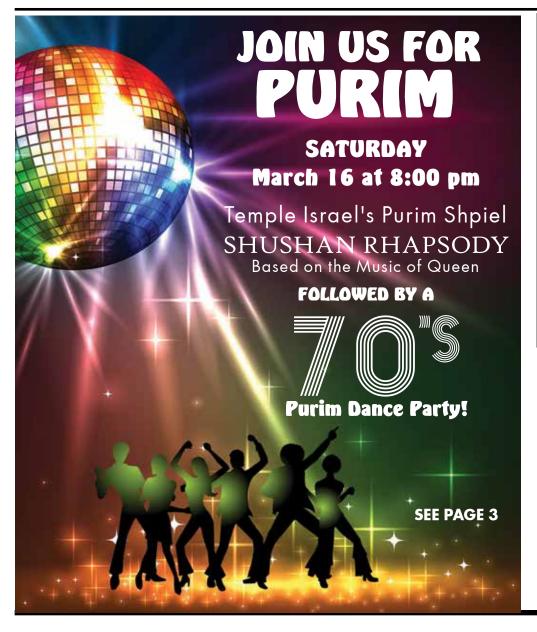


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### **SHABBAT SERVICES**

#### Friday, March 1

7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, March 2

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

#### Friday, March 8

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

#### Saturday, March 9

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

#### Friday, March 15

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, March 16

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Posner

#### Friday, March 22

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, March 23

8:45 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

#### Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

#### Saturday, March 30

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service CREATING
COMMUNITY
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ONEG SHABBATS

organized by our Membership Committee

Join us after the services on the dates below.

Tables will be designated for groups to socialize with each other

March 15
"Empty Nesters"

March 29

"Hikers, Bikers & Birders"

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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.

#### FOUNDATION MESSAGE -BUILDING A SACRED PARTNERSHIP

By David Sacks and Gary Roberts, Foundation Board Members



Last month a few of us attended a seminar presented by the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) on the topic of "Cultivating a Culture of Philanthropy". While the title is less than dynamic, the principal speaker, Rabbi Lou Feldstein, was. He opened by drawing

a distinction between fund raising—which is important for the day-to-day functioning of the Temple—and the creation of a "culture of philanthropy", which relies on a relationship between the congregants-individually-and the future of the Temple and Jewish communities. We on the Foundation are charged with conveying the idea that each member of the congregation ourselves included - is responsible for maintaining and constantly advancing Temple Israel so that it will remain the place for Jewish wisdom, community, and raising our children for every member of the congregation for generations to come. The means to accomplish our task were discussed in some detail. The importance of creating a Sacred Partnership between the congregation and the individual was repeatedly stressed. In our context, philanthropy is about caring for and nourishing the Jewish lives that enter our tent. The 100 Years Campaign will require spiritual, emotional and financial commitment on all our parts. Even our children, for whose future we are exerting our efforts, can become participants in supporting their Temple community. For example, a penny-aday collection to reach 100 (Dare I say in a piggy bank? OK, maybe a Lox Box?) is good for youthful engagement. The engagement and acknowledgement of donors of any amount is vital. Our job as Foundation board members is to morph from being leaders of a campaign to serving as recruiters for collaborators in this effort from within the congregation. Please join us, collaborate with us, and ensure our Jewish future! To paraphrase Pogo Possum, we have met the campaign workers, AND THEY IS US!

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#### **RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE / PURIM**



#### **ALCOHOL AND PURIM**

By Rick Burney, VP Ritual Practices

Are Jews really obligated to drink to the point of not knowing the difference between Haman and Mordecai?

"Rava said: It is one's duty to make oneself fragrant [with wine] on Purim until one cannot tell the difference between "cursed be Haman" and "blessed be Mordecai" (Babylonian Talmud, Megillah 7b). Some Jews have interpreted this Talmudic statement as permission to overindulge in alcohol during the celebration of Purim.

When my daughters were in pre-school at the JCC, they dressed in costume and marched in the Purim parade. My three year old was overwhelmed by all of the commotion so I carried her as we walked. You can imagine my surprise when a clearly inebriated observant man came up to me, a bottle of Slivovitz in hand, and offered me a glass of brandy. I told him to "buzz off" (pun intended). I was admittedly perplexed why this drunken display was encouraged at a morning pre-school celebration of Purim.

As Purim approaches, I decided to revisit this Purim ritual, albeit 24 years after my first encounter. The Talmudic wisdom states, "that on this one day, the Jew who rejoices on Purim no longer requires the mind to tell him the difference between "cursed be Haman" and "blessed be Mordechai"; he is above it all, relating to the divine truth that transcends the bifurcation of good and evil. For the Jew who rejoices on Purim, the mind is utterly superfluous, something which only encumbers the outpouring of his soul, something which only quantifies and qualifies that which is infinite and all-pervading. So he puts his mind to sleep for a few hours, in order to allow his true self to emerge." (From "The Purim Drunk" at www.chabad.org)

To me, the beauty in how we observe our rituals is that we get to shape these rituals in ways that are meaningful to us. Purim is a celebration of virtue's triumph over evil and unfortunately, we continue to face similar challenges today. I am not willing to take a day off from recognizing the distinction between right and wrong. I am interested in hearing our congregant's thoughts on this Purim ritual (and any other thoughts you may have about Purim). I can be reached at <u>VPRitualPractices@tilb.org</u>

There are a number of Purim rituals that are easy to follow. Hamantaschen reminds us of Haman's hat. Groggers drown out Haman's evil name.





## Saturday. March16 at 8:00 pm

Temple Israel's Purim Shpiel



Based on the Music of Queen

#### FOLLOWING THE SHPIEL JOIN US FOR A



STUDIO 54 COSTUME CONTEST DRINKS AND FUN!

NO COST TO ATTEND • ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



#### **DEDICATION**

By Joyce Feldman, Temple President



Happy March! Last month we celebrated our Temple's 95th Birthday! Temple Israel has been a place of worship, learning, community service and social life to many generations of families seeking to live a Jewish life and make a Jewish connection. Serving the community for 95 years is no small feat, and is a huge point of pride for all of us. Our success has only come from the dedication of many lay leaders and clergy who have paved the way to this

special birthday.

March begins spring, and spring brings a flurry of activity into our building. The casts are busily rehearsing for both the adult and teen Purim Shpiels (not to be missed!); the bakers are busily preparing the thousands of Hamantaschen that will be distributed in our Purim bags (please support!) – a special thank you to Chana Ham-Rosebrock for leading this effort and dedicating so much of her own time cooking and teaching; and the Gala crew is already busy planning for our biggest fundraiser of the year in May.

I am proud to announce this year's honorees for our **Cirque du Shalom Gala**, to be held this year on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's honorees absolutely represent the type of commitment and leadership that has made our Temple 95 years strong. These three couples truly exemplify the definition of dedication.

#### **OUR 2019 GALA HONOREES:**

Ann and Gene Lentzner have been members of Temple Israel for sixty years, having joined in 1959. Gene and Ann have been very active in Temple life over the years. Their involvement began as Gene and Ann raised their two sons, Jay and Alan at Temple Israel. They are proud that both of their boys are doctors, and happy they live locally. Jay and his wife, Nancy Schindler, are Temple members as well. Alan is a proud father as his son, David is an art student in Chicago.

After serving in WWII, Gene obtained a degree in industrial engineering, but due to anti-Semitism he was not able to obtain a job in his fields. Gene took advantage of the opportunity to own a retail clothing business, and worked long hours for 28 years, building and growing the business to a huge success. Ann convinced Gene to enjoy the fruits of his labor, and sell their business and "retire". If you know the Lentzners, retirement was not an accurate word for them. Instead, they embarked on what they consider their true calling and love: a 36-year (and counting) partnership in community volunteerism. Ann has been Gene's partner in all their good deeds, having edited every speech he has ever given, pointing out redundancies and making sure that all the important points are covered. Gene and Ann's dedication

extends to many organizations in the area. Gene served on our Temple board for many years, and was our Board President from 1975-1977. Currently, at age 96, Gene particularly enjoys our weekly Torah Study. They have been honored many times by many organizations over their many years of service. Gene and Ann were actually honored by Temple Israel thirty years ago! Because of their lifetime of volunteerism to the Temple, as well as the community at large, we felt it was very appropriate to honor them once again, as we commemorate their sixty years and counting of dedicated membership, leadership, and participation.

Joanne and Jerry Levy have been members of our community for twenty-eight years, joining in 1991. They have gifted us with their energy and time since the beginning of their membership. The following is a bit of their history and just some of the many things they have been involved in: Joanne and Jerry raised their two children at Temple Israel, with Gabrielle celebrating her bat mitzvah in 2001 and Benjamin celebrating his bar mitzvah in 2005. Joanne is proud to be one the four women who celebrated their B'not Mitzvah at the first official event that reopened our newly remodeled building in 2012. Both Jerry and Joanne can be found at many of the activities around our Temple as well. Their highlights include: Torah Study, JJL events, Shabbat HaNafesh and delivering welcome bags for new members.

Individually, Joanne is ending her seven-year term on the Board of Directors this June. While on the Board, she has served on many committees, and on the Executive Committee as the VP of Ritual Practice, followed by the VP of Membership. We can thank Joanne for many of the new programs, policies and innovations that have begun under her direction. She is active in our Sisterhood and has served on their board as well. In the community, she is also active in the National Council for Jewish Women (NCJW). Having "retired" from her job as a Speech-Language Pathologist in 2003, Joanne keeps busy as a substitute teacher. Jerry has been a Rheumatologist for the past thirty-four years. Jerry has put his woodworking skills to use for Temple Israel, repurposing an old sanctuary pew to create a traveling ark for "our year in exile" that we continue to use for Rosh HaShanah in The Park and other Shabbat celebrations away from the Temple. Jerry created and chaired our High Holy Day Usher Corp from 2013-2016 and took the helm again in 2018, instrumental in our logistics. He has stepped in as sound engineer for our Purim Shpiel and participates annually in the High Holy Days Shofar Choir. Jerry and Joanne are extremely worthy of this honor for their years of dedication to our Temple.

Lynne and Jonathan Kass have been members of Temple Israel for seventeen years, joining in 2002. They both hit the ground running, quickly becoming involved in many activities of temple life. They have raised their three children at Temple Israel. Daughter Sara celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in 2009 and will soon be graduating college. Daughter Gillian celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in 2012, and their son Max celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in 2015.

#### TEMPLE ISRAEL'S ANNUAL GALA



Lynne is a Jew by Choice, completing her conversion here at Temple Israel is 2009. Lynne is proudly part of the Adult B'not Mitzah class of 2018. Lynne has spent many years on the Gala Committee, as a project leader for Make a Difference Day, and has been active in helping out at our Torah Center. Lynne is also a Past President for the Alpert JCC. Lynne is the owner of Princess Productions for LA and OC. She was formerly the director of development for the American Cancer League as well as being proud to serve as a professional Mom and Volunteer. Jonathan served on the Board for eleven years bringing his skills and leadership to the positions of Treasurer, President and Past President. He has served on three Strategic Planning Committees, the Personnel Committee, two Bylaws Committees and the Cantor Search Committee. He currently serves on the Digital Task Force and is directing the Purim Shpiel for the third straight year. Jonathan is Senior VP of Technology and Operations for Futuredontics. He has experience in aerospace, health insurance and pet Insurance. Lynne and Jonathan rarely say "no". We are truly honored they said "yes" to this welldeserved honor.

How blessed we are to have six exceedingly dedicated volunteers in our Temple Israel community - they truly exemplify the spirit of dedication that helped found, nurture and grow our congregation over the past 95 years. Please mark your calendar for May 11<sup>th</sup>, and help us celebrate our honorees and pay tribute to our community's 95 years of accomplishment. The funds we raise are crucial to funding the many programs and services we provide. As a matter of fact, this is your Gemilut Chasidim (nurturing act of kindness) for the month of March. We need your dedication to our beloved temple home. Add to your "to do list" to support our Gala in some way. Ideas for how you can help will be forthcoming in mailings, emails and in the Kol Yisra'el.

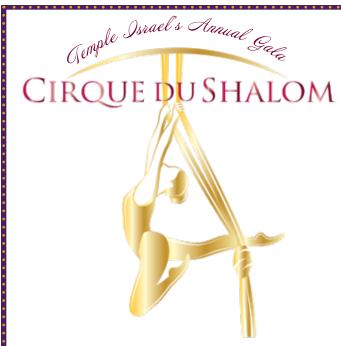
Happy March! May you be inspired to continue your own dedication to Temple Israel!

#### TRIBUTE BOOK FOR CIRQUE DU SHALOM

#### **SEND YOUR TRIBUTES IN EARLY!**

#### **Tribute Size Donation** Outside Back Cover \$1200.00 Inside Back Cover \$1100.00 Full Page \$ 600.00 (Full Page Size 8 x 10) \$ 400.00 Half Page (Half Page Size 8 x 5) Quarter Page \$ 200.00 Eighth Page \$ 100.00 Name Listing \$ 36.00

Your Donation Is Tax Deductible
Tributes most be in by Monday, April 20
to Michelle mdt@tilb.org



**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019** 

Temple Israel will proudly host this year's Gala

CIRQUE DU SHALOM An Evening to Imagine Our Future!

During this evening, we will recognize and honor the leadership and dedication to our community

> Lynne & Jonathan Kass Ann & Gene Lentzner Joanne & Jerry Levy

It will be an exciting evening with surprise entertainment, an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, gourmet dining, and of course, celebrating our honorees.





#### INTRODUCING NEW SISTERHOOD BOARD MEMBER - LENORE ROTH



Lenore Roth is a new member of our Sisterhood Board this year. She is our Corresponding Secretary. Lenore connected to our Temple Israel community through her daughter MeL and son-in-law Eric Shatzkin. You may have seen her at Temple with her grandchildren or at the Alpert JCC where she teaches at the ECE. Lenore grew up in Woodland Hills and as an adult moved to San Diego, where her three children were born. She first came

back to Woodland Hills and then moved to Long Beach. Lenore is a devoted grandmother. She helps out with her grandchildren Harlin and Max and two dogs, Tallula and Augie. Lenore enjoys music, spending time making fancy greeting cards, visiting friends in San Diego and visiting her family in Woodland Hills.



#### **BINGO**

On Sunday, January 27th we had 26 people join us for Bingo! There were yummy treats and beverages. Our BINGO caller was the amazing Sharon Coleman. So great to see so many new faces!

Congratulations to our winners: Lidia Fahlk, Judy Leff, David Tygard,

Phyllis Wolfe, Geri Landes, Leanne Johnson, and Judy Green



### **TI SISTERHOOD**

# **Gift Shop**

for all your Passover needs and more

- ♥ Seder plates by Michael Aram, Nambe and other Israeli Artists
- **♥** Fun Passover toys for children and fun-loving adults
- ★ Matzah Plates
- ★ Matzah Covers
- ☆ Tallit, yarmulkes and much more!

# Sisterhood Women's Night Out

#### Monday, March 18 at 6:00 pm

Black Angus • 5000 Candlewood Ave. Lakewood

Join your Sisterhood friends for dinner, laughter and fun!

#### Entree choices will be:

8 oz. Slow-Roasted Prime Rib, Fire-Grilled Chicken Breast, Gilled Fresh Salmon **Sides:** Western Wild Rice, Fresh Broccoli

Cost \$25 (all inclusive)

Molasses bread, shared starter (appetizer assortment), choice of entree, two sides, with choice of drink (soda, lemonade, tea, or coffee).

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



# Sisterhood's Membership Lunch

with a Guest Speaker

Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm at Temple Israel

#### **FREE FOR MEMBERS**

\$15 for non-members (or join Sisterhood)

Please RSVP by Monday, April 8 to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



#### 4th Annual Temple Israel Sisterhood

# $G_2 A_1 M_3 E_1 D_2 A_1 Y_4$

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 9:30 am. - 2:00 p.m.

Light Breakfast • Snacks • Lunch • Dessert **\$ 36.00** 

Bring your favorite game to play with your friends.

Bring your own Mahjong set for your table, and any other game boards you like.

To RSVP please turn in the form below by Wednesday, April 24

www.tilb.org/Sis GameDayForm Apr19.pdf (or pick up a hard copy in the Temple lobby)

#### CYCLING IN ISRAEL/ BAR MITZVAH / LIBRARY



#### WHY I'LL BE CYCLING IN ISRAEL THIS SPRING

By Jared Goldin, Temple Board Member

[The following is an edited version of an essay, by Temple Israel Board member Jared Goldin, that originally appeared last month on the blog of ReformJudaism.org]

In 1966, when I was in 7th grade, I was diagnosed with Osgood-Schlatter (O-S) disease, a ligament inflammation characterized by a painful bump below the knee that worsens with activity. Back then, tagged with a strange, foreign-sounding disease, I and others with assorted physical limitations attended what was known as "ortho gym" in lieu of regular gym class.

Perhaps because of this experience – or maybe because I was a Jewish kid in an often overtly hostile school and sports environment – I was fascinated, at the time, by a classmate's dad, who used a wheelchair. This charismatic, athletic man had been an original member of the Long Beach Flying Wheels, a wheelchair basketball team comprising paraplegic WWII veterans rehabilitating at a nearby Navy hospital.

Once my O-S cleared up, I rarely thought about it or wheelchair basketball – until recently, when I met Boaz Kramer, a medical doctor, former champion wheelchair tennis player, award-winning Paralympian, and executive director of the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled (ISCD), together with a coterie of young athletes, who were visiting Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles, where my daughter is a cantor.

Established in 1960 near Tel Aviv, the ISCD initially focused on rehabilitating polio victims. Before long, it also was serving individuals injured during military service and in accidents, as well as those affected by cerebral palsy and other conditions. Its many sports offerings include swimming, wheelchair basketball, soccer, and table tennis, and its full array of training facilities enable athletes and teams to compete in leagues and tournaments around the world. By 2007, the ISCD was serving 80 percent of Israelis in these categories, including the largest percentage of children anywhere in the world at a center of this kind.

As I heard firsthand from Boaz and two young athletes, the ISDC provides a second home to some 2,500 Israelis of all ages, serving as a place in which "the unique merit of sports is utilized to strengthen body, spirit, and mind and where people with disabilities are empowered to become fully integrated members of society." Children, in particular, gain self-esteem and confidence at ISDC, finding and honing interests and skills they never knew they possessed, including ones they may have been told were not appropriate for them to pursue.

As one way of supporting the ISDC, I (with my wife, Trish's along for support) will be participating with others from all around the world – on bikes, in wheelchairs, and other conveyances – in the organization's 13th annual Good Wheel 2019, a 180-mile ride in northern Israel to be held from March 29 through April 4, 2019. The ISCD describes this event as a "combined effort of the participants to remove barriers and make everyone feel equal in an unforgettable and unique life experience."

#### THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



BENJAMIN POSNER
March 16, 2019

My name is Ben Posner and my Bar Mitzvah is March 16<sup>th</sup>. I'm a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader at Oak Middle School. I love Playing Lacrosse, Bodyboarding and hanging out with my friends.

My Mitzvah Project is volunteering at We Care. We Care is a non-profit organization that meets the emergency needs of families and individuals so they do not become homeless. I help in the warehouse organizing and doing inventory for the food. I'm going to do a cereal drive for my Bar Mitzvah. If you

would like to donate a box of breakfast cereal, you can bring it to temple and leave it in the collection box. I'm looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah and sharing my special day with my friends and family.

#### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY - WISH LIST**

by Joan Leb

Thank you to the following congregants who have donated books from the "wish list."

Leon Fultheim

*The Eichmann Trial* by Deborah Lipstadt (736.5 LIP)

Gordon Cohen

*Dear Zealot* by Amos Oz (820.1 OZ)

Margo and Mark Hoffer

The Tanakh translated by Robert Alter (REF 001 ALT)

A Lethal Obsession: Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad by Robert Wistrich (662 WIS)

The Sydney Taylor awards for 2019 have just been announced by the Association of Jewish Libraries. There will be more information about the winners next month. In the meantime, if you or your children have not read the All-of-a-Kind Family series by Sydney Taylor that features a Jewish family in turn-of-the 20<sup>th</sup> century New York, you have the opportunity to do so. We have new editions of the five books:

All-of-a-Kind Family More All-of-a-Kind Family All-of-a-Kind Family Uptown All-of-a-Kind Family Downtown Ella of All-of-a-Kind Family

**HAPPY READING!** 







TEMPLE ISRAEL

# HIGH SCHOOL

#### PROGRAM

February was an extremely eventful and exciting month for our temple teens, so let's get right into it! ANDI was particularly active this month, hosting a games and crafts oneg after our Camp Shabbat, featuring a cool science experiment and a chance to operate a robot from URJ 6 Points Sci Tech camp. The following week, 25 of our 6th and 7th graders played games in the dark at the temple, run by our ANDI teen board. The evening ended with a beautiful Torah passing from the high schoolers to the middle schoolers. Six of our teens had the opportunity to travel to Dallas for the NFTY National Convention, where they got the meet, greet, share, laugh, sing, dance, and learn with 550 of their closest NFTY friends from all over the country.

On the Torah Center front, our 8th graders had a movie night at the Amster Brown home. where they watched a very touching movie, Menashe, a Yiddish language film. The 10th graders had their adoptive grandparents to class to learn and laugh together. The High School Program had our family learning day with special guest speaker Avram Mandell from Tzedek America. We learned about the middah, Ometz Lev - Courage.

ANDI, Teen Council, and the Madrichim program all had meetings. We looked at future events and how we could work with in our leadership teams to create programing and opportunities for our High School Program. Lastly, auditions were held and rehearsals have begun for our outstanding teen Shpiel Under the Sea, which will take place on Sunday, March 17, at 10:45 am in the sanctuary. We would love to have you there!



#### **FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS**

#### YAEL & RICHARD MARCUS & FAMILY



Yael and Richard Marcus live in Belmont Heights with their son Eitan (16), daughter Aravah (11), and dog Glida. Eitan and Aravah are both alumni of the Alpert JCC's ECE and Kids University. Yael and Richard have been involved in the Long Beach Jewish Community for many years through the Alpert JCC, the Federation and various activities.

Richard is from Southern California. He is a professor of International Politics and directs The Global Studies Institute at Cal State Long Beach. Yael is from Ramat Gan, Israel. She is a project manager at an environmental consulting firm in Orange County. They met by chance in Nairobi, Kenya in 1992 and have been together ever since.

Yael loves to read and socialize with friends. Richard's vocation is also his favorite hobby but he loves to kayak, play tennis, and cook. Eitan has known who he is from a very young age and has three loves: math, robotics, and drumming. He is a student at the California Academy of Math and Science and is planning a career in pure mathematics. Aravah loves theater, music, dance, and reading. She has played piano for several years and has recently taken up the euphonium. They have different views of the world but have grown up close to each other and their cousins in Israel.

Living in the community and with so many friends at Temple Israel, it almost feels to Yael and Richard that joining was an inevitability. They are delighted by the passion and warmth of the Temple Israel community, and look forward to becoming participating members.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Tammy & Daniel Kline Shimrit & Michael Vavak



#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD TOT PROGRAMS**



#### Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 am

at Marina Vista Park (near tennis courts)



Come join us for our next Shabbat ShaPARK Shalom! This gathering at Marina Vista Park is designed for families with young children. Come meet other parents and celebrate Shabbat with us at the playground. Kids can play...Parents can chat. Shabbat singing and challah too! **See you at the park!** All are welcome to attend. **FREE OF CHARGE** 

# Tot Skabbat

WITH CANTOR HASS

Friday, March15 at 6:00 pm



Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, ages newborn to early elementary school age and their loved ones. Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service. Tot Shabbat Services will be followed by challah and grape juice as well as a FREE PIZZA DINNER after the Service!

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, March 13** to Michelle at <u>mdt@tilb.org</u>

#### **SHABBAT SERVICES**

# CREATING COMMUNITY PROGRAM ISRAELI DANCING AND POTLUCK

### Friday Evening, March 8

following Shabbat HaNefesh Service

Come to the HaNefesh Service at 6 pm, stay and schmooze, share a potluck meal and Israeli dancing
Bring something to share
(main dish, side dish, substantial appetizer)
Temple will provide salad and dessert.

Please RSVP to Charmaine at clw@tilb.org

# GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE

Generously sponsored by Debbie & Rob Feldman

#### Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm

A jazz-infused musical Shabbat Service featuring Kendra Cogert and the Shabbatones



Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter

SABBATH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM & SERVICE

Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 am

featuring

Barry Cogert and the Jazz Angels

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



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATION FORM

As Immediate Past President, I have the honor of chairing our Temple's Nominating Committee. This year, you may nominate yourself or someone you think is a good candidate for board service. Our hope and goal is to demystify the process, to remove barriers to board service, to increase board representation and involve everyone who has an interest in being part of our Board. It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve on the board of Temple Israel.

I hope you will consider serving on the Board and submit the form below. Once submitted, a member of the Nominating Committee will call you to discuss your interest in board service. Each applicant will be given equal consideration. Names placed on the slate for Board approval will be based on our desire to create a balanced and representative board.

Board members must be members of Temple Israel who are Jewish and are not employed by the Temple.

Board requirements include:

- Attending a minimum of 8 board meetings per year. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Knowing what the Temple budget is and taking an active part in reviewing, approving and monitoring the budget and fundraising to meet it.
- Actively promoting our organization and encouraging and supporting the staff.
- Serving on at least one committee with the goal of chairing a committee or sub-committee within two years of board membership.
- Acting as greeter and/or Board Representative at Services a minimum of four times per year and at the High Holy Days.
- Staying current with all personal financial commitments to Temple Israel.
- Actively support fund-raising events of the Temple.

If you have questions, please call me at (562) 799-7026.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

## Steve Keiles

Steve Keiles, Immediate Past President

that you bring to that role?

	Or, I would like to be considered as a candidate for board service. Or, I would like to recommend the following candidate for potential board service. I have checked with the individual for his or her permission to be recommended.					
Name:						
Na	me:					
	at are your reasons for wanting to serve on the Board of nple Israel and what are some of your interests and skills					

#### **JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING**

#### **HEBREW PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS TWO**

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Teacher: Janet Liss



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

prayers, as well as learning the Hebrew. Knowing beginning Hebrew is a plus but not necessary.

Cost: \$80, including learning materials

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

Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm

Facilitator: Barry Mitnick

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

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



#### JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

## RITUALS THAT GO BEYOND: Exploring Birkat HaMazon, Blessings Upon Eating

Sunday, March 10 at 9:45 am

Teacher: Rabbi Moskowitz

Religious rituals are roadmaps of return. They are designed to help us remember why we have been created: to express gratitude for our existence through love, compassion, and justice. We will explore three rituals that may be beyond what we currently practice. In any case, they will take us beyond.

Cost: none



# A.I. EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AND ITS ETHICAL CHALLENGES a Panel Discussion

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening panel discussion with experts in the field, including Curt Hopkins, to explore Can A.I. be free of bias? What happens when moral decisions need to be made? Will A.I. enhance or diminish what it means to be a human being?

Cost: none

With thanks to the Abraham Perlman Foundation and the Jewish Foundation of Greater Long Beach



#### SCREENING OF RGB: THE DOCUMENTARY Havdallah and Discussion

Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 pm



At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. RBG explores Ginsburg's life and career. *Cost: none* 

#### **COOKING: PASSOVER REIMAGINED**

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm

Teacher: Amy Lipeles

Come and learn to cook a Passover meal that is a twist on traditional favorites. We will make a charoset, a soup, and a dessert together. **Cost:** \$15/person - RSVP requested



# TOUR OF INSTITUTE FOR CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AT USC

Thursday April 4 12:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us for this interesting opportunity, as we visit the Institute for Creative Technologies. This special outing is part of our exploration of Judaism, Ethics, and Artificial Intelligence.

Bus transportation will be provided. Fun stop at a local eatery fpr dessert after the tour. *Cost: none* 

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#### INTERFAITH GREETINGS What a Yaar This Has Been

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

Many world religions, including Judaism, advocate the oneness of humanity, striving for unity, the equality of all peoples and world peace. The Bahá'í Faith is one of those religions. On February 17th, Lidia Fahlk and I traveled to the Bahá'í Center in Santa Monica to see the documentary film, *The Gate*, a story of the faith's origins in Persia (Iran) through their prophet, known as The Báb (born in Shiraz in southern Iran). In the mid 1800's, the Bab spoke of humanity's oneness and the empowerment of women, which was highly controversial at the time and to some, it still is today. He taught that the Eternal would soon send a divinely inspired educator who would further spread this message of unity (Baha'u'llah). His teachings threatened Iran's religious and political leaders, resulting in the persecution of the Báb and his followers.

In Iran, Baha'is continue to be persecuted, but the Báb's message ultimately triumphed and today the Bahá'í religion is practiced across the world by over five million people.

The Gate: Dawn of the Bahá'í Faith combines reenactments and interviews with renowned historians, religious scholars and Bahá'í faith experts, and is a celebration of the brief and exciting life of one whose message continues to have a profound impact on the world, a message conveyed by the film which at present, is sorely needed.

The afternoon ended with a spirited interfaith panel discussion of the film, highlighting the convictions shared by the Bahá'í faith, Judaims, Islam, Christianity and the religions of the world. Lidia and I came away with a renewed belief that each of us is tied to each other, following sometimes separate paths, but all leading to the same place.



Shrine of the Bab on Mt. Carmel in Haifa, Israel, one of Baha'is holiest sites.



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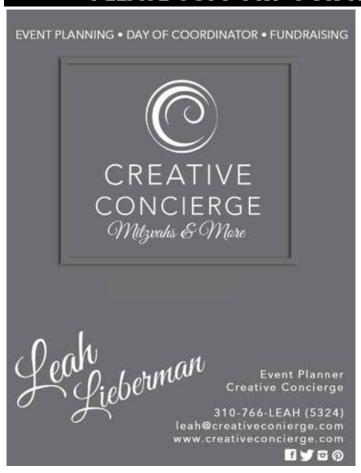


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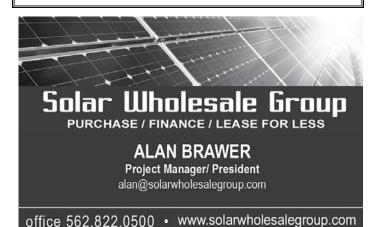


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