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MONDAY

October 14 ~ 10:30 am



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Friday, October 18 at 6:00 pm



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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.

OCTOBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Friday, October 4

7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 5

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, October 11

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, October 12

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, October 18

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 19

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, October 25

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service / Pink Shabbat

Saturday, October 26

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Kelson



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LESSONS FROM RABBI KUSHNER ON FEAR

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



At a recent board meeting, a presentation was made by the Security Committee in regard to the upcoming High Holy Days. That presentation was a recommendation to hire a security company that uses armed guards for protection. This was not the first time the issue of armed guards has been raised and addressed. Previous boards have gone both ways with this. What followed, however, was a vigorous discussion as to the merits of this course of action. There are those

(both on and off the board) who believe that our Temple is no place for guns. They cite statistics that indicate armed guards are no more likely to prevent an incident than unarmed guards. They also express a philosophy against guns in general, and a concern that having armed guards will detract from the spiritual and contemplative atmosphere we seek at this time of year.

Conversely, there are others who feel very strongly that we need to do everything we can to properly protect our synagogue, and that includes having armed guards. The horrific acts of violence we hear about on such a regular basis, have contributed to this point of view. Interestingly, folks taking this position also cite statistics that support what they deem should be done.

After much questioning of the security company's representatives, the board voted to accept the recommendation of the Security Committee. The company we are using currently supplies security for two congregations in Orange County, both of which gave us very positive references. I pray that on October 1st, when this issue of the Kol Yisra'el is published, Rosh HaShanah will have passed absent of incident, and Yom Kippur will soon do the same.

At this point, I would like to be clear that this article is not a commentary on gun control, the Second Amendment, or any other political position. What it is about, is the emotion that I observed coming from both sides of our discussion/debate/disagreement. And that emotion is *fear*. Fear of an intruder damaging our beloved synagogue, fear of tragedy so horrendous that I don't need to say what that is, and fear that our attempts to prevent incident will result in its own form of tragedy.

How can this be? How can people who are equally as adamant in their beliefs on both sides of this issue share identical fears? We all want the same thing; a safe place to observe, worship, and pray.....without fear.

Coincidentally (or perhaps not), I was in Rabbi Simon's office when I saw a book on his shelf that caught my attention. In big, bold letters, I saw the word FEAR. After taking a closer look, I saw that the book was actually titled, "Conquering Fear," by Rabbi Harold Kushner. I asked Rabbi Simon if I could borrow the book, and he, of course said yes.

I am currently about halfway in, which, by the way, is where I got the inspiration for this article. Each chapter deals with a different source of fear, such as from terrorism, change (these two ring a bell for anyone?), natural disaster, rejection, death, and others. What particularly caught my eye was the very first chapter, titled "The Eleventh Commandment." In it, Rabbi Kushner explains, "just as the injunction to respect our parents is intended to make sure we do not cut ourselves off from a major source of wisdom, guidance, and love, the Eleventh Commandment, the commandment not to be afraid, is meant to keep us from missing out on many of the blessings of life that are accessible only to those who are able to face their fears, see them clearly, and stare them down."

Giving you an answer as to how to make that happen is far beyond the scope of this article (not to mention far, far beyond my level of expertise). But I am hopeful that by bringing this issue to light, and recognizing that we are not alone in how many of us feel, we can take some comfort in dealing with our own personal battles, however they manifest themselves.

Sadly, the reasons for our fears are not likely to go away soon. But as Rabbi Kushner says in his book, even though we may have no control over things that happen, we do have control over how we react to them.

Our Temple needs to remain a place where we can feel the peace of Shabbat, the spiritual uplifting of the High Holy Days, and the audacious hospitality we roll out for guests, and for each other.

NEW OPPORTUNITY! MONTHLY DINNER SERVICE FOR THE NEEDY

Starting Monday October 28 at Christian Outreach in Action (515 E. 3rd Street, Long Beach)



COA has been providing meals for the hungry for over 38 years. They serve over 130,000 meals annually! Their numbers continue to grow as they meet the needs of the community.

The Social Action Committee of Temple Israel is sponsoring a monthly meal in an effort to help with COA's efforts to feed the hungry. We will be cooking and serving meals on the fourth Monday of each month, beginning Monday, October 28th. Volunteers are needed to help with meal preparation and/or serving/clean-up

For more information or to participate contact Deb Lewis rosenlewis@aol.com or Deborah Fabricant debfabric@gmail.com



GETTING INTO THE BOOK OF LIFE BEFORE IT SLAMS SHUT ON YOUR PUNAM (FACE)

By Rabbi Jim Simon



I hope you receive this before October 9, which is Yom Kippur. On that day, when the sun goes down, our tradition tells us that the Book of Life will closewe hope that you and your loved ones will be inscribed for a year of health and meaning.

For those who are current in their membership commitments, you need not worry about getting this article prior to October 7- we will be personally delivering your October issue

of Kol Yira'el via our new messenger service - the Fremish Bondar Company, a licensed and bonded mail delivery company that has been in business since August 30 of this year. If you are not current with your membership, you will be receiving your bulletin via Pony Express.

Our tradition teaches that by Yom Kippur we need to clean up the residue of our unfinished human business of the past year so that when the gates close at the end of Yom Kippur we will be inscribed in the Book of Life.

I know some of you think- "Oh Rabbi, that Book of Life thing is a just a bunch of hooey, the English word for *narishkeit*. Maybe it is. Maybe it isn't. For those who would like to use the time before Yom Kippur to finish up your human-to-human apologies as well as your human-to-God apologies, Judaism does offer some helpful hints.

First, remember the Jewish three R's, which are very different than the American three R's (readin', ritin' and rutabaga). In our tradition, we follow these three R's- REGRET, RENOUNCE and RECOMMIT. In regret, we acknowledge and admit what we have done and we apologize to those who have been hurt by our actions/ words. We renounce our behavior and we consciously decide to move away from this past behavior in the coming year. Once we have done these two things we can then recommit ourselves to a new beginning.

Second, if we want to insure that you really are going to change in the new year, follow the Maimonides rule. He taught that you will know that you have changed if you have the chance to repeat your bad behavior but you consciously choose to do the right thing. (He also says if you abstain from the bad behavior because of the fear of being caught, you need to work on getting to the mental state where you choose not to sin for the right reasons).

Finally, for those wonder if God really does accept your apologies and forgives you, Rabbi Simcha Bunam once asked his students "How can you tell if a sin we committed has truly been pardoned?" His students did not know. The Rabbi then taught- "We can tell by the fact that we no longer commit the sin!"

May our words and deeds this coming year bring us closer to God and to our loved ones.

It probably won't hurt to eat some rutabaga too.

SUKKOT - WELCOMING THE VISITOR

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



(dedicated to Sharon Amster Brown)

One of the joys of the Jewish year is the beginning of fall and the holiday of Sukkot. This is a magical time of building your sukkah and then having 7 days of inviting family and friends over to dwell in the sukkah. Your sukkah is a booth or hut commemorating how it was living in the desert for 40 years. In Israel it is so cool to see sukkot everywhere. At the base of apartment buildings seemingly every family has their own sukkah.

There is something so special about taking meals outside in the crisp air – still kind of hot with a bit of a nip. We have been fortunate to host Torah center classes that do all the decorating as they also hold their class in the sukkah. I don't know why it took us so long to make one. (Well actually purchase a prefab easy to construct, deconstruct, and store sukkah, on line.)

We have had so many wonderful intimate conversations as the sun sets and darkness descends. We have invited fellow Jewish people on our block many who are secular. This has now become a yearly tradition. One Friday I went to service and just decided to invite over anyone I was chatting with who had no plans for after service. We had a wonderful brunch one year with the dads from our son's Torah Center class. The memories are all so special – so quintessentially human and quintessentially Jewish. I love seeing Facebook posts of other people's sukkah guests.

Sharon's favorite time of year is Sukkot. It is such a delight every year watching her orchestrate the many people she invites in so many combinations. We have had the good fortune to have so many fun times, intimate conversations, and opportunities to meet so many new friends and acquaintances.

To start any event it is essential to have your etrog and lulav ready to go. I believe that I finally have it down – what to say, how to hold them, and how to choreograph the movement of the etrog and the shaking of the lulav. I love coaching the process and see people beam as they go through the ritual whether 8 or 80.

Remember to invite your ushpizim. These are the special visitors to your sukkah that are no longer with us. You can invite deceased relatives. You can invite deceased famous people. Who would you invite to your sukkah and why? What a wonderful conversation to have as you enjoy a meal together.

I encourage you to build a sukkah, buy one online, get help from Home Depot (they had a how to build a sukkah class one year). If you would like to visit a sukkah for at least one meal please contact me at VPritualpractices@tilb.org and we will try to set you up an invitation to a congregant's sukkah.

Resources for building or buying a sukkah:

The Sukkah Project https://www.sukkot.com/
Sukkah Depot http://www.sukkahdepot.com/
My Jewish Learning How to Build a Sukkah

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/how-to-build-a-sukkah/

OII MESSAGE / SOCIAL ACTION



ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

By Dawn Haldane and Freda Ross

The team assigned to work on the Operational Improvement Initiative continues its analysis. Most of the work being done now is capturing what we do currently so that when we begin to explore how we want to operate in the future, we have a good understanding of what to keep and what to change.

Workgroup Highlights:

Foundational Statements: Joanne Levy, Laurie Arroyo, and Susan Philips are in the process of discussing our Mission, Vision and Values with many groups in the congregation. We currently have Mission and Vision statements, but neither is very visible or commonly known. We don't currently have Values statements but are in the process of discovering some key words, phrases, and themes that describe Temple Israel and will form/inform these statements. The process will be ongoing as we search for and welcome our settled Rabbi.

Communication: David Philips and Dawn Haldane, working with Alan Lilien who is overseeing our digital task force, have just completed documenting all of our current incoming and outgoing communication. One significant improvement already undertaken is to hold regularly scheduled town hall meetings in an effort to improve two-way communication.

Board Structure and Function: Among the items being examined by Mark Dressner, Bobbi Horowitz, and Sheryl Stahl are the meeting agendas for both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, in an effort to discover opportunities to improve communication, efficiency, and engagement. A number of other board structures and functions will also be documented.

Leadership Development: Lysa Saltzman and Greg Endelman are documenting current processes and exploring practices in organizations outside Temple Israel. One improvement already undertaken was the formal on-boarding and mentoring of incoming members to the Board of Directors.

Personnel/Human Resources: This group, headed by Freda Ross, also includes Linda Burney, current chair of the Personnel Committee, as well as Norma Stein and Stuart Friedman. They are spending time gathering data from interviews of current staff, current and past professional staff, current and past Personnel Committee members, and lay leaders with expertise in Human Resources. In the interviews, we are gathering information about what's working well, what's not working well, what's worked well in the past, and what we should be doing with regard to Human Resource Management as our Temple grows.

Again, most of our focus right now is documenting the current state—how things operate right now. Next (or in some cases simultaneously) we will gather information about our desired future state. Going forward, as we look at what we have been able to evaluate on our own, we will learn more about whether certain aspects will require the services of an outside management consultant. We will continue to keep you updated as to our progress. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to any of us on the OII team with questions or concerns.

SOCIAL ACTION

By Paul Levitt, Andrea Friedenthal and Myron Wollin



There is a lot going on with our Temple Israel's Social Action Committee, and plenty of ways for your to get involved!

LEADERSHIP

The committee would like to thank to Kate Sachnoff for her leadership as Chair for the past year. Paul

Levitt is the new Chair.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUND

The committee submitted a proposal and gained approval for some dispensation of the Homeless Assistance Fund to a broad spectrum of local non-profit organizations servicing people experiencing homelessness. The organizations include:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Wrap the Kids, Urban Community Outreach (UCO), Christian Outreach in Action, Flossie Lewis Recovery Center, JFCS, WomenShelter, Children's Clinic, Casa Youth Center, and We Care.

Thank you to all who so generously donate to this fund.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On August 18, 19 volunteers from Temple Israel joined others from the community to cook and serve a summer barbecue for about 175 guests for the UCO Drop-In Center at First Congregational Church. Volunteers cut up vegetables for salads and side dishes, and helped prepare chicken and macaroni and cheese. Volunteers also served the food and helped clean up.

The event is funded by the Temple's Homeless Assisstance fund and we have these events twice a year, during Christmas and summer. Please join other volunteers from Temple Israel this December.

EDUCATION

On August 21, 10 congregants joined 20 others at Temple Israel for a talk by Jordan Wynne, Field Organizer for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles for their Everyone-In Community Training, Talking about Homelessness. After a welcoming speech by our own Interim Rabbi Jim Simon where he presented the Jewish perspective on homelessness, we learned how to talk about the issue with our neighbors with the hope to engage more people with the effort to help end homelessness in Long Beach.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for involvement to those who are interested

Make a Difference Day Committee

Contact Andrea Freidenthal at (562) 822-7882 or at *andreafri8711@gmail.com* for info on these and many more opportunities

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please feel free to attend a Social Action Committee meeting every second Wednesday of the month or for more information contact Paul Levitt at (562) 716-4878 or ptevitt@gmail.com



Join us for Temple Israel Sisterhood's



November 17 1:00-3:00pm at Temple Israel



An Israeli marketplace filled with Mediterranean food to enjoy and gifts to win or buy

\$36 per person (Adults Only)

includes Mediterranean lunch and one opportunity ticket for the gift basket drawings
Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

Your invitation coming soon in the mail.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 7:00 PM

Sharsheret, the Hebrew word for "chain", is the only national organization supporting women (and their families), facing a diagnosis of breast and ovarian cancer, or those women who are at high risk of developing these cancers. Newly diagnosed women are linked with a peer who has had a similar cancer diagnosis and previously gone through a very similar cancer experience.

Please join Sisterhood and Jenna Fields, Los Angeles Regional Director of Sharsheret as we have our Think Pink Shabbat. Wear pink for breast cancer awareness month.

SAVE THESE DATES

- Sunday, November 17 at 12:30pm: All Shuk Up!
- Sunday, January 12 at 1pm: Speaker on Elder Abuse
- Monday, February 24 at 6:30pm: Women's Night Out
- Thursday, March 19 at 7pm: To be announced
- Sunday, April 26: Membership Event
- Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm: Annual Meeting & Installation

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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See our array of new items!

Open one hour before Friday Eveing 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



TEMPLE ISRAEL

HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM



Hi my name in Amanda Berman and I'm a senior at Millkian High School. I have been the art madricha at temple for the past 3 yraes. I really love art, specifically frawing and painting and currently hace my own business of selling custon painted hydro flashs. I also really enjoy aviation and flying planes and am hoping to enter as an aeronautical flight science major at college to pursue my career goal of becoming a pilot.



Hi my name is Johanna Brown, and I have the honor of serving as a part of the Teen Council representing ANDI. I am a senior at McBride High School and I am in the Health and Medical pathway. I love musical theater and performing! I also spend a lot of my time at the temple enrolled in the Torah Center and as an Israeli Dance madricha. I can't wait for this upcoming year!



Hi everyone! My name is Jacob Endelman, and I am the Madrichim representative on the Temple Israel Teen Council this year. I am currently a Junior at Los Alamitos High School where I participate in Model United Nations. I am also in the world famous Los Alamitos Choir Program, where I perform in the Advanced Men's Chorus as well as in the Concert Choir. I am currently a Life Scout, though I plan on becoming an Eagle Scout very soon. I

started attending Torah Center in 4th grade (about 7 years ago). Some highlights since joining the family here at Temple Israel include: my Bar Mitzvah, being a Madrich, and finding out what it means to be a Jewish citizen in today's world. Along the journey, I have made numerous friends here at Temple Israel, and I have established a strong connection with God that serves me well in my everyday life. The lessons learned at Temple Israel have influenced the person I am today in many ways, and they will continue to benefit me for the rest of my life

THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



ISAAC KELSON October 26, 2019

Hi! My name is Isaac Kelson.

I'm an 8th grader at Stanford Middle School. I like to swim, and I love to read fantasy and science fiction (My favorite authors are Tui Sutherland, Adrian Tchaikovsky, and Ray Bradbury). I've been fascinated with insects since I was a little kid, I enjoy math and science (at school), and Jewish history (at Torah Center).

For my Mitzvah Project I participated in my middle school's Best Friends program. I spent time with Stanford's Special Education students, getting to know them and

making sure that school was a friendly place for them. I also assisted with Tot Shabbat, greeting families, passing stuffed Torahs out to the tots, and serving grape juice after services. It's really important to me that everyone feels welcome, everywhere.

I'm really looking forward to reading from the Sefer Torah, and I'm most excited about wearing my tallit for the first time on October 26^{th} .

BE PART OF OUR "CARING COMMUNITY"!



Have you noticed the tan aprons and volunteers assisting at memorial services, meals of condolence, and shiva minyans?

This is your Caring Community at work. Temple Israel is proud of the support and comfort we are able to provide to families at such difficult times. The special group of volunteers assist with planning, set up, serving, and cleaning during these events. It is our hope that the support we provide allows the family time to relax and focus on their friends and loved ones.

Are you interested in volunteering for the Caring Community? It only takes a few hours of your time. Please call the Temple office and let Charmaine know you're interested. You will be doing a mitzvah!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

What's on Your Bookshelf?

by Joan Leb

You know that we have an excellent library at Temple Israel. (Come and see the Accreditation Certificate from the Association of Jewish Libraries.) There are, however, certain books that should be in every Jewish home. Here are some suggestions.

- 1. **Torah with commentary:** Plaut, 015 TOR; Alter, REF 001 ALT; Fox, REF 015 Fox; Richard E. Friedman
- 2. **Tanakh** (This is the entire Hebrew Bible--Torah, Nevi'im -prophets, Ketuvim-writings.)

The Jewish Study Bible , 002 JSB; Alter, REF 001 ALT; JPS translations.

- 3. **Prayer book.** We now use *Mishkan T'filah* at TI. There are many others.
- 4. Introduction to the Talmud:

The Essential Talmud by Adin Steinsaltz, 102 STE; The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Talmud, 102 PAR

5. Book on the holidays.

Gates of the Seasons, by Peter Knobel; *Seasons of our Joy*, by Arthur Waskow, 236 WAS

6. *Jewish Literacy*, 200 TEL and *Biblical Literacy*, 003.2 TEL by Joseph Telushkin

7. A history of the Jewish journey.

Jews, God and History by Max Dimont, 700 DIM is a bit outdated but worthwhile. More recent is Paul Johnson's *History of the Jews*, 702 JOH, and the two-volume *Story of the Jews*, 700 SCH by Simon Schema.

8. A book on the Holocaust.

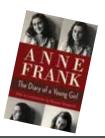
There are many but *Night* by Elie Wiesel is an enduring masterpiece. Also *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Maus* by Art Spiegleman

9. **Try a novel.** Sholem Aleichem's Tevye stories, (more than Fiddler on the Roof), *As a Driven Leaf* by Milton Steinberg, and many more.

This list was compiled with the help of Rabbi Jim Simon and the members of the Association of Jewish Libraries.







CURRENTLY THE LIBRARY IS **NOT** ACCEPTING DONATIONS.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UNWANTED BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

JIM & ROCHELLE ANDERSON



Jim and Rochelle Anderson have returned to Temple Israel after a 6 year absence. Their two adult daughters, Kylie and Brooke grew up at Temple Israel, and in fact, they are founding members of HUM, our Torah Center PTA. Granddaughter Mattingly Batovsky, age 6 years, started Torah Center this year bringing the Andersons full circle.

Jim and Rochelle are hoping to get involved in HUM again, as well as

Sisterhood and the Men's Club. They enjoy holiday gatherings and especially Hanukkah, when they host an annual celebration where 50 or so guest, peel and grate about 30 pounds of potatoes and then all pitch in to fry the latkes.

Jim works in construction and Rochelle is a financial controller. They have been avid members of Girl Scouting for 23 years and Rochelle is eager to become a Daisy Scout Leader again, as she did 22 years ago, this time with granddaughter Mattingly.

The Andersons also love to camp in their travel trailer. Jim and Rochelle missed their Temple Israel family, especially our sense of community and are really glad to be back. They look forward to reconnecting and meeting others with similar interests and ages.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Francine De France
Robert and Jennifer De France
Tom and Melissa Grajeda
Vanessa Kitzis and Corey Lieber
Seth and Sara Linden
Matt and Emily Miller
Gayle Posner and Ed Goldberg
Michele Samit and Gary Lynch
Ivy Smith
Linda Waltzman

Shane Witherspoon and Allison Levy-Witherspoon

Get Well Wishes

Colleen Carver
Mindy Casas
Jill Granek
Anne Gundry
Darren Hammer
Amy Hodis
Bobbi Horowitz
Linda Klein
Jeanne Strum
Doreen Wright-Windell

RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE MESSAGE

The Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) was formally launched at the September 15th Town Hall Meeting and since then the process has kicked into full gear. As we have just finished the month Elul and enter into our New Year, this is a time to take stock, a time of introspection, a time of new beginnings. Thus, harnessing the power of the season, the RSC was formed to engage in the holy task of guiding the process of helping Temple Israel fill the settled Rabbi position. In this message we'd like to introduce ourselves and the committee, describe the phases of the search process, and ask for your support and input.

The Co-Chairs:

Anne Gundry is a retired physician and teacher who has been a member of Temple Israel for over 30 years. She has participated in several other TI search committees. She is a former board member of Temple Israel, Jewish Community Center, and JFCS. She currently serves on the Board of Children's Theatre of Long Beach. She was recently married to David Hillinger, a lifelong TI member, and they share four children who range in age from 26 to 32 years old, all of whom attended Torah Center.

Vicki Scherwin is an independent leadership consultant specializing in executive coaching and leadership development. She is also an adjunct faculty member at UCI's Merage School of Business and CSULB's College of Business, where she teaches leadership and human resource management. Vicki has been a part of over a dozen faculty searches and other critical search committees in our Long Beach Jewish Community. She and her husband Todd have been members of Temple Israel for 4 years. Landon (7) and Sebastian (4) are both in Torah Center.

The Phases of Process*:

Information Gathering (Current-October): Chairs liaise with the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ). RSC seeks congregational input via TI Town Hall, rabbi attributes congregational survey, reports from the OII Committee's focus groups, and your input via email or other interactions. This information will be used to create our position posting, craft questions for the interview process, and evaluate the candidates.

RSC Conducts Applicant Review and Virtual Interviews (October-November): Interested eligible candidates (those in good standing with CCAR, with 3 years of experience or more, and contractually unencumbered) will submit their materials to the RSC. The RSC will review the candidates and select candidates to participate in interviews conducted virtually.

In-Person Candidate Visits, Congregational Participation (**December-February**): Up to 4 of the top candidates from the previous phase will be invited for an on-site in-person visit to Temple Israel where the congregation will have a chance to learn from them, engage with them, and provide their feedback.

Decision Making (January-March): Based on feedback from the congregation, the RSC will deliberate and make a recommendation of one candidate to the TI Board of Directors. Upon board approval the candidate will be put up to a congregational vote. In accordance with our by-laws, a positive vote of 2/3rds of the voting

members is required to hire our new Rabbi. This vote will occur at an in-person congregational meeting, a quorum must be met, and members must be present to vote.

Welcome New Rabbi (July 1, 2020)

* This schedule is in alignment with the process and timeline suggested by CCAR.

Transparency and Confidentiality

It is our aim to keep you informed and updated throughout this process. It is also important to recognize that there are parts of the process that must remain confidential in order to protect our Rabbinic candidates. Names and other information about particular candidates is confidential until the in-person visits. RSC deliberations regarding the candidates is also confidential. If you know of a Rabbi that you'd like to apply for the position, encourage them to find our job posting through CCAR and/or let us know.

How YOU Can Participate

- Complete the Rabbi Search Committee survey that went out via email.
- Be sure to meet the candidates when they visit our congregation.
- Vote at the congregational meeting.
- Communicate with us in person or via email at <u>tirabbisearch@</u> <u>tilb.org</u>

Thank you for entrusting us with this critical responsibility. We look forward to working with you as we go about the sacred work of supporting Temple Israel in finding a Rabbi who will be the best Rabbi for the entire congregation.

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Taming the Tantrum...

Tried and True Positive Approaches to Behavior Intervention

Sunday, October 6 at 9:45am

Facilitator: Judy Blumenthal

This workshop will explore positive discipline strategies proven effective with children of all ages. Making changes in parenting habits is easier than you think!





Much has happened since I debuted my concert of Yiddish Songs written in the Jewish Ghetto for "Joys of Jewish Learning" one and a half years ago. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response from my Temple Israel community I continue to perform this concert. Some of the venues have included: Loyola Marymount's Jewish studies program, Saddleback Hadassah, a home for the Jewish aged in Harrisburg, PA and Temple Beth Shalom in Wilmington Delaware. The Art Theatre will be a perfect venue for the audience to experience the historical photos I now include in my current presentation. Bring your friends to The Art Theatre, 2025 E. 4th St. Long Beach, CA on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 11:00 AM To purchase tickets, go to: tearsjoyandhope.brownpapertickets.com. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Anti-defamation league.

Beginning Hebrew

Tuesdays at 7:00pm October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26 December 3, 10, 17

Instructor: Janet Liss

Have you ever wanted to learn the Alef Bet but thought that you just couldn't do it? It was too hard. You're not good at languages. You don't want to embarrass yourself. Well, now's the time to put all those false beliefs to bed. This 10 week Beginning Hebrew cass is painless and fun and by the 10th week of study, you will read words straight out of the Torah! We guarantee it. Come join other adults who, just like you, want to read Hebrew too. This is not your father's or mother's Hebrew class!

Cost: \$110, including textbook



Krav Maga

Thursday October 17 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 self-defense 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/person



Joys of Jewish Learning



Movie and Havdallah with special musical introduction by world-renowned cellist, Cecelia Tsan

Screening of:

The Passions & Politics of Ed Edelman: An Untold Story of Leadership in Los Angeles Saturday, October 19 at 7:00pm

The Passions and Politics of Ed Edelman is the inspirational story of the life and career of Ed Edelman, a political visionary whose courage and humanity transformed the fabric of life in Southern California. Told through archival footage and poignant interviews, the film provides a journey through Los Angeles' history over the past half-century.

Ed Edelman's Jewish identity played an important role in his work as a public servant. Come and meet Ed's brother and sister, as they share delightful family stories about their brother and activist.

Film screening followed by refreshments and havdallah.

Cost: none

Simchat Torah Celebration at The CA Institution for Women in Corona

Sunday, Ocotber 27, 10:00am - 3:30pm

Did you know that there is a Jewish community within the California Institution for Women in Corona? Join Rabbi Moshe Halfon and friends from Temple Israel for a unique and celebratory day, as we enjoy a delicious lunch, klezmer music from Mostly Kosher, and dancing in celebration of Simchat Torah.

In order to visit the prison, all attendees must complete two government forms. Clearance must be completed in full by September 30th. Please contact the Temple Israel office for the necessary paperwork.

Cost: \$36



Israeli Dancing Cardio Fun Sunday, November 3 at 9:45am

Instructor: Johanna Brown

Nothing gets the heartbeat going like a good Israeli dance! Join us for some fun and exercise, as we learn the latest trends in Israeli dancing. Move over Zumba, here comes ... Jewmba!

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INTERFAITH GREETINGS INTERFAITH SPEAKS: SCIC Standing Together With Our Jewish Sisters & Brothers

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

This month's column presents the Executive Director of the SCIC – Milia Islam-Majeed's letter to the Jewish Community. As we begin entering our High Holy Days we can take comfort that the Interfaith community "has our backs!"

"The South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC) stands with our brothers and of San Pedro in light of the recent antisemitic vandalism of their homes. As people of conscience, we condemn all acts of violence against our Jewish community and any other community based on their identity. Hateful graffiti with antisemitic imagery is an act of violence against our Jewish community; it is an act of violence against the South Coast Interfaith Council and all of the diverse communities we represent. We believe that antisemitism, Islamophobia, gender-based violence, homophobia and all racism are rooted in the same darkness. We make no distinction between these expressions of hate and xenophobia. Each one of these expressions of hate makes our communities less safe and conflict with the sanctity of the human spirit.

We offer our neighbors in San Pedro our shoulders for comfort and our hands at their service. We, at the SCIC, are prepared to assist in repairs to address the property damage to the very best of our ability. We are available and ready to listen to our neighbors share their experience of distress. We are prepared to stand alongside our neighbors to offer safety and company in this time of hurt and anxiety. We are further resolved to hold an interfaith forum on the anniversary of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting to address rising antisemitism, Islamophobia and xenophobia in our communities. The SCIC believes that every person is capable of and called upon to promote peace and understanding between communities. Thus, we are committed to creating opportunities to connect with others and cultivate communities of compassion.

Lastly, the SCIC calls upon the city of San Pedro and the Los Angeles Police Department to hold the perpetrators of this hateful act accountable. We also offer the city and the police department our partnership in developing citywide programs to promote diversity and understanding between communities, especially vulnerable minorities. While we stand first with the victims and honor their right for justice, we humbly remember that every person is endowed with the same divine spirit. We hope that justice may be restored so that both victims and perpetrators may continue along a path of peace and safety. As Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. taught: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." In this effort, may models of victim-centered restorative justice be implemented to bring peace to both victims and perpetrators.

May this painful incident born of hate grow into a means for love and better understanding. May our communities learn to see one another, to hear one another, to know one another and thus, love one another." Ameen/Amen.

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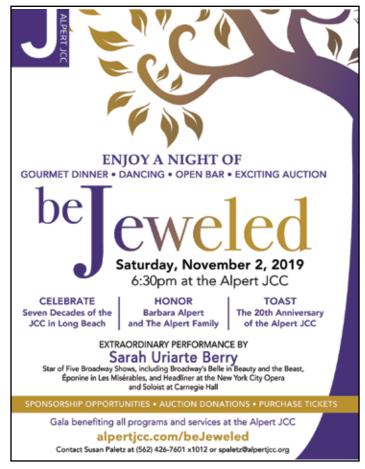


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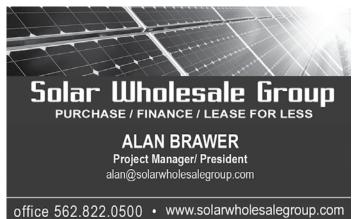


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