention comments suggest that this was the best convention to date! The overall convention touched thousands of people as we analyzed and debated the theme "The Tension in Jewish Life: Preserving the Past and Innovating for the Future."

Special thanks to the fabulous faculty, who came from near and far to share their torah with our community and to the generous sponsors whose financial support enabled us to benefit from this amazing once a year event for the community in the greater Los Angeles area.

Kollel Yom Rishon: Feb-Mar '07

Continuing the Sunday morning family study sessions, please join us at upcoming sessions:

- February 18: Pacific Jewish Center, Venice, Rabbi Nachum Kosofsky
- March 11: Shaarey Zedek, Valley Village, Rabbi Yakov Vann
- March 18: Yeshiva of Los Angeles, Rabbi Avrohom Union

Synagogue Outreach: Apr. 22

On Sunday, April 22, a synagogue kiruv workshop open to rabbis, presidents, board members and the community will take place at OU Headquarters. **Frank Buchweitz**, OU National Director of Community Services, will co-ordinate a most interesting program for OU synagogue leaders.

**Kashruth Awareness Months
.....April-May 2007**

Rabbi Dr. Seth Mendel, OU kashrut expert for the meat industry, will join us to increase your awareness of Kashruth.

Topics will include:

- *Health Benefits of Certain Types of Meat*
- *Kashrut Scandals: Safeguarding the Kosher Consumer*
- *Post PETA* • *Glatt Kosher*
- *Vegetarian-Beef, Chicken or Fruit Plate?*

Jewish Heritage Day at the Staples Center – April 15

Sunday, April 15, 2007, has been designated as **Jewish Heritage Day** with the **LA Clippers**, thanks to the chairmanship of **Jeff Presser**. The OU has purchased a block of tickets and is selling tickets to each of the participating yeshivah day schools to enable seating with your friends, etc. Contact Susie at: westcoast@ou.org or 310-229-9000 ext. 200 to order your tickets, directly.

Marathon MCLE: MAY 27-28

Rabbi Michael Broyde will headline a Marathon 10 hours of MCLE sessions on Sunday & Monday, May 27 & 28 - Memorial Day Weekend.

A minimum of 15 attorneys are required for this to happen. The cost would be \$250 plus meals per attorney. Please advise your participation ASAP with an e-mail to EstherR@ou.org.

NCSY Announcement

NCSY West Coast Director **Rabbi FE Goldberg** announced the appointment of **Eliezer Jones, Ph.D.** the new NCSY West Coast Assistant Regional Director.



(l to r) David Zeffren Rabbi Daniel Korobkin and Rabbi Kalinsky present a Judaica gift to Convention Chair, Howard Shapiro for another job well done.



Touro College exhibits at the Convention. (from left) Rabbi Yitz Kaufman from the Mare Island Campus; Dr. Michael Hamlin, Chairman, Psychology Department, with Dean Esther Lowy from the LA campus



(left) Ethan Isenberg, Producer/Director of *Lonely Man of Faith: The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik*, accepts a gift of appreciation from Rabbi Kalinsky for a beautifully documented and well received account of the universally beloved Rav. (right) Abe Safran gets 'kudos' from Rabbi Kalinsky for his thoughtful suggestion to Ethan Isenberg to document the life of The Rav.



Over 50 Lawyers get their MCLE "credits"!

A gift, to grace their Shabbat table, Edmond Guenoun of Elegant Caterers accepts on behalf of himself and his wife, Peggy, for hosting the elegant and sumptuous Opening Dinner honoring the volunteers of Hatzolah, LA.



(l to r) Judith Feldman and Suzanne Schlanger at the Luxe Hotels booth.



Marc Firestone, chairman of the Kiruv program co-sponsored with Aish Hatorah & other kiruv organizations, "Inspired" all. The success of this program has indeed inspired us to coordinate our first Synagogue Outreach event.

Positive Jewish Marriages

Shabbat, Parshat Ki Tisa, **March 9-10, 2007**, is the date for our 5th Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat. The ever popular **Dr. David Pelcovitz** will join us again and address new and relevant topics, including: *Letting Go of Anger; Bringing Happiness to Your Marriage; The Role of Couples; Parenting Your Parents in a Sandwich Generation*. This year's chairs are **Ayala & Moty Naor**; the venue will once again be the chic **Luxe Hotel, Bel Air**. Cost--\$395 per couple.

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