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APRIL DINNER MEETING



Thursday, April 16, 2015

Alpha Omegas, Spouses and Friends from All Chapters Are Most Welcome

Jonathan Dobrer

presents

**"Understanding the Middle East"
(with the promise you won't)**

About the Speaker:

Jonathan Dobrer is a native of Southern California, a graduate of USC (International Relations) and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. He studied philosophy in Vienna and spent two years in the Peace Corps in Tunisia. He speaks Arabic, French, German and some English.

Mr. Dobrer has taught at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and currently teaches at the American Jewish University. He's a specialist in Comparative Religion—How Christianity Developed from Hebrew Scriptures, stories and archetypes; and how Islam grew from both Judaism and primitive Christianity. He has a sub-specialty in Islam.

He sometimes uses his first profession as a stand-up comedian to teach: 100 Years of Jewish Humor.

He's a frequent contributor to the Op-Ed page of the Los Angeles Daily News, the Long Beach Press Telegram, Pasadena Star News and the Torrance Daily Breeze—as well for the Daily News' blog: Friendly Fire and writes a syndicated column, Out of My Mind, for the Fullerton Observer. Jonathan has published 5 books.

Mr. Dobrer is a regular speaker in Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Synagogues, Unitarian congregations and Hadassah chapters. He has served as Scholar in Residence on Islam and Middle Eastern politics for many synagogues and universities in California and the Western United States.

He and his wife, Helene Schnider-Dobrer, live in Encino near two out of three married sons and five out of seven perfect grandchildren.

APRIL DINNER MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015
Time: Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Lecture 8:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fraters,
 As my term comes to a close I would like to extend a big thank you to all for allowing me to represent you as your president this past year. This had been my third go around since my first term and I am always happy to serve in any capacity to help support our chapter. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the board for all their support and help in putting together another year of outstanding speakers and working behind the scenes to provide you, the members, with a professional organization that you can be proud of. Of course, none of this could be possible without Max Cutler, who year after year provides us with his limitless time, invaluable help and expert guidance to keep our chapter going.

Since my last article, we changed venues for our dinner meetings. On February 5th, we gathered at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino where our speaker was Robert Simon. He presented an excellent and informative lecture about the importance of maintaining proper vertical dimension. His lecture was well received and generated some very good questions and discussion. We were also proud to honor one of our own, Mahrouz Cohen, who recently completed her term as president of the San Fernando Valley Dental Society. A beautiful plaque signifying this achievement was presented to her by Louis Schwarzbach, her big brother in the endo program at USC and fellow endodontist. It was also a pleasure to have Mahrouz' husband join us that evening.

The turnout for this dinner meeting was one of our best and not only because of the number of people attending, but because of who attended. I was extremely happy to see some of our long time members and equally pleased to see some of our newer members and undergrads from USC and UCLA. To me this was a perfect gathering, a perfect mix that indicated that our organization is still very vibrant and our meetings offer everyone a time and place to come together to catch up on things and maybe to even do a little networking, especially for the newer members.

Our next meeting will be on April 16th when Jonathan Dobrer, teacher, speaker and author, will discuss a very important and timely topic considering what is happening in the Middle East, with the recent Israeli elections and the ongoing negotiations about Iran's nuclear program. Needless to say, this should be a fascinating evening, so come prepared to share your views and questions. This will be a joint meeting, so all AO members from all chapters are encouraged to attend and to bring their spouses and friends.

Finally, I hope you will all have a beautiful and meaningful Passover holiday. And as we always say at the end of the Seder, "Next year in Jerusalem".

Fraternally yours,

Paul





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LA City Schedule 2015

April 22 - “Oral and Sleep Appliances”

– Dr. Rob Veis

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