

# Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL



# New Member Recognition Shabbat Dinner and Service

Friday, Janaury 12 Come help us welcome our newest members! Cost \$25 adults and \$12 children (13 and under)

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GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE Generously sponsored by Rob & Debbie Feldman

# Friday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our jazz-infused musical Shabbat Service with Kendra Cogert and the Shabbatones!



# TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

#### Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this unique learning and social opportunity.

Cost: \$18 for dinner

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# SHABBAT HANEFESH

#### Friday, Janaury 12 at 7:00 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 know and love, presented with an acoustic, meditative flare, filled with powerful readings and perhaps a few new musical experiences.

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Skabbat Ska-Park Skalom Saturday, January 13 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

# PJ LIBRARY Tot Skabbat Led by Kelly Cooper Perler Friday, January 19 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!** 

# Get Well Wishes To ...

Geoff Carr Diane Fike David Feldman Leah Fudim Ronald Guest Rosalind Hertz Sylvia Koretz Dorothy Levin Barbara Miller Dan Spellens Jeanne Strum Marcia Wertheimer

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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, January 57:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with our Youth Choir

#### Saturday, January 6

8:45 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (NO SABBATH FELLOWSHIP SERVICE) Adult B'nai Mitzvah

#### Friday, January 12 New Member Recognition Shabbat 7:00 p.m. Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, January 13 8:45 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Phineas Shahon

#### Friday, January 19

6:00 p.m. PJ Library Tot Shabbat 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, January 20

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

Friday, January 26 7:00 p.m. Got Shabbat? Service

#### Saturday, January 27

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

#### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Gala Committee will hold a meeting to determine the sub-committees. If you are interested in helping with Temple Israel's BIGGEST Fundraiser of the year, please join us on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. We thank you all in advance for your help and enthusiasm!

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 - 2018**

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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



# HAPPY JANUARY HAPPY NEW YEAR- REDEDICATION

By Joyce Feldman, Temple President



Happy New Year! The secular New Year begins, for many of us, quite similarly to our Jewish new year. It is another chance to look back to the year behind us and make plans for the coming year. Some people call them resolutions. I like to think of them as rededication.

Last month, 10 of us from our congregation traveled to the URJ 2017 Biennial in Boston. Along with enjoying a beautiful snowstorm, we were enriched by our five days of

learning, inspiration, fellowship and exhaustion. My highlight was community. The community of other Reform Jews; the community of the inspiring speakers and presenters and perhaps most importantly the small bit of our community that, like me, took the time out of their schedule and the finances from their piggy bank, to make the journey with me. I asked my fellow travelers to share a few words of their highlights/thoughts from the biennial for my article this month. Here are their thoughts:

#### **Cantor Hass:**

This year's URJ Biennial was a wonderful experience. I loved attending with so many congregants, and I know that we all were impacted by what we saw and felt. Spending the week learning from some of the movement's best, inspired us all to work even harder to make our community and our world, a better place.

#### Amy Lipeles:

I was honored to be elected to the URJ North American Board at the Biennial this year. I hope to work with the URJ Board to connect Temple Israel with URJ resources as well as make greater connections with other local synagogues. If anyone would like to learn more about connecting with URJ resources I am happy to talk with you.

#### Linda (& Rick) Burney:

Reimagining Jewish Life - What I Experienced

- The joy of sharing Shabbat with over 5,000 other Reform Jews
- Inspiration from wonderful speakers, including: Senator Elizabeth Warren; Reverend William J Barber, II; MA Governor Charlie Baker. Each reminded us that complacency during these challenging times does not help to heal the world. We must engage in civil discourse and deeds of loving kindness.
- Fabulous music
- Opportunity to get to know members of our congregation better!
- Workshops that taught us to: "Ask Big Questions"; Five "Habits of the Heart" (based on Parker J Palmer's "Healing the Heart of Democracy"); Jewish Values Based Decision Making When Facing Ethical Challenges; Eight Principles

of Strong Congregations; Importance of re-engaging baby boomers; How to embrace and honor a diversity of political voices in the Reform movement; Consensus decision making

• I am very glad to be a part of the Reform Jewish Movement

#### Steve (& Michelle) Gordon

Who chooses to go to Boston in December? That was my first thought when presented with the possibility of going to the URJ Biennial this year. And besides, isn't Boston a place that has cold white stuff coming out of the sky? But notwithstanding the cold (which was quite manageable), and the snow (which was quite fun), my experience at the Biennial was amazing.

One of the current tenants of the URJ is "audacious hospitality." And that is exactly how the hosts of the convention made us feel. With smiles and greetings at every turn, the volunteers outdid themselves in making us all feel welcome. The workshops, which included topics such as ,managing temple finances, best principles for congregational engagement, social justice, governance, as well as many, many others, all contained a wealth of information that will only serve to enrich our temple community.

Following the sessions, we were then treated to dynamic speakers, musical entertainment (including our own Cantor Hass), and the opportunity to exchange ideas with congregants from around the country (and world). One of the more meaningful moments occurred during Shabbat Services. Nearly 6,000 of us were in one room, reciting and chanting the same prayers that we all know. I found the experience to be very powerful.

All in all, it was a fabulous week of education, worship, and community. I can't wait to bring back what I've learned, which I know will make our temple even better than the great place it already is.

#### Mark Dressner:

The Biennial was fun, invigorating, challenging, exhausting and more. I learned that, at least in 2017, URJ is a movement committed to social activism with underlying Jewish values, above all. I have new ideas about engaging with Israel, the need to archive, and how to respect, listen, and speak with each other better. Oh, and I still trip over my feet Jewish dancing while also being brave enough to attempt again "Jewish yoga" - twice.

I hope reading all of the above inspires many of you to follow our lead in two years and attend the next URJ Biennial: December 11-15, 2019 in Chicago!

In the meantime, your *Gemilut Chahsadim* (nurturing act of kindness) for January was inspired by the Biennial and the concept of the new year's rededication. It is a call to action: first step - choose your cause, then do something to make a difference: make a phone call, sign a petition, volunteer or write a check. Your action does not have to be huge - anything you do will make a difference!

Happy January! Happy Rededication!





# ANOTHER TREE, ANOTHER YEAR

By Jennette Fackler, VP Ritual Practices



Tu B'Shevat begins a three-month series of full moons in the middle of the month before reaching Passover. January 31, 2018 is a full moon, and the Rosh Chodesh (new moon) just before that is on January 17, 2018 and so on. All the changes we notice just by checking the phases of the moon, we see them, and we call them beginnings and endings of a never ending cycle of life on earth.

We can't really ask now if we should go back or cross over. We just cross over because we are alive. Is the New Year an indication that time had changed us, or have we changed time? Are we better than before or just on the verge of obsolescence?

January is the month of the secular New Year, and there is a lot to celebrate and to plan new things or upgrade by learning and implementing. Also, this year, 2018, Tu B'Shevat (the 15th of Shevat) also known as New Year of the Trees, begins at sunset on January 30 and ends on the nightfall of Wednesday, January 31. This time of year, there is abundance of the Seven Species (Shivat Haminim): figs, pomegranates, wheat, barley, dates (or honey), grapes (fruit of the vines), and olives. We have a wonderful and delicious custom of eating from the seven species and drinking 4 glasses of wine in a seder. And if you eat fruits you have not eaten before, this is an opportunity to bless that moment with the Shehecheyanu.

In keeping with the custom of revival of nature, many major institutions in Israel have held inaugurations on this day. For example, the cornerstone-laying of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was held on Tu B'Shevat 1918, the Technion in Haifa was on Tu B'Shevat 1925 and the Knesset was on Tu B'Shevat 1949.

If you want to have an older tree planted, do it on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Shevat, because by the next day your tree will be starting its second year. But if you plant a tree on the 15th or even the 16th of Shevat, then that tree will not be one year older until the next year on Tu B'Shevat. The custom of planting trees on Tu B'Shevat seems to have its "roots" on Tu B'Shevat 1890 when Rabbi Ze'ev Yavetz (one of the founders of the Mizrachi movement) took his students to plant trees in the agricultural colony of Zichron Yakov. Then in 1908, the Jewish Teachers Union planted trees on Tu B'Shevat; then later, the Jewish National Fund (Keren HaKayemet L'Israel) established in 1901 to oversee land reclamation. The Jewish National Fund schedules major treeplanting events every Tu B'Shevat. This day is commonly referred to as the Israeli Arbor Day by international media. It can also be a good marker to dedicate actions that furthers environmental awareness.

Just like the trees, we humans, count our age. This is the natural

order we have set for ourselves, even if we have no idea exactly when time really began. Change is constant, and we may be the producer of changes or change is producing us. It's in our nature to make life meaningful by making it productive. We are, after all, God's partner in creation.



In partnership with the Ritual Practices Committee

# **TU B'SHEVAT SEDER** Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

The holiday of Tu B'Shevat marks the new year, or the birthday of the trees in Israel. Tu B'Shevat translates as the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat; Tu is not a word, but a representation of the number 15. A harbinger of spring, Tu B'Shevat usually falls between the end of January and the middle of February. It is during this time that trees in Israel begin to bud. Tu B'Shevat is believed to have the same meaning for trees as Rosh HaShanah does for people; on this day God decides how bountiful the trees will be in the coming year.

The Tu B'Shevat seder is a beautiful way to celebrate this holiday. Based on the Passover seder, the Tu B'Shevat seder was instituted by the Kabbalists, who connect each segment of the ritual to a different mystical teaching about the body and spirit. During the seder, we will drink four glasses of wine (or juice), read 13 Biblical verses about agriculture and vegetation in Israel, recite special blessings over different groupings of fruits and nuts, and enjoy dinner together.

#### Join us for this unique learning and social opportunity. Cost: \$18 for dinner

Please RSVP to Charmaine at *clw@tilb.org* 



# SISTERHOOD

#### A JOURNEY TO MASSINGA, MOZAMBIQUE Women & Children of Mozambique, Africa Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. *at Temple Israel*

**Cindy Arana** will speak about her experience working on the Water Underground Project to bring clean water to communities in Massinga. She has many stories to tell about her six weeks there working with the Water Underground team, and will share her journey with us about promoting child and adult education, women empowerment, and the pure joy of being a part of a fascinating community that is bound by faith, hope, love, and family.



Sisterhood Gift Shop

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

Shop at our Gift Shop!

# **BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!** WE ARE COLLECTING NOW THROUGH THE END OF JANUARY

**NEEDED:** 

Warm coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, rainwear and sweaters

Items help local shelters to provide support for the homeless, needy and new immigrants in our community. Deposit your donations in the bins in the Temple Alpert Family Foyer.

# SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, April 24** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Temple Israel Sisterhood



Sisterhood Honors the Women Leaders of Temple Israel Sunday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. AT TEMPLE ISRAEL Lunch will be served OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENTS: JOYCE FELDMAN, 2017 - PRESENT AMY LIPELES, 2011 - 2013 LINDA BURNEY, 1995 - 1997 PHYLLIS WALLIS, 1989 - 1991 LYNNE ROSENSTEIN, 1979 - 1981 Please RSVP by January 26

# **SISTERHOOD** Membership Champagne Brunch

March 4 at 11:00 a.m. Temple Israel

Come meet Sara Goldfinger, Screenwriter and Producer

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



# **SOCIAL ACTION**



#### REFORM CA REGIONAL MEETING CALLS FOR A UNITED CONGREGATIONAL EFFORT

Early on the morning of Sunday, December 3, 2017 six members of the Temple Israel Social Action Committee arrived at Stephen S. Wise Temple to participate in a Reform California Regional gathering in west Los Angeles. Reform CA is a project of the Religious Action Center (RAC) which is the social justice arm of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ). Reform CA organizes across lines of race, class, and faith for a more just and compassionate California. This was the third regional gathering in California in which previous participants would come away energized and excited about their social justice efforts.

Goals of the day-long regional gathering were to connect local Southern California congregations involved in social justice activities to learn from each other, share their successes and challenges, and make clear the connection between the congregations' social justice work and Reform CA's statewide work in partnership with other like-minded groups advocating for change. Approximately 70 people attended representing 20 URJ affiliated congregations in and around Los Angeles County.

The Regional Gathering was convened by Lee Winkelman, California Organizing Director of Reform CA. Mr. Winkelman, a highly effective and engaging speaker, provides free coaching and training for URJ-member congregations in California that want to understand the parameters of religious advocacy, develop a social action agenda, create dialogue with congregants, and/or enhance their advocacy skills.

In addition to learning from other congregations about their social justice work, we learned about Reform CA's recent legislative successes. Those successes included passage of the Trust Act which ensures protections for immigrants (2013), the Cap and Trade fund for affordable housing (2014), requirements on reporting of police stops to track racial profiling (2015), Proposition 57 prison reform to allow prisoners to earn earlier parole and ensure juveniles are held in juvenile settings (2016) and in 2017 Senate Bill 54, the California Values Act, which is intended to protect the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to fuel mass deportations and separate families.

Reform CA will be following up in 2018 with webinars and a new Tent group (the URJ's social media platform) where congregational social justice team leaders can continue to build relationships and share information. In addition, Reform CA will be establishing Issue Research Teams on such topics as Bias, including Transgender rights, other LGBT issues, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism, climate change, criminal justice reform, health care - including reproductive rights, housing and homelessness - and immigration reform.

The Issue Research Teams will meet with Reform CA's partner groups to learn about state bills and ballot measures which we

will collaborate on in 2018. The Issue Research Teams will also hold webinars in January and early February 2018 so leaders of congregational teams (that means you!) can learn about possible bills and ballot measures and provide feedback on them. The Reform CA Leadership Team will hold a web meeting, probably in February, where congregational social justice team leaders can weigh in on its final proposals for 2018's legislative and electoral agenda.

As promised by our invitation to participate in the regional gathering, we too came away energized and excited about the opportunities to enhance our social justice efforts at Temple Israel Long Beach. To get involved with Temple Israel's Social Action Committee please contact Myron Wollin, (*mywollin@ yaboo.com*) or (562) 822-8591.

For more information on Reform CA go to https://rac.org/ reform-california and to be a member of the Reform CA 2018 Issue Research Teams go to: <u>https://racrj.wufoo.com/forms/</u> <u>samlw2f1r0ohqp/</u>. The RAC's website is: <u>https://rac.org</u>



Natalie Swit, Helene Hoffman, Committee Chair Myron Wollin Kate Sachnoff, Heather Raphael, and Harriette Ellis

#### HAMENTASCHEN BAKING Volunteers Needed

Come help us bake hamentaschen for Purim!

Wednesdays 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 February 7

#### Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. January 7 and 28 February 11

No need to RSVP just show up ready to bake!



# LIBRARY / WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



#### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

by Joan Leb



Since 1968, the Association of Jewish Libraries has awarded the Sydney Taylor Book Awards to encourage the creation of outstanding children's books with Jewish content. The awards are named in honor of the author of the All-of-a-Kind Family stories that depicted the immigrant Jewish experience in New York at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

and are awarded to authors who make the most distinguished contributions to Jewish children's literature each year. Originally only one award was given; now there are three: for younger children, for older readers, and for teens.

Here are some of the Sydney Taylor book awards in our library:

- 1968 The Endless Steppe, by Esther Hautzig
- 1981 The Night Journey, by Kathryn Lasky
- 1983 In the Mouth of the Wolf, by Rose Zar
- 1984 -Mrs.Moskowitz and the Sabbath Candlesticks, by Amy Schwartz
- 1986 Joseph Who Loved the Sabbath, by Marilyn Hirsh
- 1987 *The Devil's Arithmetic*, by Jane Yolen *The Number on My Grandfather's Arm*, by David A. Adler
- 1988 The Keeping Quilt, by Patricia Polacco
- 1989 Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry
- 1990 The Chanukkah Guest, by Eric Kimmel
- 1991 Cakes and Miracles: A Purim Tale, by Barbara Goldin
- 1992 Something from Nothing, by Phoebe Gilman
- 1994 The Always Prayer Shawl, by Sheldon Oberman
- 2002 Hana's Suitcase: A True Story, by Karen Levine Chicken Soup By Heart, by Esther Hershenhorn
- 2003- Who Was the Woman Who Wore the Hat? by Nancy Patz
- 2005 Confessions of a Closet Catholic, by Sarah Littman
- 2007 Hanukkah at Valley Forge, by Steven Krensky Julia's Kitchen, by Brenda Ferber The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak
- 2008 The Entertainer and the Dybbuk, by Sid Fleischman
- 2009 *Brooklyn Bridge*, by Karen Hesse *A Bottle in the Gaza Sea*, by Valerie Zenatti
- 2010 *New Year at the Pier*, by April Wayland *The Importance of Wings*, by Robin Friedman *Tropical Secrets*, by Margarita Engle
- 2011 Gathering Sparks, by Howard Schwartz The Things a Brother Knows, by Dana Reinhardt
- 2012 *Music Was It; Young Leonard Bernstein*, by Susan Rubin *The Berlin Boxing Club*, by Robert Sharenow
- 2013 Hannah's Way, by Linda Glase His Name was Raoul Wallenberg, by Louise Borden Intentions, by Deborah Heiligman
- 2014 The Blessing Cup, by Patricia Polacco

The Nazi Hunters: How a team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi, by Newal Bascomb

- 2015 *My Grandfather's Coat*, by Jim Aylesworth *Hidden: A Child's story of the Holocaust*, by Loic Dauvillier *Storm*, by Donna Jo Napoli
- 2016 *Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed*, by Leslea Newman *Adam and Thomas*, by Aharon Appelfeld *The Hired Girl*, by Laura Amy Schlitz
- 2017 I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark, by Debbie Levy The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog, by Adam Gidwitz Anna and the Swallow Man, by Gavriel Savitz

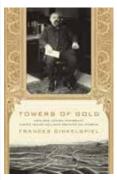
The books for younger children are great for parents and grandparents to read to their children. The books for older and teen readers can be enjoyed by adults as well.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Sydney Taylor Awards.

# WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30pm

Faciliator: Diane Fike

Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias Hellman Created California by Frances Dinkelspiel



Isaias Hellman, a Jewish immigrant, arrived in California in 1859 with very little money in his pocket and his brother Herman by his side. By the time he died, he had effectively transformed Los Angeles into the modern metropolis we see today. In Frances Dinkelspiel's groundbreaking history, the early days of California are seen through the life of a man who started out as a simple store owner only to become California's premier money-man of the late

19th and early 20th century. Growing up as a young immigrant, Hellman quickly learned the use to which "capital" could be put, founding LA's Farmers and Merchants Bank, the city's first successful bank, and transforming Wells Fargo into one of the West's biggest financial institutions. Hellman led the building of Los Angeles' first synagogue, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, helped start the University of Southern California, and served as Regent of the University of California. Ripe with great historical events that followed the early days of California such as the Gold Rush and the San Francisco earthquake, Towers of Gold brings to life the transformation of California from a frontier society whose economy was driven by the barter of hides and exchange of gold dust into a vibrant state with the strongest economy in the nation.

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR ADULT B'NOT MITZVAH! Janaury 6, 2017



Laurie Arroyo



Ruth Cooperman



Nadia Geller



Lynne Kass



Marlene Sanchez



Leslie Ciletti



Kelly Cooper Perler



Sharon Gerstein



Carrie Levinson



Janet Faigen Schultz

# THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



My name is Phineas Shahon and I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah on January 13, 2018. I am a 7th grade Honor Student at McAuliffe Middle School and my favorite subject is Social Studies. My favorite sport is baseball and I am looking forward to the upcoming Spring season. For my Mitzvah Project, I am working at Lakewood Village Little League. Baseball has provided me with so many opportunities for learning about teamwork and accomplishing goals. I am so happy to give back

to this organization that has provided me with so much during my childhood.

I am excited to take the next step and become an adult in our Jewish community. I am thankful to my family and the entire Temple Israel community for their support in becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

ANDI TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 9-12 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

By Owen Sweeney, ANDI President



December was very busy for ANDI. On December  $2^{nd}$ , ANDI held the long-anticipated event for  $6^{th}$ ,  $7^{th}$ , and  $8^{th}$  graders from throughout S o u t h e r n

California. Sponsored by NFTY SoCal, this 678 event was filled with meaningful and fun programs alike. More than 45 middle schoolers attended. One activity included creating potential shopping lists on limited budgets to learn about the cost of living for families with lower incomes. Another activity provided time for the participants to have fun by debating silly questions. One such debate question was: 'Is a hotdog a sandwich?' Early in December, ANDI held auditions for our annual teen Purim shpiel. The theme is Frozen, and we can't wait to perform it for the entire congregation in late February. Rehearsals will be held throughout January. ANDI also held its annual winter Lock-In on December 22 when we stayed over at the temple after services to watch movies, play glow in the dark games, and make pancakes. The event was very successful and Jewish teens from the greater Long Beach area attended. Please note that our next ANDI meeting will be January 7th at temple. We invite all teens to enjoy a pot-luck lunch and join in planning more awesome events!



# **INTERFAITH GREETINGS**

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council (This month's column is borrowed from the Interfaith Alliance's president, Rabbi Jack Moline.)

#### The Johnson Amendment

"The House and Senate have both passed their versions of the Republican tax bill which is now being firmed up in conference committee. There's a lot in either proposal to not like, but one provision has us particularly worried.

The House version of the bill includes language that effectively guts rules that for decades has protected houses of worship from being plunged into the partisan political fray. The Johnson Amendment keeps tax-exempt houses of worship from being turned into political tools. A majority of clergy – and Americans – support the status quo and oppose political endorsements from the pulpit.

Killing the Johnson Amendment is a dream of the Religious Right and would effectively force every American to subsidize political speech they may disagree with.

They have long tried to weaponize churches for partisan battles as they work to consolidate power. They claim that the Johnson Amendment silences clergy in America. That's nonsense. Faith leaders are free to address politics, they just can't use tax-exempt dollars for partisan politics.

This restriction applies to houses of worship, just as it does to the Girl Scouts, Red Cross and any other tax-deductible charity. The good news is that it's not too late, but we must act now. While the Senate did not include the Johnson Amendment in their tax bill, they're preparing to hammer out the differences between the two bills with members of the House before sending it to President Trump.

We must ensure that the final text of the bill does not include the Johnson Amendment language. That means your Senators, especially those serving on the conference committee, need to hear from YOU today. Please write your Senators and member of Congress now."

I urge us all to contact our Senators and Representatives immediately. We have no time to waste!

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



1 Carlos and Maria Angel - 19 years Tawny Correa and Rachel Van Raalte - 7 years

2 John Burkholder and Barbara Pollack - 34 years

- 4 Cantor Marvin and Hannah Finnley 32 years
- 11 Gerald and Miriam Goldberg 59 yearsGlenn and Michele Newman 15 years
- 13 Greg and Melanie Basich 10 years
- 17 Greg and Lisa Endelman 20 years

18 Paul and Martha De Young - 26 years

19 Marshall Blesofsky and Susan Sklar - 43 years

20 Kenneth and Sandra Gertz - 16 years Daryl and Sandy Phillips - 45 years

21 Mark and Betsy Thompson - 45 years

29 Jeffrey and Laura Engerman - 13 years



# Thank You To Our Oneg Shabbat Sponsors THROUGH DECEMBER 10

Leslie Ciletti & Linda Keiles in honor of the B'not Mitzvah Class

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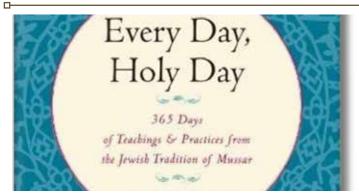
## **OUR CONDOLENCES TO...**

Cantor Deborah Bard & Adrienne Bard on the death of their mother, Anita Bard

Laurie & Joe, and Dylan Dempsey on the death of father and grandfather, James Bollingmo







MUSSAR STUDY GROUP Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. January 3, 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** 

## THE STORY CONTINUES: PROPHETS & PROVERBS Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Facilitator: Joan Leb

The Tanakh class is starting the fifth year of reading the rest of the Hebrew Bible after the Torah. So far, we have entered the Promised Land with Joshua, who lived during the period of the Judges, seen the establishment of two kingdoms, and gone into exile. We have read all of the 12 Minor Prophets and the three Major Prophets. We are now immersed in the Psalms and loving reading through this beautiful piece of work. This is a lay-led group, so everyone has an opportunity to participate. No previous knowledge or experience is required, just curiosity and a desire to learn. Come and join us. We have fun! Cost: none

# **HEBREW BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS 2**

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. January 9, 16, 23, February 1(Thursday) 6,13 Teacher: Janet Liss

After a quick review of the prefixes, suffixes, vocabulary words, and prayers that were learned in Intermediate Hebrew 1 class, we will concentrate on learning the V'ahavta and Ma'ariv Aravim. Unlike the Beginning Hebrew Class, this class will include discussion about the meaning and history of our prayers, with the hope that students will be able to participate to a greater extent as well as have a fuller understanding and appreciation during services. If you would like to move forward with your Hebrew in a safe, fun environment, this class is for you! If you missed taking the Intermediate Hebrew 1 Class, please contact us, in order to determine whether this class will fit your needs. **Cost: \$75, including learning materials** 



# SCREENING OF THE FILM "EL HARA" Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.



Screening of the documentary film "El Hara" and a conversation with its filmmaker, Margaux Fitoussi, a graduate of Temple Israel's Torah Center. Margaux is currently in a Ph.D. program in anthropology at Columbia University.

The film explores the Jewish neighborhood of Tunis, the Hara, and the life of Tunisian writer Albert Memmi, who left the Hara

for France, though the Hara never left him.

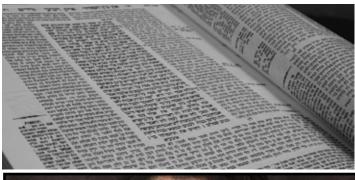




#### DISAGREEMENT WITHIN COMMUNITY Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00pm

Teacher: Rabbi Drew Kaplan

No community is devoid of disagreements – and certainly not Jewish ones (!) – so how do we conduct ourselves with disagreements? Also, what constitutes community – who's in and who's out? We will be looking at some foundational rabbinic texts on disagreements in community. Cost: none





GUEST SPEAKER DR. REAGAN ROMALI Superintendent-President Long Beach City College Thursday, January 18 at 7:00pm

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Spice up Shabbat with some surprising ingredients Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00pm Instructor: Eve Lunt

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# Screening of the film "BEST BOY" Discussion and Havdallah Saturday, February 3 at 7:00pm



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

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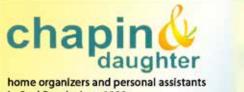
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