

# Kol Yisra'el

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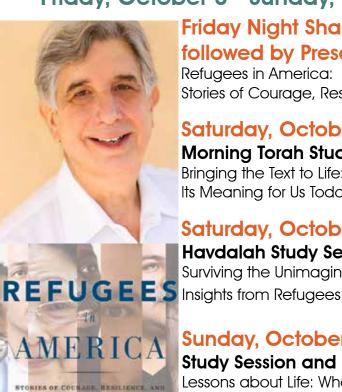


# TEMPLE ISRAEL'S JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING presents

# Rabbi Lee Bycel

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Friday, October 8 - Sunday, October 10



HOPE IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Friday Night Shabbat Services followed by Presentation

Refugees in America:

Stories of Courage, Resilience, and Hope

# Saturday, October 9 at 8:30 am **Morning Torah Study:**

Bringing the Text to Life: Its Meaning for Us Today

# Saturday, October 9 at 7:00 pm Havdalah Study Session:

Surviving the Unimaginable:

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Lessons about Life: What Can We Learn from the Refugee Experience

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# **TOT SHABBAT**

Friday, October 22 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.

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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, October 1

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

# Saturday, October 2

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Brackmann

## Friday, October 8

7:00 pm Musical Shabbat Service

# Saturday, October 9

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Rory Newman

## Friday, October 15

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

# Saturday, October 16

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bat Mitvah of Alissa Endelman

# Friday, October 22

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Pink Shabbat Service

## Saturday, October 23

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Michaels

## Friday, October 29

7:00 pm Got Shabbat

# Saturday, October 30

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service



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

https://zoom.us/j/163280737

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## **KEEP ON JUGGLING!**

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



I think that a wonderful metaphor for being President of a Temple is that of a juggler. One must keep expertly juggling all the balls, making sure that they all stay in place doing what they should, without dropping any and having one roll away under the couch somewhere.

So, what are some of those "balls" that I, Board members, and non-board member leaders are juggling?

**Personnel** – As a small organization, Temple Israel has no HR department. We need to make sure that our clergy, staff, employees, and teachers are all doing the job they are supposed to do. We need regular evaluations, to follow appropriate regulations, and have in place policies and procedures. The President of the Board "oversees" the Rabbi and Executive Director. The Rabbi supervises the Cantor and Director of Education, who in turn supervises the whole education crew. The Executive Director supervises the office staff and other employees.

Operations/Budget – We need fundraisers (and "fun"raisers) to pay for operations of TI and maintain all that we do. Along with the Ways and Means VP, we determine what we will do and who the right people are to lead those efforts. Our Treasurer and Executive Director create the annual budget and reports on how we are doing. We must strategize and plan for budgetary/ operational needs for our future.

**Education** – We need to be sure that Torah Center for our children and teens is running well, providing a top-notch education. There needs to be stimulating and varied types of education regularly for adults as well, all in consultation with our VP of Education and Director of Education.

**Ritual Practice** – We must be sure services and Torah study are running well and fulfilling the needs of those who participate. With the pandemic, this included in-person and virtual services. Also, all necessary pastoral care needs to be running smoothly.

**Social** – We need to make sure that there are many opportunities to just be together and enjoy each other. The environment needs to be safe from the aspects of health and security. We need to be sure that all who want, can partake in the fun.

**Membership** – Our congregants (and even non-congregants) need to feel involved and appreciated. We need to engage in "audacious hospitality", being inviting to members, and keeping in mind being open to the non-affiliated, members of the larger Jewish community from other congregations, as well as to non-Jewish people anxious to live our values. We must look at all our communication needs and venues and optimize them.

**Governance** – We need to regularly evaluate our mission, vision, and values. We need bylaws that are up to date and adhered to.

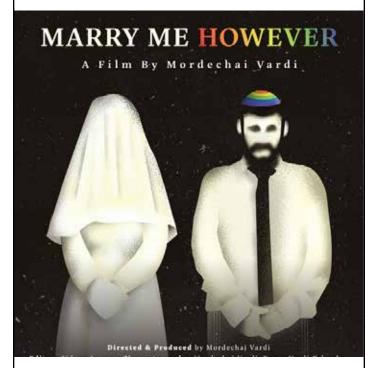
Our leaders and future leaders need continuing education about leadership, community connections, and Reform Judaism. We need to do strategic planning with many strategic and generative discussions.

As I am nearing the end of my word allotment for the month, I realize that I am almost certainly forgetting about one of those "balls". I feel the strain in my back and arms. So many leaders are working so hard, so we can all enjoy our life as Jewish people learning and living our values. As always please send any comments to <a href="mailto:president@tilb.org">President@tilb.org</a>.

I have one last plea - please be patient with email communications. With all those balls in the air, there are a plethora of communications about all of them and keeping up with email along with all of our other responsibilities is a constant struggle on which we are all working.

# Q FILM FESTIVAL Temple Israel Sponsored Movie

The Q Films Festival directly benefits the LGBTQ Center Long Beach. Annually, Temple Israel partners with The LGBTQ Center on joint programming, and sponsors a movie on the Sunday of the festival. This year, Temple Israel is sponsoring the movie below, on Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm:



Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm

This film explores the lives Orthodox-Jewish LGBT members who willingly choose to marry heterosexuals and raise a heteronormative family, obeying the rules of their societies while denying their own identities.



## RITUAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



The example of a Hasidic story in my column last month and the topic of one of our forums this year (Yom Kippur in *Hasidic Tales* by Ron Artstein,) led me to ponder, who are the Hasidim and why did they tell so many stories? In central and eastern Europe in the mid-1700s, the ideal Jew was seen as a serious ascetic who spent most of his time studying Talmud and Jewish law. But the majority of the Jews at that time were desperately poor with

minimal education.

Enter Israel Ba'al Shem Tov (master of the good Name, also known by the acronym Besht.) He was a charismatic healer who began to preach a different kind of Judaism; one which was accessible to the common Jew. Rather than focusing on studying, he advocated for a more personal, heart-felt, and visceral Judaism.

Hasidism focused on four characteristics. Hitlahavut (burning) is often translated as ecstasy or ardor. This is the joyful connection to God's spark which saturates all of creation. Martin Buber quotes, "If a man has fulfilled the whole of the teaching and all the commandments, but has not had the rapture and the burning, when he dies and passes beyond, paradise is opened to him, but because has not felt rapture in the world, he also does not feel it in paradise." \*

Avodah (prayer/service) is the physical manifestation of the connection to God. Buber explains, "No prayer is strong in grace and penetrates in more direct flight through all the worlds of heaven than that of the simple man who does not know anything to say and only knows to offer God the unbroken promptings of his heart." \*

Kavana (intention) Again, I turn to Buber, "And this is the meaning and mission of kavana: that it is given to men to lift up the fallen and to free the imprisoned. Not only to wait, not only to watch for the Coming One; man can work toward the redemption of the world." \* This is clearly a principle which has infused contemporary Reform Judaism.

And lastly, Shiflut (humility.) This does not mean that we think little of ourselves, but rather that we don't think of ourselves at all. We are each unique and connect to God in our own way. We must each find our own path to recognizing that we are empty shells which can be filled with God's presence. The Baal Shem Tov said, "We say: 'God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob,' and not: 'God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,' for Isaac and Jacob did not base their work on the searching and service of Abraham; they themselves searched for the unity of the Maker and his service." \*\*

While these principles were important, they weren't taught

explicitly; rather that Besht, and later his disciples, illustrated them by song, dance, and of course, stories.

Contemporary Reform Judaism has managed to marry both the intellectualism and the spiritualism of these 18th century movements. We enjoy studying all aspects of Judaism while also searching for a personal connection. We add joyful music to uplift us during services, dance with the Torah on Simchat Torah and other musical services and provide opportunities to both pray as one with the community and pray individually during silent prayer.

Hasidism changed greatly through the generations and the Hasidic groups today often don't resemble those of the 18th century. I'm sure this must be the topic of someone's Ph.D. dissertation, if you want to learn more. While the practices at Temple Israel don't resemble either the original or contemporary Hasidic practice, their philosophy has influenced many aspects of our Jewish life today.

\*Buber, Martin. The Legends of the Baal-Shem. Schocken Books, 1969.

# DIVE IN MOVIE & HAVDALAH

Saturday, October 16 at the Alpert JCC Pool

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Bring your own dinner and swimming

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Havdalah and "The Princess Bride" poolside viewing



Join us on Saturday, October 16 around the Alpert JCC pool while we dine, swim, bring in Havdalah and watch Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper's favorite movie, *The Princess Bride*. You don't need to be a member to join us. Please bring your own dinner. We will supply dessert, popcorn, coffee, and hot chocolate for the movie.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS; EVERYONE WELCOME!

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

Brought to you by Rabbi and Cantor's Transition Committee

<sup>\*\*</sup> Buber, Martin. Tales of the Hasidim, part 1, the Early Masters. Schocken Books, 1947

# **FOUNDATION AND THE NEXT 100 YEARS CAMPAIGN**





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# Temple Israel Sisterhood's

# Celebration of Women Saturday, October 30th

from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

at Wardlow Park

It's a time to connect with friends, make new friends, schmooze, and relax. Wear pink to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Come alone or bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!

Bring a chair or blanket, lunch or snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks.





Sisterhood Members, if you are interested in joining the Temple Israel Sisterhood Board, please send an e-mail to:

sisterhood@tilb.org

# 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 (NEW) DATE!**

Thursday, November 11

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



# THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



**DANIEL BRACKMANN** October 2, 2021

My name is Daniel Brackmann and I will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 2, 2021. I have been attending Torah Center at Temple Israel since kindergarten. Currently, I am in seventh grade at Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos. I play travel baseball on XCEL and I enjoy surfing and biking. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah so I will be seen by the Jewish community as a responsible adult, and I'm excited to share this day with family and

friends. Studying for my Bar Mitzvah has been time consuming, but it makes this this day more special.

For my Mitzvah Project I collected donations and delivered them to Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos. Precious Life Shelter is an emergency, transitional, and single parent efficiency program providing a safe environment for pregnant woman with no place to live. It made me feel good to help others in a time when they needed to be lifted. I always want to help people less fortunate than myself. Thank you to all my Torah Center teachers who have guided me to this special day.



RORY NEWMAN October 9, 2021

Rory is excited to celebrate his upcoming Bar Mitzvah with friends, family, and fellow Torah Center students. As a 7th grader at Oak Middle School, Rory enjoys playing trumpet in their Intermediate Band. Football, surfing, skateboarding, running, skiing, and tennis are his latest sports passions, but if he could learn another one, he'd be game. Rory loves hiking in the National Parks with trips to Death Valley, Yosemite, Kings

Canyon and Sequoia, Bryce Canyon, and Zion Canyon. Locally, he's volunteered with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority in cleanup and planting projects. For years, he has camped every summer at JCA Shalom in Malibu except when natural disasters move him elsewhere and pandemics prohibit him altogether. This year he's one of our Temple's Madrichim, volunteering with the fifth graders.





ALISSA ENDELMAN October 16, 2021

Alissa Endelman is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at McAuliffe Middle School in the Los Alamitos Unified School District. Alissa enjoys spending time with her friends and family, doing MMA training, swimming, and watching YouTube and Tik Tok Videos. Alissa is involved in National Charity League which is a program for mothers and daughters to participate in that embraces philanthropy, leadership, and culture. One of the philanthropies that Alissa

works with is Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude is one of the largest and most impactful nonprofits in the country for hands-on volunteerism in support of military, veterans, and first responders, offering volunteer opportunities for every American to express their appreciation to all who serve and protect our nation.

For Alissa's Mitzvah Project she helped teach other members of National Charity League learn how to make paracord bracelets. She did workshops to help teach both the mothers and daughters. Paracord bracelets can be used to save a life in an emergency situation. Alissa's National Charity League Chapter turned in over 1000 paracord bracelets last year. In addition to making bracelets for the military, Alissa wrote letters to our first responders thanking them for their service. Alissa has been working very hard over the past year to be prepared for her Bat Mitzvah. She is very excited to be sharing her special day with many of her friends and family members.



SAMUEL MICHAELS October 23, 2021

Samuel Michaels is proud to be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on October 23, 2021. It is a great privilege and special moment for him to have the opportunity to lead the congregation in service and to read from the Torah.

Samuel has been a student in Temple Israel's learning community since he was in preschool. He has developed great friendships over this time, both in and out of the temple community. Outside of the temple, Samuel is

involved in many activities. He is a Boy Scout, he swims on the Seal Beach Swim Team, and he is a member of the Oak Middle School Jazz Band, where he plays the clarinet. Samuel also enjoys bodyboarding, cycling, and going to Knott's Berry Farm with his friends.

For his Mitzvah Project, Samuel has been involved in a series of beach cleanups. As an avid bodyboarder, he recognizes the need for cleaner beaches and oceans. Oftentimes on weekends, he will volunteer his time picking up garbage and debris at Seal Beach, the Bolsa Chica Wetlands and State Beach, and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Riverbeds.

# TEMPLE ISRAEL

# HIGH SCHOOL

# PROGRAM



BRANDON BROWN ANDI President

Over the last few months of summer and the start of the school year, ANDI had multiple board meetings, put on a summer event, and had a very successful teen Rosh HaShanah service. The end of the summer event was on August 28th, where we had an outdoor movie night and watched *Black Widow*, and celebrated havdalah. A week later, we had enjoyed being together at the ANDI teen Rosh HaShanah service. Carmel Artstein, our Religious and Cultural Vice President, put together a beautiful music-filled service for about 25

teens at the Temple. The service was led by each member of the ANDI Board, giving each of us a prayer or two to lead. Johanna Brown also assisted us with a lot of the musical accompaniment throughout the evening. After the service, we had a fun getto-know-you mixer, prepared by Jordan Guzman, and a very thoughtful social action program, prepared by Sadie Brown and Rachel Nisenholtz. The social action program made us think about our daily negative environmental impacts on the world and led us in discussion about what we can do to minimize them.

During our upcoming meetings, we will be discussing which programs we want to do at our fall events, and we will begin to think about what type of events we want to have throughout the rest of the year ahead. Coming up, we have our famous "lockin" event, where traditionally we would spend the night at the temple, but because of Covid, we're working on programming a "mock-in"; a mock lock-in for our teens. We will be joined by teens from Central Faithful Bible Church and other NFTY teens from the SOCAL area. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, our ANDI Board will be attending an in-person board training day at Camp Alonim with all the other NFTY SOCAL temple youth groups. We are looking forward to a fun and fulfilling year ahead. The energy of all of us together is incredible, and we are excited for the year!



## **KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL**

By Jeremy Rosen



Judaism is full of traditions. The recent High Holidays, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, are a period of excellent exemplification: apples and honey, blowing the shofar, or the fast. Here in Israel, as everywhere, one may find a wide variety of Jewish interpretation and observance of every tradition and law. Even more so, in this country where the division of Ultra-Orthodox and secular is so fraught, one might say sometimes the secular make a

point of flaunting their reveling in the very things the Orthodox so meticulously ban from their lives. Almost like a Christmas Truce, however, all falls quiet on Yom Kippur in Israel. On this most holy of days, befalls a truly unique experience: the whole country stops.

In this past year, the idea of lockdowns and empty cities has become something nearly all of us have experienced. For the Shomer Shabbat, a day of rest is a weekly fact. Yom Kippur in Israel cannot be compared to these two, however. Early on the eve of the holiday, as those not fasting rush to buy food in order to hold out for the next 25 hours, city hall inspectors roam the markets to make sure vendors begin to close their doors. As the last of the summer boils the city in the afternoon, the streets become quiet, except for the sparse cars rushing home on the finally uncongested streets. The sun begins to set, bringing dusk to relieve the heat— a novelty after the relentless August heat. Perfect stillness is blanketing.

Then, from around a corner, a kid comes biking down the middle of the pavement. More and more kids, of all ages, on trikes and bikes and little push-scooters, keep filling the streets. They start to form roving gangs, claiming their turf of the roads. Tel Aviv might be a city of overgrown kids, but tonight the actual juveniles own the land. White-wearing soon-to-be worshipers also enjoying the car-free streets on their way to shul must hazard a new dominant force. Roaming everywhere, the bikers make their way to their greatest prize, riding up the onramps of the Ayalon Freeway. Silencing the adrenalin that begins to build as you, not in your usual exoskeleton of gas-propelled metal, join the forward guard in this asphalt carscape. Here you stand, where normally is an urbanistic nightmare, is now a sylvan asphalt glade of playing children enclosed by glass-and-steel sentinels!

Not a place of commerce can be found open in the whole country. Only the rarest, and evil-eyed, car can be spotted crawling through the kid-laden streets. Music isn't being blasted from rooftops even though the bored non-observant are also at home. The airport, the one true port-of-entry, is even shut down on this day.

Asking my Israeli friends about these unique Yom Kippur traditions, they say it is due to respect for the worshipers and fasters of the day: a truly rare thing to hear muttered. This respect is omnipresent.



# Cemple Israel Welcomes New Members

Ryan & Johanna Andrews **Odette Armour** Robert Bienenfeld & Linda Pemberton Timothy & Hannah Bullock Melissa & Craige Burke Brett Dickstein & Lara Vu Rachel Gordon Daniel & Nicole Honigman Marc & Erica Isaacman Dustin & Marvellen Jackson Amy Lakin Seth Hillbrand & Beth Lesen Iacob & Heather Lindahl Richard & Darlene Martin Bonnie Pecego Eve Perlman Gary Roels-Leoncio Marc & Cindy Sherman

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP**

Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am



The Social Justice Book Group began in 2020 with a presentation by a local African American minister in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the explosion of related (including Jewish and Latinx) social/legal justice activities and literature, much of it focused on presenting a more objective and factbased American history. The Group selects, reads (in increments) and discusses books about these events.

with a focus (similar to how many reform Jewish scholars study Torah) on how the issues confronted by these books impact us and what responsibility we might have (and how) to address them in our own lives.

Currently reading So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo.

To participate, email Jared Goldin jalangoldin@gmail.com



# Got Shabbat? IS BACK!

Generously sponsored by Rob & Debbie Feldman

Friday, October 29 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a Jazz-infused Musical Service featuring Kendra Cogert and The Shabbatones





# **Home Cooking and Crowd Pleasers:**

Cinnamon Creme Cake and Cheddar Biscuits

Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm at Justin Rudd's Home (address given upon RSVP) Teacher: Justin Rudd

In this delicious session, Justin will demonstrate baking cinnamon creme cake and cheddar biscuits. Maybe you've delighted in the cinnamon creme cake at Corner Bakery. This is a very similar cake and is so good warmed up for breakfast or with afternoon tea. He'll show some tips and a secret ingredient that makes this cake soft and extra special. Finally, participants will learn the art of making cheddar biscuits. These biscuits are a quick, very tasty treat to compliment your favorite dinners. Bring a bottle of wine to share, if you'd like!

Cost: \$10 per person (Limit 12 people)



# **Beginning Hebrew**

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and December 7 and 14

Teacher: Janet Liss

Have you ever wanted to learn the Alef Bet but thought that you just could not do it? It was too hard. You are not good at languages. You do not want to embarrass yourself. Well, now's the time to put all those false beliefs to bed. This 10-week Beginning Hebrew class is painless and fun and by the 10th week of study, you will be reading Hebrew! 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: \$100, plus the cost of textbook



# Narratives of Reconciliation and Reconnection in Genesis

Thursdays at 12:00 pm via Zoom October 14, 21, and 28

Teacher: Rabbi Robin Foonberg



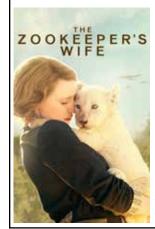
The stories in Genesis are about families and relationships. These stories provide the foundation for Jewish values and for the focus on relationships in our tradition. They are stories told thousands of years ago that remain timeless in their message for us today. Join Rabbi Robin as we explore our ancestors' stories of reconciliation, reconnection, and love.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83254787164

# Movie Night and Discussion: The Zookeeper's Wife

Saturday, October 23 at 7:00 pm

Facilitator: Linda Keiles



The time is 1939 and the place is Poland, homeland of Antonina Zabinski and her husband, Dr. Jan Zabinski. The Warsaw Zoo flourishes under Jan's stewardship and Antonina's care. When their country is invaded by the Nazis, Jan and Antonina are forced to report to the Reich's newly appointed chief zoologist, Lutz Heck. The Zabinskis covertly begin working with the Resistance and put into action plans to save the lives of hundreds from what has become the Warsaw Ghetto.

Please watch movie ahead of time on Netflix

# TC Parents' Coffee with Rabbi Fox Sunday, October 24 at 11:00 am

Come join Rabbi Fox for coffee and conversation, and enjoy this opportunity to connect with Rabbi and meet some other parents. We'll discuss a few current events, explore some big Jewish questions, and have a little fun along the way.



Please RSVP for all JJL Programs to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

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**Havdalah Study Session:** 

Surviving the Unimaginable: Insights from Refugees

Join us for Havdalah, followed by meaningful discussion and impactful insights from Lee's many conversations with refugees from around the world. (**Zoom Only** <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83186919686">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83186919686</a>)

# Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 am

(outdoor location upon RSVP)

**Study Session and Discussion:** 

Lessons about Life:

What Can We Learn from the Refugee Experience

Although most of us have not experienced the journey of the refugee, we still go through many of the same challenges in our lives: loss, adjusting to new conditions, going through difficult times and finding the anchor that allows us to continue to embrace life. This theme and many others will be explored.

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# Anything with Sharon & Eric

# Fridays at 4:00 pm

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Join Sharon Amster Brown and Eric Shatzkin for a review of the week, fun chat about topics of interest, and a discussion with a special guest for the week.

# OCTOBER'S FABULOUS GUESTS! October 1 Kate Sachnoff

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Do you have any suggestions of people you would like Sharon and Eric to interview, or do you have any comments you would like to share about or for the show? We're always looking for potential guests! Email Eric Shatzkin at <a href="mailto:ejs@tilb.org">ejs@tilb.org</a> or Sharon Amster Brown at <a href="mailto:sab@tilb.org">sab@tilb.org</a>.

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#### **Zoom Link**

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# SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS A Letter to the SCIC Community from Milia Islam Majeed

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

Shana Tova to all of you! Hoping the coming year proves to be a good year for us all... Following is a message from the summer from Milia Islam Majeed, SCIC Executive Director.



I pray that you had a joyous July 4th! This day of celebration holds such a special meaning to so many, including my family. My parents migrated to America over 30 years ago during the month of July to achieve the American dream. Indeed, it was this great nation that afforded them the opportunity to do so.

Like so many first-generation immigrants, they left their native land of Bangladesh to build a better and more prosperous

future for their children - my brother and me. They wanted to ensure that we obtained the best possible education and with it, serve the greater community. Starting their lives completely over, I witnessed the hardships that many immigrants face as my father - a decorated army colonel - worked to build his eyeglass business during the day only to go to McDonalds at night to work the graveyard shift while my mother - an aspiring zoologist in Bangladesh - worked in the shoe factory sewing soles onto children's shoes so as to support our family.

The years of hard work and sacrifice that my parents made - and the infinite blessings of God first and foremost - resulted in the privilege of my older brother becoming a physician and me being able to serve you as the Executive Director of the South Coast Interfaith Council that I love so deeply. This dream of my parents could not have actualized without the countless number of people who went from becoming strangers to friends and, ultimately, like family.

Along this journey, we became citizens of this country and understood firsthand the gift of having the right to vote and, by doing so, contributing to the story of America. To this day, we remain indebted to so many who came before us and fought for the freedoms that we continue to enjoy today. As I was looking through an old scrapbook last night, I found a few newspaper cutouts that documented this momentous milestone - please see the pictures above and below.

One thing I am continuously reminded of is something that my father told us after we took the oath to become American citizens. He stated, "Always remember that with this great privilege comes a great responsibility to be of service to this country and ensure that others are given this same right. We are stronger when all people – no matter who they are or what they look like – are granted an opportunity to succeed."

As I was watching the fireworks last night all these memories rushed back to me. Certainly no nation is perfect, but there's no place else that I would rather live...for this is home.

Shalom, salaam, peace...

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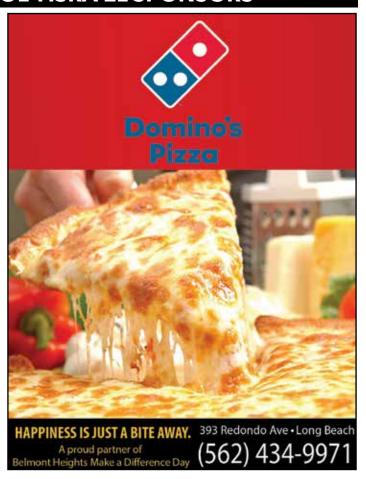
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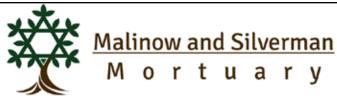
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