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New Member Recognition Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 24

We invite the congregation to welcome the newest members of our Temple Israel Community

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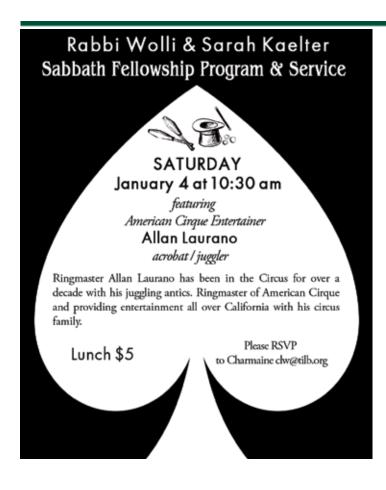
Friday, January 10 ~ 6 p.m.

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

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Our Mission is to actively engage in a journey of Jewish spiritual, educational and social growth.

Our Vision is to be a vibrant, caring Reform congregation of living Judaism that embraces the rich legacy of Jewish thought, practice and spirituality.

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Join us at 5:30 pm for our Pre-Shabbat Wine and Appetizers Oneg before our 6:00 pm Services.

Friday, January 3

7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 4

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, January 10

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, January 11

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Forsyte

Friday, January 17

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 18

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Megan Engerman

Friday, January 24

7:00 pm New Member Recognition Shabbat

Saturday, January 25

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Finch

Friday, January 31

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Saturday, February 1

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship

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TRANSFORMATIVE

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



Transformative.

That's a word that is often used to describe an experience that has a profound effect on us. At times it is overused, or mentioned in a context that perhaps doesn't merit its full descriptive nature.

Having said that, I'm now going to take a risk and tell you that the five days I just spent at the URJ Biennial in Chicago was transformative. This was the second time I've had the privilege

of attending a Biennial conference, and both times the experience was meaningful enough to describe with a superlative. Two years ago we were in Boston, and much like Chicago, we needed hats, gloves, scarves, and coats that don't often leave our Long Beach closets. Unlike in Boston, however, we were not treated to that cold, white stuff that comes out of the sky. It was plenty cold, for sure. There just wasn't anything we could pick-up off the ground, and throw at things without getting arrested.

Weather, of course, is not something that would typically be thought of as life changing. So, what is it about the Biennial that makes me describe it as I have?

Firstly, there were nearly 100 workshops to choose from. They included topics such as temple governance, leadership development, financial and budget issues, worship, congregational engagement, philanthropy, social action, as well as many others. There were also many opportunities to network with members from other congregations across the country, and even around the world. Plenary sessions included news reports from the URJ, dynamic speakers, and introductions of new staff. Interspersed with all of this was musical entertainment, as well as Shabbat services.

All good stuff, to be sure, but I haven't yet mentioned anything worthy of my initial description.

At this point, I'd like to return to my Boston experience. Since it was my first Biennial, I really didn't know what to expect. And when I found myself in Shabbat services with 5,000 other Jews, all saying the same prayers and singing the same melodies, it was a profound experience. The essence of what makes up such a significant part of who I am was being shared with so many others, all in the exact same way, and the exact same time. We were all worshiping and praying together. It didn't matter what our hair color was, what books we like to read, or who our favorite sports teams are (sorry, just a little residue from last month's article). We were bound by our faith, and a commonality of heritage and culture. Hearing so many voices all together as one, with melodies that I have been chanting for years, was beyond powerful.

It was an experience that I was so looking forward to this year. But then a funny thing happened on the way to Nirvana... it didn't happen. There were prayers I didn't know, and melodies of familiar prayers that were different. Whoa! What's that all about? But then I calmed down, closed my eyes, and listened. And listened some more. I did not need to sing every prayer (a welcomed respite for those sitting on either side of me) in order to worship, or to find meaning in the service.

There's no question that "familiar" is comforting. It's what we often want, and it's something we often crave. I did. And I still do. But for a short time I experienced *different*, and embraced it. It flowed through me, and it touched me. Do I want different every time? Nope. Sure don't. I still look forward to hearing what I know, and what I've always known. That's not going to change for me. But what did change, was the overall experience of relishing the familiar, and at the same time, welcoming different. And I did this with FIVE THOUSAND others who share the same bloodline, biologically or metaphorically.

Transformative.

MUSIC AROUND THE SHABBAT TABLE WITH CANTOR MARVIN FINNLEY



On December 6th a group of Temple Israel members enjoyed a sumptuous musical Shabbat dinner hosted by Rob and Deb Feldman at their home in Los Alamitos. Their guests were treated to an evening of sing-a-long with our beloved Cantor Emeritus Marvin Finnley accompanied by his magical accordion.

Cantor Finnley's beautiful baritone voice filled the Feldman's festive home with familiar melodies ranging from traditional Jewish songs to American standards and Broadway show tunes.

A memorable time was had by all.

We encourage you to sign-up to participate in one of these special and most enjoyable evenings. Upcoming dates are February 7 and March 6, please contact Charmaine at

clw@tilb.org



TO KNOW BUT NOT TO KNOW, IS THAT THE PROBLEM?

By Rabbi Jim Simon



As you read this in January (and I do appreciate those who camp out next to the mailbox waiting with bated breath for the new issue of KOL YISRA'EL) we are close to beginning the second Book of the Torah, Shemot, also known as Exodus. Even though Joseph has died, all of his brothers and many offspring remain in Egypt. In fact, they are doing very well in Egypt- the Torah says we were fertile and prolific. Unfortunately, in Chapter 1, verse 8 we read "a new

King arose over Egypt who knew not Joseph." And from there, the story of our 400 years of slavery begins.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut teaches that this new Pharaoh is simply unaware of the great things Joseph did for Egypt. After all, it has been a long time. Now arises a new Pharaoh, seeking his own identity. The new Pharaoh may be "pharanoid" but the reality is even if he did know of Joseph's greatness, he cannot afford to know him now.

Or, in these cryptic words there may be another lesson for us. Is the Torah saying we have *long* memories for the things we wish to remember but *short* memories when it comes to other matters? Some of us can remember in meticulous detail something we did for another person years and years ago, but when it comes to things that others have done for us, we quickly forget. We have selective memory - we remember only what we wish to remember.

Maybe the Torah is trying to teach us that the new Pharaoh didn't know Joseph, not because he was dead (even though he was), but because whatever Joseph had done in the past, today was a new day. It was as if the new motto/mantra became "what have you done for me today?" This is an important teaching - about gratitude, about remembering what others have done for us, our synagogue, our Jewish community and our country. We never seem to forget how good we were to others. In fact as the years go by we become (in our minds) even greater!

The phrase "what have you done for me lately?" may be a cute cliché, but it's a very sad comment on our character. I would hope we are better than that.



A NOTE FROM CANTOR HASS

By Cantor Sara Hass



Founded in 1875, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is North America's leading institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR is the center of innovation for Jewish life and learning — preparing rabbis, cantors, leaders in Jewish education, Jewish nonprofit professionals, pastoral counselors, and scholars to apply their knowledge, commitment, vision, and

expertise to strengthen and transform the Jewish community and larger world. HUC-JIR is comprised of 4 campuses – Los Angeles, Cincinnati, New York, and Jerusalem. With the destruction of the centers of higher Jewish learning in Europe during the Holocaust, HUC-JIR became one of the few surviving Jewish academic institutions in the world. As a successor institution to the European yeshivot and academies of Jewish education which had flourished for a millennium, the College-Institute was charged with the responsibility of raising a new generation of Jewish scholars and perpetuating the continuity of Jewish spiritual and material culture. Inspired by the legacy of all that was lost, HUC-JIR has strived to develop its centers of learning as vibrant sources of learning radiating Jewish knowledge to communities throughout the world.

For the last year and a half, I have had the honor of serving on the faculty of the Los Angeles campus of the HUC-JIR. In my role as "campus cantor", I have been given a unique and important opportunity to work with rabbinic and education students as they prepare to lead their communities in prayer. At the beginning of each year, I work with 2nd year students as they prepare for the High Holy Days. For many of these students, the holidays will be their first time leading a community in prayer – either as a solo rabbi or working with other clergy members.

In addition to preparing for the High Holy Days, I am fortunate to lead weekly Thursday morning services with 2nd-5th year students. Each week, students meet with me virtually to create a morning service. We talk about specific themes, what's going on in the world, and of course what music to include in the service. As a graduate of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music on the New York campus, I will never take for granted that it is the only campus on which rabbinic and cantorial students' study and create prayer *together* on a daily basis. The relationships that I made and my rabbinic peers at HUC-JIR helped me to understand the importance and value of sacred partnership. It is through those experiences, as well as my work as the cantor at Temple Israel, that I am able to guide my students.

As I enter my sixth year as your cantor, I remember how much the work I did at HUC-JIR helped me gain the confidence I needed to become a leader. Comfort on the bimah comes with time and experience, but I hope that the time the student spends with me can help them realize that *they* are capable of inspiring. This experience strengthens my role as both a cantor and clergy, and for that I am especially grateful.

PERFECTLY IMPERFECT

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



Another amazing Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial has come and gone. Imagine 5,000 Reform Jews celebrating Shabbat together, going to hundreds of workshops together, and playing together through music, dance, pizza, doughnuts, and even yoga. Among the many workshops that I attended was an amazing exploration and approach to community services entitled "Worship that Works: Clergy and Lay People Vision" conducted by Rabbi Ken Chasen of Leo Baeck

Temple in LA and Cantor Rosalie Will, Director of Worship and Music from URJ. Much of what follows is taken directly from their handouts and discussion.

A meaningful communal worship is *Perfectly Imperfect* for everybody. One must ask about a "perfect" service, is this perfect for whom? Tradition is different for each person. Not everything is "Ashkenormative." In a communal setting are we each able to appreciate that though this section of the service is not working for me right now it is working well for someone else. When we are together this is communal worship NOT personal worship.

The goal of worship is not to like it or not like it. The question to ask is did the worship work in the moment? What was the goal of a particular part of the service? Was the goal to agitate? Take a deep breath? We need to give up some of our personal expectations. As a worship service is put together the questions to ask are: Why this moment? What were they going for? Why did this work or not work?

The worship service should be the congregation's shared language together. How would you describe our worship service? Does the service represent who we are as a congregation? Would an outsider coming to our service for the first time be able to figure out our congregation's values by coming to a service?

Other thought-provoking statements about creating the worship experience included:

- "Enable the new to become familiar"
- "Lose to win...Strategic losses can produce essential victories."
- "...requires the ability to satisfy multiple competing interests."
- "What outside of the actual prayer moments (Was I welcomed? Did I feel like an outsider or was I already made to feel a part? Where was I sitting?) might have contributed positively or negatively to your experience?"

The conference became bracketed with the concept of Perfectly Imperfect. My very last session was late on Saturday, with Cantor Patti Linsky telling her story of health issues and addiction through song and humor. One of the last lines of her piece was "...and as humans we are perfectly imperfect". I began the conference using this expression with regards to communal worship and ended the conference with the expression being used on an individual human level. As we go through life, and all of our experiences, we, individually and collectively, are *perfectly imperfect*. Let's remember this, and celebrate this, as we experience the wonderful world that is us. Share any thoughts issues at *VPRitualpractices@tilb.org*

TEMPLE ISRAEL

HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM



JACOB ENDELMAN

Shalom Temple Israel families! December was a fun-filled and exciting time for the teens here at Temple Israel.

On December 7, ANDI led a very successful NFTY SOCAL 678 event here at Temple Israel, which introduced middle schoolers to the camaraderie associated with being in a temple youth group. Young teens utilized mixers, programs, and dinner to make new friends and learn how to contribute to the greater community. As always, this event was for teens and by the teens!

The Teen Council had a very productive meeting led by Kara Liu on December 8. The council created a rough draft for the end-of-the-year teen service, which is on May 15, 2020. From the look of things, this service will be a blast and is not to be missed! The service will bring a non-traditional approach to Temple services as it will be led by teens themselves, using creativity to make it a memorable experience for all attendees.

Shir Harmony had their second meeting on Sunday, December 8. Cantor Hass continues to share her musical expertise while crafting relationships between and with all of the students in order to create an irreplaceable musical environment in which all students are valued.

On December 14, the 11th/12th grade class went on a social action field trip to Second Harvest, where they assembled food boxes for the hungry.

In preparation for the Teen Purim Shpiel (which is also always a blast), auditions were held on December 15. All teens are welcome to come share their acting, technical, and singing talents. The theme for this year is Disney's Aladdin. If you would still like to be involved in the shpiel, please contact Kara Liu.

The Temple Israel teens are honored to be part of the selection of our next rabbi. The teens enjoyed meeting the rabbi candidate on December 18 and look forward to welcoming the second candidate in January.

The annual ANDI Winter Lock-in took place December 20-21. 8th-12th graders joined each other for an evening and morning of movies, games, and other festivities. We had a blast!

And finally, the NFTY Winter Kallah will take place at Camp Mountain Chai, January 17-20. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to come meet new people from across the West Coast.



RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE Welcoming Candidate #2 and Congregational Vote

Dear Congregants,

Thank you so much to those who participated in Rabbi Scott Fox's recent visit. We think that we all learned a lot about what kind of rabbi and person the candidate is.

We want to remind you that the Post-Rabbi Visit Survey is very important to us and will help the Rabbi Search Committee decide on a candidate to recommend to the Board. For those who attend events for candidate #2, we will have a very short time for the turnaround on your surveys.

Here's what will happen in the near future:

- Rabbinic Candidate #2's Visit will occur on January 7 and 8, 2020.
 - Tuesday, January 7 at 10:00 am: Teaching followed by a Meet and Greet reception.
 - Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30 pm: Teaching followed by a Meet and Greet reception
- Survey for Rabbi #2 will be due on January 9, 2020.
- The Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) will meet after both candidates visit and will decide if one of the candidates is to be recommended. If so, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors on Tuesday, January 14th.
- The Board of Directors will vote to accept or reject the recommendation of the RSC. If the Board votes to accept the recommendation, then the recommendation goes to a congregational vote.

SAVE THE DATE for a Congregational Vote on January 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM – children are welcome! Snacks will be available. The meeting will begin with a short presentation and then the vote. Votes will be tallied that evening.

In order to remain competitive for these top candidates, Temple Israel must maintain a very tight time schedule. **Please be sure to put January 15 on your calendar NOW!**

Temple Israel Rabbi Search Committee

Anne Gundry (Co-Chair), Vicki Scherwin (Co-Chair) Carmel Artstein, Deborah Fabricant, Alan Kreida, Alan Lilien, Amy Lipeles, Barry Potter, Andrea Salisbury, Scott Smeltzer, David Tillman, Rachel Van Raalte, Ed Zwieback

Two Opportunities to Meet Our Second Rabbi Candidate

Tuesday, January 7th

10:00 - 11:00 am

The Rabbi Candidate will offer a teaching followed by a discussion and Q&A

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet & Greet and Reception

Wednesday, January 8th

7:30 - 8:30 pm

The Rabbi Candidate will offer a teaching followed by a discussion and Q&A 8:30 - 9:30 pm

Dessert Reception Meet & Greet



SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CONGREGATIONAL VOTE Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 pm

THE RSC IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AFTER THE CONGREGATION'S FEEDEBACK, FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF OUR SECOND CANDIDATE.

THE BOARD APPROVED
RECOMMENDATION WILL BE
PRESENTED TO THE CONGREGATION
FOR A VOTE AT THIS
SPECIAL MEETING.

PLEASE JOIN US TO VOTE!



LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW TO AVOID SCAMS AND FRAUD

Sunday, January 12 at 1:00 pm

at the Temple

It seems like it's difficult to get through one day without receiving a phone call, email, or letter from a scammer. Scammers are very clever and always thinking of creative ways to fraudulently access someone's money or identity. Please join Miles McNeeley from WISE & Healthy Aging for an engaging discussion on common scams and how to avoid falling victim to fraudulent activity.



The Sisterhood Board participated in the JFCS Adopt-a-Family program again this year, donating gifts for the holidays to a family in need.



COME VISIT THE SISTERHOOD **GIFT SHOP**

See our array of new items!

Open one hour before Friday Evening Services, Wednesdays 4:00 pm- 6:30 pm, and Sundays 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

To visit the gift shop at other days and times, please contact the Temple office

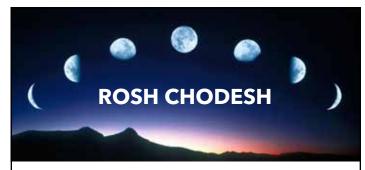


SAVE THESE SISTERHOOD DATES

- Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm: Women's Night Out
- Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm: Medical Marijuana Disussion
- Sunday, April 26: Membership Event
- Tuesday, April 28, 9:30 am 2:00 pm: Game Day
- Monday, June 8 at 6:30 pm: Annual Meeting & Sisterhood Board Installation

MORE DETAILS TO COME!





- Tuesday, February 25, 10:00 am
- Thursday, March 26. 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 24, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE IN THE COMMUNITY

By Members of Social Action Committee

Here are some recent activities of TI's Social Action Committee within the congregational community.

- 100 full-sized hygiene kits were assembled by volunteers in one night then distributed the next day to WRAP THE KIDS (serving homeless families living under the 91 Fwy.) and WE CARE (a homeless prevention program for families). This project was funded by the Homeless Assistance Fund as part of an initiative to disburse funds or goods to 10 local non-profit organizations servicing people experiencing homelessness. The committee wishes to extend a grateful thanks to all those who showed up on short notice and helped to assemble the kits.
- The Rick Fahlk Memorial High Holy Days Food Drive collected some 280 bags of groceries. 120 bags were delivered to the food pantry at CSU Long Beach, and the remaining 160 bags went to the new Long Beach City College food pantry on the PCH campus. In the first hour they opened, the pantry served 26 hungry and homeless students and used up most of the food.
- The committee also connected the LBCC Food Pantry with the Performance Plus Annual Food drive. The pantry received 70 boxes of food from the drive. Many thanks to Performance Plus for their donations and to those congregants who helped fill the boxes to be delivered to LBCC and many other organizations in need of food.
- The committee continued to maintain communications with other organizations around the Long Beach and Orange County areas to collect and share needs and goods. Through this network, WE CARE donated food to the LBCC food pantry and 14 cases of Similac to MOMs in Santa Ana, an organization that assists mothers with pre and post-natal care.
- On December 22, about 25 congregants volunteered and gathered at the First Congregational Church for the annual Stephanie Bussis Memorial Christmas Dinner at the UCO Drop-In Center. Working in shifts, temple members prepared food and silverware sets and set and bussed tables for meals for about 200 guests.
- Dinners and desserts prepared and served by congregants at the Christian Outreach in Action Center have continued to feed 125-140 people since October. The people served have expressed their gratitude for the food provided to them by the temple volunteers. The Social Action Committee has committed funds for this project to continue this year. For more information contact Deborah Fabricant at <u>debfabric@gmail.com</u>
- The committee has also kept a close watch on Habitat for Humanity's plan to build some 40 plus homes in the Long Beach area beginning early 2020. There will be a lot of opportunities to volunteer as an individual but watch for announcements of upcoming builds specifically for Temple Israel congregants. For more information contact Paul Levitt at <u>ptlevitt@gmail.com</u>.
- Make A Difference Day planning is underway and will take place on Sunday March 29, 2020. The committee is looking for a number of volunteers in various capacities including project leaders. If you are interested place contact Andrea Freidenthal at andreafri8711@gmail.com

On a final note, the Social Action Committee's work is only possible because of the generous support from congregants, board of directors, temple staff, rabbi and cantor. So from the committee, thank you.



Social Action volunteers shown with completed hygiene kits for the homeless and needy, ready for distribution

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 and needy. Deposit your donations in the bins in the Temple's Alpert Family Foyer.



THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



SYDNEY FORSYTE January 11, 2020

My name is Sydney, and I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah on January 11, 2020. I live in Long Beach with my mom, dad, sister named Sarina, and my dog named Lucy. My family and I love to travel, eat weird foods, and watch movies together. My favorite food is definitely chocolate anything. Some of my interests besides my Mitzvah Project are music and literature. I play the violin in the advanced orchestra at my school and enjoy spending my free time listening to many different types of music. I love to read many different

genres of books, but my current favorites are fantasy, dystopian, and mystery novels. I also participate in musical theatre at Oak Middle School Drama Program. Currently, I am in The Lion King.

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to be a part of one of the many programs created by an amazing organization called Friendship Circle. One of their programs pairs kids with disabilities with peers their age and arranges for them to do activities together. I am a part of the unit called "Basketball Buddies" at which we learn fundamentals for the sport and play games together. I chose this project, because I really love to interact with people and enjoy feeling like I'm making a difference in someone's life. Basketball Buddies allows for me to become friends with the other participants, and it always makes me feel spectacular when we finish a session and everyone is really happy. Something I've learned from this meaningful program is how to be more patient and kind with others. When working with the other participants, you have to be compassionate with them and understand how they're feeling. I feel this skill will help me in the future because compassion and patience can help you in any situation.

My Bat Mitzvah is going to be especially meaningful to me because I will be carrying on a impactful legacy of my family and honoring my late grandparents who were survivors of the Holocaust. I am very excited to take part in my Bat Mitzvah and become a full-fledged member of Temple Israel.





MEGAN ENGERMAN

Janaury 18, 2020

Megan will become a Bat Mitzvah on January 18, 2020. Megan is in seventh grade and attends Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos. She was born in Santa Monica, California and began her Hebrew School studies at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. In 2015, her family moved to Los Alamitos and shortly thereafter joined Temple Israel, where Megan continued her Hebrew School studies.

From a young age, Megan has always been an independent, self-motivated, and creative person.

She started a book club, and has a job working four days a week at a daycare center. She belongs to a couple clubs, including the Scholarship Club and Student Environmental Awareness Club. In her (very little) free time, Megan plays the clarinet, attends art classes, and does magic. For outdoor activities, Megan enjoys rowing in Long Beach and doing flips on the trampoline.

Because Megan enjoys being outdoors, she chose as her Bat Mitzvah project to join Teens for Healthy Kids, a teen-led community based organization in which teenagers volunteer to inspire young children throughout Orange County to lead healthier lives. Teens for Healthy Kids provides Megan the opportunity to reach out to kids and fellow teenagers and teach them health and wellness through fun games and activities.

Megan is looking forward to her rite of passage and becoming a Bat Mitzvah.



GABRIEL FINCH January 25, 2020

Shabbat Shalom. On Saturday, January 25, 2020 Gabriel will take his place on the Temple Israel bimah during his Bar Mitzvah to lead the congregation in Shabbat prayers. Gabriel is a seventh grade student at Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos. This year Gabriel has been a part of the all-boys choir, Show Men and the competition show choir, Show Case.

Gabriel's passions, aside from school and choir, include art, being with his friends, and track and field. Last year Gabe competed and

placed second in the long jump during the all district track meet. Gabe also loves to travel and cherishes the trip he took to Japan where he spoke to his uncle's class at Keio University.

For Gabe's Bar Mitzvah project, he was involved with Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos. Gabe feels strongly about helping others and making sure that every child has a place where they can feel safe and valued. Gabe helped with stocking items and working behind the scenes. Gabe was willing to help with every project in order to ensure that the program and the wonderful things it provides to others runs smoothly.

FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

ADAM & SARAH MOSS



We are excited to welcome another family to our growing Temple Israel community and Torah Center!

Adam and Sarah Moss have lived in the Long Beach Plaza area for the past 7 years. They have two sons, Aidan, who turns 8 in January, and Cooper, who will be 5 in March. Both boys are "graduates" of the

ECE at the Alpert JCC

Adam grew up at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette Ca. Before joining Temple Israel, they attended services with Adam's brother's family at Temple Beth David in Temple City. Adam and Sarah were married 10 years ago by the rabbi from Temple Beth David who also officiated at the brit milah for both boys.

If you are wondering where you might find the Moss family, their motto is "If we are not home, check the ball field!" Adam coaches Aidan's and Cooper's baseball teams as well as Aidan's soccer team and Sarah coaches Cooper's soccer team. Adam serves on the Lakewood Village Little League Executive Board and Sarah on the Auxiliary Board.

When not coaching sports, Adam is the Regional Sales Manager for Driftwood Dairy out of El Monte. Driftwood Dairy provides a full line of dairy products to schools, hospitals, markets, restaurants, etc. Sarah is the Assistant Director of Operations at the Lovaas Institute in Culver City, well-known as a leader in providing behavioral therapy to children with Autism and support for families.

Adam and Sarah are looking forward to getting to know other families with young children as their sons become part of our Torah Center.

Welcome New Members

David and Terry Braunstein
Rodney Browarny

Robert Brumbaugh and Jessica Schwartz Jeffrey Kirshenbaum and Uyen Nguyen Felicia Megdal

Adam and Sarah Moss Stephen Williams and Elonna Ratman



We invite the congregation to welcome the newest members of our Temple Israel Community

New Member Recognition
Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Meet & Greet 5:00 pm Dinner 5:30 pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

Cost For Dinner:
\$25 Adults / \$16 Children (13 and under)
(New Members Complimentary)

Please RSVP to Charmaine *clw@tilb.org* by Monday, January 20th

Got Shabbat? Service Generously sponsoered by Debbie & Rob Feldman

Friday, Janaury 31 7:00 pm

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Blessings and Prayers One

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

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Instructor: 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. Prayers 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 learn the Hebrew. Knowing beginning Hebrew is a plus but not necessary.

Cost: \$80, including learning materials

Women's Book Club

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00pm

Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love by Dani Shapiro



From the acclaimed, best-selling memoirist, novelist and host of the hit podcast Family Secrets, comes a memoir about the staggering family secret uncovered by a genealogy test: an exploration of the urgent ethical questions surrounding fertility treatments and DNA testing, and a profound inquiry of paternity, identity, and love.

Introduction to Judaism

Wednesdays at 7:00pm January 15 - May 27

Instructor: Rabbi Jim Simon

Introduction to Judaism is an 18-week class designed to provide a rich survey of the Jewish tradition for those interested in exploring Judaism, for Jews who want to become more familiar with the richness of their heritage, and for those who want to examine converting to Judaism. If you have any questions about the class and whether it would be beneficial to you, please call Rabbi Simon at the Temple.

Cost: \$180, plus the cost of textbooks

Lifecycles Series

in partnership with Caring Community Committee Session One: Honoring Your Father and Mother

Thursday, January 9 at 7:00pm

Instructor: Rabbi Laura Geller

The commandment to honor our parents seems obvious; of course we would want to honor the ones who gave us life. But it turns out to be complicated. Does honor mean supporting them financially? What if that honoring makes it harder for us to care for our own children or puts us in conflict with our partners? What happens when our parents become frail and there are difficult decisions to be made? Maybe the reason that honoring our parents is one of the Ten Commandments, is that it is not so easy to do. We'll explore how Jewish tradition illuminates this challenge and some strategies for navigating the relationship between adult children and our older parents.

Cost: none

Torah Study 101

Parashat Shemot: Shifrah and Puah Teaching Our Girls to Speak Up and Be Courageous

Sunday, January 12 at 9:45am

Facilitator: Rabbi Jim Simon

Please join us for Torah Study 101, taught by Rabbi Simon. He knows a lot of Torah, because he was a personal friend of Moses. We will study the portion of the week and then relate its teachings to issues we are struggling with as human beings and parents. Everyone is welcome - no prior experience or background needed.

Cost: none





Future Focus Speaker Series Kelly Colopy

Dir. of Health & Human Services, City of Long Beach

Thursday, January 16 at 7:00pm



Future Focus is a community speaker series focusing on issues important to the future development and well-being of our city. Kelly will speak about the wide range of programs offered by the Health and Human Services Department, and discuss health and homelessness trends, current efforts to address them and progress to date. She looks forward to learning from you as well

Bring your questions and ideas for a lively discussion.

Cost: none



Cooking Jewish Classics from the Old Country

Crafting Kreplach

Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00pm

Instructor: Amy Lipeles

Kreplach are one of those wonderful old-fashioned Jewish dishes— you know, the sort of dish that warms your tummy and your heart. It's the kind of cooking that brings back memories of Bubbe in the kitchen, making her family recipes from scratch with a "pinch of this" and a "handful of that." Come and learn how to make these stuffed noodle dumplings, a Jewish dish that has been around since Medieval times and is now considered a quintessential Jewish dish which has become standard fare on deli menus across the country.

Cost: \$10

Krav Maga

Thursday January 23 at 7:00pm

Instructor: Hadas Nuriel Cootware



Come and join other TI members for this fun and practical class and walk away with tools to protect yourself and others.

Krav Maga is the official martial art and self-defense approach used by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Krav Maga is a form of street fighting based on a combination of boxing, wrestling, karate and more. It is a very practical selfdefense training, and it's great

for all ages and sizes. No matter how strong or big the attacker might be, if you are aware of your surroundings, know his weakness, and act with confidence, you will be able to protect yourself.

Suggested donation: \$5

Jewish Yoga

Sunday, February 9 at 9:45am

Instructor: Alana Weinberg

Jewish yoga is a wonderful way to relax, let go, and return back to your Jewish spirituality. All levels are welcome, including beginners, as we journey inward while stretching and moving our bodies. Postures, breath work, and Jewish inspiration are included in all classes. Yoga mats are provided or you may bring your own.

Suggested donation: \$5



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Britney and Aaron Krugman on the birth of their daughter Abigail Krugman born on November 14, 2019, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces, and 19.5 inches in length. We also extend congratulations to Abby's great-grandparents Binnie and Jack Berro, great-grandmother Goldie Krugman, grandmother Michele Berro, grandfather Paul Krugman, uncle Nathan and aunt Miriam.



INTERFAITH GREETINGS

A Letter of Support

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

As we only too well know, antisemitism is on the increase. At the same time, it is important for us to know that we have the support of our non-Jewish friends, particularly those of the interfaith community to which we belong. Sara Deen, President Elect of the South Coast Interfaith Council and a member of the Muslim faith has reached out to the Jewish community ... and not for the first time. This is what she has recently penned... personal words; not as an SCIC representative:

Dear Jewish Friends,

This is my third attempt to put together words to express my horror and sadness as I witness the treatment of the Jewish community by the Trump Adminstration and white supremacists. I'm alarmed by both the intentions, insinuations and verbiage of the President AND the steep increase in anti-Semitic violence. My heart breaks not only for Mindy Ferencz, Miguel Douglas and Moshe Deutch (May they Rest In Peace) but also for every Jewish American who is feeling unsafe at this moment.

I know how that feels.

We may not always agree on every issue...as it is in most families. Please know, that I see you and I'm listening.

I'm especially grateful to be a fellow of the New Ground Muslim Partnership for Change in Los Angeles during these alarming times. I am hoping to be a meaningful partner to you in peace while still being "me," a Muslim American.

We must stand together against hate and irresponsible speech. This administration must be held accountable for its reckless endangerment of Jewish Americans, Muslim Americans, Latinx members, LGBTQ+ members, the differently abled, the housing impaired, young African Americans, immigrants, refugees and everyone else this despicable President scorns.

Your friend in peace, Sara Deen

As we begin the new year of 2020, let us remember that we are not alone...that we stand together...that we will overcome!

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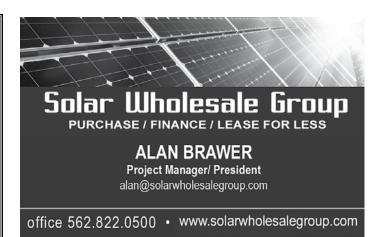
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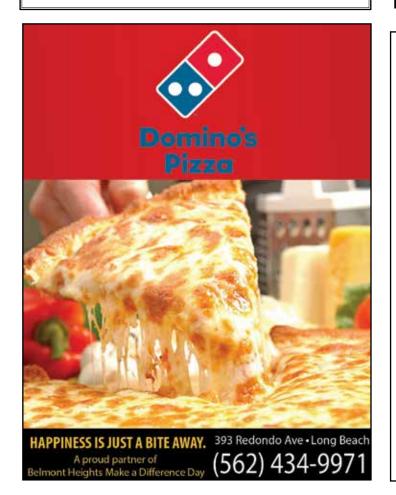




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