



Chabad of S Clemente

Weekly Shabbat Services

Every Saturday at 9:30 AM

Followed by a Delicious
Community Kiddush Lunch

New JLI Course

"Captivating Cases in Rabbinic
Responsa"

6 Wednesday Afternoons,
Starting January 14th at 2:00pm

Tu B'Shvat Dinner

Monday, February 2nd

Join us for dinner & lecture
highlighting the the 7 species of
Israel!



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

We are proud to present the 10th issue of our Chabad of S Clemente Newsletter! In addition to our regular digital correspondence, it has been our pleasure over the past year to keep in touch and share updates with the community in printed form. We thought Tishrei would be as busy as it gets but we have kept that pace since the High Holidays with our son Shua's wedding to our new daughter Toby in South Florida, about 10 different back to back Chanukah events; and our regular weekly happenings of Hebrew School, challah deliveries, JLI classes, and more!

This year, the start of Chanukah was stained with the horrific antisemitic attack on Jews in Sydney, Australia. The Jewish Community there and around the world is shaken by another targeted act of hate, simply for being Jewish. The rise in global antisemitism is not just a 'Jewish problem'. It is a hatred that endangers the very fabric of society as a whole.

Understandably, many people are feeling unsettled and afraid. Through this pain, we invite you to join us in keeping the message of Chanukah strong all year long. Wherever you go, in whatever you do, **be the light!** We must increase light over darkness, community over hate, and proclaim with people of all backgrounds and faiths that terror cannot win. This is how we unite and strengthen each other; and this is how we keep the message of Chanukah moving forward into 2026.

Am Yisrael Chai!
~Rabbi Mendel & Tzippy Slavin



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Directors,
Chabad of S Clemente

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS THANK YOU EMILIE AND RACHEAL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

When we first moved to San Clemente from the East Coast a number of years ago, I was delighted to find a bag of challah at my door every week. I was happy to "pay it forward" when an appeal went out for delivery volunteers.

Most often, I just leave each challah bag at the front door. When I catch someone outside, I take the opportunity to introduce myself and wish the family. "Good Shabbos." They usually reply by saying how much they love getting their weekly challah bag. It makes me happy to know that my deliveries help promote Shabbat observance each week.

~Emilie Schwartz



Volunteering gives me the opportunity to help others, and in return it brings me genuine happiness. It is uplifting to see the small but meaningful impact that I can make.

Being a Hebrew School teacher an experience, I believe everyone should try. Each Sunday, the kids offer a fresh perspective on life through their eyes. Their energy make teaching not only joyful and fun, but also its entertaining.

Through volunteering, I've learned that giving is never one-sided – it's a shared journey of growth, connection, and inspiration.

One last note: I would like to thank Tzippy and Rabbi for the opportunity and making everyone feel like family.

~Racheal Feinberg



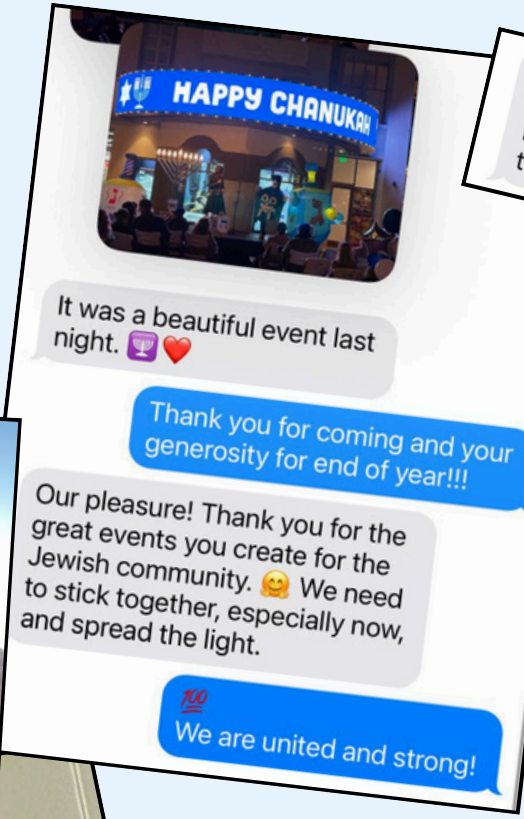
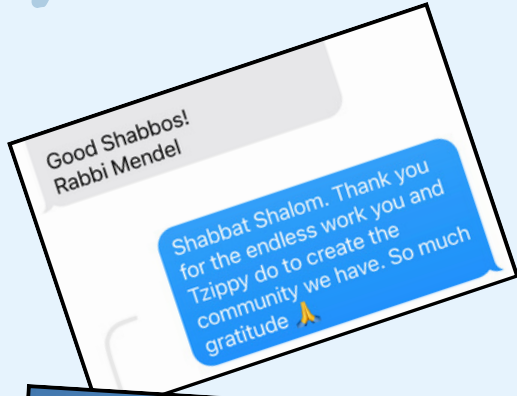
Thank you team of volunteers who supported us in packing and delivering over 200 Chanukah gift boxes!



*If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers weekly or just once in a while, please email Terra at, office@jewishsc.com

OUT AND ABOUT IN SC SNAPSHOTS OF & MESSAGES FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

We love to document our many special events and celebrations throughout the year at Chabad. But it's also special to share and receive pictures of you all - our community members; staying connected, living life, and showing your Jewish pride wherever you may be!



Great job! During my time at the Shul today was one of the best! You could really feel the positive energy thru out the especially at the kiddish luncheon.



Dear Rabbi Mendel
Thank you and the entire Chabad S.C staff for including me in your Chabad community.

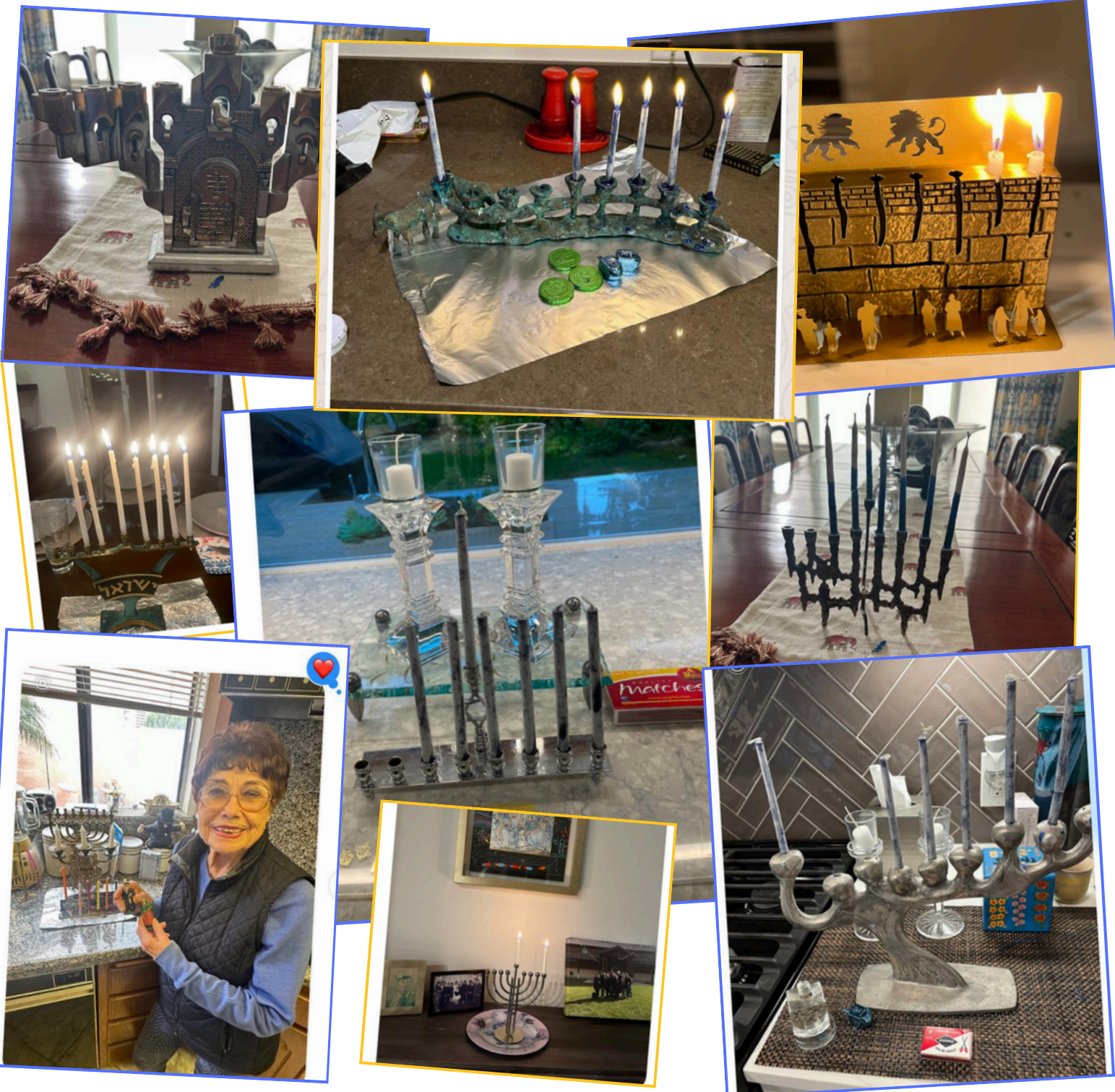
בכל טוב
I've started reading the book you gave to me.
Thank you VERY much, it is great. Thank you for being a light onto our community.



Honoring Veterans Day with our community member Arnie, a 94 year old veteran of the Korean War.

פְּרֻצֵת יָמָה וְקֹדֶמָה וְצִפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה
SPREAD OUT, SPREAD LIGHT, SPREAD LOVE ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Photo collection shared with Rabbi Slavin of
Chanukah Menorah lighting from community members



RECENT & ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAY MINYAN AND THREE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BAR MITZVAHS

Our Monday Morning Minyan with breakfast continues each week at 7:15 AM.



70 years after his first Bar Mitzvah, Ephraim did it again at age 83! Mazal Tov!

Matteo's Tefillin breakfast, with family from France- before his big day!



Keenan and family preparing for a very special event!



CHANUKAH 2025

CHANUKAH ON THE PIER, CHANUKAH AT THE SC OUTLETS & CHANUKAH CHEER AT LOCAL SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES



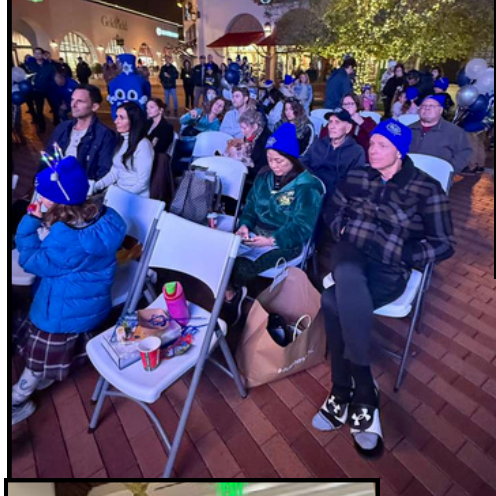
Family
HEALTH
HAPPINESS

Let there
be peace
and joy.

HOPE
FOR MORE
TOLERANCE

May 2026
bring peace
to all!

Thank you
for including me
I love
this
community!



HEBREW SCHOOL, CTEEN JR. & BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM

HEBREW SCHOOL CURRICULUM, DEL MAR CHANUKAH CRAWL, TEACHING JUDAISM TO LOCAL STUDENTS



Tzippy continues the Building Bridges program, teaching Judaism to local students- spreading a message of tolerance & understanding.



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

WAITING FOR FINAL BUILDING PERMITS FROM THE CITY

Our plans have been submitted and reviewed by the city! We are now making changes and edits according to their requests and we are looking forward to getting our final building permits soon. If you have any questions or are interested in participating and/or reserving any of our remaining dedications, please reach out or visit our planning website!

BUILDING.JEWISHSC.COM

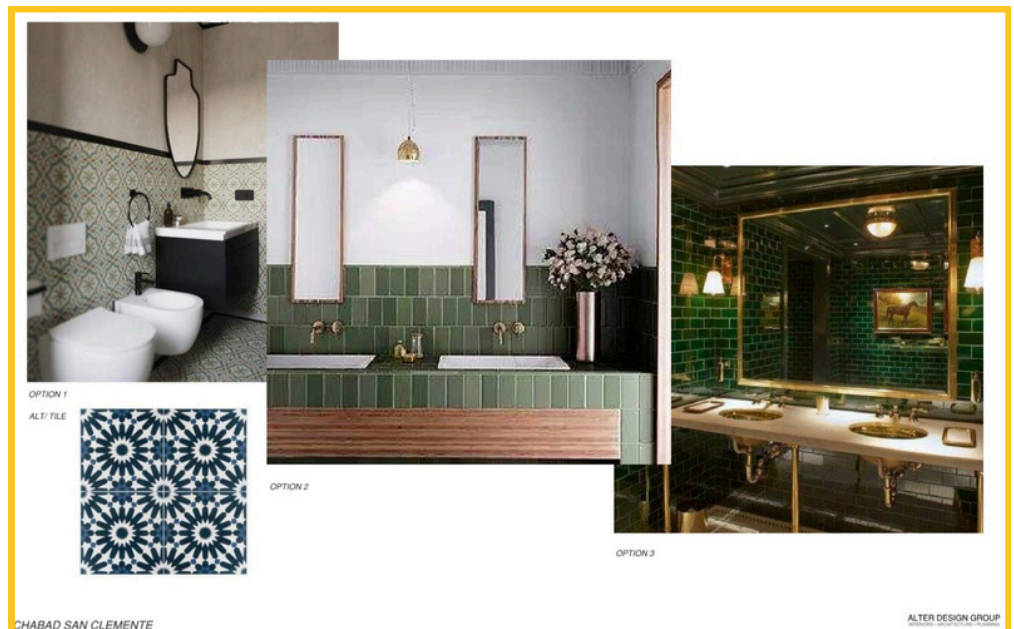
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DEDICATIONS			
Building Dedication <i>Reserved</i>	Outdoor Archway <i>Reserved</i>	Hebrew School Naming \$1,000,000 Dedicate	Sanctuary/Social Hall <i>Reserved</i>
Security Updates & System \$400,000 Dedicate	Entry Lobby \$360,000 Dedicate	Holy Ark \$180,000 <i>Reserved</i>	Library \$180,000 <i>Reserved</i>
Bima & Chazzan Lecturn \$100,000 Dedicate	Kitchen \$180,000 Dedicate	Hebrew School Classroom \$75,000 1 Reserved, 1 Available	Washing Station \$75,000 Dedicate
Rabbi's Office \$100,000 Dedicate	Landscaping \$50,000 Dedicate	Admin Office \$25,000 Dedicate	Entryway Mezuzah \$25,000 Dedicate
Elevator \$18,000 <i>Reserved</i>	Rebbe Dedication Artwork \$18,000 Dedicate	Mezuzah \$10,000 10 Available	

If you have attended any of our recent events, you know we have outgrown our space. That is a great problem to have and we look forward to being able to host Kiddush lunch, holiday events and other simchas in a large, spacious sanctuary & events space!



Future bathroom inspo for the new building! Many more details to come, as we get closer to construction.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW JLI COURSE, PINK SHABBAT, AND HAVDALAH & COMEDY NIGHT

Listen in on the surprising, practical questions your ancestors asked rabbis across Jewish history.

Join this six-session course to discover the little-known world of rabbinic responsa, a vast archive of the real-life questions of ethics and practice Jews asked across history—and the scholarly answers rabbis wrote.

Algiers is under siege: May I pray in a bathhouse? The Inquisition is watching: How will I celebrate Passover? Seventeen Jews are held hostage in faraway Regensburg after a blood libel: Must I help pay their ransom?

See what enables Jewish tradition to offer relevant guidance in a rapidly changing world—and come face-to-face with raw Jewish history.

(If you don't know what a "rabbinic responsa" is, you'll fit right in.)

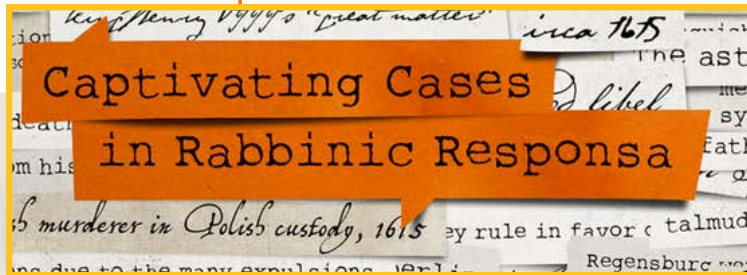
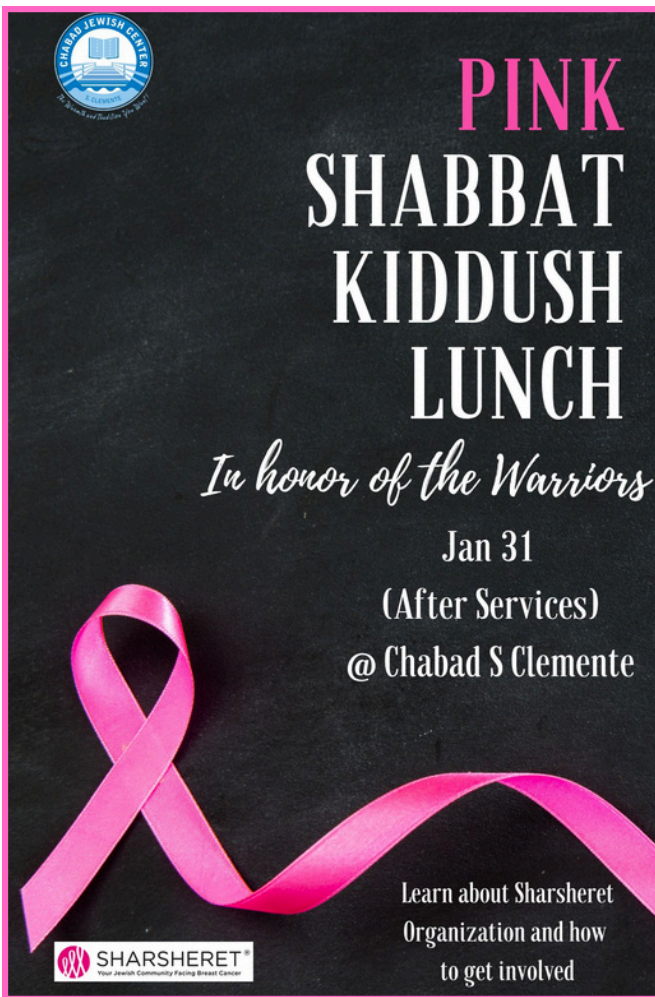
SIX WEDNESDAYS

beginning January 14, 2026
2:00 – 3:30 PM

FEE: \$79



Next JLI Course starts
January 14th at 2 PM

PINK SHABBAT KIDDUSH LUNCH
In honor of the Warriors
Jan 31
(After Services)
@ Chabad S Clemente

Learn about Sharsheret Organization and how to get involved

SHARSHERET
Your Jewish Community Family Support Center



CHABAD S CLEMENTE HAVDALAH COMEDY NIGHT & DINNER

SATURDAY JAN 24 • 7 PM
CHABAD S CLEMENTE
COCKTAILS • DELICIOUS FOOD
LOTS OF LAUGHS

TICKETS:
\$25 IN ADVANCE (BY JAN 18)
\$36
SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

Sandy Hackett is the son of legendary comedian Buddy Hackett and inspired by him, has performed across the country. He is the creator of "Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack" and has earned critical acclaim and thousands of fans.

RSVP at JEWISHSC.COM/COMEDY

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEBREW SCHOOL PLANTING AND TU B'SHVAT DINNER & LECTURE



VIP CLASS TU BSHVAT PLANTING DAY

WITH HORTICULTURIST KAT COBB

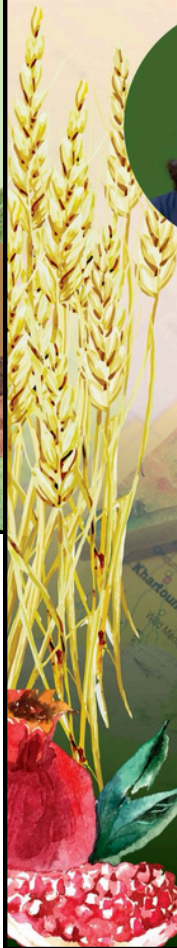
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TU BSHVAT DINNER HIGHLIGHTING THE SEVEN SPECIES



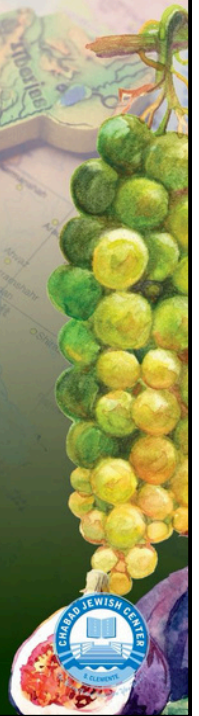
ISRAEL & JEWRY
WORLDWIDE
LECTURE WITH
CHAYA LEAH SUFRIN



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 2, 2026
6PM

\$25 (rsvp in advance by Jan 28) • \$36
Sponsorship available
WWW.JEWISHSC.COM/TUBSHVAT

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CHABAD JEWISH CENTER OF S CLEMENTE

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



Monday

Lea's Minyan
Prayer, breakfast, and learning
7:15 AM

Tuesday

Weekly Challah Delivery Prep
*Please contact us if you're interested in volunteering!

Wednesday

Jewish Learning Institute
Classes
2-3:30 PM

Thursday

Online Torah Class
Zoom at 7 PM

Friday

Shabbat Community Zoom
4 PM

Sabbat

Morning Services at 9:30 AM
followed by
Community Kiddush Lunch

Sunday

Chabad Hebrew School
9:30-11:30 AM
Ages 4-13



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