



Kol Yisra'e THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

DECEMBER 2018 • Kislev/Tevet 5779



CHANUKAH LIGHTS

FAMILY CANDLE LIGHTING. MUSIC AND STORYTELLING

Wednesday, December 5 @ 5:45 p.m.

Followed by soup, salad and latke dinner \$5 per person for dinner RSVP required for dinner to info@tilb.org



SINGING AND STORYTELLING

A SPECIAL EVENING WITH MICHELLE CITRIN Saturday, December 8 @ 8:00 p.m.

Havdallah and Music • Dessert Reception

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BEYOND TIKKUN OLAM:

LIVING JEWISH ETHICS IN 2018

Thursdays @ 7:00pm December 13 and 20

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving

This class will discuss practical ways to enact our Jewish values and ethics in 2018, focusing on such topics as food, money, business, relationships with friends and family, and more.

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SHABBAT HANEFESH

Friday, December 14 ~ 6 p.m. Followed by a

Potluck Dinner and Israeli Dancing

Please join Cantor Hass, Bill Shafton and percussionist Christo Pellani as they embark on a spiritual and uplifting Shabbat journey. Come enjoy the melodies we all know and love, presented with an acoustic, meditative flare, filled with powerful readings.

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CREATING COMMUNITY PROGRAM ISRAELI DANCING AND POTLUCK

Friday Evening, December 14

following Shabbat HaNefesh Service

Come to the HaNefesh Service at 6pm, stay and schmooze, share a potluck meal and Israeli dancing with Johanna Brown

> Bring something to share (main dish, side dish, substantial appetizer) Temple will provide salad and dessert.

Please RSVP to Charmaine at clw@tilb.org



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Our Mission Statement:

To actively engage in a journey of Jewish spiritual, educational and social growth.

Our Vision Statement

A vibrant, caring Reform congregation of living Judaism that embraces the rich legacy of Jewish thought, practice and spirituality.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, December 7

5:30 p.m. Community Chanukah Celebration at the Alpert JCC (NO SERVICE AT THE TEMPLE)

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass & Michelle Citrin

Saturday, December 8

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, December 15

8:45 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 21

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 22

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of David Asraf

Friday, December 28

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 29

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MOVING FORWARD FROM FEAR

By Joyce Feldman, Temple President



Happy December? These columns can be a bit of a challenge to write. The deadline for submission is typically mid-month the prior month. So as I write this it is November 15th and fires are raging in three areas in California. All of us know someone or someplace that is affected. Our own cherished Family Camp venue, Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu, has been devastated by the fire. We are still reeling from the anti-Semitic shooting at the Tree

of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and the senseless shooting in Thousand Oaks. All of this has brought an element of fear far too close to home. Fear is prevalent in our discussions with our friends, our colleagues, and our kids. Vigils, prayer sessions, and memorials are now a common occurrence. There seems to be much to be fearful of in our modern world lately.

For our Temple community, December brings us the fun Festival of Dedication: Chanukah. The joy of Chanukah this year is much needed, just as the Maccabees celebrated their victory and boldly lit the candles to publicly declare their faith, many families follow this tradition and proudly display their Chanukiahs in their home. For some, as it does for me, this tradition, in the wake of Pittsburgh, has created some fear and anxiety. In this time of increasing anti-Semitic acts, do I want to broadcast to the secular world that my home is a Jewish home? As many of you know, my family lives in Naples. Although not a requirement, most of the homes in Naples are adorned with lights to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Many of you have probably walked along the canals and enjoyed the beauty. When we moved there, we pondered the idea of how to observe the season without looking like our home was decorated for Christmas. We wanted to fit into the neighborhood (but not fit in too much). So with the help of an artist friend (since very little outdoor Chanukah decor is available), we became one of this first Chanukah-homes in Naples. We have been encouraged each year by the support of our neighbors. We have been awarded several times one of the Naples awards for "best lights". Other Jewish families have bravely added their Chanukah lights to their exteriors. People stop along the sidewalk during Chanukah and watch us light our Chanukiahs, and have been amused by the passing non-Jewish preschoolers who politely explain the holiday to their grandparents (Thank-you Alpert JCC preschool!). Each year, the lights, I feel, have provided a gentle reminder to our neighbors that we are not all the same. My "glass-over-flowing" hope has always been that people will see Jews in a more positive way when they see our display.

Each year when I put the lights up (yes, I do them myself!), I must admit, I am a bit fearful that we could be a target. This year I am even more fearful. I even initiated a discussion with

my husband, Hank, about the idea of not putting them up this year. We decided to NOT let fear overtake us and to continue to publicly embrace our Judaism. So as you read this article, I will probably be outside my home adding the last of our blue and white lights to our annual display. Our lights will be a sparkling reminder each night throughout the month that we Jews are strong, we are resilient, and we are your neighbors and friends.

Your *Gemilut Chasidim* this month is to reach out to lend your support to anyone who has suffered during the recent events that have created suffering and fear in our world. Your kindness can be shown either with a kind note, or a donation to one of the funds to help those who have suffered.

There is much going on this month in our temple home and our Jewish community. Chanukah greets us early in the month: join with your greater Jewish community on Friday, December 7th at 5:30pm to celebrate at the Community Chanukah Event at the Alpert JCC, with a concert sponsored by Temple Israel featuring Jewish recording star Michelle Citrin. You will also have the opportunity to hear Michelle Citrin on Saturday at 8pm at for an intimate evening of singing and storytelling, with havdallah and dessert reception. This special event has a nominal cost of \$18 per person and requires an RSVP to the Temple office by December 6th. On December 15th you are invited to join in on a JJL field trip to the Japanese American Museum. On December 24 join together for a "traditional" Jewish Christmas Eve evening at Leisure World with a screening of the movie "Itzhak" and a Chinese dinner. For more details on any of these programs, please see the JJL catalog, this newsletter or the weekly emails.

During this festive month of December, I invite you to walk by our home and enjoy the lights of the Chanukah and the Christmas lights of my neighbors. May we all continue to appreciate our differences, embrace our similarities and work together for peace and acceptance. May we all recognize our fears and move forward despite them. Happy December!

KOL HASHABBAT

A creative music celebration of Shabbat into Havdallah Directed by our own Bill Shafton

Saturday, January 12 \sim 4:30 p.m.

This community/lay-led experience will explore the essence of Shabbat with original prayer songs as well as familiar offerings inspired by the Book of Exodus and infused with its rhythms.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RSVP to Charmaine at clw@tilb.org

If you'd like to sing, play an instrument, read a passage, tap the drum, daven with all your heart, and/or contribute with your presence in the sacred temple prayer space, email *KolHaShabbat@gmail.com* to sign up to participate. We will send you recordings and sheet music of the songs.

Final rehearsal/sound check is January 10. Other "holy fun" rehearsals TBD. At least one mandatory rehearsal for all instrumentalists and solists. We look forward to sharing Kol HaShabbat - Exodus with you!

RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE / CARING COMMUNITY



FAITH IN OUR ABILITY TO HEAL TOGETHER

By Rick Burney, VP Ritual Practices



"In the aftermath of hate, people of good faith come together in freedom." So said Dr. Michael Berenbaum at a gathering at the Wallace All-Faiths Chapel at Chapman University on the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht. The memorial event was attended by people of multiple faiths; Christians, Muslims and Jews and the various speakers represented these faiths. It was an evening to recall the horrific events of 80 years ago. In spite of the

solemnity of the program, participation offered a ray of hope in the face of what seems to be a never-ending cycle of tragedies.

The gathering at Chapman was quite similar to the "Faith In Community - An Interfaith Response to the Events In Pittsburgh," held at Temple Israel just five days earlier. A variety of Long Beach interfaith organizations and city leaders came together in response to a shooting that killed 11 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27. That event at Temple Israel was also a night of healing with speakers of multiple faiths and positions within the Long Beach community.

When crimes of hate occur, it is natural for the victimized group to retreat within itself in search for solidarity and support. But the two aforementioned gatherings demonstrated the healing power that comes from beyond one's own community. Judaism promotes the concept of "Tikkun Olam" that is loosely translated as "healing the world." Could it be that our best path forward in combatting hate is to facilitate a "reverse Tikkun Olam," in which we allow the world to heal us?



Pictures for Faith In Community Service, Courtesy of Justin Rudd





We are pleased to announce a significant update to the Caring Community link on the Temple Israel website. You now have access to an electronic bereavement pamphlet, designed not only to provide information to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, but also to provide information to comforters, e.g., those attending a

Memorial Service or Shiva Minyan.

Information included has been prepared to help each of us become more comfortable thinking and talking about death, and more knowledgeable about the life-affirming wisdom of our Jewish tradition. You may find comfort in traditional Jewish mourning practices, or adapt them to fit your own needs.

The time of death and dying can be one of disorientation, pain, and sadness. Little wonder, then, that although death is a natural part of the life cycle, most of us have difficulty discussing it. Yet our sages teach us that dealing with death can lead to understanding the deepest essence of life; engaging with such sacred matters can give us a sense of purpose that enriches our days.

The clergy and the entire Temple Israel family are here to provide you with support. We are all caring community members, and as such, we have a sacred responsibility to help you, from the moment illness strikes a loved one throughout the entire period of bereavement and healing, or as you consider your own mortality. Whether your concerns are of an emotional, practical, spiritual or theological nature, resources are available to you: conversations with the clergy, adult education classes, and resources in our library where you can find tools that will help you on this journey.

If you would like to volunteer to be one of the proud members wearing the beige Caring Community apron, you can do so online via the Caring Community link on Temple Israel's website, or you can call the Temple Office at (562) 434-0996.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Izzy Kesner





TAKE ACTION WITH OUR SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE! Direct help for the homeless.

By Kate Sachnoff, Social Action Chair

As you're seeing, Temple Israel has put the ACTION back into Social Action! Every day we are uncovering underserved areas with pressing needs, not far from our own neighborhoods. These are giving us new opportunities to provide direct help. If you've been wanting 'to get involved', here are some current needs.

The most pressing right now are in north Long Beach, serving the homeless encampments where people live under the 91 freeway and along the riverbeds. While our resources are fairly affluent here on the Eastside and beachfront communities, parts of the north end of town are plagued with long term poverty that makes it a struggle to survive every day. Wrap The Kids (WTK) is a local 501c3 on the frontlines of serving this population. It is operated by homeless volunteers. WTK reports that there are about 50 families with multiple children, and hundreds of single men and women living in the encampments that are so downtrodden that many don't go out during the day. We're working to provide some direct help, as the needs are dire. Please see if there's a place where you fit in or if you are able to lend some support. Needs include:

- People to assemble items into hygiene kits and tie fleece blankets.
- Donate a laptop with Word and Excel (can be used). This is really slowing down processes for WTK. They need to track distribution lists, collect signatures for goods distributed, do light accounting of funds and donations, etc.
- Occasional (once a month) use of a mid-size truck or donation to rental.
- Load and/or deliver food and other items as available (transfer from one provider who has overflow to another who has need in different part of town)
- Someone to do light accounting to track information for Wrap The Kids. (Can be done at home).
- Donate lightly used or new Jackets and coats to Temple coat drive (sponsored by Social Action this year).
- Load and/or deliver the coats and jackets to local outlets with whom we have relationships for distribution.
- People to shop for needed items (coordinated through Andrea & Social Action Committee). Some funds are available for these purchases.
- Donations of socks, large drawstring sweatpants, feminine hygiene items, shampoo, soap, flip flops and children's books (in multiple languages) for the Multi-Service Center (operated by City of Long Beach to assist homeless).
- Provide transportation for Wrap The Kids leaders for a shopping trip to fabric store in South Bay (need room for fabric for 40-50 blankets).
- Inexpensive toys for a 'Santa Day" event that Wrap The Kids is organizing for chronically poor children. It is mostly the same families year after year, caught in the endless chain of poverty. We understand that many of the children that come are barefoot.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON ACTION!

By Myron Wollin

In the 2017-18 program year the Social Action Committee (SAC) has been very involved in the Temple and the broader community. Helping to guide us were Temple Board member, Rick Burney, Cantor Hass and 22 Temple members attended one or more of our monthly meetings. Below are some of the things your Social Action Committee has been involved with.

In August 2017 over 115 people attended an educational immigration forum we organized, with the participation of board member Deborah Fabricant, Cantor Hass, Congressman Alan Lowenthal and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE).

For Yom Kippur, we organized the annual Rick Fahlk Memorial Food Drive. We contributed the food to the Emmanuel Food Bank, CASA Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos, and AIDS Food Store.

SAC also organized volunteer staffing and donations for two luncheons at the UCO Drop-In Center, in December and August. We had over 53 Temple volunteers preparing and serving food, and visiting with over 200 needy neighbors.

Last year, the Temple Board adopted the URJ's Religious Action Center's (RAC) Brit Olam with SAC advocacy and urging. TILB joined 131 congregations across the country in committing our Temple to the Reform Movement's vision for social justice.

In December, six SAC members attended the RAC-CA regional meeting in Los Angeles. RAC-CA to work on state level policies. We joined the RAC-CA Environmental Committee and supported efforts to forward strengthened statewide carbon emissions reduction goals, which was successful.

We organized the Temple's participation in the Long Beach's March for Our Lives on March 24. We joined in solidarity with people all over the country who want to end gun violence. Fifty Temple members participated, marching under the Temple Israel banner.

In April, we organized a Passover Interfaith Dessert Seder at Temple Israel attended by over 70 people from the Temple and surrounding communities. The Seder was co-sponsored by the South Coast Interfaith Council. We wrote a Social Justice Haggadah, and Rabbi Michal Loving and Cantor Hass led a wonderful service.

And this only brings you up to our activities as of July! With continuing commitments of time and energy from our committee members and the larger Temple Israel community, we hope to continue all of these efforts—and more— in the coming year. We have many more projects on our list and welcome any of our fellow congregants to join us in achieving tikkun olam. SAC meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Just come on in!

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SISTERHOOD



NRJ Pacific Dist

Robin Lilien, Judy Blumenthal, and Debi Felsenthal represented Temple Israel Sisterhood at the Women for Reform Judaism Convention (WRJ) in San Diego in October

SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, January 27 Bingo at the Temple
- Sunday, April 14 Membership brunch at the Temple
- Tuesday, April 30 Game Day at the Temple
- Wednesday, May 1 art with DEBI at the Temple

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Come see what's new for Chanukah! The Gift Shop has items for everyone on your list!

SHOP AT OUR GIFT SHOP!



EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AT OUR WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT!











TEMPLE ISRAEL

HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM

December was a time of festivities and activities for the Temple Youth. Starting right out on the first of the month, NFTY SOCAL's 678 program was a huge success, allowing prehighschoolers to experience the learning, bonding, and fun that happens at every single high school event. With creative mixers and charming leaders, all participants were encouraged to make new friends, as well as new memories. On December 2nd, there was a Madrichim meeting led by our Madrichim Director, Mira Smeltzer. Madrichim witnessed the Teen Council in action! Our Madrichim representative, Noah Shafton, demonstrated the ability of the Teen Council to impact the program itself, by getting direct input from teens. On December 8th, members of our youth group ANDI led Torah Study for the entire adult Torah study group. On December 15th, the families of the TC students had a blast at trivia night! As always, the studentparent feud resulted in a close tie that will have to be settled next High School Game Night. On December 16, the High School Program rocked shabbat. We learned to prepare a full Shabbat meal, the meaning of the song Shalom Aleichem, sang, and ate our meal together; it was beautiful! TC students proved they know how to have a good time at the ANDI lock-in on the 21st. With fun hide-and-seek games, reflective moments in the sanctuary, and a massive sleepover among good friends, December's lock-in will join the ranks of the great activities planned by our youth group. As you can see, December was a fantastic time of activities for members of the Torah Center, Youth Group, and Madrichim alike!



Social Action Kallah, November 2018

THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



DAVID ASRAF December 22, 2018

My name is David Asraf and I'm a student at McAuliffe Middle School in Los Alamitos. I have two brothers, Gabriel and Jack. I am the oldest. I will be the first one to have his Bar Mitzvah in my family. I will also be the first one to have his Bar Mitzvah in my grade at Temple Israel. My Bar Mitzvah is on December 22.

While I love all sports, soccer is my favorite game and always has been. I have been playing it since I was 4 years old. I also enjoy inventing machines from household items. Maybe I will be

an engineer, like my father, but right now I want to start my own company. I like jokes and watching funny prank videos. I am a hard worker and determined, especially with school. I also have a part time job - every Sunday I clean a neighbor's garden. I am always hungry! My favorite food is hamburgers.

For my Mitzvah Project, I have trained and become a youth referee for AYSO. I love soccer and helping young children so I figured I would combine the two. AYSO is a volunteer program so without referees there would be no AYSO. On a weekly basis, I referee 1-2 games for children aged 8-10 years old, in addition to playing my own.

I hope my friends and family come to support me at my Bar Mitzvah.

Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter

Sabbath Fellowship PROGRAM & SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 10:30 A.M.

featuring the band Second Wind



Second Wind is an acoustical band based out of Long Beach, California. The band is composed of Marc & Pattie Davidson, Dave Noferi, and Tom Gallo. The blending of acoustical guitar, banjo, bass, mandolin, and accordion provide a diverse musical repertoire.

Lunch included - \$5 per person

Please RSVP to the Temple Office (562) 434-0996



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Joan Leb

The Association of Jewish Libraries, in response to the tragedy in Pittsburgh and to rising anti-Semitism in the United States, is planning a series of book lists for young readers. The AJL feels that books read in youth will affect future outlooks, and hopes that meeting Jews on the page will inspire friendship when readers meet Jews in real life.

This first list contains stories of Jews and non-Jews standing up for each other, working out differences, and confronting prejudice.

STANDING UP FOR EACH OTHER Picture Books

The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper, ages 4-8

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. A boy and his grandfather discuss the rule's universality and how to put it into practice.

Hannah's Way by Linda Glaser, ages 4-8 (PB GLA)

After Papa loses his job during the Depression, Hannah's family moves to rural Minnesota, where she is the only Jewish child in her class. When her teacher tries to arrange carpools for a Saturday class picnic, Hannah is upset. Her Jewish family is observant, and she knows she cannot ride on the Sabbath. What will she do? A lovely story of friendship and community.

Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty by Linda Glaser, ages 4-8 (PB GLA)

In 1883, Jewish Emma Lazarus, deeply moved by an influx of immigrants from eastern Europe, wrote a sonnet that gave a voice to the Statue of Liberty. A true story.

Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain by Jacqueline Jules, ages 4-8 (PB JUL)

Inspired by a powerful legend of conflict resolution, this book is the compelling story of a boy who is given permission to punish an enemy. A surprising twist shows how an enemy can become a friend.

As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson, ages 6-9

Here is the story of two icons for social justice, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and Abraham Joshua Heschel, how they formed a remarkable friendship and turned their personal experiences of discrimination into a message of love and equality for all.

The Whispering Town by Jennifer Elvgren, ages 7-11

The dramatic story of neighbors in a small Danish fishing village who, during the Holocaust, shelter a Jewish family waiting to be ferried to safety in Sweden. Worried about their safety, friends devise a clever and unusual plan for their safe passage to the harbor. Based on a true story.

The books with call numbers are in the Temple Israel Library. I will be ordering the others. Please read these with your children and mention them to your friends. (See chapter books next month.)

OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE TOWARDS YOUR 2018 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Remember, Temple Israel is a registered non-profit 501c3 charitable organization.

Consider that your donations are tax deductible! When planning your end of year charitable contributions, please consider supporting the Temple and all we do for our local Long Beach community as well as our Jewish community.

If you are unable to make an additional contribution at this time, consider contributing in advance of your billing on your Temple's Annual Commitment, Torah Center contribution, or Capital Campaign pledge.

Get your donations to the Temple office or postmarked by Monday, December 31.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



MEMORIAL WALL NEW CHOICES IN HOW WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

In Memoriam



Now, if you honor your loved ones by dedicating a listing on our Memorial Wall, you can submit a bio and pictures for our Remembrance website.

(Memorial Wall Listings \$400)

Contact the Temple Office for more information.



YOUNG FAMILY PROGRAMS



Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.

at Marina Vista Park (near tennis courts)



Come join us for our next Shabbat ShaPARK Shalom! This gathering at Marina Vista Park is designed for families with young children. Come meet other parents and celebrate Shabbat with us at the playground. Kids can play...Parents can chat. Shabbat singing and challah too! **See you at the park!** All are welcome to attend. **FREE OF CHARGE**

Tot Skabbat

Led by Cantor Hass with Michelle Citrin Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

as part of Community Chanukah Celebration at the Alpert JCC



Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, ages newborn to early elementary school age and their loved ones. Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service. Tot Shabbat Services will be followed by challah and grape juice as well as a FREE PIZZA

DINNER after the Service!

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, December 19** to Michelle at <u>mdt@tilb.org</u>

COME FEED THE HOMELESS

CHRISTMAS TIME Sunday, December 23rd

At First Congregational Church 241 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Please join our Social Action Committe as we spend the afternoon with individuals and families, each of whom has a special story. Welcoming someone with a hot cup of cocoa, a home-cooked meal, and a warm smile makes a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than we are.

We need volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Opportunities to help - Sign up for a 2 hour shift

- Set-up, cook, serve, socialize with our guests, participate in activities and clean-up after dinner.
- Sponsor by donating to our Homeless Assistance Fund

To volunteer, contact Charmaine at clw@tilb.org

This year we are taking donations of new toys, clothing, hygiene items, warm sweaters and coats, and foods that don't need refrigeration.

Bring donations to the Temple by December 17



JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

JUST ADDED

TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Moskowitz

Sundays from 9:45 - 10:30am

December 2, January 6 and February 3



BEYOND TIKKUN OLAM: LIVING JEWISH ETHICS IN 2018

Thursdays at 7:00pm December 13, 20

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving

Tikkun Olam means, "repairing the world," making our world a better place. But how do we manifest this in our day-to-day lives? This class will discuss practical ways to enact our Jewish values and ethics in 2018, focusing on such topics as food, money, business, relationships with friends and family, and more. **Cost: none**



JEWISH YOGA

Teacher: Alana Weinberg

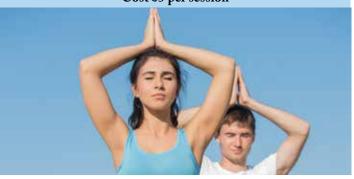
Sundays at 9:45am

December 16, February 24 and May 5

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

December 19, and January 31

Cost \$5 per session



BEYOND THE WALLS: Visit the Japanese American Museum Saturday, December 15 at 10:45am

Meet at Temple Israel to carpool



audience. Cost: \$10/person

The mission of the Japanese American National Museum is to promote understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience. Through our Jewish eyes, let us experience and learn about this important Japanese American story.

The Japanese American National Museum is the first museum in the United States dedicated to sharing the experience of Americans of Japanese ancestry as an integral part of U.S. history. Through its comprehensive collection of Japanese American objects, images and documents, as well as multi-faceted exhibitions, educational programs, documentaries and publications, the National Museum shares the Japanese American story with a national and international

Screening of

ITZHAK and Chinese Food

Monday, December 24 at 6:00pm

Location: Leisure World Club Room



Join your Jewish community on December 24th, as we enjoy the movie, discussion, and a "traditional" Chinese dinner.

From Schubert to Strauss, Bach to Brahms, Mozart to...Billy Joel, Itzhak Perlman's violin playing transcends mere performance to evoke the celebrations and struggles of real life; "praying with the violin," says renowned Tel Aviv violinmaker Amnon Weinstein. Alison Chernick's enchanting documentary

looks beyond the sublime musician, to see the polio survivor whose parents emigrated from Poland to Israel, the young man who struggled to be taken seriously as a music student when schools saw only his disability. As charming and entrancing as the famous violinist himself, *Itzhak* is a portrait of musical virtuosity seamlessly enclosed in warmth, humor, and above all, love. RSVPS required in order to be admitted into Leisure

World. Cost: \$15/person, including dinner

Please RSVP for all JJL Programs to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

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Yahrzeit Observance

"Zecher Tzadik Livracha"

The memory of the righteous are a blessing



Rochelle Abend Esther Iov Ball Narciso Bautista Gertrude Brandis Paul Brown * Dolly Claire * Jean Detar Dorothy Dicker Anne Elfman * Carl Fineman Lee Firstman Rachel Ganzfried Nellie Geldin Esther Geller Alice Gerstman Minnie Glickman

Ida Golden
Henriette (Hetty) Goslins
Florence Gould *
Moe Johnson
Edward A. Kelly
Irving Kozoll *
Perry Labow
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Robin Sachs
Janis Gail Sappell
Robert Shafton
Richard Shultz *
Norman Stern
Lena Seligman Weil *
Ethel Gladys West *
Israel Willner *
Bernard Winnick
Evelyn Zuckerbrow

Helena Medoff *

Enrico Nahum

December 12-18

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INTERFAITH GREATINGS

By Roni Love, SCIC Members



With so much recent heartbreak and sadness, writing this column in my allotted space has proven to be very challenging. Please visit the SCIC's Facebook page for a more complete reading on these two issues in the hope that they will help heal your heart.

The Pittsburgh Tragedy, a message from Milia Islam Majeed, Executive Director, SCIC: *My heart is hurting today. Like millions of Americans across the nation, my heart dropped at the news of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh that killed eight people and injured a number of others. I am paralyzed...and am sitting here praying for those who have been hurt or lost loved ones to this senseless act of violence. No one...should ever have to live in fear. To our Jewish brothers and sisters, know that we are here and that we stand together with you in your grief. We, the South Coast Interfaith Council, firmly and unequivocally condemn this act of violence."

Sexual Assualt, a message from SCIC's Board of Directors: Representing 140 SoCal faith communities, the SCIC is committed to advocating for those not seen, heard nor believed, finding any sexual assault, attempted or completed, inclusive of marital rape, to be an unacceptable act which violates a person's inalienable right to personal safety, based on the values espoused by all the faith communities represented. As people of faith, we reject the injustice of blame-shifting and gaslighting in attempts to discredit the veracity of sexual assault victims. We demand that victims be seen, heard and believed; not blamed for the crimes committed against them. We reject the suppression and intimidation of vulnerable minority communities who fear to report these crimes due to prejudice against them, fear of deportation, and language barriers. These heroic survivors report to restore justice, to protect themselves from further assault, to protect others from future assault and to protect our communities at large. We assert that overcoming and eliminating the obstacles to reporting sexual assault requires significant social change and organized victim support. To survivors of sexual assault, we pledge our support and assistance in compassionately walking with you through this process in league with professional counselors, medical providers, and legal advisors.

Our feet walk beside yours in marching in protest and seeking redress for your suffering. Our hands join yours in working to affect change in our laws and societal mindset. We raise our voices with yours in challenging those who doubt or attempt to silence you. Your stories of perseverance and pain inspire us to rededicate ourselves to the principles of our faith traditions to seek justice and promote love, mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation throughout Southern California.

We see you, we hear you, we believe you, and we stand with you, and will continue to stand with all victims and survivors of sexual assault.

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Mavel Tov to Julie and David Hamer on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Stephanie Hamer born on October 24, 2018 weighing 7lbs. 8oz. Mazel Tov to big sister, Aubrey, grandparents Susie and Bruce Amster and aunt and uncle, Sharon and Adam Brown and cousins, Johanna, Brandon, Sadie and Levi.



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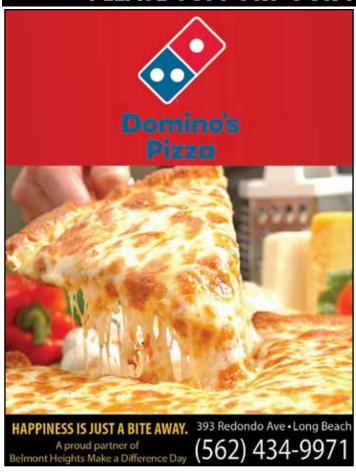
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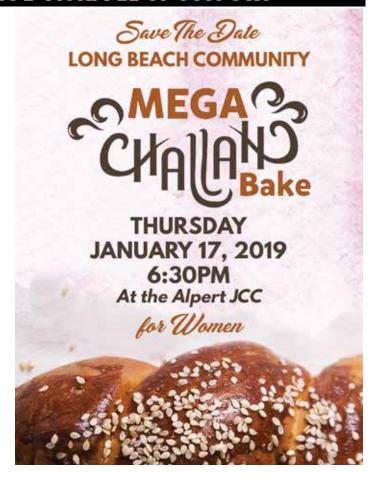
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