

Kol Yisra'el

September 2021

September 2021 Elul / Tishrei 5781/82





High Holy Days 2021/5782

In-person and Online Services

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Sukkot Services

Monday, September 20 6:00 pm

followed by wine and cheese in the sukkah

Tuesday, September 21 10:30 am



Simchat Torah Celebration

Monday, September 27 7:00 pm

Simchat Torah Service

Tuesday, September 28 10:30 am includes Yizkor Memorial Service



YOUR DONATION OR LEGACY GIFT WILL HELP FUND OUR FUTURE!

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

If you are interested in supporting the campaign, or getting more information, please call the Temple office.

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TOT SHABBAT

Friday, September 24 at 5:00 pm with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper at Marina Vista Park



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.

Get Well Wishes

Yakob Basner Bob Bender Wendi Bender Laura Bleiberg Colleen Carver Harriette Ellis Jill Fisher Granek Steve Gratch Chana Ham-Rosebrock Darrin Hammer Dorothy Kaye Marian Martin Robin Nahin Marlene Sanchez

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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

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

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, September 3 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 4 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, September 10 7:00 pm Musical Shabbat Service

Saturday, September11 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, September 17 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 18 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, September 24 5:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 25 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Currey

> Friday Evening Services and Shabbat Morning Services available to stream from our website https://www.tilb.org/temple-israel-livestream/

Torah Study available via Zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/163280737</u>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Mark Dressner, Temple President



Shanah Tovah! I am so excited for 5782 and about our new beginnings as we begin to see each other in person again, and can look into the Rabbi's and our new Cantor's real eyes. As we finalize our revised Mission and Vision Statement as well as rewrite our by-laws, it is clear to me that that there is one area of our temple life that has been neglected in its place of prominence – **Social Action** - always present but never on equal footing; we need to change this.

There are really 4 legs that our temple life stands on: Ritual Practice/Spiritual, Education, Social (in general), but also Social Action. Social Action is where we use what we learn from our rituals and from past and current teachings to truly make the world a better place. Tikkun Olam is such a basic tenant of Reform Judaism. It is where it all comes alive. Our values are practiced for the betterment of all.

I believe that we need to have a VP of Social Action. There needs to be a congregant always at the table at Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings, just like there is for Ritual Practice and Education. We then need to expand who is on the committee from some of the most passionate people I have ever met, who care so much about righting wrong, to include other age groups. We need to pull in more of our Gen X and Millennial congregants. What are the issues that speak out to these generations? How can we reach out to non-temple members to address their needs and desires for social action?

We need to especially reach out to our teens. This is a generation living with school shootings, confronting racial injustice and inequity, and immigration and immigrant rights issues. They care passionately about these issues, in my eyes, similarly to the generation that came of age in the 1960's. They have friends and classmates who suffer the mental anguish of being in the limbo of DACA or who have some family members in between worlds. They have friends and classmates who, if stopped for a traffic ticket, might fear for their lives, while other teens may be given a ticket and sent on their way.

We need to look at the different areas of social action and perhaps have subcommittees in each area with an umbrella committee and vice president coordinating. We need to inform congregants of opportunities through our eblasts and our website. We need to constantly be partnering with others in the community to continue such projects as Make a Difference Day and feeding the food insecure.

I look forward to leading the congregation and Board in this endeavor. Not only will we be helping to repair our world, but also be offering opportunities to all of you – congregants and congregants to be – to live our values. As always, I look forward to any comments or discussion at <u>president@tilb.org</u>

Rick Fahlk Memorial HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Join With Temple Israel, JCC Cares, JFCS ,& NCJW for the Rick Fahlk Memorial High Holy Days Food Drive

DRIVE-BY AND DROP-OFF DATES AND TIMES Sunday, September 12 9:00 am -1:00 pm Monday, September 13 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Tuesday, September 14 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Local Jewish community agencies are joining forces to do a much needed food drive. Buy from the list below and drop items off in front of Temple Israel during the designated days and hours.

Collections will go to the 9 food pantries serving each of the Long Beach council districts and some Orange County organizations. These pantries serve a wide variety of populations in need such as families, college kids, shut-ins, disabled, mothers, veterans, and homeless.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR ITEMS IN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS, NOT PAPER

Paper bags break, and the used plastic bags are donated to St. Luke's Episcopal Church who provides showers every Saturday morning for about 125 homeless and uses the bags for clean clothes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can help for a 2 hour shift, call or text Andrea at (562) 822-7882 or send an email to *andreafri8711@gmail.com*

CAN'T DRIVE OR SCHLEP?

You can make a donation through **PayPal**

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS (no glass please) Single-serving size of almost anything. Canned & boxed foods such as: protein (tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon, etc), microwaveable meals, mac & cheese, chili, oatmeal, cereal, beans, rice, pasta, tortillas, crackers, ramen, pancake mix, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, cooking oil, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, grab & go snacks, granola bars, protein bars, nuts, boxed milk, soup, baby food, formula.







RITUAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



As I'm sure you can guess, I have heard many sermons in my lifetime. Unfortunately, I can't claim to remember all, or even most of them. But I do remember one which left a big impression on me. At some Shabbat service when I was a teen, the Rabbi shared this story:

Rabbi Bunam said to his disciples: "Everyone must have two pockets, so that they can reach into the one or the other, according to their needs. In the

right pocket are the words: 'For my sake was the world created,' and in the left: 'I am dust and ashes.'"

The first quote, 'For my sake was the world created,' comes from Mishnah Sanhedrin. This portion of the Mishnah deals with rules of the court. Who is fit to be a judge? How should the judges be arranged? What is the difference between monetary law and capital law? What questions should be asked? And most importantly, in capital cases, the rabbis discuss the significance of a single human life.

They refer to Genesis when God creates the human race, starting with one person, Adam. The rabbis suggest that one reason for this is so that no one can say that their ancestors are more important than anyone else's. We are all descendants of the same person. The Mishnah says "Therefore, since all humanity descends from one person, each and every person is obligated to say: The world was created for me, as one person can be the source of all humanity and recognize the significance of his actions."

The second quote comes directly from Genesis 18:27 where God and Abraham are discussing the imminent destruction of Sodom. God has just proclaimed that if 50 good people can be found in the city, the city will be spared. Abraham gathers his courage to begin negotiating with God and says, "Here I am willing to speak to Adonai; I who am but dust and ashes."

So, why am I thinking of this story during this High Holy Days season? For me, and I know for many people, all the introspection at this time of year can be overwhelming. The long list of ways in which I made mistakes or missed the mark at work or at home can frankly make me feel miserable. Or should I say like dust? And as a Board member, I have yet more opportunities to fail. It is at this time of year I have to remind myself that I am more than a collection of flaws ... it was for my sake that the world was created.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year with a reminder that we all have two pockets.

P.S. for those who like citations, I found the story in Martin Buber's Tales of the Hasidim, Schocken Books, 1947-48, v. 2.

YOM KIPPUR FORUMS

Thursday, September 16 at 12:30 pm

Zoom Only (Links will be emailed)

Yom Kippur in Hasidic Tales Led by Ron Artstein

Hasidic tales combine Torah, wisdom, fantasy, and great storytelling, and often end with a punchline or moral. In this forum we will tell stories relating to Yom Kippur, and explore what lessons we can apply from them to the present.

The Value of Disagreement Led by Steve Gordon

We are all familiar with the old joke of getting two Jews together and having three opinions. We laugh at ourselves because we know there is an element of truth to the joke. But the reality is, disagreement is not only healthy, but productive...if done in a constructive and cooperative way. We will be discussing the various components of disagreement, and how they lead to effective and ineffective outcomes.

The Power of Vulnerability Led by Rabbi Michal Loving

Join us as we watch Bene Brown's "The Power of Vulnerability" TED Talk, and explore the themes of vulnerability, compassion, and connection as it relates to teshuvah.

New Beginnings in Fiddler On The Roof Led by Jerry Prell

This quintessential Broadway musical is ripe with new beginnings and change. Some of these changes were welcome, others not so much. Join us for video clips and discussion.





JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING - A NOTE FROM CONGREGANT BURT GOLDSTEIN

Interested in studying the Jewish apocryphal books like the Dead Sea Scrolls or the Books of the Maccabees?

We are thinking of starting a class to study the Jewish apocryphal books i.e. the ones that did not make it into the Tanakh but appear to have been important works which were written from about 200 BCE through about 200 CE. This was a period of substantial scholarship and turmoil in Judea. Works could include such things as the Books of the Maccabees, the Books by Josephus, Jubilees, Enoch, Wisdom of Solomon, the works of Philo and Sirach and several of the Dead Sea Scroll compositions such as the Damascus Document, Community Rule, and The Temple Scroll. I have found that the majority are available in pdf English translations online. If you have an interest, please RSVP to Sharon Amster Brown at sab@tilb.org We would need a nucleus of at least 5 but preferably 10 committed members in order to sustain a robust, free flowing discussion group. The format would likely consist of reading the entire work chronologically during our session and discussing the readings together, although this is open for member input. I would project that we would meet about once or twice per month. If there is enough RSVP preliminary interest then we will schedule an organizational Zoom meeting with prospective members at which time we could discuss logistical issues and possibly other works to consider. At that meeting, we can determine if there is enough interest to move forward. I am not an expert in any of these works, but my background includes having read the entire Tanakh and being familiar with Jewish history.



THE LIBRARY IS OPENING FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Volunteers greatly appreciated!

We need help on the Library Committee itself, along with people to staff the library during Torah Center on Sunday mornings (eventually on Wednesday evenings as well). If interested, contact Renee at *raflorsheim@yahoo.com*

Current books welcomed!

If you or your family have Jewish-themed books written within the past 10 years that you have enjoyed and would like to share with your fellow congregants, we are updating the collection. Please feel free to leave them in the "Donate" box by the desk. Sorry, but we cannot accommodate additional older books or more copies of the PJ Library books at this time.

Thank you! Renee Florsheim, *Library Committee Chair*

KOL <u>M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM</u> ISRAEL





When I first came to Israel, I came for fun, for an experience abroad, and to add an entry to my resume, but in addition, I found opportunity, love, and a new home. Of course, however, this meant having to leave behind a life already built on the far side of the world. To become an immigrant to one place necessitates the corresponding action of becoming an emigrant from another. Life at home was supposed to be waiting for me to come back to just a flight away for my convenience.

By March of 2020, the decision to make Aliyah had been made, yet a flight and stay at home was supposed to come first. And then the world stopped...

With the news of pandemic and uncertainty emanating out of China and Europe, I thought: This is fine, I will simply postpone flying, be a dutiful citizen of the world, prevent accidentally spreading the unknown virus to my loved ones, and wait until the quickly approaching summer to make my visit. But it took another year and a half of strict lockdowns, closed borders, mismatched case surges, delayed citizenship processing, and considerations of employment before July of 2021 finally had me touchdown again at LAX.

When one leaves for six months and return two years later, you can hardly prepare for the dissonance between the life you had and the life you are now living. Of course, as anyone reading this column knows, I chose my life here with a happy heart. Of course, all of us must grow up and the familiarities of home and childhood cannot forever be preserved. And of course, all choices leave others whose paths can only be enjoyed in one's imagination. But with the forementioned being said, a period of two years to go without home—a mother's hug, a siblings' fight, a childhood favorite meal, the air of your neighborhood, all of home, all at once-exacts a tax on the enjoyment of the life you did choose. Yes, while some experiences of home and childhood were expected to end, I saw glimpses through my phone of family gathered for a holiday meal, or playing board games together, or enjoying a vacation together-all things I could have chosen to do with them.

To come back last month was to provide a salve to an incurable homesickness. I gorged myself on all the delicacies and familiarities home has to offer, hoping to stave off my hunger for them until the next (much sooner) visit. In one sense, it very much felt like things were exactly where I left them, like time itself was paused while I was away. On the other hand, this deception added to the sense of being a stranger in a sci-fi movie, being transported into someone else's life. No one looks quite how you remember them.

To visit a place also means to end your visit and return home. You could always decide to just stay, leave behind the last two years as a dream. It is, after all, hard to make your mother cry because you're going away again.

SISTERHOOD

Hello, Everyone, and Shana Tova!

My name is Renee Florsheim, and I am the newly-elected President of Temple Israel's Sisterhood for this year. I'm a Long Beach native and very excited about the opportunity to work with our wonderful, capable, creative group of women as we look ahead. While our overall reason for being is to help support the Temple, we manage to have a lot of fun and develop a stronger sense of community along the way. We welcome all women (Temple membership not required), and I'd be happy to answer any of your questions about events, membership, or anything else at *raflorsheim@yahoo.com* Please join us for some of the activities listed here. We are online for the moment in the interest of safety, but hope to be meeting in person soon.

Sisterhood Members, if you are interested in joining the Temple Israel Sisterhood Board, please send an e-mail to: <u>sisterhood@tilb.org</u>



ALL GOOD WISHES FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS THROUGH THE COMING YEAR Jomple Grad Sisterhood

THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open by appointment only, Monday through Friday between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday November 14

Sisterhood's Holiday Craft Fair!

It will be held at Temple Israel from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

We are still accepting vendors if you have craft or hobby items that you would like to sell.

For more information, contact Maryse Fujimori <u>3maryse3@gmail.com</u>or (714)588-8923





Here's what sisterhood member with a green thumb, Joanne Levy, did with her sisterhood gift earlier this year.

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THIS MONTH'S BAT MITZVAH



JENNA CURREY September 25, 2021 Jenna Currey is an 8th grader at Oak Middle School, and she is working hard preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. She enjoys writing, hanging out with friends, playing the piano, singing, and doing musical theater, where she has played multiple roles. Her favorites include Annie in Annie, Lucy in Your'e A Good Man Charlie Brown, and Flounder in The Little Mermaid. She also enjoys watching any Disney or Pixar movie and The Office

(multiple times). For her Mitzvah Project, she participated in the National Charity League (NCL), where she did different acts of charity, like color and fill bags for Meals On Wheels and make no sew blankets for Casa Youth Shelter! After a while, she wanted to do more. During quarantine from November 2020-April 2021, every Sunday she would perform songs on her balcony for the neighbors. In the middle of it, she decided to set out a donation box for The Actors Fund. She ended up raising more than \$300 by the time she finished her concerts! Her Bat Mitzvah will take place on September 25th and she is very excited to share this special day with her family and friends.

A CELEBRATION OF PEACE AND UNITY GUEST SPEAKER RABBI FOX Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:00 am - 11:00 am

at the Unity Monument Temple Avenue at Hill Street, Signal Hill

The cities of Long Beach and Signal Hill invite you to a morning of music, refreshments, guest speakers, and more. **Please RSVP by September 8, 2021, call (562) 989-7330.** Parking is extremely limited - we strongly encourage all guests to carpool or use a rideshare/taxi.

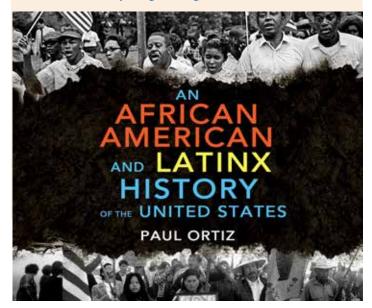


SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

The next book the group will be reading is: An African American and Latinx History of the United States, by Dr. Paul Ortiz. Available on Amazon or directly from Beacon Press

> To participate, email Jared Goldin jalangoldin@gmail.com



MEDITATIVE MORNING MINYAN EXPERIENCE WITH BILL SHAFTON

Thursdays at 7:30 am



Join Bill Shafton via Zoom for a meditative, musical morning minyan prayer experience. The 35 minute prayer service will feature new music and contributions from the Temple Israel community. Collaboratively, we will explore the weekday morning prayer liturgy and encounter our own meaning and holy fun.

Zoom Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85826362108?pwd=eituNFpEQnJJNmQ1U0V6c0kxVEYrUT09

HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL - A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Dear Temple Israel Family,

Teshuvah. Turning. This is the time of year when we turn back to reflect on the year that is coming to a close, turn inward to examine ourselves, and turn ahead to commit to transforming ourselves to be our best.

Reflection - In this year of uncertainty, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to one another and to our Jewish teachings and values. Our staff and lay leaders have pivoted and reconsidered how best to care for our congregation and honor our traditions while keeping one another safe - often creating new traditions in the process. We are grateful for our staff and lay leaders who weathered the storm and kept us connected.

Examination - We are a congregation of diverse backgrounds, identities, and viewpoints. Yet we have remained a community of shared values who cares deeply about our world and one another. This allows us to continue to thrive and evolve in our ever-changing world while showing compassion for each other.

Transformation - This coming year is filled with promise. We will install our new clergy; we look forward to being engaged and inspired by their spiritual leadership and teachings. We have the opportunity to find new and innovative ways to revitalize and reengage our members, and create an even more dynamic community.

Yet, for Temple Israel to thrive, transform and remain a caring community we rely on each of you, our members, for your support. We encourage you to help through our High Holy Days Campaign. This campaign is critical to our ability to budget and plan as we prepare for this new year and navigate the uncertainties that lie ahead. Please join us in supporting our synagogue community.

Thank you in advance for your meaningful contribution. May you, your family and our congregation be blessed with good health and a sweet new year.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu! Your Past Presidents,

> Mark Beizer, Linda Burney, Marc Coleman, Jay Eiser, Joyce Feldman, Rob Feldman, Steve Gordon, Ron Hartman, Jonathan Kass, Steven Keiles, Alan Kreida, Mark Levinstein, Alan Lilien, Jim Linden, Amy Lipeles, Jan Stein, Howard Vogel, Phyllis Wallis

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TEMPLE ISRAEL

Celebrating Our Past, Securing Our Future

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

What began as a dream in the minds of our founders has emerged into a meaningful, one hundred year reality. It has been an extraordinary odyssey.

As we commemorate Temple Israel's past, we look to the future. Through this campaign we have the opportunity to increase our impact and endow our core values of spirituality, learning, community, Torah, and Tikkun Olam.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is an investment fund. The principal is protected in perpetuity and earned investment income may be used to supplement the Temple's annual operating budget.

WHY ENDOW?

Endowment is about strengthening the fabric of Temple Israel by providing a permanent source of support that bolsters the operating budget. A gift to an endowment is a gift that will endure.

WHY GIVE?

An endowment is the most effective way to ensure the long-term sustainability of Temple Israel. Long after the endowment is created, the principal remains intact, generating income to support and enhance the congregation.

SECURE OUR FUTURE:

Become part of our Legacy Society. Your gift is a way that you can give back forever.

- JOIN US FOR A

CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF RABBI SCOTT FOX

Friday, November 5 at 6:00 pm

SHABBAT & INSTALLATION SERVICE Wine, Cheese, and Dessert to follow Temple Israel -269 Loma Ave., Long Beach

Saturday, November 6

8:45 am Breakfast & Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 5:00 pm Dinner Reception, Havdalah & Jam Session (at Westerly School - 2950 E. 29th St.,Long Beach)

Sunday, November 7 at 9:30 am

TORAH CENTER CELEBRATION (location details to follow)

*A Mitzvah Project to honor this special weekend will be announced

PLEASE ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THESE EXCITING EVENTS

RSVP required for Friday's Shabbat Service and Saturday's Havdalah Please RSVP by October 22



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HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Erev Rosh HaShanah: Monday, September 6 7:00 pm Teen Service 7:00 pm Service

Rosh HaShanah: Tuesday, September 7 10:00 am Service Tashlich: At The Beach at Belmont Pier (Ocean at 39th Place) 3:30 pm Tuesday, September 7

Kol Nidre: Wednesday, September 15 7:30 pm First Service

Yom Kippur: Thursday, September 16
9:00 am Service
12:30 pm Yom Kippur Forums (Zoom Only)
2:00 pm Family Service (Marina Vista Park)
4:00 pm YIZKOR SERVICE
5:00 pm Afternoon Services and N'ilah Service
7:00 pm Havdalah (Approximate time)



LULAV & ETROG SETS - \$40 STANDARD SET Order by Friday, September 3



SUKKOT SERVICES

MONDAY September 20 ~ 6:00 pm followed by wine and cheese in the Sukkah

TUESDAY September 21 ~ 10:30 am

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Pre-Rosh HaShanah: Monday, September 6 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Family Celebration in the Park (At El Dorado East Regional Park - Golden Grove Picnic Site)

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00 pm (at Marina Vista Park)

STREAMING SERVICES ONLINE

Temple Israel has a new streaming platform that will now be used to live stream all services. Services will also be streamed live on Temple Israel's Facebook and YouTube channels.

https://www.tilb.org/temple-israel-livestream/

https://tilb.livecontrol.tv/

https://www.youtube.com/c/TempleIsraelLongBeach

https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelLB

Services will also be available to be viewed later at your convenience.

SIMCHAT TORAH

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION An Evening of Dancing with the Torah Monday, September 27 at 7:00 pm

(Isreali Dancing led by Nancy Levy)



SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE Tuesday, September 28 ~ 10:30 am Yizkor will be observed WELCOME THE NEW YEAR AT TEMPLE ISRAEL'S



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Family-friendly Rosh HaShanah Service Led by Rabbi Fox, Cantorial Soloist Cooper, and Sharon Amster Brown

NEW LOCATION! GOLDEN GROVE PICNIC SITE

El Dorado East Regional Park 7550 E. Spring Street Long Beach

JOIN OUR TZEDAKAH WALK!

Follow the Giant Apple on a walk - raising funds for 3 charities.

Music • Crafts • Apples & Honey and Much More! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE OF A KIND CELEBRATION!

COST:

Entrance Fee for El Dorado East is \$9 per car (Consider carpooling!) NO CHARGE TO ATTEND - RSVP REQUESTED SUGGESTED DONATION \$20 PER FAMILY

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Contact Charmaine if you would like to help!

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September

- 1 Adolfo Guzman-Lopez & Lysa Saltzman *19 years* Dean Gawryn & Charmaine Weiner - *19 years*
- 2 Nico & Elisa Turien 26 years
- 3 Alan & Robin Lilien 32 years
- 4 Geoffrey & Sandra Carr 61 years
- 5 Philip & Stephanie Gonshak *15 years* Sanford & Francine Levy - *61 years* Aaron Kuck & Marah Fineberg-Kuck - *6 years* David & Ellen Friedman - *39 years*
- 6 David & Shari Alpern 23 years Scott & Melissa Newman - 12 years
- 7 Jeff & Andrea Salisbury *18 years* Edgar Zwieback & Mona Panitz - *24 years*
- **9** Neil & Laura Chasin *32 years* Daniel & Maryse Fujimori - *37 years* Cliff & Laurie Gerstman - *31 years*
- 11 Howard & Ava Weiss 45 years
- 12 Hayim & Joy Zadaca 28 years Michael & Virginia Kahn - 12 years
- 13 Ian Desberg & Gwen Schwimmer *13 years* David & Mary Sramek - *13 years*
- 16 David & Carla Palmer 32 years
- 17 Jonathan & Lynne Kass 32 years
- 18 Jack & Susanne Cameron 50 yearsJonathan Weiner & Carrie Zoubul 16 years
- **20** Bryant & Selma Lee *19 years* Luis & Wendy Santana - *29 years*
- 21 David & Mindy Raslevich 13 years Scott & Mindy Steinberg - 13 years
- 22 Gordon & Judith Lentzner 47 years
- 23 Harry & Eva Lowenstein 37 years
- 24 Michael Rosen & Deborah Lewis 38 years
- 27 Michael Tate & Ruth Cooperman 35 years
- 28 John & Joanne Lopez 30 years
- 29 David & Pamela Rima 20 years
- 30 Bud & JoAnn Adams 26 years

SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS

"A Quaker Celebration of Life"

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

Sharon Gates transitioned on July 13, 2021. She was the daughter of congregant Edith Gates, of blessed memory, wife of David Mackenzie, and mother of Rose Mackenzie. I had been both a good friend and colleague of Edith's, watched Sharon grow into a very gifted person and friend, being honored to participate in Rose's Bat Mitzvah. On Thursday, July 31, Eileen Braeman, Chana and Glenn Ham-Rosebrock, and I drove to Pasadena's Orange Grove Friends Meeting House where Sharon and David married and were deeply committed members. Sharon's Celebration of Life was my first Quaker funeral, though I'd been to Orange Grove many years prior for another Mackenzie celebration. Orange Grove's simplicity lent itself to a very powerful, beautiful, and meaningful ceremony; touching my heart; one I wish to share.

Quakerism arose following the Protestant Reformation in contrast to established churches of that period, emphasizing human experience over doctrine with "equal access to the Divine or Inner Light." Oak Grove's website states: "We gather in silence with no outward ceremony, sensing the Spirit's presence, open to Divine guidance without paid clergy, mindful that each person enhances worship.

We listen to each other with an open heart, realizing that a message may speak to us or to another, speaking simply, briefly, audibly and from personal spiritual experience. Silence after each message gives us time to discern its meaning. Many Quakers call themselves Christians; many do not. We are unified in the belief that God is in everyone, which finds expression in our testimonies of peace, simplicity, integrity, unity, equality and community. In decision-making we seek unity in Spirit rather than majority rule."

At Oak Grove, we were handed this message: "Our Celebration of Life is to celebrate in the Light, while the life of Sharon Gates, whose spirit has been released from us, is recognized and remembered. It is a time to draw those who feel Sharon's absence into the comfort and care of the loving Spirit of God when temporary things are secondary, when the reality of immortal life is deeply felt and when the presence of God brings hope, comfort and consolation to those present. As in all Quaker Meetings for Worship, this memorial service reflects true simplicity where we seek to come together in reverent silence, opening ourselves to the movements of the Divine within us. The responsibility for the spiritual depth of the meeting rests with every person in attendance. Those who keep the silence as well as those who are led to give a vocal message do their part when they yield their minds and hearts to the guidance of the Spirit. Neither laughter nor tears are out of place. Any message that springs from our effort to connect with the Divine...is appropriate. Anyone who feels so led may rise to share some facet of Sharon's life that has touched your life or give some words of comfort to those who are left behind, leaving silence between messages for reflection and it will come to a close with a signal to shake hands with each other. There will then be an opportunity to greet and support family members and friends."

A lone bagpiper ended by piping "Amazing Grace." The effect of the piping (Sharon and David are both pipers), the silences and the reflections were heartfelt and exciting, leaving me awe inspired!

_Shalom, salaam, peace...

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