

# Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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Temple Israel Invites You To Come Celebrate Our 95th Birthday Join us as we recognize our Ki Va Moed Capital Campaign Donors, whose commitment to our community has allowed us to now envision THE NEXT 100 YEARS! FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 6 pm Shabbat Service 5 pm Special Extended followed by Birthday Cake! Pre-Shabbat Oneg

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# FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS



Temple Israel welcomes new member, 20 year old Isaac (Izzy) Kesner. Izzy grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was an active member of Congregation Albert. During his high school years, he was also very active in B'nai B'irth Youth Organization and aspired to move to Israel and join the IDF. Izzy moved to Long Beach to participate in an intern program and began classes at Long Beach City College in February. He enjoys plaving

guitar and is interested in meeting people and participating in all that Temple Israel has to offer.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Richard and Yael Marcus Barrie Pink Barbie Spatz





# Get Well Wishes

Leah Fudim Barbara Miller Jean Potter Jeanne Strum

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# **PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

Rabbi Steven Moskowitz • Cantor Sara Hass • Cantor Emeritus Marvin Finnley Eric J. Shatzkin, Exec. Director • Sharon Amster Brown, Educator Kara Liu, Youth Director • David York, Accompanist

#### **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.

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# SHABBAT SERVICES

**Friday, February 1 7:00 pm** Family Shabbat Service -Camp Shabbat

## Saturday, February 2

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, February 8 6:00 pm Shabbat Service Led by 7th Grade Students

## Saturday, February 9

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

## Friday, February 15

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh (Special Time and Week!)

## Saturday, February 16

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Adam Kogen

## Friday, February 22

6:00 pm Celebration of Temple Israel's 95th Birthday Service

#### Saturday, February 23

8:45 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Helena Newman

Join us for our Pre-Shabbat Wine and Appetizers Oneg before our 6:00 pm Services



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2019**

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# **100 YEARS CAMPAIGN**

#### TEMPLE KICKS OFF 100 YEAR CAMPAIGN WITH PARLOR MEETINGS – CAN YOU HELP?

By Mark Beizer, Foundation



The Boards of Temple Israel and the Foundation have initiated a campaign to build our endowment so that we are prepared for our future. We're calling it **"A Campaign for the Next Hundred Years."** Recently, we have begun an effort to publicize the campaign, including starting the process of holding several parlor meetings with congregants, not yet to directly ask for money, but instead to be able to explain the campaign and its importance in a

more intimate setting.

You may be asking yourself, "A 100 year campaign?! What the heck does that mean?" No, it doesn't mean we'll be campaigning for a hundred years ... even though it might seem like it. It means we're going to secure the future of our congregation, tying it in with celebrating our Centenary in 2024 – the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Temple Israel -- a hundred years of building the Long Beach Jewish community!

These are exciting times at Temple Israel. Since the successful Ki Va Moed Capital Campaign and the remodeling of the building more than six years ago, membership and our Torah Center has grown, with new families and kids joining our community as well as empty nesters and seniors looking for ways to enrich their Jewish lives. We have also enjoyed several years of financial stability, thanks to the hard work and responsible planning of our senior staff and Board. Now we want to ensure that the Temple community can thrive, not just in the few years ahead, but well into the future – and so, as Joseph impressed upon Pharaoh, in these good times it's wise to reap and store some extra grain. What better time to plant the seeds "for the *next* 100 years"?

This endowment campaign is focused on several parts – the Temple Improvement and Preservation Fund (in Hebrew, *Hiddur Mitzvah*) to maintain the building; and three "chairs" to underwrite three key senior staff positions -- those of Senior Rabbi, Cantor, and Educator. As each of these funds build, the monies they spin off will relieve pressure on the Temple operating budget, which will allow more programming, scholarships, dues relief, etc. And if and (as history has demonstrated, more likely) when the economy turns south, this nest egg will help us through any financial crises.

The campaign is seeking both current donations and estate pledges. You might consider donations of marketable assets as well (stocks, real estate, etc.). If you have questions about donating, please contact Eric Shatzkin or Temple and Foundation board members.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

You can be a part of this community effort. Most immediately, we are looking for additional volunteers to be involved in the campaign. Specifically, we're looking for families to host parlor meetings and otherwise "spread the word" to their friends in the congregation.

If you feel you can host, or are interested in attending one of these meetings, or help in any way, please contact Janet Schultz or Amy Lipeles.

Celebrating Our Past, Securing Our Future

# A CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

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# WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is an investment fund. The principal is protected in perpetuity and earned investment income may be used to supplement the Temple's annual operating budget.

# WHY ENDOW?

Endowment is about strengthening the fabric of Temple Israel by providing a permanent source of support that bolsters the operating budget. A gift to an endowment is a gift that will endure.

# **WHY GIVE?**

An endowment is the most effective way to ensure the long-term sustainability of Temple Israel. Long after the endowment is created, the principal remains intact, generating income to support and enhance the congregation.

# **SECURE OUR FUTURE:**

Become part of our Legacy Society. Your gift is a way that you can give back forever.



# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### THE POWER OF POSITIVITY

By Joyce Feldman, Temple President



Happy February! February is my favorite month. It follows January which contains so much pressure to start the New Year right. February is a month filled with random fun that you can either ignore or embrace - no pressure! There are many reasons I love February. First of all, it contains my birthday (which I have always thought of as a holiday). It is in the middle of my favorite season, winter, so the skiing is usually great. It contains Super Bowl

Sunday, which is my least favorite day, but I have managed each year to spin it positively by either enjoying the day at the movies or on the slopes! It contains Valentine's Day, which I agree is a "Hallmark" holiday, but it is a good reminder to embrace the ones you care the most about. February usually plays host to my personal "Super Bowl": The Academy Awards. To add a cherry to an already fun month, it even gives us an extra day one quarter of the time! Although this February does not contain leap year day; it's still is my favorite month.

February reminds me of the power of positivity. Positivity is defined as "the practice of being or tendency to be positive or optimistic in attitude." Positivity is contagious. Turning something I don't like (such as football), into a positive (I get the day for fun while the rest of the world is glued to the game!) has always been one of my goals. I find that when I stay positive, others around me become less negative. There is so much to disagree about lately. Imagine if we all worked harder to find the things we agree with? I recently had a long conversation with a congregant who holds different views than many of our congregation. As we talked we found we have quite a lot in common. We hold many similar views on tikkun olam (repairing the world) and a desire to live in a world of shalom (peace). Even though we don't agree on everything, I feel we agree on quite a lot! Staying positive was key to our conversation. I couldn't resolve all her concerns, but I hope the conversation left her with the knowledge that she was listened to and heard. The conversation reminded me that we, the members of Temple Israel, don't always agree on everything. We have a very diverse community. Other opinions must be respected.

Your *gemilut hasidim* (thoughtful act of kindness) challenge for the month of February is to reach out to one of your friends, and/or fellow congregants, who hold a different viewpoint than yours. Spend some time listening to them. Don't try to change their opinions, just listen. Perhaps, if they are willing, they will listen to your point of view as well. This shouldn't be a debate. Just listen and stay positive while you seek to learn why they feel the way they do. This conversation will likely end with, "let's agree to disagree". Hopefully, each of you will gain insights that will allow you to respect each other's opinions in a more positive way.



February also provides many opportunities for learning and inspiration here at the Temple, while we practice our positivity. On Saturday February 2nd, we will venture out on a JJL field trip as part of: "Beyond the Walls: Muslim Mosque" to learn about Islam and Muslims in our Long Beach community. On Friday mornings throughout the month of February, join Joyce Lott to discuss the short stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer. Saturday February 9th, we will be joined by Dr. Steven Windmueller as he leads a Shabbaton on "What Will The Jewish Community Be Like in 2050: Unpacking The Future". Sunday, February 10th, Rabbi Moskowitz will be joined by Rabbi David Cantor for "Rituals That Go Beyond: Exploring Chevre Kaddisha, The Jewish Burial Society". Saturday evening February 23rd, we will join for Havdalah and a screening of "Keep the Change" followed by a discussion. Then join Eve Lunt on Thursday February 28th, for "Hamantaschen with a Twist" as we cook up savory Hamantaschen! You can find more information about these opportunities and more in this Kol Yisrael, the JJL catalog and in the weekly emails.

As you can see, the short little month of February is filled with occasions for fun, social, learning and moments to be positive! May we all look beyond our differences, and embrace, with positivity, our commonalities! Happy February!

#### FEBRUARY BOARD BITES "What has the board been doing lately?"

- Reviewing our By Laws: discussing changes
- Analyzing the Digital Engagement "Strategic Communication Plan"
- Reviewing the current budget at the 6-month point
- Looking at the year ahead

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS JFCS FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM NEEDS VISITEES!

Do you know someone who is isolated and would benefit from seeing a friendly face arrive at their door on a regular basis? The JFCS Friendly Visitor program matches frail, isolated or homebound people with volunteers who provide companionship through weekly visits for conversation and sharing time together. Volunteers and visitees get to know each other, share stories, read, play cards and games, or watch a favorite TV show together. As volunteers listen, they give home-bound people a chance to reframe their stories and see meaning and purpose in their lives as they bring much-needed consistent social contact to them. The goal of the Friendly Visitor program is to help socially isolated people remain engaged in the community and to lessen the feelings of loneliness, which is often the situation when people live alone at home and family members are not nearby. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, or if you know someone who could benefit from a friendly visitor, please call Joanne Lopez at the JFCS office at (562) 427-7916.



#### PLACING STONES ON GRAVE MARKERS

By Rick Burney, VP Ritual Practices



Many of you may be familiar with the ritual of placing stones on the grave marker when we visit a friend or family member who has passed away. The final scene in Schindler's List shows a long line of those who were grateful to Oskar Schindler, pass by his grave and place a stone on his marker.

How did this ritual evolve and why is it done at all, in lieu of flowers? There are many different stories cited as the historical origin of this tradition.

It may trace back to biblical times when graves were simply marked with small stone mounds. Since gravestones were not utilized during this period, the mounds helped mark the location of the grave. In essence, the act of placing small stones on graves served as a way to preserve the gravesite, so that as time passed it could be found again. As common in Judaism, there is not one definitive answer; rather, there are opinions, either Talmudic or otherwise that attempt to explain this ancient tradition.

Stones have a special place in Judaism. In the Torah, the altar is often just a pile of stones but it represents a sacred object in Judaism. The Kotel, or the Western Wall, is a stone structure that holds significant importance to Jews. It marks the site of the Temple Mount, the Second Temple which was destroyed in 70 C.E.

The most pervasive explanation for the ritual of placing stones is that the grave, or beit olam (permanent home) requires the stones to retain the departed's soul. Flowers may offer a sense of beauty but are impermanent, whereas the stones represent the permanence of memory. Unless removed by the elements or by cemetery workers, the stones will remain in place, securing the soul of the one who has passed.

One often sees the abbreviation "taf, nun, tsadi, bet, hey" inscribed on many gravestones which stands for "teheye nishmato tsrurah b'tsror ha- chayyim," a phrase usually trans¬lated, "May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life." What is interesting is that in Hebrew, tsror means pebble. When we place stones on the grave and inscribe the motto above on the stone, we are asking God to watch over the soul of our departed.

Of course, there is the less spiritual explanation of this ritualthat we are leaving a sign to our departed loved ones that we remember them and the stone is a symbol of that memory. We often spend time scouring the cemetery for stones (often, they are not made readily accessible) because it is important to us to leave a marker signifying that we will always remember those who came before us. A number of years ago, my wife traveled to Boston with her parents and two sisters. As they were touring Boston's historic Freedom Trail, they noted that many graves along the trail had stones placed on top of the headstones. The guide told my wife's family that this only started to be a common occurrence after Schindler's List was released. The people buried here were not Jewish nor were many of the tourists who adopted this custom, yet the Jewish ritual of honoring those who have come before us resonates with many people.



**CYCLING PAST DISABILITIES** 



Temple Israel Board Member, Jared Goldin, is off to Israel in late March (with Trish's company and support) to participate in Good Wheel 2019, a 4-day cycling experience with ablebodied and disabled riders from all over the world. The event is

sponsored by, and raises operating funds for, the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled, which is located in Tel Aviv (Ramat Gan), Israel and serves over 80% of all Israelis with any type of physical disability. Jared recently had the chance to meet with Boaz Kramer (see picture), the Executive Director of the Center, as well as 2 members of its championship youth wheelchair basketball team (the Center offers 21 sports). You can support the Center and help Jared and Trish reach their fundraising goal (100% of all donations go directly to the Center) by going to *goodwheel.net*, then click "Sponsor" at top right or under "Menu" and then click on "Jared and Trish Goldin." (You can read Jared's article "Why I'll Be Cycling in Israel This Spring" at *Reform Judaism.org*, which will also be reprinted in next month's Kol Israel.)

# SISTERHOOD/BIRTHS IN OUR COMMUNITY



YOU ARE INVITED!

# Wine, Women & Song

Join us as we sing and socialize and raise money for WRJ's YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund. Get a taste of WRJ at this fun event.



#### Special Guest: Cantor Nancy Linder

Sunday February 10, 2019 | 3 pm Beth David, 6100 Hefley St., Westminster

Appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

Bring cash or your checkbook. We will have an opportunity raffle and more.

\$7 at the door. RSVP to Sisterhood@templebethdavid.org



# Sisterhood Women's Night Out

# MONDAY, MARCH 18 AT 6:30 am

Black Angus • 5000 Candlewood Ave. Lakewood

Join your Sisterhood friends for dinner, laughter and fun! Entree choices will be: 8 oz. Slow-Roasted Prime Rib, Fire-Grilled Chicken Breast, Gilled Fresh Salmon Sides: Western Wild Rice, Fresh Broccoli

**Cost \$25** (all inclusive) Molasses bread, shared starter (appetizer assortment), choice of entree, two sides, with choice of drink (soda, lemonade, tea, or coffee).

RSVP by March 11th to Charmaine *clw@tilb.org* 



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

SHOP AT OUR GIFT SHOP!

# SAVE THE DATES

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





To Paula Avchen on the birth of her granddaughter, Rachel Sophia Avchen born on January 7, 2019 weighing 7lbs 9 oz.



To Wynddi & Bill Dahlin on the birth of their grandaughter, Poppy Josette Dahlin born on January 7, 2019 weighing 6lbs 5 oz.



# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM / B'NAI MITZVAH





January was yet another eventful month for the Temple Israel youth community. January kicked off with our Teen Council meeting. High School Program representatives met in order to learn and discover even more ways in which they can benefit our community. Work was also begun on our outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year service which will be on Friday, May 17. Mark your calendars – it is a service not to be missed.

Taking their Jewish practices and applying them in the home, the sophomores came together and participated in Shabbat at Home with their families as a class. The next day, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class went on a field trip to Conservative congregation B'nai Israel in Tustin to gather knowledge and experience regarding Jewish customs and practices in other communities, including a bat mitzvah service and wonderful kiddush lunch. On January 13, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade adoptive grandparents came to class. Bonding and learning from the grandparents' generous wisdom, the group created a beautiful art project together for the upcoming holiday of Tu B'Shevat.

Another exciting youth group event occurred later that week when our teens went to NFTY SOCAL Winter Kallah at Camp Ramah. This very special event brought together teens from northern and southern California to participate in a ton of enriching and enjoyable programming and leadership skills. Toward the end of the month, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders partook in a Tu B'Shevat Program where they celebrated the holiday and learned about its meaning. The High School Program wrapped up the month with community service. Our youth group ANDI held a fun game night of arts and crafts after family services and participated in cleaning up the bay in kayaks. Our 10<sup>th</sup> graders went to Ronald McDonald House and made breakfast for all the residents and families. All in all, January was a thrilling and action-packed month for our temple's teens! Tune back in to see what other events we have in store.

## THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



My name is Adam Kogen and my Bar Mitzvah is February 16. I live in Rossmoor and attend 6th grade at Oak Middle School. My family takes great pride in our Jewish heritage. My dad, Dr. Fred Kogen, is a full-time mohel, which means I have crashed many Brit Milah ceremonies. I enjoy traveling, skiing, trading stocks, technology, flying drones, math, Boy Scouts, and playing clarinet in band.

**ADAM KOGEN** February 16, 2019

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteer at Friendship Circle, an organization

that brings companionship to children and young adults with special needs by celebrating their individuality through sports leagues and recreational activities. I particularly love the inclusive basketball buddies league!



Hello my name is Helena Newman and I'm so excited to become a Bat Mitzvah on February 23. I have worked very hard for this day. I am currently a seventh grader at Oak Middle School. Some of my favorite activities are swimming, snowboarding, skiing, boogie boarding, playing the trumpet, and photography. I live in Seal Beach with my dad, Dr. Glenn Newman, my mom, Michele Newman, and my brother, Rory (10).

HELENA NEWMAN February 23, 2019

My Bat Mitzvah Project is working at Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos.

I love helping out people of all ages in need. I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and to learn more about my Judaism.





# **TEMPLE ISRAEL FUN(D)RAISER!**



special opportunity to acknowledge those Temple Israel individuals & families who are important in their lives.

## **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.



3 Terry and Elizabeth Fiskin - 62 years 5 Mark and Cathe Beizer - 41 years Joel and Lyn Epstein - 42 years 8 Donny and Stacey Moore - 16 years 9 Phil and Jackie Fritz - 44 years 11 Jeff and Nancy Barrad - 35 years 13 Alan and Rosecarrie Brooks - 47 years 14 Brian and Rachel Farrell - 21 years Larry and Maggie Kosmin - 29 years 15 Leon and Barbara Shoag - 55 years 17 Andrew and Eve Lunt - 29 years 20 Binnie and Jack Berro - 64 years Mark and Susan Paletz - 36 years 22 Martin and Charlotte Axel - 49 years 24 Lance and Barbara Brukman - 28 years 26 Barry and Amy Hodis - 13 years David and Sarah Jacobson - 8 years 28 David and Leah Bleidistel - 18 years



Mazel Tov to Andrew Michael Kaplan, son of Don & Barbara Kaplan and Melissa Danielle Nahin, daughter of Barry & Lauren Nahin on their upcoming marriage on Sunday, February 3, 2019 in Brooklyn, NY at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center.





# SHABBAT SERVICES

Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter

# Sabbath Fellowship PROGRAM & SERVICE

# Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 am featuring Paul Stein, Musician

A member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic for 36 years, Paul Stein has brought his musical experience into many educational and chamber music venues. He created the *Chamber Music Express* ensemble in 1985 to introduce classical music to audiences at schools and libraries. Mr. Stein is the Artistic Director of the *Classical Kaleidoscope* chamber music series at the Arcadia Library, He has been a soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Glendale and Pasadena Community Orchestras, the Rio Hondo Symphony and the Crown City Symphony. He teaches violin and viola, from beginners through advanced, at his home studio.

#### Lunch included - \$5 per person Please RSVP to the Temple Office (562) 434-0996





# SHABBAT HANEFESH Friday, February 15 @ 7:00 pm

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.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD TOT PROGRAMS



Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 am 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



# WITH CANTOR HASS Friday, February 15 at 6:00 pm



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, February 13** to Michelle at<u>mdt@tilb.org</u>

## **JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING**

# SHORT STORIES OF ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER

Fridays at 10:00 am February 1, 8, 15, 22 Teacher: Joyce Lott

Meet with us to read and discuss some of the short stories that Isaac Bashevis Singer cherishes the most. We will talk about Singer's influences and why he is a master of the short story. We will also probe Singer's philosophy. How does he tackle the dilemmas of modern existence: Who are we? What are we doing on earth? How are we different from the Gentiles? What is our link to the past and the future? Viewing Singer in the Western European, the American, and the Jewish traditions, we will look for what made him a modernist and a transitional figure that cuts Jewish literature into pre- and post-holocaust periods. Mostly, we will simply enjoy his work. As Isaac Bashevis Singer himself said, "At its best, art can be nothing more than a means of forgetting the human disaster for a while." *Cost: none* 



#### BEYOND THE WALLS: MUSLIM MOSQUE in Orange County Saturday, February 2 Meet at Temple Israel to carpool at 12:00 pm

Join us for a meaningful and interesting visit to see what a mosque looks like and, at the same time, ask any questions that you might have on Islam and Muslims. We will also be able to visit a Muslim prayer service during our visit. *Cost: none* 



#### SUNDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Moskowitz February 3 and March 17 9:45 - 10:30 am

## RITUALS THAT GO BEYOND: Exploring Chevre Kaddisha, the Jewish Burial Society

#### Sunday, February 10 at 9:45am

Teachers: Rabbi Moskowitz and Rabbi David Cantor

Religious rituals are roadmaps of return. They are designed to help us remember why we have been created: to express gratitude for our existence through love, compassion, and justice. We will explore three rituals that may be beyond what we currently practice. In any case, they will take us beyond. *Cost: none* 



## Screening of KEEP THE CHANGE Havdallah and Discussion Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 pm



observance of Iewish In Disabilities Awareness month, please join us for a screening of this thought-provoking film. When aspiring filmmaker David is mandated by a judge to attend a social program at the Jewish Community Center, he is sure of one thing: he doesn't belong there. But when he's assigned to visit the Brooklyn Bridge with the vivacious Sarah, sparks fly and his convictions are tested. Their budding relationship must

weather Sarah's romantic past, David's judgmental mother, and their own pre-conceptions of what love is supposed to look like. *Cost: none* 

# **JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING**

## Cooking: HAMANTASCHEN WITH A TWIST Thursday, February 28 at 7:00pm

Teacher: Eve Lunt

What is Purim without a cocktail party, and what's a cocktail party without great appetizers? Let's mash that up with the classic three sided Purim cookie, and make the ultimate finger food - savory hamantaschen. You'll learn about how to make a savory dough and how to fold and fill it with ease. Plus, you'll leave with great recipes and tips for hosting your own "make your own hamantaschen party" cocktail party at home. *Cost: \$8, RSVP requested* 



JEWISH YOGA Teacher: Alana Weinberg Sundays at 9:45 am

February 24 and May 5

Cost \$5 per session



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

# HEBREW PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS TWO Tuesdays at 7:00pm

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Teacher: Janet Liss



This six-week class is for people who want to learn in a fun and encouraging environment some basic blessings that we use often as well as a standard prayer recited at every service. Prayer will depend on who enrolls in the class and interest level for specific prayers. We will look at the meaning of the

prayers, as well as learning the Hebrew. Knowing beginning Hebrew is a plus but not necessary. *Cost: \$80, including learning materials* 

> UNCOVERING THE HISTORY OF THE TRIANGLE SHIRTWAIST FIRE AND LESSONS FOR TODAY

#### Thursday, March 7 at 7:00pm

Facilitator: Barry Mitnick

On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory in New York City burned, killing 145 workers; all young women of Jewish or Italian origin. It is remembered as one of the most infamous incidents in American industrial history. The tragedy brought widespread attention to the dangerous sweatshop conditions of factories, and led to the development of a series of laws and regulations that better protected the safety of workers.

We will explore the tragedy as a microcosm of Jewish immigrant life in early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America and the possible lessons it has for us today. There will be a sixty minute documentary film with discussion to follow. *Cost: none* 



#### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY - WISH LIST by Joan Leb

#### **Jewish Encounter Series:**

**Barney Ross: The Life of a Jewish Fighter,** by Douglas Century, (\$6.00)

*The Jewish Body*, by Melvin Konner (\$19.80)

Jews and Power, by Ruth R. Wisse (\$21.92)

When General Grant Expelled the Jews, by Jonathan D. Sarna, (\$16.27)

*The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem*, by Jeremy Dauber (\$21.54) *Menachem Begin: The Battle for Israel's Soul*, by Daniel Gordis (\$26.46) *The Eichmann Trial* by Deborah E. Lipstadt (\$17.71)

Hillel, by Joseph Telushkin (\$21.60)

#### **Jewish Lives Series:**

*Rav Kook: Mystic in a Time of Revolution*, by Yehudah Mirsky (\$21.54)

Jacob; Unexpected Patriarch, by Yair Zakovitch (\$16.30) Solomon: The Lure of Wisdom, by Steven Weitzman (\$24.75) Moses Mendelssohn: Sage of Modernity, by Shmuel Feiner (\$24.48)

## Jewish History

*History of Judaism*, by Martin Goodman (\$39.95) *Knish: In Search of the Jewish Soul Food*, by Laura Silver (\$19.85) *The Salome Ensemble*, by Alan Robert Ginsberg (19.97)

## Jewish Thought & Philosophy

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# INTERFAITH GREATINGS What a Yaar This Has Been

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

As 2019 begins, Milia Islam Majeed's (SCIC's Executive Director) excerpted words highlight SCIC's 2018 activities and introduce those which start this new year!



"With your generosity in 2018, we were able to continue our many important programs. In addition, we debuted the Jewish-Muslim Youth Alliance in partnership with Temple Menorah, providing an opportunity for Muslim

and Jewish youth to come together to learn about one another; successfully launched Renewing Our Friendship: SCIC's 1st Annual Interfaith Iftar in honor of the month of Ramadan; organized the first ever SCIC Movie Night, showing "The Sultan & the Saint" a film about Muslim-Christian peace-building which brought together more than a hundred members of the interfaith community in dialogue and discussion; implemented "Faithchella: An Interfaith Teen Celebration of Community & Music" in partnership with Temple Israel; and participated in uniting the SCIC community for the 2018 Homeless Memorial, a multi-faith service which included prayer, reflection and remembrance with the Long Beach Homeless Coalition and Forest Lawn of Long Beach.

The outcomes of all our programs have enabled thousands of diverse individuals in our local interfaith community to come together and express shared values and illustrate a profound sense of respect, compassion and love for one another. Understanding the vital role that the SCIC plays, we were honored with the 2018 John Anson Ford Human Relations Award for being an exemplary change maker, recognizing our contributions towards transforming prejudice into acceptance, inequality into justice, and hostility into peace across Southern California! These accomplishments would not have been possible without your participation, support, generosity and belief in the work that we do!

We are also incredibly excited about our NEW projects for 2019: Interfaith Youth Camp; Year-Round Interfaith Cafes (12 cafes instead of the traditional four); and bimonthly SCIC Movie Nights highlighting how the arts help create interfaith unity. We know that with your continuing involved and financial support, these projects will be a tremendous success!

I want to express my endless gratitude to you for being a part of our interfaith family and I look forward to 2019 with great enthusiasm as we continue this journey together."



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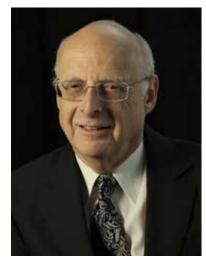
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Steven F. Windmueller, Ph.D. served as the Dean of the Los Angeles Campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion from 2006-2010. In March of 2009, he was appointed to the Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk Chair in Jewish Communal Service. In 1995, Steven was named the Director of the School of Jewish Communal Service (now the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management) of Hebrew Union College. Prior to coming to HUC-LA, he has held a number of prominent positions within the Jewish community over the course of a thirty-year professional career.