

Kol Yisra'e THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, recognized for its innovation and reliability. Join us, as Mr. Cordero discusses the current projects and challenges facing the Port of Long Beach.

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PURIM CELEBRATION



Temple Israel's Purim Shpiel

YOU CAN'T STOP THE SHPIEL!

A BROADWAY MEGILLAH

Come sing along to some of your favorite Broadway songs with a Purim twist!

FOLLOWED BY PURIM PARTY!

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Friday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join Cantor Hass, Bill Shafton and percussionist Christo Pellani as they embark on a new, spiritual, and uplifting Shabbat journey. Come enjoy the melodies we all h an acoustic, verful readings d experiences.

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POTLUCK DINNER AND ISRAELI DANCING Friday, February 9 following Shabbat Services

Israeli Dancing - Schmoozing - Eating - Socializing **Building Community** All ages are invited!

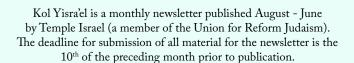
Bring an appetizer or finger snack, some wine, beer, or soda to share. Salads, dessert, refreshments and coffee provided.



Get Well Wishes To...

Geoff Carr Judy Cooper Trevor Davis-Dressner Diane Fike David Feldman Leah Fudim Iill Granek Fisher Ronald Guest

Rosalind Hertz Sylvia Koretz Dorothy Levin Barbara Miller Nancy Speizer Jeanne Strum Marcia Wertheimer



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Rabbi Steven Moskowitz • Cantor Sara Hass • David York, Organist Eric J. Shatzkin, Executive Director • Sharon Amster Brown, Educator

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, February 2

7:00 p.m. Camp Shabbat Service with our Youth Choir

Saturday, February 3

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, February 10

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Intro to Judaism Shabbaton

Friday, February 16

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 17

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 23

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 24

8:45 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Ruby Mayo

PLEASE NO PETS ALLOWED AT TEMPLE SERVICE DOGS WELCOME

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



INSPIRATION

By Joyce Feldman, Temple President



Happy February! I have been thinking a lot about inspiration lately. Perhaps because I have found myself inspired lately by so many things. From where do you get your inspiration? According to Merriam-Webster dictionary the word has various meanings. The top definitions include: "1 -divine influence or action on a person believed to qualify him or her to receive and communicate sacred revelation; 2 -the action or power of moving the intellect or emotions; 3 - the

act of influencing or suggesting opinions." I would edit the third definition to say "the act of influencing or suggesting opinions or action." I think many times the people or things that inspire us cause us to change our opinion, but beyond thoughts and opinions we are often moved to take action and to strive for the things we know are best for us. I am inspired by music lyrics, movies, books, speeches, quotes and so much more. I am inspired by people.

This last month I had the privilege of witnessing 10 inspiring women lead the congregation in prayer as they completed their Adult B'nai Mitzvah training. Those of us that attended a very packed Shabbat morning service couldn't help but leave inspired by all ten of the women as they shared a piece of themselves through their D'rashas, so beautifully written, and (for many of them) faced their fears of standing before the congregation to chant from the Torah and lead prayers. To get to this point, these women spent years preparing and studying. I wish to publically offer a hearty *Yasher Koach* to: Laurie Arroyo, Leslie Ciletti, Ruth Cooperman, Kelly Cooper Perler, Nadia Geller, Sharon Gerstein, Lynne Kass, Carrie Levinson, Marlene Sanchez and Janet Faigen Schultz.

An article about inspiration would be remiss if it didn't include noting our inspiring clergy. Choose any service and you will leave inspired to move forward in the week ahead. We at Temple Israel are so fortunate to now have TWO clergy leading the way. Rabbi Moskowitz continues to lead and inspire us to look deeper into the text, and into ourselves, delivering "sacred revelation". His quiet leadership has inspired many of us to listen and lead as he does. And our amazing Cantor Hass, our first full time clergy cantor, provides inspiration through music and prayer by honoring the sacred songs of our past, and embracing the new era of Jewish music. Both provide us with opportunities to be inspired and renewed through words of Torah, song, and sacred action and are a blessing to our community.

The month of February provides plenty of opportunities to either be inspired or put your inspiration into action! As I've mentioned, each Shabbat Service can provide inspiration. Our calendar of services provides something for everyone from Tot

Shabbat, Family Service, Shabbat HaNefesh, Got Shabbat and the traditional service. Keep an eye on the weekly emails and the calendar for times and themes. On Saturday February 3rd enjoy a JJL screening of the Academy Awarding winning documentary, "Best Boy". You will be inspired by the story of a man who created a fulfilling life for himself despite being faced with mental challenges. On February 11th Sisterhood is honoring the five women who have led your congregation as Board Presidents. Two classes kick off this month giving you an opportunity to be inspired by the language of our people: Beginning Yiddish begins on February 6th and Beginning Hebrew begins February 20th. Then on Saturday, February 24th prepare to be inspired by the story of Esther in the much-anticipated Adult Purim Shpiel produced by an inspiring troupe of your congregants. The production is titled "You Can't Stop the Shpiel- A Broadway Megillah". (This year, having been so inspired over the years, I have decided to step out of my comfort zone and join the cast!)

Inspiration: Who inspires you? Your *Gemilut Chasadim* (nurturing act of kindness) for February is to share with a person who inspires you, what you find inspiring about them. I love to write and receive notes so, once again, I ask you to take out a pen and paper and write a quick note to someone who has inspired you lately or continues to provide inspiration to you. Mail the note, but this time don't sign the note or provide a return address. This note should be anonymous. Many times people are inspiring and they don't even know it! Let them know.

Happy February! May your month be filled with inspiration.

FEBRUARY BOARD BITES What has the board been doing lately?

- Discussing the URJ Brit Olam
- Sharing Reports from the URJ Biennial
- Looking at the year ahead
- Finalizing the Strategic Plan

SABBATH FELLOWSHIP - FEBRUARY 3RD

By Ann Martin



For February's Sabbath Fellowship luncheon, we have booked a fabulous entertainer - **Jennifer Hart** - a vocalist and pianist, who will delight us with songs from musicals of the 30's and 40's by composer Richard Rogers and lyricist Lorenz Hart. A delicious meal prepared by Chana

Ham-Rosebrock and her kitchen helpers is served at noon; entertainment starts before 12:30. It is a terrific program for only \$5. Sabbath Fellowship service is from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. prior to the luncheon.

Every adult member and guests are welcome! RSVP to Charmaine Weiner at <u>clw@tilb.org</u>



WAR AND FEAST!

By Jennette Fackler, VP Ritual Practices



Shake the groggers and make noises every time Haman's name is mentioned at the reading from the Book of Esther. Eat Hamentashen, bite off the delicious corners of Haman's hat until it's all gone. Blot him out. Celebrate our victory over evil.

On the 13th of Adar, a genocidal event could have occurred had it not been for the initiative of Esther and Mordechai. They happened to be at the right time

and place to be the problem solvers or solution servers for their people. The Jew-hater, Haman's edict of Jewish massacre was fought valiantly by a decree from his replacement and newly appointed Prime Minister, Mordechai, giving Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies, and they did! This was made possible by Esther's holding a feast, inviting the king, and revealing her Jewish identity to him. She is determined to be one with her people no matter how fearful the outcome.

It can be a story of politics, if we focus on measures versus counter-measures of the king's advisers. But should it be about feminism, polarization, discrimination, or anti-Semitism? As usual there are more questions than answers.

According to the Megillah Esther 9:22, "The day of deliverance became a day of feasting and rejoicing." The Zohar writes that on Purim one can achieve the same spiritual elevation with bodily pleasure that one accomplishes on Yom Kippur by afflicting the body. The Talmud sanctions this merriment and required the Jews to drink until the person cannot tell between cursing Haman and blessing Mordechai. The obvious question is why was it made a requirement of all the merriment and drunkenness? According to the Sages, it is because the righteous people have defeated the wicked descendant of Amalek, Haman. Therefore, completely obliterating Amalek.

There should be no difference between the joy of defeating evil and the joy of the triumph of the good. It is indeed better to be drunk to a point of indifference over cursing Haman or blessing Mordechai.

However, our wise sages have established customs and traditions that give us clues as to how they view the Megillah. For example, there are four main *mitzvot* during Purim celebration:

1) Reading/listening to the Book of Esther in the evening and in the following morning;

2) Sending out mishloach manot bags of ready-to-consume food and drink gifts to friends;

3) *Matanot l'evyonim* or giving charity to the poor; and 4) Eating and drinking in a festive meal and saying the prayers and grace after meals.

The celebration this year will be on February 28 – March 1. And as always, there will be Purim shpiel for the young ones and one shpiel for the matured ones.

Some lessons are hard to learn and some lessons are just hard. But it is Purim. We all stand together in war and in feast! It is a good time to make fun of what costumes and masks we've been wearing most of the time. Let us finally unravel the truth about ourselves and cast our lots in favor of happiness from performing good deeds.



PURIM CELEBRATION Saturday, February 24 at 8:00 p.m.

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A Broadway Megillah

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PURIM PARTY FOLLOWING THE SHPIEL



Drinks Costume Contest and Fun!

NO COST TO ATTEND ALL ARE WELCOME!







Sisterhood Annual Membership

Champagne Brunch

March 4 at 11:00 a.m.

at Temple Israel

Come meet Sarah Goldfinger, Screenwriter and Producer

Sarah was raised in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Hampshire College in Amherst with a BA in Playwriting. She's worked as a writer/producer on various show dramas such as *CSI*, *Hawaii 5-O*, and *Grimm* as well as family dramas such as *Brothers & Sisters*, and *Parenthood*, to the science-fiction fantasy world of *Almost Human* plus *DaVinci's Demons*. Most recently, she worked on the show *Jane the Virgin*.

Sarah is married and has a ten-year old stepson. She is an active member of Ikar, a Jewish spiritual community in Los Angeles.

Free to Sisterhood Members
Non-members, \$10, or join and get in free.



Sisterhood Gift Shop

Looking for the perfect birthday gift, b'nai mitvzah gift, or hostess gift?

Shop at our Gift Shop!

STOP BY OUR GIFT SHOP AND CHECK OUT OUR UNIQUE PURIM GROGERS!



GOLD OUTSIDE FOR CATS & DOGS TOO

WE ARE COLLECTING NOW THROUGH THE END OF MARCH

Temple Israel Sisterhood Social Action will be collecting used blankets and used towels for the Long Beach Animal Shelter. Please deposit your donations in the bins in the Temple Israel Alpert Foyer.

YOUR HELP IS SO APPRECIATED!



Temple Israel Sisterhood Social Action would like to thank all of those individuals who donated gift cards and gift items to the families we adopted for the holiday season from JFCS Long Beach and MOMS Orange County.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 AT 6:30 P.M.

Ladies Night Out

Aroma Italiano Cafe

4958 Katella Ave. • Los Alamitos, CA 90720



Tuesday, April 24

3rd Annual Temple Israel Sisterhood



\$ 36.00 Includes snacks, lunch, dessert, beverages your own Mahjong set for your table, and any other ga

Bring your own Mahjong set for your table, and any other game boards you like. **More information coming soon.**



A CHRISTMAS EVE MITZVAH

By Myron Wollin, Social Action Committee Chair

Our Temple showed once again that we have many wonderful people willing to volunteer to provide for the most vulnerable in our community. On Christmas Eve, 2017, 55 Temple Israel members volunteered at the First Congregational Church's Drop-In Center in downtown Long Beach for the annual Stephanie Bussi Memorial dinner. Stephanie was a Temple Israel member who started the tradition of Temple Israel sponsoring the dinner many years ago using Temple's Homeless Fund to pay for it. Stephanie's daughter, Kathy, attended, and we honored her in memory of her mother.

The call for volunteers publicized in Temple Israel's Kol Yisra'el was so successful that we had to stop accepting our generous members who wanted to volunteer, and we put 22 congregants on a waiting list.

The Temple members worked in shifts. With the guidance and supervision of the Drop-In Center staff, we prepared the food, bundled individually the silverware place settings, set the tables, served the food and drinks, helped those who needed help to obtain their food and escorted them to their tables, bussed the tables and helped clean up afterward. In addition, we gave out clothes, shoes and toys. We served 195 guests delicious food, including chicken with all the fixings worthy of a holiday dinner.

Our Social Action Committee agreed this was a most successful event, and we look forward to more dinners sponsored by the Temple. The next one will be in the summer in August. Please watch for the call for volunteers later in the year in our Kol Yisra'el. We encourage those of our temple members who are interested in our many opportunities for Social Action to join us at our evening meetings on the second Wednesdays of the month.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Joan Leb

Our Joys of Jewish Learning program offers our members several opportunities to learn Yiddish, which has become newly popular in recent years. Here are some upcoming Yiddish classes you may want to consider: Yakob Basner, local Yiddish expert and Temple member, will teach "Beginning Yiddish" on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., starting on February 7, and Harriet Bennish will teach a class of "Yiddish Songs of The Jewish Ghetto (and more): Tears, Joy and Hope!" on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

For your enjoyment, our temple has joined the Yiddish Book Center, located on the campus of Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., so stop by the temple Library and get your magazine, PaknTreger! Though it's printed in English, it will help you improve the Yiddish you will be learning with Mr. Basner.





JUNE 24 - JULY 6, 2018

For thousands of years, the land of Israel has been for the Jewish people a dreamscape, a land of promise. Today it is a living dynamic reality: a place of rebirth for a language, a people, and a magnificent heritage. I invite you to join us on this extraordinary journey. This trip is open to all, so please feel free to invite friends and family. - Rabbi Steven Moskowitz





THIS MONTH'S BAT MITZVAH



RUBY MAYO February 24, 2018

My name is Ruby Mayo and I am a 7th grader at Rogers Middle School. I am excited to become a Bat Mitzvah. I am in the intermediate band at school where I play the clarinet. I enjoy working with people who have special needs and have been helping out different organizations who help that population for my Mitzvah Project. I have found it to be very rewarding. When I am not in school or Torah Center, I like to hang out with my friends and go to Second Street. I am ready to

become a Bat Mitzvah and want to thank my teachers, family, and friends for being so supportive during this special time.

YAD B'YAD

The Hanna Askin Family are dedicated Yad b' Yad volunteers December 9 was their turn to celebrate Isaac's Bar Mitzvah.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR YAD B'YAD VOLUNTEERS

Captains Karen Rosenfeld and Stephanie Pullman Isabel Fransas, Karen Fried, Chana Ham-Rosebrock Marley Hughes, Myzelle Hughes, Leah Lieberman Don Marcus, Dove Mayo, Viviane Raskin-Levin Samantha Rosenfeld, Dan Rosenfeld, Lysa Saltzman



ANDI TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 9-12 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

By Owen Sweeney, ANDI President

After a busy December, ANDI has spent three of the four Wednesday's in January rehearsing for our Frozen themed Purim shpiel. The shpiel was written by our own Johanna Brown, Abby Harmatz and Sophie Lerer. As an attendee of the rehearsals, I have to say that the performance is humourous, cute, and overall quite splendid. You can see the spectacle for yourself and celebrate Purim with the Torah center on **Sunday**, **February 25th at 10:45 a.m.**

Besides working on the shpiel, ANDI members have lately contributed to torah study with Rabbi Moskowitz. On January 27th several ANDI members lead rotations at torah study about various social issues including stereotypes and privilege.

"This was such a great experience. As teens, we don't interact with the adults too much so it was fun doing something for them the way we do for each other and other teens in Southern California," said our Membership Vice President MIkaila Baumel.

A good experience, it truly was. If you're a teen and you're are interested in helping us plan more events like this, come to our February meeting on the 11th at Temple.









INTERFAITH GREETINGS

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council



Lidia Fahlk and I joined up with SCIC's Women's Interfaith Group to learn about Christmas from a Christian perspective and help trim St. Cross Episcopal Church's tree, along with Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Baha'i women in Hermosa Beach.

Wonderful 2018 interfaith adventures are planned as this newly formed group celebrates Holidays with Heart:

Understanding & Participating as ONE! Join us to celebrate with and learn the meaning of the following faith practices!

- Hindu Holi Festival (Festival of Colors)
 Friday, March 2, 2018
- Jewish Interfaith Women's Seder Tuesday, March 27, 2018
- Baha'i The Festival of Ridvan in the Rose Garden April 2018
- Buddhist Celebrating Buddha's Birthday Tuesday, May 29, 2018
- Muslim Eid Mother & Daughter Henna Party (TBA - June)
- Christian Tree Trimming (TBA December)

The Women's Interfaith Group is a circle of women of all ages, abilities, beliefs, cultures, faiths and races that gathers together to learn about and value their similarities and differences. They work to eradicate stereotypes and prejudice by promoting our common humanity in their own communities; helping to build a peaceful world...connecting heart to heart.

Yearly membership is just \$25 which covers costs and a monthly newsletter. Contact the SCIC at 562-983-1665, Office@scinterfaith.org, or mail your \$25 check to SCIC, 759 Linden Avenue, LB 90813.

...peace, shalom, salaam, shanti, paz, her ping...

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES



Saturday, February 3 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 Kelly Cooper Perler Friday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, ages newborn to 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.

FREE pizza dinner!

Please RSVP to Michelle at mdt@tilb.org



CONTINUING THE TEMPLE ISRAEL TRADITION

THE PURIN BAG

(Shalach Manot) FUN(D)RAISER!

EVERYONE GETS A PURIM BAG WITH A PERSONALIZED GREETING!

Will you take this special opportunity to send Purim greetings and good wishes to members of our Temple Israel family and raise important funds to help support all of our programming?

EVERY FAMILY YOU ADD TO YOUR GREETING LIST IS A DONATION TO THE TEMPLE.

IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PURIM BAG FUN(D)RAISER!

EVERY Temple Israel household will receive **ONE** lovely Purim Gift Bag that includes a Personalized Scroll of Greetings from Temple Israel and all those in the congregation who choose to wish them well. Every Purim Gift Bag will be filled with homemade hamantaschen, fruit, candy, and other festive gifts.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The cost to send the greetings you select is

\$2.00 per family chosen, plus an \$18 initial fee

(i.e. send wishes to 10 families for $10 \times \$2.00$ each = \$20 + \$18 = \$38),

OR

"SAY CHAI" TO THE ENTIRE TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY

We are once again offering this special opportunity for a flat fee of \$218. That's only 38¢ per greeting...much cheaper than mailing

a flat fee of \$218. That's only 38¢ per greeting...much cheaper than mailing a Purim card to everyone and it's a tax deductible donation!

The History of Purim Bags

The tradition of Purim Bags (Shalach Manot - the giving of gifts) dates back to the Jewish People's victory over Haman during the reign of King Ahasuerus. This mitzvah is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day, and to increase love and friendship among the Jewish people.

We continue this tradition at Temple Israel as a way to connect to our rich history, as well as to provide our members with a special opportunity to acknowledge those Temple Israel individuals & families who are important in their lives.

CHOOSE OPTION

GO ONLINE...

Log in to www.purimproject.com

Your user ID and Password are coming in the mail or you can contact the Temple Office.

Select to "SAY CHAI" to the entire Temple Israel community **OR** choose the Families you would like to honor. Select your payment method and submit.

FILL OUT FORM...

Mark the Master List to "SAY CHAI" to the entire Temple Israel community or mark with your selection of the member names you would like to send a Purim Greeting to, and return to Temple Israel along with the appropriate payment.

PURIM BAG DISTRIBUTION (GETTING YOUR BAG)

Your Purim Gift Bag, and any additional bags that you order for non-members can be picked up at the Temple Offices on **Friday, February 23.** Pick-up is also available prior to Services and Torah Study on **Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24**, or prior to Torah Center on **Sunday, February 25.** Any member bags that have not been picked up will be home-delivered by our volunteers.

IT'S A MITZVAH TO HELP DELIVER TOO!



Joys of Jewish Learning ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Screening of the film "BEST BOY" Discussion and Havdallah Saturday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m.



Join us as we acknowledge Jewish Disabilities Month and celebrate the contributions of the disabled in our congregation and beyond. In the film "Best Boy," which changed hearts and minds, Philly Wohl, against all odds, and aided by the uncommon devotion and unbreakable spirit of a very special family—succeeds in creating a fulfilling life for

himself. Best Boy captured the world's attention in 1979, and Philly captured the hearts of millions of viewers around the world. Many people credit "Best Boy" with doing more to change society's opinion of mental retardation than any film before or since. Honored with the Academy Award for Best Documentary and used worldwide to educate members of the social work and psychology communities, "Best Boy" is a truly groundbreaking film, as relevant and moving today as it was 30 years ago.

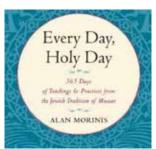
Cost: none

MUSSAR STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2

Facilitator: Trish Goldin



"Mussar is a system of introspective practices that can help you identify and break through the obstacles to your inherent holiness, using methods that are easy to integrate into daily life. The program laid out in this book focuses on 26 traits (middot)-such as loving-kindness, strength, generosity, compassion,

honor, and equanimity-each of which takes center stage for a week of contemplation and exercises, in order to develop and refine that quality in yourself," says Alan Morinis.

Our study group will get together once a month to study and share ideas on one trait using the Morinis book "Every Day, Holy Day" and other resources. We are thrilled to have Cantor Hass be our clergy liaison and hope to integrate music into our study. **Cost: none**

JEWISH LIFE AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH A Panel Discussion

Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Rachel Kaplan, Executive Director CSULB Hillel Jeffrey Blutinger, Director of Jewish Studies Program, CSULB Sofia Musman, CSULB Associated Student Body Vice President

How are Jewish students, faculty, and organizations on college campuses faring during these times when so many are working for peace and tolerance and others seem to feel differently? One can't help but hear the news about the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanctions) movement and the active Jewish response on college campuses across the nation. What is the sense of Jewish pride or concern amongst our local college community here in Long Beach? Join us for a panel discussion and an evening of learning and discussion about what Jewish life is currently like at Cal State Long Beach. **Cost: none**



BEGINNING YIDDISH

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 6, 13

Teacher: Yakob Basner

Do you carry or "shlep?" Do you aspire to be a kind, responsible person or a "mensch?" Do you merely complain, or do you "kvetch?" Why study Yiddish? Sadly, many Jews of European descent grew up with the feeling that Yiddish language and culture was not something to be proud of, but things have changed! Yiddish is experiencing a cultural revitalization. Today, Yiddish remains a profound, expressive language, now being used in newspapers, theater, film, music, and literature, as well as daily life. Come and learn bits of your bubby and zayde's mother tongue and be part of this reclaiming of Jewish and Yiddish tradition. Cost: \$40

Joys of Jewish Learning ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

BEGINNING HEBREW

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10, 17, 24 Instructor: Janet Liss



After this ten-week Beginning Hebrew class, students will be able to recognize all the Hebrew letters and vowels, read on a beginning level, follow along in the prayer book, and even read from the Torah on the last day of class! The text we will be using will give students the

opportunity to practice reading Hebrew through the use of games, puzzles, and various reading drills. If you want to learn Hebrew in a warm, fun and non-threatening environment, this class is for you!

Cost: \$100, including textbook



MARIO CORDERO, Executive Director of The Port of Long Beach Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Temple Israel is proud to welcome industry professional and Long Beach leader, Mario Cordero. The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, recognized for its innovation and reliability. Join us, as Mr. Cordero discusses the current projects and challenges facing the Port of Long Beach and how this international marine facility plays an important role in our local community.

Cost: none

JEWISH VIEWS OF SEXUALITY AND GENDER

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. March 1, 8 and 15

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving

Gender and sexuality are integral parts of our personal identity, yet are almost never discussed in a temple setting. But did you know that our holy texts discuss sexuality and sexual acts at length? Or that the Talmud records six different classifications of gender? We will read excerpts from ancient, medieval and modern sources (ones that you never saw in Hebrew school!) and learn what our sages say, and why. No Hebrew necessary.

Cost: none



GETTING TO KNOW AMERICAN MUSLIMS AND THEIR FAITH

Sunday, March 4 at 10:00am

Presenter: Milia Islam-Majeed



This presentation begins with basic terminology and demographics of Muslims in the United States and the world, describes the major beliefs and practices of Islam, including major Muslim holidays. It also addresses common misconceptions about Islam and Muslims and describes its relation to other religions, including Judaism and Christianity.

Cost: none

PLEASE RSVP FOR ANY JJL PROGRAMS
TO CHARMAINE AT CLW@TILB.ORG



YAHRZEIT OBSERVANCE

"Zecher Tzadik Livracha" The memory of the righteous are a blessin



February 7-13

Ruben Baines* Roberta Bernstein* Martin Bleich Laura Bohen Roos* Dorothy Brindze* Cheryl Eiser Harold Epstein Ruth Felsenthal Frances Gross Recha Heim* Charles Joffe Annette Kaiser Ieanette Kaller Betsy Kanarek Morris Krieger* Larry Lieberman Lorraine Merrick Myron Miller* Audrey Miller Sara Morris* Sara Mosk * Adolph Nagel Helen Penn* Maurice Pollack Rosalea Resnik* Milton Riskin Morris Ross Ioseph Ross Bella Rubenstein Eva Schwartz **Judie Senfeld**

February 14-20

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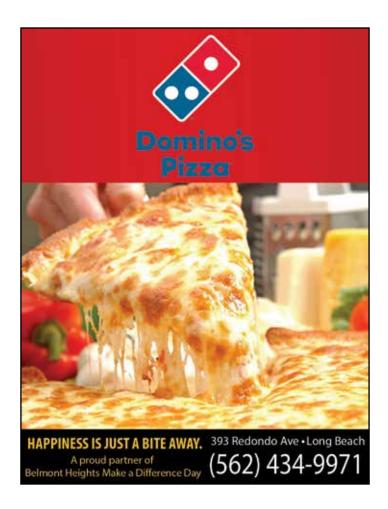
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