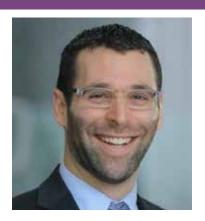


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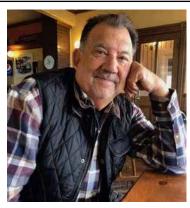




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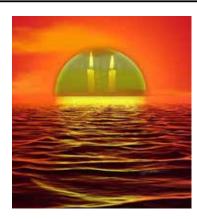
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#### **TOT SHABBAT**

#### Friday, December 10 at 6:00 pm with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper at Temple Israel



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, December 3

6:00 pm Family Hanukkah Shabbat Service (Zoom and Facebook Live Only)

#### Saturday, December 4

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Benedict Smith

#### Friday, December 10

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

#### Saturday, December 11

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Lilly Keiles

#### Friday, December 17

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, December 18

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitvah of Xander Loving

#### Friday, December 24

5:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service (Special Early Time)

#### Saturday, December 25

8:45 am Torah Study (Zoom Only)

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom only)

#### Friday, December 31

5:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service (Online only)

#### Saturday, January 1

No Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service (Online only)

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 / TREASURER MESSAGE



#### IS IT TIME?

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



The last two years have been a challenge to us all. Not only because of the pandemic, but also from direct explicit challenges to who we are, in terms of accepting and celebrating diversity, as well as looking deep inside of ourselves asking how we might be unwittingly supporting an unequal status quo. When we broaden this concept, we need to look at our Jewish community and the role of a, or specifically our synagogue. Is it enough to be living a

life of Jewish values, or must one formally be Jewish to have all possibilities available to you?

As we entered the 21st Century, it was clear that the demographics of Jewish communities were changing. The role of religious institutions needs to adapt to societal changes. The Temple bylaws presented several questions about how we should keep up with the times.

The current bylaws of Temple Israel only allows Jewish members of the congregation to vote. Back when we were voting for our previous new Rabbi, Rabbi Moskowitz, it was clear that changes in our bylaws needed to be made. Shortly after that election, changes were made so that any Temple Israel adult member in good standing could vote in any election.

The next big question was: Could you be a member of Temple Israel if you were living a life of Jewish values, but were not Jewish or you were no longer part of a couple where one member was Jewish? What happens to the non-Jewish members in our community when they lose their significant other or get divorced? An even bigger question was, what if you were single, living a life of Jewish values, but were not Jewish, yet wanted to join Temple Israel and be part of the community? Could a single non-Jewish person remain a member or become a member of Temple Israel? Our last major bylaws change was to welcome non-Jewish single congregants who were living a life of Jewish values as members.

What comes next? Our bylaws still say that only a Jewish congregant can be a member of the Board of Directors. A non-Jewish congregant can be a leader in any other way, but explicitly not on the Board. Is the time for change now? Is the time right, given the movement in our society to embrace all in equality? Is the time right, given the evolution of the status of non-Jewish members at Temple Israel over the last 20 years? Is the time right given the recent PEW report that says greater than 60% of Jewish people who have gotten married since 2010 are intermarried (compared to 17% before 1970 and 40% in the 1980's)? Is the time right to change the option for formal Temple leadership on the Board to allow ALL adult Temple Israel members? During our next congregational meeting, should we vote for this change? I want to hear from everyone about what your views are on this issue - should we move ahead on opening opportunities for formal leadership to all or maintain the formal leadership of a Jewish synagogue under the leadership of our Jewish members? Please let me know what you think at **President@tilb.org**.

#### FIRST QUARTER TREASURER REPORT

By Jerry Levy, Temple Israel Treasurer



Last year, the budget committee struggled to make reasonable projections/predictions for the coming year when all we could see was uncertainty with the potential impact of COVID. Using the previous year's budget as a template, we made the assumption that things would be 'ok' and the PPP loan would be forgiven. I am pleased to report that the loan was forgiven, and the congregation has continued its high level of engagement

with our Temple. Our Membership Commitments, Torah Center Fees, High Holy Day pledges, and Memorial Book donations are at or above the budget projections. THANK YOU!

Another way you can support the Temple and receive a benefit in return, is by advertising your business. You can choose the annual Membership Directory, the monthly Kol Yisra'el Newletter or both! Ads in the Directory or Kol Yisra'el can be sized to meet your needs with four options: business card, ¼ page, ½ page, and full-page opportunities. Want to celebrate a simcha? Run an ad in the Kol Yisra'el timed with your event. Speak with Eric to make arrangements for one time or annual listings.

Many (most) of us are concerned with ways to reduce our annual tax burden. One way to do this is by making a tax deductible donation to the Temple, or the Temple Foundation before the end of the year to impact your 2021 taxes.

Finally, mark your calendars for the next TOWN HALL meeting Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 pm (Zoom Only) where I will be discussing the budget in more detail. We will also hear about the Financial Sustainability Plan, the Temple Foundation and an update on The Next 100 Years Campaign.

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#### RITUAL PRACTICE MESSAGE / MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



#### RITUAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



Mishnah Avot, also known as Pirke Avot, or Ethics of the Fathers, is full of well-known often-quoted tidbits of wisdom. Here are a few examples:

He [Simeon the Just] used to say, "On three things does the world stand: on the Torah, worship, and deeds of loving kindness." (Avot 1:2)

Joshua ben Perahyah said, "Find yourself a teacher, and obtain a study partner, and judge all people fairly."

(Avot 1:6)

He [Rabbi Tarfon] used to say, "It is not your duty to complete your work, but neither can you desist from it." (Avot 2:21)

Rabbi Eleazar ben Azariah said, "... if there is no flour, there is no Torah. And if there is no Torah, there is no flour." (Avot 3:21)

But the one on my mind today is:

He [Hillel] used to say, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? and if not now, when?" [Avot 1:14]

This phrase has been a recurring theme in my life. Whenever I've realized that I need to stand up for myself or to show off an accomplishment, (both of which are hard for me,) I've tried to channel Hillel. Similarly, I've kept this phrase in mind when signing up for social justice projects.

Until now, the first phrases have always been separated in my mind. Either I was helping myself or I was helping others. But I realize in this age of COVID that the two have conflated. By taking care of myself (getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, using lots of hand sanitizer,) I am also taking care of others. I encourage you all to channel Hillel in your daily lives too!

N.B. What is the Mishnah? In overly simplistic terms ... as time passed after the Torah was written, people had questions about how to interpret its rules, or about issues that were not covered in the Torah. The rabbis formulated responses and passed them down orally. But by the 2nd Century C.E., they worried that their words would be lost. So Judah, ha-Nasi (the prince) compiled their work into many volumes and called them the Mishnah (a.k.a. Oral Law.) Years later, when again times had changed and new situations had arisen, most of the books of the Mishnah (but notably NOT Avot) were added to and called the Talmud.





Audrey Hyde Zahler was born in 1927 in New York City, middle child to Nathan and Zelda Greenberg Magida. She, her older brother Mel, and younger sister Joan grew up in a Conservative Jewish home and attended Hebrew and Sunday School at Temple B'nai Jeshurun where she was also Confirmed.

Audrey attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, transferred to Mills College of Education at Adelphi

College, and graduated with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education in 1949

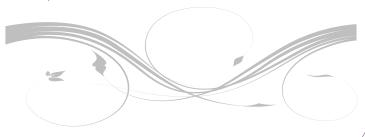
In 1950, Audrey met and married Roy Hyde, chief of Pulmonary Service at the Long Beach V.A. Hospital. They and their two sons, Alan and Charles, joined Temple Israel in 1956. During those years, Audrey's activities revolved around the boys. She became an assistant teacher and organized things at the Palo Verde Nursery Coop, became a Scouting den mother, and got engaged in PTA activities, which culminated in 2 years as PTA president at Wilson High School.

In her "free time," Audrey became involved with the Long Beach Symphony and was the first Jewish president of the Symphony Guild from 1965-66. At the same time, she was active in Hadassah, NCJW, and the League of Women Voters! She also served on Temple Israel's Board of Directors for 8 years and was president of the Foundation. As if that were not enough, Audrey was an avid tennis and bridge player, squeezing in tennis three times a week, and bridge once or twice weekly. To round out her interests, she took piano lessons, and spent many hours practicing. Audrey was widowed in 1983 and married Arthur Zahler, who passed away in 2016.

With the combined families, Audrey is a grandmother to eight and great grandmother to four, with one more due in January!!!

Audrey says she has a rich and fulfilling life, filled with love and great memories with wonderful friendships. She has travelled extensively and even written four children's books – just for the family.

See Full interview of Audrey from Shabbat Anything Goes! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelLB/videos/495153101478093">https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelLB/videos/495153101478093</a>





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



#### **Eve Perlman**

I am so happy and grateful to now be a member of Temple Israel. I officially became a full-time California resident just this past year.

Before the Pandemic, I would drive from my home in Minneapolis to spend the winters in southern California so I could be close to my son Justin, daughter in law Marielli, and my two

grandchildren, Alma and Rafael. Spring of 2020, I was planning on driving back to Minneapolis, however, I never went back! I sold my Minneapolis home and decided to make California my permanent residence. My other son Joshua lives in Chicago with his wife Allison and 2 year old Jack.

I retired from Speech and Language Pathology in 2014. My last position was in an elementary school, although I have had the opportunity to practice in a variety of settings.

My latest challenge is rehoming my adorable 8 month old Maltese mix puppy, Benji as the newest member of the Perlman family. I will relax when Benji embraces Justin's dog Ocho as his new best friend.

I was raised in a traditional Jewish home, went to after school Hebrew School, had a Bat Mitzvah, and went to Jewish summer camps. However, after divorcing many years ago and after Justin and Joshua had their Bar Mitzvahs, I no longer felt a connection to our family's synagogue. As I transition to my new home and community in southern California, I crave the spiritual and religious connection I have not had in many years. It gives me so much pride that my family is active in the Temple, and Alma and Rafael attend Torah Center. I have found the community so inclusive and welcoming that I wanted that experience for myself in my new home as well.

Once my puppy is less dependent on me, I hope I can become more involved in activities and services as I did "pre puppy".

Thank you Temple Israel for already welcoming me to your amazing community!

Temple Israel Welcomes New Members

> Dennis and Lea Gerber Elad and Rivka Nehorai



#### Michael Malinowski and Alexis Kokkinos



Hello! I'm Michael Malinowski and discovered Temple Israel years ago, but finally took the step to join. I grew up going to a temple in Glendale, and lately have been wanting to get in touch deeper with Jewish traditions. I've lived in Long Beach for over 10 years, on the eastside. I play and teach music for a

living, primarily drums and percussion. I've played alongside artists such as Blue Man Group and Sheila E. I teach music in a variety of ways, mostly private students and kids with disabilities.

My hobbies include playing music and attending concerts. Outside of that I research/trade cryptocurrencies (ie. Bitcoin) and teach my Bengal cat tricks.

I'm interested in study groups through Temple Israel and connecting with others who share my interests. You can reach me via email: *michaelfmalinowski@gmail.com* or text me: (626) 429-3806.

Hi! My name is Alexis Kokkinos. I have lived in Long Beach for almost five years now, but I think of myself as having two homes. One here in California with my friends and my fiancé, Michael and a second in Virginia where my family lives. Michael and I are getting married in February 2022 and then we are going to spend the summer traveling before we "settle down." This is the first temple I have been a member of. Michael is Jewish and I have been learning about the traditions and teachings through him and his family. This works for us because no matter what, we both believe in the same God and I can love God in both church and temple. I work as a family law attorney in Irvine (I specialize in custody, divorce, and domestic violence). I like what I do because I am able to fight for things that matter in people's lives and make a difference that way. I love spending time with my friends, doing yoga, running, dancing at concerts, throwing events, watching movies, and playing with our 10-month-old Bengal cat.

I am looking forward to meeting new people, making connections, and finding new community.

## THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS

Bea Aron in memory of Avi Sterman, beloved brother of Joe Sterman Bea Aron in memory of her father-in-law, David Aron Ivy Smith in honor of her son, Benedict's Bar Mitzvah Steve & Pamela Keiles in honor of their daughter, Lilly's Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Michal & Jonathan Loving in honor of their son, Xander's Bar Mitzvah



## NEW SISTERHOOD BOARD MEMBER - PEGGY BRADY



We are fortunate to welcome Peggy Brady back to our Sisterhood board! She is married to her lifelong sweetheart Jim, and they've lived in Old Town Seal Beach for 13 years. They have a son and a daughter and are very proud grandparents of six grandchildren. Peggy was a Realtor in Villa Park for 15 years before moving to Seal Beach. Peggy and Jim love taking walks and getting together with friends. Since marrying in the late 1970's they've

traveled all over the world including the Middle East for which she studied Arabic (which later helped her working with many Middle Eastern real estate clients). They've also explored Europe and South America. As their family expanded, they've taken their children and grandchildren on two cruises and a European vacation, providing new experiences as well as exposure to different cultures.

Peggy's been a very active member of our congregation for 10 years, previously serving on Sisterhood board for 5 years, the Membership committee for 4 years, and the Caring Community committee for 2 years. When asked about her temple involvement Peggy shared, "I love our wonderful congregation at Temple Israel. I've never known such caring, compassionate and dedicated people anywhere!"

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

sisterhood@tilb.org



Celebration of Women event at Wardlow Park
October 30, 2021

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

January 19 Let's Do Lunch (outside)
February 6 Chutzpah & Salsa - see below
(A Live Theatrical Performance by The Braid)
February 17 Craft

#### **CHUTZPAH & SALSA:**

A Live Theatrical Performance by The Braid (formerly Jewish Women's Theater)

**Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 pm (In person only)** in partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning



The immigrant story you don't know and won't see anywhere else! Stories, poems, and songs written by Latin Jews reveal funny, poignant, and pivotal moments in their lives. One 14-year-old girl learns the lesson of social justice when her actions help a close family member "surface" in Argentina after she has "disappeared" during the Dirty War. A Sephardic Jewish woman from Mexico City can't understand why

she's such an oddity in a small town in Oregon. A convert from Cuba is moved when members of her shul help to arrange a Catholic funeral for her beloved mother. These and other stories will move you and make you laugh. A winner for all!



#### 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



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BRANDON BROWN ANDI President

This past week was nothing short of amazing for our youth group, ANDI. As a board, we put on two fantastic events in the same week for our Temple's 6th and 7th graders and for teens from throughout our SoCal community. On Wednesday November 17th, our ANDI board put together a super fun Hanukkahthemed event. Twenty of our 6th and 7th grade Torah Center students had a great time playing dreidel, making snow globes, and making memories. Then, two days later with the help of NFTY SoCal's regional board, ANDI

put on an amazing murder mystery-themed event for over 50 Jewish teens from all over Southern California, and even our friends from the youth group at Faithful Central Bible Church, "The Source." The event was the first event both ANDI and NFTYx had done indoor and in-person in over 20 months! It was so thrilling to get a chance to lead so many of our peers in a night of wonderful programming and fun. Special thanks to our youth group's Programming VP, Sadie Brown. We can't wait for our upcoming event on December 10th, where we will be working with Los Angeles TEMTY and TASTY youth groups as well as our NFTY SoCal regional board once again on a silent disco event for the Jewish teens in Southern California. On behalf of the Kesher Teen Council, we wish everyone a very Happy Hanukkah!

## Mazel Tov



Mazel Tov to Ruby Mayo, daughter of Dove and Howard Mayo for being crowned Miss Teen Long Beach by Justin Rudd's Community Action Team!

#### **ANDI & NFTYx LATE NIGHTER**









#### THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



BENEDICT SMITH December 4, 2021

Hi! My name is Benedict Smith and I'm becoming a bar mitzvah on December 4, 2021. I started going to Temple Israel in third grade; I'm currently in seventh grade at Excel Charter Academy, an independent study/homeschool charter. My hobbies are D&D, games of all kinds, and map making.

I love history, so my Mitzvah Project is transcribing old historical documents for the Smithsonian museum. So far,

my favorite documents have been from the Freedmen's Bureau, which was established by Congress after the Civil War to help formerly enslaved people, as well as poor white people, with food and shelter, as well as medical, legal, and educational needs.

My favorite part of preparing to become a bar mitzvah has been studying Hebrew. I'm hoping to continue that as a Jewish adult.



LILLY KEILES
December 11 2021

Lilly Keiles is a freshman at Millikan High School. After a few postponements, she will finally become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday December 11, 2021. Lilly has been attending classes at Temple Israel since preschool, and continues to be very involved with the Torah Center as a madricha. She also participates in the youth programs at the Temple and represents her class on the ANDI board.

For her Mitzvah Project, she volunteered time at The AJCC preschool working with younger kids. The Alpert JCC has always been a second home for Lilly who began preschool herself there at the age of 2.

Outside of Jewish activities, Lilly enjoys hanging out with her friends and baking. She is also passionate about being part of the Long Beach Junior Crew Team in which she participates 6 days a week. In the most recent regatta competition in San Diego, her boat finished first in its age group. Academically Lilly also excels, and has expressed interest in possibly pursuing a career in the legal field. She has been working really hard to prepare for this day, and is looking forward to sharing this momentous event with her family and friends.



## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TEMPLE ISRAEL'S ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

#### Saturday, December 11 at 3:00 pm

Participants:

Kim DeCelles, Morgan East, Jill Fisher Granek, Darrin Hammer, Rachel Kelson, Lydia Pinto, and Harriett Reed

> Teachers: Janet Liss and Rabbi Michal Loving

#### Join us for this special afternoon!



XANDER LOVING December 18, 2021

My name is Xander Loving and I am in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Newcomb Academy. I love playing video games, Dungeons & Dragons with my brothers, and anything math and science. I've memorized 80 digits of pi, and my goal is to memorize 100. I have been at Temple Israel since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when I moved to Long Beach, but my mom's family have been members here forever.

For my Mitzvah Project, I have been helping a family friend who

fosters kittens in Ontario. They're super cute, but need to be bottle-fed all the time. I don't think that having my Bar Mitzvah will make me a Jewish adult, but I'm sure it will change me in some way, I just don't know how yet. Thank you to everyone who will celebrate with me.

## Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist Cooper lead Tot Shabbat back in the Sanctuary

(pictures form November 19)







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

By Jeremy Rosen



Israel is a land of three-thousand years of continuous Jewish presence, and we Jews are a people known to pride ourselves on our preserved traditions and ancient customs. But in the modern Jewish state, things work a little differently. It is a land of blindingly fast changes and pace of life. In the last thirty years, the economy has completely reinvented itself from agriculture and textiles to a world-leading high-tech hub. The economic

transformation translated itself into a real estate boom, so that driving through the suburbs of Tel Aviv, you can see whole new cities being stamped into where empty desert stood a few years earlier. If you were lucky enough to be a homeowner in the last decade, your home's value would have risen by 346%. Dozens of cranes raise towers above Tel Aviv; every block has at least one building being renewed, and it seems like every month a new thoroughfare is under construction for a light rail line or a bikeway.

But in Tel Aviv, a month is slow. As I sit here writing, the rain pours out my window and the thunder rolls across the sky, where just a week ago the heat was still sweltering, and the beaches were packed. This might just be the first rain of the season, but by tomorrow, the gondola could be a viable option for your morning commute. Fall lasted just one week in the form of a sandstorm blown up from the Sahara. One week would also be enough here for the entire dating phase of your relationship, whereby the end, you two have parted ways or ended up living together. With a little luck, finding your new apartment together also only takes one week, from start of search to being handed the keys, with more money only helping to accelerate the search. Similarly, your favorite store in the new neighborhood will be built, be given way too much money out of your wallet, and then disappear.

Even then, a week in Tel Aviv can be a lifetime. In the pace of a day, one may find a new job posting, apply, and be told it's already filled. While sometimes this, of course, may just be a polite denial, firsthand experience can corroborate. In my own hunt, I applied to a job in the morning, had two interviews, and went to bed a hired man. They say a New York minute is the time it takes between a stoplight turning green and the car behind you honking. A Tel Aviv minute, then, seemingly breaks the rules of physics, because in the time between the electricity shutting off in one lightbulb and igniting in the one facing you, the taxi driver behind you has already been honking for at least two seconds.

## TALMUD STUDY: MAKING OURSELVES AT HOME

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (In person and Zoom)
December 8, 15, and 22

Teacher: Rabbi Fox

Few things have captured the Jewish imagination more than the concept of home, specifically, where we find it and how. Join Rabbi Fox as we look the concept of discovering, returning, and creating home through the lens of the rabbis in the Talmud. We will learn and study Jewish stories and tell our own.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84983248456

## TORAH CENTER PARENTS COFFEE WITH RABBI FOX

Sunday, December 12 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.



#### **Drop-In Arts And Crafts Clatch**

Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm (In-person Only)

Teacher: Eve Lunt,

Temple Israel congregant and Torah Center Art Specialist

Calling all creatives! Come to the Art Room for some adult arts and crafting time. There will be an organized project each month, but you are welcome to bring whatever you are working on to share your knowledge with the group. Our goal is to inspire each other in a supportive and creative way.

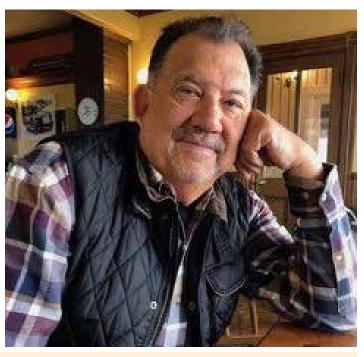


## SINATRA'S TAILOR: A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR MARK THOMPSON

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 pm (in person and Livestream)

Join us for a memorable evening with Mark Thompson, active member of the congregation, who grew up at Temple Israel, and served as our interim Cantorial Soloist, and learn more about how he came to write this wonderful book and how he built a connection with Umberto Autore - the man who would ultimately become Frank Sinatra's tailor.

Sinatra's Tailor is the remarkable coming-of-age story of Umberto Autore, set in Italy during WWII. Orphaned at the age of four, Umberto's grandfather who can no longer care for Umberto, deposits him in an orphanage run by nuns in the coastal town of Gaeta. As the Allies invade Italy, the 94th division of the German army, fearing that the enemy will attack at the Gulf of Gaeta, barrack their soldiers in the orphanage, thus leading to a quip that Umberto was "raised by nuns and Nazis." Umberto survives everything from being shot by a German soldier to beatings on the soles of his feet by the nuns. After a series of misadventures and unexpected revelations Umberto receives his training as a tailor and immigrates to the U.S. He eventually becomes the tailor to Frank Sinatra, the Rat Pack, as well as Steven Spielberg, and many other Hollywood luminaries and current California sports figures. Published by Aakenbaaken & Kent, 2019. Available for purchase on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and Audible.com, as well as local booksellers. Signed copies will also be available for purchase at the event.



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

## 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://tinyurl.com/2p8a6hk3



A circle of Temple Israel women has been celebrating Rosh Chodesh each month, for the past year. We had open orientation gatherings last year and those who chose to attend became part of this first circle. Each month different members of our circle facilitate discussions on Judaic themes. We have a commitment from each circle member to attend every month and to facilitate a circle theme with a partner every six months. We share our viewpoints, experiences, and openly ask questions to stimulate learning from one another. The women of this first circle have so enjoyed their evenings together that we are remaining a circle for the upcoming year.

If you like to form your own Rosh Chodesh Circle, we are happy to help you get started. Typically, circles are comprised of 6-10 individuals. If you would like our assistance, please contact Judy Blumenthal (<a href="mailto:jblume75@gmail.com">jblume75@gmail.com</a>) or Gail Levy (<a href="mailto:gail.levy913@gmail.com">gail.levy913@gmail.com</a>). We hope that more individuals will form circles and enjoy this friendly Judaic study experience.



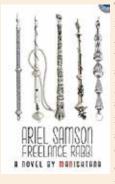
## A Musical Celebration of Havdalah and the Transition from One Book of the Torah to the Next

We are thrilled to announce that we'll be launching our second cycle through Kol HaShabbat to the Next beginning on **December 18 at 7:30 pm.** It will undoubtedly be a powerful evening of harmony and community, made all the more so if you are able to attend. **Come at 7:00 pm for wine and cheese on the patio.** Email Bill Shafton <u>billshafton@gmail.com</u> if you're interested in helping to lead the experience.

Please extend this invitation to anyone you think would enjoy joining us. This Kol HaShabbat will feature an original lyric poem by our own Cantorial Soloist Kelly Cooper ("Women of Shemot") and we'd love to have women readers of all generations.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP**

## Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am Beginning December 8



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 fact-based 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 Ariel Samson, Freelance Rabbi by MaNishtana
To participate, email Jared Goldin
<a href="mailto:jalangoldin@gmail.com">jalangoldin@gmail.com</a>

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on the death of her aunt Evelyn Hyman



#### **SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS**

#### **Thanksgiving: A National Day of Mourning**

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

SCIC's November segment of Courageous Conversations, titled "Recognizing Native American Perspectives: Thanksgiving & the National Day of Mourning," offered a different perspective and understanding to our traditional celebration of Thanksgiving. Milia Islam Majeed (SCIC's Exec. Dir.) explained that the first Thanksgiving, often linked to a feast shared between Wampanoag Native Americans and European settlers at Plymouth Plantation in 1621, followed a treaty between Wampanoag leader Massasoit and Pilgrim leaders, vowing nonaggression and mutual defense.

Thanksgiving has become a time for many Americans to come together with family and friends, celebrating and giving thanks. The Wampanoag people, however, hold a different view of Thanksgiving, disagreeing with the holiday's celebration of early European settlers in North America. Since 1970, they have gathered on Thanksgiving Day to commemorate a National Day of Mourning; "a time to remember and reflect on the genocide and mistreatment of millions of Native Americans, to honor ancestors, to recognize the ongoing struggles of Native Americans, and to come together as a people." Organized by United American Indians of New England to educate Americans about the history of Thanksgiving, it has brought about revisions in US history depictions and government relationships with Native American peoples, as well as a renewed appreciation for Native American culture.

You are invited to listen to a recording of this conversation from a Native American perspective at <a href="https://youtu.be/o66bU-x96MY">https://youtu.be/o66bU-x96MY</a> Recommended research is also available at:

- Dakota 38 documentary <a href="http://www.smoothfeather.com/dakota38">http://www.smoothfeather.com/dakota38</a>
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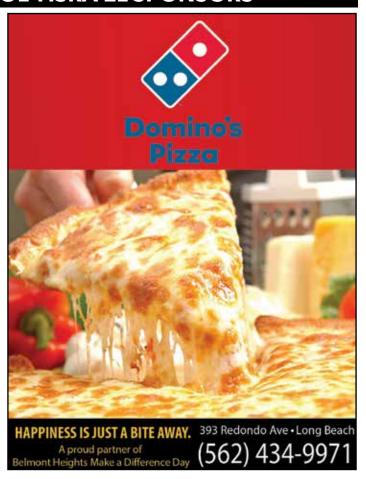
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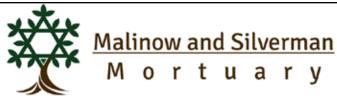
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