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TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES OUR NEW RABBI

RABBI SCOTT FOX

BEGINNING JULY 1

Join us this Summer for Shabbat Services and programs and meet our new Rabbi

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The 100 Years Campaign has currently raised nearly two million dollars that will allow Temple Israel to continue to maintain our beautiful facility and continue services and programming for our community.

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Friday Evening Services - 6:00 pm https://zoom.us/j/181102665

Saturday Morning Torah Study - 8:45 am https://zoom.us/j/163280737

Shabbat Morning Services - 10:30 am https://zoom.us/j/987542891

Services are also streamed on Facebook Live https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Israel-Long-Beach-CA-197939336908344/

Service Times through July are 6:00 pm for Friday Evenings 10:30 am for Saturday Mornings (unless otherwise stated)



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

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The Temple Israel community expresses our sincere gratitude to

Evan Braude and Freda Ross

for their years of service serving on the Board of Directors.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Online on Zoom
9:00 am - Budget Presentation
10:00 am - Annual Meeting



A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS TO PONDER

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



There are two phrases that I'm finding myself frequently saying these days. And they are, "That's a much bigger conversation," and "Of all the things that are keeping me up at night, that's not one of them."

Both of these phrases are somewhat provocative in that I can imagine several different meanings with each of them. But I will share with you the meaning they have for me.

Many of the encounters I currently have are done by phone or text. A third form of interaction is described in a word that used to be predominately an adjective, but has more recently become a verb. And that word, of course, is... Zoom. Prior to a couple of months ago, zooming was largely reserved for the race track. It is now one of the most common forms of interaction I have.

When I'm interacting with others, it is not unusual for us to ask each other how we are doing. A common answer is, "I'm hanging in there. How are you?" Six months ago, if I had heard a response such as that, I would have inquired as to what was going on. "Hanging in there" implies there's more to the story, something that we either are, or are not aware of. No such wonderment now. I suspect that if any of us were to hear, "I'm hanging in there," from almost anyone else, we would know exactly what they were referring to. To me, I find the enormity of that concept astounding. There is one central theme, happening right now, with virtually every person on the planet. Has that ever happened before? Perhaps with World Wars, but even then, there were people in countries not directly affected.

With the simplest of questions, whatever they may be, it feels like the only accurate answer is to say, "That's a much bigger conversation." When I do choose to respond in that way, I typically get a smile and a nodding of the head. They know what I'm referring to, without me having to explain anything, and we then move forward into our conversation. I try not to say it too frequently, or at least not more than once to the same person, but sometimes it slips out. But that's okay. I feel I have an obligation to give my family material to make fun of me about, even though there is no shortage of such material.

The second phrase I'm fond of saying comes from a place of perspective. I was recently waiting to start one of the aforementioned Zoom meetings, and one of the participants apologized for being late. I assured her that of all the things keeping me awake at night,... She gave me a little chuckle and head nod, understanding where I was coming from. The underlying message is to not sweat the small stuff. And when you have a Pandemic as all-encompassing as what we are living through, things that weren't small yesterday are small today. My intention in giving that response, is to let the person off the hook. Whether they have been late for a meeting, or some other minor indiscretion, I don't want them to feel bad, and to let them know that whatever they did, it's really no big deal. The

flip side of that response, however, is the implication that things are so awful, nothing they did could compare with what is happening in the world. That implication bothers me. It is not something I want to be communicating. I'm hoping that when I do use that phrase, people will smile, and simply appreciate being let off the hook. I'm also hoping that I, along with others, will become more skilled at not sweating the small stuff.

I wonder if there's a lesson here. Does it take extreme significance in our world to make us better appreciate small pleasures, or to not be bothered by events that would have bothered us otherwise? Perhaps. But the more important question for me is, once this is all over and the world goes back to normal (whenever that may be), how long will it take for me to start sweating the small stuff again? One month? Six months? A year? I would answer that, but I think it's a much bigger conversation.

Tot Skabbat

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE Friday, June 19 & July 17 at 5:00 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.



Welcome New Members

Linda C. Fox Greg and Ami Guy Sheri Sinaga Robert Urling and Mary Ann Morris



INTERIM RABBI MESSAGE/ RESPONSE TO CIVIL UNREST



THE INTERIM PREPARES TO LEAVE THE BUILDING

By Rabbi Jim Simon



This is my final Bulletin article. When you receive the August issue, Rabbi Scott Fox will be fully ensconced as the new Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel Long Beach and I know he is going to be a dynamic and visionary leader.

Despite all of the trauma and sadness connected to the COVID-19 Pandemic that we have endured, the arrival of Rabbi Fox can and should be celebrated as authentically great news for Temple Israel

I have a few thoughts I wish to share as I take my leave. The year has gone by quickly and we have accomplished a lot working together. (If I had my own parking spot, I'd have had another 60 hours to give to Temple Israel!)

On a personal note, I will always recall with great fondness the warmth, courtesy and kindness extended to me by the congregation. I know if I ever return to visit on Shabbat it will be easy to find a plethora of smiling faces and outstretched hands, especially from those angry congregants who lost a ton of money as a result of my alleged "Ponzi" scheme. I do not want to relitigate this matter except to say a lot of you did end up with very valuable pieces of wood from the original Noah's ark, even if some of the pieces of wood had a Home Depot stamp on them.

Serious Note #1 - part of the greatness and the future of Temple Israel is found in its Officers, Board of Trustees, Committees and especially a truly impressive Rabbinic Search Committee (thank you Anne Gundry and Vicki Scherwin). It was a joy to work with all of these people, especially President Steve Gordon, who gave a myriad of hours to the Temple. To tell you the truth, in 10 years as an Interim Rabbi I have never worked at a congregation with this much lay talent and ability. Our leaders stepped up during a very challenging and transitional year - they exercised real leadership, they didn't give in to the whiners, and they made difficult decisions.

Serious Note #2 - Although I will have a chance in June to personally speak to every member of our staff, I wanted to remind you that a good portion of our greatness is found within our incredible staff. Thank you-Eric Shatzkin, Cantor Sara Hass, Educator Sharon Amster Brown, Kara Liu, Charmaine Weiner, Michelle Techau, Jackie Profeta, Mike Jackson, KeKe Whitehead and Kenny Green.

Serious Note #3 - In my Interim training 10 years ago, I do remember there were always a few mantras I kept hearing every day - so I assumed that all of the various instructors felt these mantras had some enduring value for us. They were right. Here are two of my favorites. First, there is no limit to what a person can do / accomplish if he/she doesn't care who gets the credit. Second, the synagogue should not be a place where people are made to feel incompetent, unworthy or inadequate.

As you work together to build a community where everyone is made to feel important, may our paths cross in times of joy and celebration.

RESPONSE TO CIVIL UNREST

(This letter was emailed to the congregation June 1, 2020)

Dear Friends,

As Jews, we embrace the teaching that all people are created equal—"btzelem elohim" - in the eyes of God. However, as a society and a local community, there are those attacking that basic principle. We are taught - "v'ahavtah leareacha kamocha" - to love thy neighbor as ourselves, but clearly some are failing. Witnessing the nationwide protests, and then those who have decided to become violent, cause destruction, and loot the livelihoods of their neighbors, has been both heart wrenching and scary. This has hit many of us particularly hard as there was hope to finally be coming out of the COVID-19 quarantine in which we were feeling some sense of unity in dealing with the crisis together.

We take pride in the diversity of our own congregational community. Temple Israel enjoys the inclusiveness of members of many races, differing sexual orientation, and economic diversity. It is clear that those within our walls and among the broader communities of color are facing unimaginable pain and suffering, and while, as Jews we have faced our own history of hatred and discrimination, it is impossible to truly know the pain those are experiencing from being treated differently for the color of their skin. As a society, we all hurt from the effects of racism and hate.

Our Torah commands us, "...Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed." We as a community, pray for the safety of all who are peacefully and lawfully protesting, as well as our law enforcement tasked with protecting the lives of those defending our civil rights. Temple Israel has a history of reaching out to our community, to other faith communities as well as local government and social organizations. Our hope is to continue to work as a community to ensure a future of peace and understanding, not only for the present, but for generations to come.

To further this end, please plan to join with us online Friday, June 5th at 4:00 pm (in place of our regularly scheduled "Shabbat Anything Goes" program), for the first step in an important conversation about race and discrimination, and what needs to happen for our society to move forward. This week, our Senior Staff and Clergy will dialogue with Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer, D. Min., Ph.D., from Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood. Also, as we are made aware, we will also provide our community with opportunities to help one another in the clean-up efforts around Long Beach, so we can truly help our neighbors in their recovery efforts.

It is our hope that through continued and open dialogue, we as a community and a society can work together to get past our fears and move forward in seeking solutions to those challenges that are dividing us.

Wishing everyone safety and security during these challenging times.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Jim Simon, Cantor Sara Hass, _Eric Shatzkin, and Sharon Amster Brown



SHAVUA TOV, SHAVUA TOV AND LEHITRAOT

להתראות שבוע טוב שבוע טוב

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



This has been a tremendous time of change as we have transitioned to a virtual Jewish community. One of the things that we have learned, besides our craving to be together sharing and being Jewish, even virtually, is that the Havdalah ritual – short and sweet – is pretty cool. This is even more so when we take that 10-15 minute pause as a group to celebrate the ending of Shabbat and our hope for a good week ahead. Although on special occasions

we practice Havdalah as a group, as well as perhaps personally, this has not been a regular function of Temple Israel. I see at least one big change for when life gets back to a new normal at some point, that we continue to pause online to celebrate Havdalah as a group. This would be such a welcome new Temple Israel weekly ritual before heading off to wherever our Saturday nights lead us. Please, everybody, join us weekly for this short ritual.

This month also was a planned transition, pandemic or no pandemic. Rabbis come in all shapes and sizes and characters (it is so tempting to go into more detail with this Rabbi). We are so appreciative for what Rabbi Simon has brought to Temple Israel. He has guided us almost seamlessly through our transition year, offering up seasoned wisdom from his formal learning and years of experience as an interim Rabbi. He is truly an expert in his field.

We have learned many things from Rabbi Simon that maybe we did not know about ourselves as a congregation. First, it is okay to use humor as appropriate, especially when it is underscoring the point that is about to be made. Second, it is okay to be borderline political from the bimah especially if the emphasis is on Reform Jewish values. Third, there are as many ways to approach Torah study as there are Rabbis. Taking one small section of the week's Torah portion and delving deep can be just as rewarding as other approaches.

Rabbi Simon has offered his expertise to the Ritual Practice Committee about what he sees as the role of the Ritual Practice Committee and what he has seen in other Temples with which he has been associated. From the bottom of my heart I thank him for all that he has done with us this year. We are all a little better people for having the opportunity to have Rabbi Simon in our lives for this year. I and we all look forward to a field trip to Santa Monica to visit next year. Lehitraot!

FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

AMI & GREG GUY



Temple Israel welcomes another new family into our Mishpacha! Ami and Greg Guy, and their sons Morgan, age 15, and Shane, age 11, joined in late April.

Ami grew up in Long Beach. Her parents were married in our sanctuary back in 1972. As a local Long Beach gal, Ami has many friends in the community and has attended Women's Weekend. So for her, Temple Israel was

the logical choice when Ami decided she wanted to become part of a congregation. She is looking forward to taking advantage of the many opportunities for engaging, learning and growing.

Amy teaches in the Long Beach Unified School District. Greg is a contractor for a security systems company. Their boys both attend school in Long Beach; Morgan is in 9th grade at Wilson High School and Shane is finishing 5th grade at Tincher Elementary. He will be attending Stanford Middle School and hopes to meet other Temple Israel kids attending Stanford, as well. As a family, the Guys are involved in Long Beach Little League, and enjoy traveling, camping, and hiking.

We look forward to getting to know Ami and her family when we are able to be together again!

IGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM



JOHANNA BROWN ANDI President

Hello Temple Israel Community! I hope that everyone is hanging in there and staying safe during this strange time. Although we haven't been able to be in person with our friends, we have kept our community strong and connected. Our Torah Center students have been engaged in Zoom classes on Sunday mornings, our Madrichim have been helping as much as they can during online Torah Center classes, and our ANDI board has been having regular meetings to work on awesome programming! I am excited

to announce that we have elected our ANDI Board for next year which will be led by President Elect, Sasha Pullman! ANDI will continue to have meetings throughout the summer to plan for next year! I miss seeing all of you, but I know that when this is all over, being together will be even more special!



SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION

We are excited to present the slate of officers for the 2020-21 Board. For the first time, all current board members will be continuing on our Sisterhood Board next year.

The Sisterhood Board Installation for 2020-21 will be done online with Zoom on Monday, June 8 at 7pm. We are sorry that we cannot have our annual dinner meeting this year. You can join us on the Zoom call if you want. An e-mail with the Zoom information will be sent in June.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

SISTERHOOD BOARD SLATE OF OFFICERS 2020-21

President: Robin Lilien

VP Membership: Debi Felsenthal and Susie Amster VP Programming: Judy Blumenthal* and Kathy Kreida

VP Fundraising: Maryse Fujimori VP Gift Shop: Elyse Gordon

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Historian: Nancy Lentzner

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Renee Florsheim

Member at Large/Programming: Lidia Fahlk Member at Large/Membership: Karen Fried Member at Large/Fundraising: Eva Lowenstein

Member at Large: Michelle Gordon Member at Large: Nancy Linden

* And Immediate Past President



Non-Alcoholic Sangria

- Place ingredients in a clear pitcher
- Add fruits you prefer: Sliced fruit (e. g. oranges, lemons, apples), blueberries, raspberries
- Add 2-3 cups of any flavor chilled cranberry juice (diet if preferred)
- Add 1/2 of small can of thawed frozen orange juice
- Refrigerate 1 hour
- Add 2-3 cups of a bubbly juice such as Orangina or Trader Joe's flavored sparkling juices or bubbly seltzer.

THE SISTERHOOD **GIFT SHOP**

THE GIFT SHOP IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN WHEN THE TEMPLE REOPENS

SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE!

Let's connect online with Zoom for some schmoozing!

Bring your beverage of choice (recipe for Non-Alcoholic Sangria below) and/or your snack of choice (recipe for Skillet Chocolate Chip Cookie below).

On two dates

Monday, June 22 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm Monday, July 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sisterhood members will receive an e-mail with the Zoom information.

Send any questions to sisterhood@tilb.org.



Skillet Chocolate Chip Cookie

Servings: 8

Prep Time: 10 mins Total Time: 30 mins

Ingredients:

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1/3 cup packed dark-brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine butter and sugars with a wooden spoon. Stir in egg and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking soda, and salt. Stir in chocolate chips. Transfer to a 10inch cast-iron skillet; smooth top.

Bake until cookie is golden brown and just set in the center, 18 to 20 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes.

Variation:

Add 1 cup chopped walnuts to the batter for an added crunch.



MEMBER SUBMITTED ARTICLE / LIBRARY



DEPRESSION IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

By Jim Linden

One of my earliest memories in my graduate school training (back in the early 1960's) was that depression is often the result of loss. It could be the loss of a parent, a child, a friend, a job, one's savings, one's reputation, one's standing in the community, our health, or our mentation. Rabbi Wolli Kaelter told me many years ago that he felt "less than" as he aged. And that made him sad. As I am "approaching middle age" (one of my father's lines as he moved into his 70's) I can certainly relate to feeling "less than", if only that my three wood carries 30 yards less than it used to.

A significant aspect of the Coronavirus pandemic is that most of us are "less than" we were a few short months ago: our savings have taken a hit (with a few notable exceptions), our retirement accounts have shrunk, many have lost their jobs and others' income has been cut. For many people, their dreams for the future have been shattered—a loss of immeasurable depth. It goes without saying that victims of COVID-19 have lost their health, at least temporarily, and some have paid the ultimate loss of their lives. Friends and families of the stricken have lost significant relationships. Many have lost their optimism and faith that life will be better in the future.

In a recent conversation with one of my FaceTime clients we discussed the nature of loss and addressed the question, "How do you deal with loss?" I can think of no more profound question to ask these days, when the losses many of us have experienced are staggering. It is an issue with which every human being is confronted at some point in life. When a toy is taken away from a two-year old, the child wails until he either retrieves his toy or until he can be distracted by a wise adult to take his mind off of the earth-shattering loss. Adults are no different than this two-year old, except that by the time we grow older we have developed ego mechanisms with which to cope with most losses.

We all know that life is full of losses and disappointments. From doing poorly on a test in school, to not getting the job or promotion we wanted; from being rejected by a boyfriend, to losing our ability to walk, as a result of an auto accident or from illness. From having a razor sharp memory, to forgetting what we had for breakfast. From saying goodbye to mom or dad, to the myriad losses that millions of people around the world are now experiencing.

However, I would propose that the question is not how do we survive these losses. Rather it is how do we prevail, and emerge from this crisis a bit stronger than we were before.

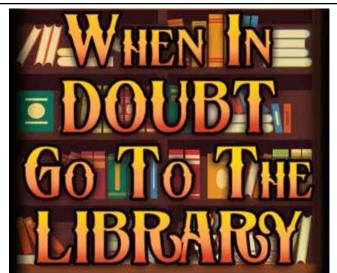
For many people there may not be a viable answer. The physical, emotional and psychological challenges may be too steep to overcome. What might be a rocky mountain to climb for some, may be a vertical cliff with no foothold for others. The agony and pain may have no redemption and no way out. My image of God in these cases is that God is up there crying with us.

But for many of us the answer has to do with resilience, and with the ability to engage in what psychologists call "cognitive restructuring." We know that resilience means the ability to pick

oneself up from off the mat and get back in the ring, or to climb back on the horse—pick your metaphor. There are often no better life lessons that ones we learn from a setback.

By the phrase "cognitive restructuring" I do not mean pretending that nothing bad has happened. Rather it means embracing the reality of the terrible loss, and seeing it as one of life's hurdles that must be addressed on our journey through life. For many of us, this may be the highest one we have ever confronted.

But that does not mean we cannot get past it. Though the losses may be huge, the damage extensive, shock of it all breathtakingly enormous, I believe that most of us can learn to take the long view and see the pandemic and its attendant horrors as a challenge that we can survive. Indeed, as a challenge that can ultimately make us stronger as individuals, as a nation, and as a member of the world community. That the emptiness that comes with loss can be at least partially filled by inventing new ways to make our lives more meaningful. That we can not only survive the losses but that we can prevail.



LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP OUR CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY?

Would you like to contribute in a meaningful way?

We are looking for a Chairperson for our awesome Temple Israel Library

Responsibilities include:

- Managing the library inventory to be sure books are organized and maintained.
- Making new acquisitions for the library.
- Thinking about ways to engage our congregants with the library.
- Coordinating volunteers for Torah Center on Sunday mornings, for reading to the kids and helping to coordinate book check out / check in.

If interested, please contact incoming VP of Education Bobbi Horowitz at (562) 243-1735 or at <u>bobbi.horowitz@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u>, or Educator Sharon Amster Brown at <u>sab@tilb.org</u>



THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS IS ALIVE AND WELL

The "Campaign for the Next Hundred Years" is alive and well – but maintaining social distance and, when appropriate, wearing a mask!

Temple Israel and the Foundation initiated this campaign about two years ago. Its purpose is to build the Temple's endowment funds, managed by the Temple Israel Foundation, so that as the future unfolds these funds will spin off more and more earnings to support the Temple's budgets and programming. As Temple Israel approaches its 100th Anniversary in 2024, our more mediumterm goal is to build our endowment via both cash and estate pledges (bequests) to \$10 million – the earnings from which could supplement a quarter to half of the annual operating budget. This would reduce the pressure on annual fund-raising, and allow our dues commitments to pay for more creative, engaging programming.

How are we doing? The Foundation currently has almost \$6 million in cash and pledges -- \$2.8 million in assets (our current "nest egg"), and about another \$3 million in pledges. These are all from our past fundraising successes and the current Next 100 Years Campaign. So we're well on the way to our goal!

However, it is also true that due to the Covid pandemic, and the economic hardship that some of our members are experiencing, the Temple is facing some shorter term budgetary deficits. As of now, the Temple will absorb these deficits from its own reserves. However, the Foundation may be called upon to spend some of our nest egg to get the Temple through the next year or two – alternatively, the Temple would be forced into making major cuts to programming and staff, which we'd certainly like to avoid.

The 100-Year Committee, headed by Amy Lipeles, Susie Amster, Jan Schultz, Temple President Steve Gordon and Foundation President Michael Rosen, want to continue the momentum we've created ... to move the Next 100 Years Campaign forward and reach our goals. We had been staging a series of "parlor meetings" to meet with various groups of congregants, to introduce them to the campaign and the long term needs of the Temple. These gatherings have been suspended since the Temple was closed to in-person meetings in early March. We hope to resume these as the Temple re-opens.

In the meantime, we still plan to contact individual congregants about making gifts or pledges. Indeed, as part of the Temple family, YOU can help us prepare for the next 100 years. Consider making a pledge to the Foundation – toward a cash gift or by recognizing the Foundation in your will. You'll be ensuring that the community of Temple Israel lasts for another hundred years! Contact Eric Shatzkin or any of the committee leadership if you want to find out more about the Next 100 Years campaign, or if you're interested in making a cash gift or legacy pledge.



WHAT IS THE TEMPLE ISRAEL FOUNDATION?

The Temple Israel of Long Beach Foundation (its formal name) is a non-profit corporation created by Temple leadership, way back in 1977, to "receive, acquire, hold, manage, administer and expend property and funds for charitable and eleemosynary purposes".

Huh

That means the Foundation is the keeper of the Temple nest $\operatorname{egg}-a$ combination of cash, investments and endowments – which both: a) generate investment earnings that are given to the Temple to support its budget and programming; and b) are available to help the Temple in bad economic times.

The Foundation has grown its principal (called the "corpus" -- yikes) to about \$2.8 million in assets. These are invested in a mix of equities (largely stock mutual funds and ETFs), and bonds, with a limited amount held in cash. We also own an Israel Bond and a life insurance policy (donated by a very generous Temple family).

About \$1.4 million of the corpus are "unrestricted funds" – these generate annual earnings which by formula are allocated to the Temple's operating budget. A similar amount is held in "restricted funds", which were designated by the original donors (in some cases, the Temple itself was the original donor) for specific purposes, e.g. to support the Torah Center or youth scholarships and programs, or building improvements. In recent years the Foundation has been averaging about \$80,000 per year in transfers to the Temple.

In addition, the Foundation holds pledges for future gifts (mainly bequests) totaling almost \$3 million. Most of this money will not be realized until donors pass on (but we hope they live long and prosper!).

The Foundation is led by an eleven-member board (all congregants) and administered by the Temple Executive Director and the staff. We have a paid financial advisor (part of Morgan Stanley) that manages our investments, under an overall policy set by the board. Annual financial statements are compiled on a volunteer basis by long time Temple members Nancy and Jeff Barrad, and reviewed by an outside auditing firm, Onisko and Scholz.

The "Campaign for the Next Hundred Years" (see separate article) has been initiated in order to build our overall endowment to \$10 million between now and the Temple's 100th Anniversary in 2024.



SOCIAL ACTION: DRIVE BY, DROP OFF, AND DONATE

This week we learned that nearly another 3 million people have filed for unemployment, bringing the total up to 42 million unemployed.

Food insecurity in the country has doubled. Among children, it has quadrupled. Many students relied on schools to provide breakfast and lunch, sometimes even dinner, but with schools closed and summer coming, many families struggle and children are going hungry.

In these desperate times, our government and businesses are failing to provide necessities like food, sanitation products and medical needs. Charitable organizations have had to step up to feel in the gaps, but many are overwhelmed by the incredible demand.

Here's our chance to help!

Your Social Action committee has come up with an event to make it really easy & safe to donate. Here's how it works:

On two days, Wednesday & Thursday June 17th & 18th, and Tuesday & Wednesday June 30th & July 1st, from 10 am - 4 pm we will have a Drive By, Drop Off To Donate event in front of Temple Israel.

Volunteers will be out front, under a canopy, with safe distancing, to collect whatever you drop by to donate. Easy, peasey! Pick a convenient time for you, drive by, drop it off, and know that you've helped feed hungry neighbors! Food will be donated to our four favorite foodbanks and local charities, all of whom are struggling to feed massive numbers of new families, seniors, vets, disabled and shut-ins. They are distributing at the parks, shelters, and there are several home delivery programs to shut-ins. They are all addressing the problem in whatever ways they're able. It will all get eaten! They can use almost any kind of individually wrapped or small package items. Large items will be given to families who can cook.

Thanks for helping meet the pressing need that will be getting worse and worse in the next few weeks! No one should go hungry!

Contact Charmaine <u>clw@tilb.org</u> to get on the schedule to volunteer for a 2 hour shift or more. Call Andrea Friedenthal with questions at (562)822-7882 or <u>andreafri8711@gmail.com</u>. It's a great way to help the needy and say hi to your temple friends!





INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Standing Together in a Polarized World

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

This month's article is drawn from the webpages of the Interfaith Alliance, an organization committed to combating religious discrimination and bigotry. Recognizing that hate groups continue to be more vocal, visible, and violent – the Alliance does not accept as normal an administration that dismisses hate crimes and hate speech by claiming that fault lies on all sides. Interfaith Alliance continues to stand with those who face hatred and discrimination, understanding that all of our freedoms are inextricably tied together.

The Alliance was founded in 1994 during a period of growing entanglement between religion and politics. Its founders sought to show that the Religious Right was not the only authentic voice of faith in this country and that the Constitution had been written to protect each individual's right to believe as they choose – not by imposing their beliefs on others.

In the quarter-century since its establishment, the Interfaith Alliance has stood as a leader in the defense of religious freedom and is the only national interfaith organization dedicated to protecting the integrity of both religion and democracy in America. Its membership is comprised of individuals rather than by institutions and it operates in all 50 states and overseas in the U.S. military, standing by more than 75 faith traditions and belief systems.

The mission of the Interfaith Alliance is to protect religious freedom for all Americans, regardless of their faith or belief. "While others are also engaged in this effort, they often bring with them a specific sectarian perspective. We embrace the positive role religion can play, and we work to ensure one brand of beliefs can't be imposed on anyone without their consent," wrote Rabbi Jack Moline, president.

As we continue to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones, let us also continue to engage in interfaith dialog and understanding. We are all leaves on the same tree!

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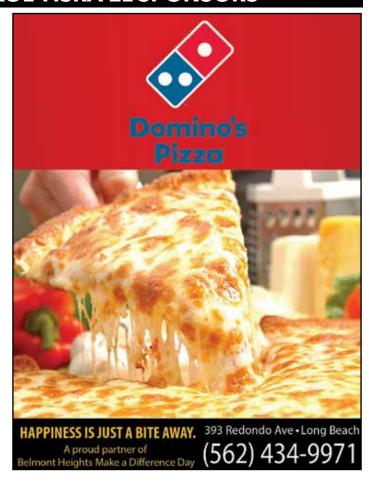
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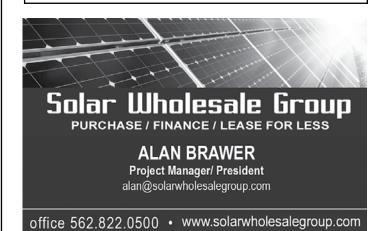


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