



TEMPLE ISRAEL
LONG BEACH

Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

March 2022

Adar I - Adar II 5782



Counting Down to 100 Years! **CELEBRATE TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 98TH BIRTHDAY... AND PURIM!**

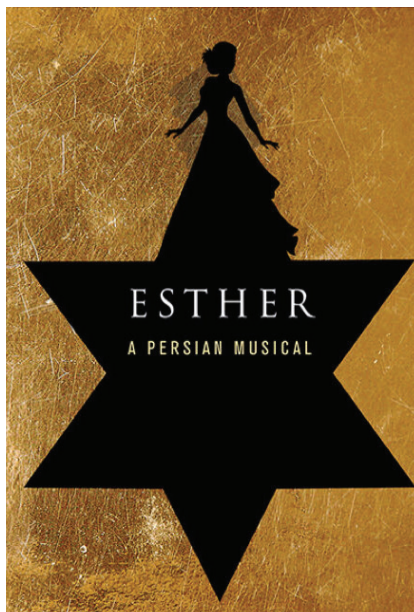
Saturday, March 19th at 7:30 pm

This Year's Purim Shpiel

Esther - A Persian Musical

**Join us for a special Hamilton-themed
reenactment of the Purim Story!**

(Dress as your favorite American Historical Figure!)



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, March 25 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!



We were so pleased to see so many women interested in forming a new Rosh Chodesh circle at Temple Israel. An additional meeting is scheduled for any others interested in joining. Please invite any friends who might also be interested. Please contact Judy Blumenthal jblume75@gmail.com

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Our Mission Statement Guided by Reform Jewish values, our mission is to engage in a journey of prayer, learning, and community that inspires us to transform ourselves and the world.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, March 4

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service (at Wardlow Park)
(Facebook Live)

Saturday, March 5

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Shai Lieber

Friday, March 11

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

Saturday, March 12

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

Friday, March 18

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 19

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
11:00 am Senior Shabbat at Alpert JCC

Friday, March 25

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat
7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, March 26

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitavah of Hannah Turndorf

**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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SIMPLY AN UPDATE

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



Leadership and governance are so important and take so much time, that one often forgets to take the additional time to communicate with others about all that is going on. This is a very exciting time for TI as our new clergy settle in, more members join the congregation, and the latest pandemic surge slows down.

Evaluations and Goal Setting

With the help of the Personnel Committee, we have set up a goal setting and evaluation system for the year for our clergy and staff. They in turn will be doing a similar system for those whom they supervise. We will be following the Jewish year starting after the High Holy Days. The President will be meeting with the Rabbi and the Executive Director separately, to set up goals for the coming year. Meetings will be set up twice throughout the year to discuss progress with these goals documenting that progress. In June/July, before major preparation begins for the next year's High Holy Days, a final report on goals with a summative evaluation will take place. We will have both paper and online storage for these documents to be passed from President to President and Personnel Committee Chair to the next. The Rabbi will be following this process with the Cantor and the Temple Director of Education whom he supervises. The Executive Director will follow a modified process as least once yearly for all whom he supervises. This system will bring us up to the standards of a Reform synagogue in 2022. We will be able to move ahead in a positive way and identify any issues that need work early on.

Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee has been working hard reorganizing, cleaning up, and modernizing our bylaws with advice from the Board, clergy, and staff. Any changes for the year must be presented to the Board 3 months prior to the annual congregational meeting. With changes for clarity and simplicity being the goal, there should not be any big changes this year other than the much needed addition of a Social Action VP. Social action is a huge endeavor in need of its own seat at the leadership table as we move into the future. Also, the question of opening Board positions to our non-Jewish members will be discussed with different groups over the next year to gauge where the congregation is at with this issue.

Strategic Planning

Rick Burney will be leading us in strategic planning over the next year, with the plan to set up our goals for the next three years. He is beginning to put together his committee and is consulting with the Board, clergy, and staff about his plans to proceed.

Services

The Rabbi will be reimagining the content and presentation of services. Particularly the second service of the month, where he and the Cantor will be trying out different modifications for approaching the liturgy. The B'nai Mitzvah service is also being slightly reorchestrated. There is a tentative plan to have teaching sessions on how to lead and teach Torah Study, and then maybe once a month have a lay-led study.

These are just some of the highlights of exciting reimagining of some of the things that we do. As always, any feedback is invited. Please remember in giving feedback to clergy, staff, Board members, and others, to remain mature and kind. Belittling or demeaning comments have no role in our place of sacred partnership. Please email your thoughts to president@tilb.org

Temple Israel, Jewish Long Beach & Alpert JCC
invite the community to

MAGIC SHOW | CRAFTS | KOSHER TREATS

**HOCUS! POCUS!
HAMENTASCHEN!**

Great for ages 2-8!

SUN | MARCH 20 | 1 PM
at the Alpert JCC

\$5 for Temple Israel Members!
alpertsjcc.org/communitypurim



RPC MESSAGE

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



You know the old joke about the meaning of most Jewish holidays? "They tried to kill us. They failed. Let's eat!" This seems to sum up the story of Purim. But let's unpack this a little. Who are "they"?

There has been a lot of discussion in the past couple of years about using the word "they" as a gender-neutral singular pronoun. For many people this creates a discordant feeling. Other people are trying to integrate that into

their speech patterns with varying degrees of success. But in a way, we've been mixing and matching our use of the word for ages. When we look at Haman, "he" becomes the "they" who want to kill us. Similarly, Haman looks at the singular Mordecai and sees all Jews.

It is a struggle sometimes to have a strong feeling (positive or negative) about an individual and not ascribe it to a whole group of people. And conversely, we look at a group of people, but fail to see that it is made up of individuals with their own opinions and beliefs.

There is a story (adapted from an essay by Loren Eiseley) about a boy who walked along the beach at dawn throwing starfish who had been stranded on the shore back into the ocean. A man watching the boys says, "Why are you doing this? You can't save all the starfish that have washed ashore. What does it matter?" The boy answered, "It matters to the one I saved."

So, let's keep in mind that all of us are individuals and celebrate!

P.S. As "they" becomes used more and more as a singular form, are we going to start saying "they all" or "tha'll" to indicate plural?

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

By Paul Levitt, Social Action Chair

Last year Temple President Mark Dressner asked the Social Action Committee to research and publish social action/social justice opportunities in the weekly Monday morning email sent to the congregation.

As committee chair, I then asked the Social Action Committee members to forward to me any pertinent postings or events from organizations that they belonged to or from whom they received announcements. I would then select, write up, and submit the information to be published on Monday.

The goal is to bring a variety of opportunities to the attention of the congregants including movies, seminars, marches, art exhibits, volunteer trainings, letter writing and the like. And this is also where events sponsored by the committee will appear accompanied by an occasional special email to the congregation.

Recently, from a suggestion from Liz Sharzer and Linda Burney, another category appears in the Social Action section of the weekly email. This is a listing of events and opportunities within the Long Beach and surrounding communities. Such activities have been local park and beach cleanups, tutoring, blood donations and child advocacy.

The committee is always looking for social action/social justice events and activities to publicize in this email. We would also like to hear about your experience when participating in an event or opportunity. Write the committee at socialaction@tilb.org

Temple Israel, Jewish Long Beach and the Alpert JCC
present

Senior Shabbat & Luncheon

**Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 am
at the Alpert JCC**

A brief Shabbat Service
led by our clergy

Followed by Kosher Luncheon and
Entertainment sponsored by
Rabbi Wolli and Sarah Kaelter
Sabbath Fellowship Fund

FREE TO OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY
RSVP to alpertjcc.org/j-adult

Get Well Wishes

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Karen Calechman
Colleen Carver
Joel Epstein
Steve Gratch
Darrin Hammer
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Susan Philips
Harriet Reed
Michele Samit
Michelle Vadon*



**HOW TO BAKE
BLACK AND WHITE COOKIES
AND PASSOVER GRANOLA
WITH AMY LIPELES**

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm
tinyurl.com/4nc5kb8r



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm
(via Zoom)

Guest Speaker
ChayaLeah Sufrin,
*Executive Director of
Long Beach Hillel*

Topic:
**The Chassidic Community
and Life Inside the
Community for Women
Part II**



*Sisterhood warmly welcomes the
following new members since July 2021.
Please consider joining us!*

Barbara Kahn

Elaine Davis

Jeanne Fromm

Karen Ort

Laurie Mutalipassi

Laurie Raykoff

Nancy Levy

Andrea Karabenick

Florine Karabenick

Ronni Kaplan

Lisa Weller

SAVE THE DATE

**Flower Arranging
Demonstration**

A Learn, Make, and Take Event
Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 pm



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





THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



SHAI LIEBER

March 5, 2022

Shai is an 8th grader at Rogers Middle School. He's an avid computer aficionado where you can find him building his own computer and keyboard, playing Valerant, or researching and buying NFT's and cryptocurrency. He also enjoys playing guitar and drums but will always be up for a flag football or lacrosse game. Shai will be attending the WAVE program at Wilson High School in the fall.

For his Mitzvah Project Shai volunteered with Long Beach Community Table, distributing food and personal items at various parks in Long Beach and packing/delivering food to people's homes. He was also a greeter for Friday Evening Services at the synagogue.



HANNAH TURNDORF

March 26, 2022

Hannah Kate Turndorf is currently a 7th grade student at Rogers Middle School. Her favorite subjects in school are Physical Education and Science. Hannah fell in love with gymnastics at a young age and currently competes in competitions across the Western United States.

When she is not practicing or competing in gymnastics, she loves spending time with her loving family, friends and her two dogs, Ripley and Bucky. She

is proud of the Jewish education she has received at Temple Israel and would like to thank Rabbi Fox, Cantor Cooper, and teachers Rachel, Linda and Mr. Jay for helping her through her Bat Mitzvah journey. Hannah looks forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah and would like to continue her Jewish education even further, so she can be well prepared to pass the Jewish traditions onto her children.



TEMPLE ISRAEL Keshher 8th-12th Grade



LEAH FACTERMAN

MADRICHIM REP.

The Keshher program teens have been having an amazing time! In the past month, we have had many great experiences and opportunities. On February 6th we had an incredible art walk with the local artist Jose Loza, we were able to experience the different art styles around our community. We learned about the messages art can send and how much emotion goes into it. It was an incredible day. February 25-27 is the SoCal Teen Retreat, a weekend that is going to be filled with fun activities and new friends. Twenty-two teens from Temple Israel will be in attendance. We can't wait to spend a whole weekend together! Finally, the teens are working hard on this year's Purim shpiel, The Lion King. Rehearsals are every Thursday mostly in person. We are excited to perform for the Torah Center Celebration on March 20th.



TEMPLE ISRAEL'S SHABBAT

Anything Goes!

with Sharon & Eric

FRIDAYS AT 4:00 PM

[Facebook Live](#)

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.

THIS MONTH'S GUESTS

Rachel Van Raalte
March 4

Cantorial Soloist Kelly Cooper
March 11

Judy Blumenthal
March 18

Amy Lipeles
March 25

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 ejs@tilb.org or Sharon Amster Brown at sab@tilb.org.

SAVE THE DATE

TEMPLE ISRAEL'S GALA

Saturday, May 14, 2022

What's Wrong With This Gala?
A Fun-Filled Competition to
Spot the Most "Mistakes!"



It's time for Temple Israel's most important fundraising celebration of the year, and to ensure you enjoy a laugh-filled social evening to benefit our Temple Israel community, we're doing something unlike anything before: A high-stakes contest to see which table can spot the most "mistakes!"

Throughout the evening, we will be incorporating a select number of intentional "mistakes" - the eagle-eyed table which spots the most "mistakes" will receive a fantastic prize you won't EVER forget!

Sponsorship Opportunities and Invitations will be arriving soon - but save the date!



RSVP Below:

<https://alpertjcc.org/event/rock-the-megillah/>

SAVE THE DATE



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

LONG BEACH, CA
Sunday, May 22, 2022

MEDITATIVE MORNING MINYAN EXPERIENCE WITH BILL SHAFTON

Thursdays at 7:30 am



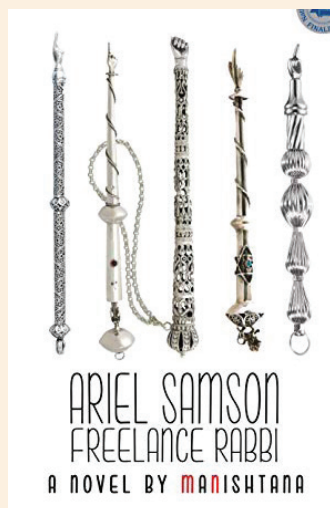
Join Bill Shafton via Zoom for a meditative, musical morning minyan prayer experience. The 35 minute prayer service will feature new music and contributions from the Temple Israel community. Collaboratively, we will explore the weekday morning prayer liturgy and encounter our own meaning and holy fun.

Zoom Link

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8a6hk3>

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

**Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am
March 9 and 23 (Zoom Only)**



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

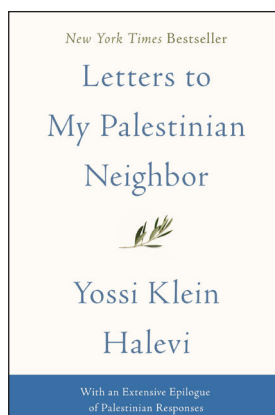
To participate, email Jared Goldin
jalangoldin@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm

Discussing the book,

Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi



Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor is one Israeli's powerful attempt to reach beyond the wall that separates Israelis and Palestinians and into the hearts of "the enemy." In a series of letters, Yossi Klein Halevi explains what motivated him to leave his native New York in his twenties and move to Israel to participate in the drama of the renewal of a Jewish homeland, which he is committed to see succeed as a morally responsible, democratic state in the Middle East.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285748108>

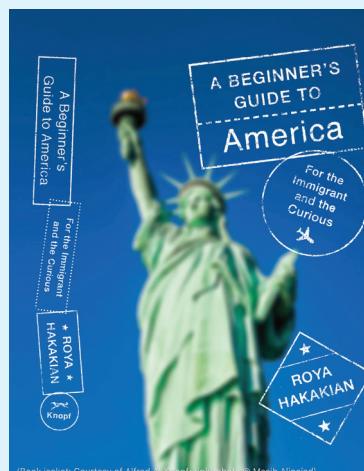
TI READS ONE BOOK

A Beginner's Guide To America

by Roya Hakakian

Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 pm

(In Person and Livestream)



This perfectly timed book gives us a portrait of what the new immigrant experience in America is really like. Written as a "guide" for the newly arrived, and providing "practical information and advice," Roya Hakakian, an immigrant herself, reveals what those who settle here love about the country, what they miss about their homes, the cruelty of some Americans, and the unceasing generosity of

others. She captures the texture of life in a new place in all its complexity, laying bare both its beauty and its darkness as she discusses race, sex, love, death, consumerism, and her experience of being from a country far from friends with the United States. Her tenderly perceptive and surprisingly humorous account invites native-born Americans to see themselves as they appear to others, making it possible for them to rediscover their many American gifts through the perspective of the outsider. In shattering myths and embracing painful contradictions that are unique to this place, *A Beginner's Guide to America* is Hakakian's candid love letter to America. **Author will be here in person. Copies of book for sale at the Temple.**

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Edgar Zwieback and Mona Panitz

GOT SHABBAT?

Generously sponsored by Rob and Debbie Feldman

Friday, March 25
7:00 pm

Join us for this jazz-infused musical Service
Led by Kendra Cogert and
The Shabbatones



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 29 - MAY 1



MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Join us as we welcome
CRAIG PARKS

Craig Parks has been performing and creating Jewish music for over two decades with his own music, leading teen band Kavannah, and creating multi-generational rock band Shorashim, which explores the Jewish roots of rock/pop music.



MOVIE DISCUSSION:

Shoelaces

**Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 pm
(Zoom Only)**

Facilitator: Ruth Cooperman



Shoelaces tells the story of a complicated relationship between an aging father and his special-needs son, whom he abandoned while he was still a young boy. Reuben's kidneys are failing and his son Gadi, wants to donate one of his own kidneys to help save his father's life. However, the transplant committee objects to the procedure claiming that Rueben, acting as Gadi's sole legal guardian, does not have the right to authorize such an invasive procedure.

Gadi, who recently lost his mother, is afraid of losing his father as well. He feels he finally has the chance to do something meaningful; to become a man and stand on his own. He's furious with the committee's decision and sets out to fight for his right to save his father's life. Through the film's portrayal of a relationship full of love, rejection, and co-dependency, it manages to shed some light and question the importance of human life, human connection and if life is even possible without it either one of them.

Please watch the film on Amazon Prime before the discussion.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89907440044>

TORAH CENTER PARENTS' COFFEE WITH RABBI FOX

**Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am
(in person only on the Temple's front patio)**

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. For current Torah Center parents only, please.



PRAYER 101 MINI-SESSION WITH CANTOR COOPER

Ahavat Olam/Ahavah Rabbah

**Friday, March 11 at 6:15 pm
(In Person and Zoom)**

Teacher: Cantor Cooper

Let's dive deeper into the prayers that we recite at services. We'll translate them, look at their origins, and explore why the sages felt it was important that they be included in our liturgy. Looking forward to studying them with you!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84013136372>



ISRAEL: THE HOMELAND OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)
March 24, 31 and April 7**

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving



The Reform Jewish movement's relationship to Israel is complicated. What is the role and meaning of the land of Israel to Jews and Judaism throughout history and today? What factors drove the modern Zionist movement and the desire for a Jewish homeland in the Land of Israel? And how do we reconcile the difficulty

of modern politics with this historical yearning? No Hebrew required.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84906976188>

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

HOME COOKING AND CROWD PLEASERS:

Passover Favorites



Sunday, March 27 at 10:00am

(In Person Only)

Teacher: Amy Lipeles

In this class, we will be cooking a chicken dish which is good for a crowd or just a few, as well as delicious Passover brownies that you can make for yourself or share with others. It's a hands on class so bring your aprons! **Cost \$10**

HOME COOKING AND CROWD PLEASERS:

Soft Pretzels and Cinnamon Rolls

Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm (In Person)

at home of Justin Rudd (address upon RSVP)

Teacher: Justin Rudd

In this delicious session, Justin will take participants through the steps of soft, gooey cinnamon rolls with a cream cheese frosting (like at Cinnabon!), and soft pretzels (like at Wetzel's!). Don't miss this very tasty and sweet evening in the kitchen! Bring a bottle of wine to share, if you'd like!



PAINTING LIKE A IMPRESSIONIST THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

Tuesdays from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

March 29, April 5, April 12, May 3, May 10, May 17

At the home of Rivka Nehorai

(address upon RSVP)

Join a relaxing, outdoor 6 week painting class to learn core concepts of art making and make your own Impressionist work. All skill levels welcome (especially those who think they can't paint, Rivka's philosophy is that anyone can do it!) We begin each class by learning teachings from Jewish philosophers about the importance of the creative process.

Minimum - 5 people Maximum - 8 people

Cost: \$240, supplies included

ISRAELI CURRENT EVENTS WITH DANNY EHRLICH

Wednesday, March 30 at 9:30 am (Zoom Only)

Israel as the Nation State of the Jewish People: What does being "Jewish" mean in Israel? Is there a tension between Jewish national and religious identities? How relevant are terms like Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Secular?

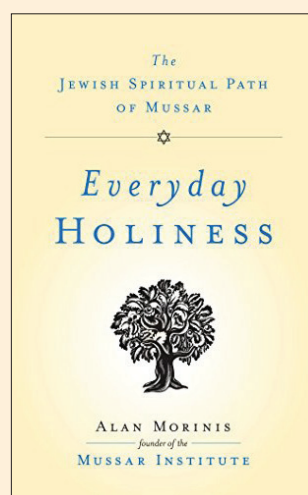
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85742646521>

MUSSAR STUDY GROUP

Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am

March 9 and 23 (Zoom Only)

Facilitator: Trish Goldin



Mussar is a system of introspective practices that can help you identify and break through the obstacles to your inherent holiness, using methods that are easy to integrate into daily life. The program laid out in the book *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar* by Alan Morinis focuses on 26 traits (middot) - such as loving-kindness, strength, generosity, compassion, honor, and equanimity - each of which takes center stage for a week of contemplation and exercises, in

order to develop and refine that quality in yourself. Our study group meets every other Wednesday morning to work on one or more Mussar soul traits. Come join us!

Zoom Link: <https://www.rabbishefagold.com/love-and-truth/>

March Anniversaries

- 1 David & Susan Philips - 42 years
- 4 Bruce & Michelle Baral - 34 years
- 13 Naomi & Lilly Rosen - 2 years
- 17 David & Judith Ross - 54 years
- 18 Sean Hogan & Dina Friedman - 17 years
- 21 Dylan Cherin & Paula Jamison - 25 years
Dennis & Lea Gerber - 30 years
- 22 Al & Ruth Rudis - 53 years
- 23 Marvin Zamost & Linda Haley - 26 years
Douglas & Rebecca Cringean - 7 years
- 24 David & Irene Leib - 45 years
Sheryl Stahl & Jane Withrow-Stahl - 38 years
- 25 Timothy & Sarah Redondo - 15 years
- 26 Art Lim & Dawn Haldane - 27 years
- 29 Russell Berman & Linda Ackermann-Berman - 24 years
Joshua & Dorothy Kaye - 69 years
Brian Rosenberger & Marci Melnick - 7 years
- 31 Timothy & Hannah Bullock - 10 years

THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS

Bea Aron

in memory of Sy Alban, beloved husband of Reva Alban

Cory Lieber & Vanessa Kitzis

in honor of their son Shai Lieber's Bar Mitzvah

Marc & Ariela Turndorf

in honor of their daughter, Hannah's Bat Mitzvah

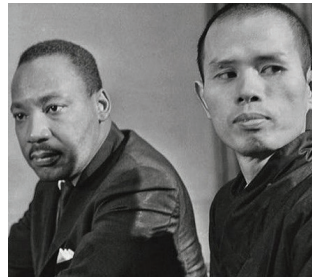


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SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Thich Nhat Hanh's Memory Is a Blessing

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



On January 22 at the age of 95, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh took his last breath in Tù Hieu Temple near Huế, Vietnam, after more than 39 years spent in exile from his native Vietnam.

He had spent those years utilizing and applying the tenets of Buddhism as a way to deal with

life's challenges. His teachings had a major influence on Western Buddhist practice, but his ideas were not popular with traditional Buddhist monks who kept out of public life and practiced their faith in monasteries.

During the '50's, as war was tearing Vietnam apart, Thich promoted deep listening as a nonviolent solution to conflict and sought to raise awareness of the interconnectedness of all elements in nature, advocating humanistic educational practices, health care and politics. He coined the term "engaged Buddhism" in his book *Vietnam: Lotus in a Sea of Fire*.

On June 1, 1966, Thich joined MLK, denouncing the war in Vietnam. That was the day we combined our efforts to work for peace in Vietnam and to fight for civil rights in the US. We agreed that the true enemy of man is not man. Our enemy is not outside of us. Our true enemy is the anger, hatred, and discrimination that is found in the hearts and minds of man, wrote Thich in *At Home in the World: Stories from a Monk's Life*. King later penned the Nobel committee, "I do not know of anyone more worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize than this gentle monk from Vietnam. He is an apostle of peace and nonviolence."

"In 1969, Thich Nhat Hanh led the Buddhist delegation to the Paris peace talks aimed at ending the Vietnam War. In lectures around the world, he drew on his studies of other religions to point out similarities between Buddhist practices and those of other faiths ... It's not my intention to convert Christians and Jews into Buddhists, he told The Washington Post in 1993. It's my intention to make them better Christians and better Jews."

"Every day," Thich Nhat Hanh wrote in his 1975 book, *The Miracle of Mindfulness*, "we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child, our own two eyes. All is a miracle."

That miracle, holding us all together as one humanity, is very sorely needed today as we search for Salaam...Shalom...Peace.

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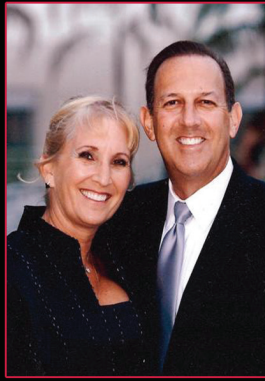
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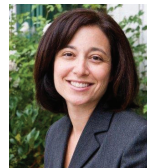
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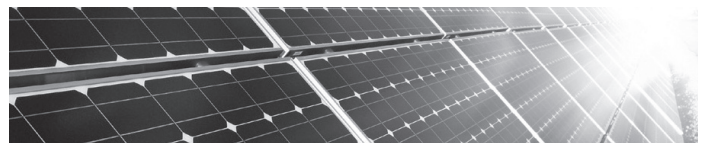


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(Shalach Manot) FUN(D)RAISER!

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Will you take this special opportunity to send Purim greetings and good wishes to members of our Temple Israel family and raise important funds to help support all of our programming?

EVERY FAMILY YOU ADD TO YOUR GREETING LIST IS A DONATION TO THE TEMPLE.

IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PURIM BAG FUN(D)RAISER!

EVERY Temple Israel household will receive ONE lovely Purim Bag that includes a Personalized Scroll of Greetings from Temple Israel and all those in the congregation who choose to wish them well. Every Purim Bag will contain hamantaschen and a Purim gift from the Temple. **Additionally, in the spirit of *matanot l'evyonim* (giving charity to the needy), a percentage of all donations will be used to help hungry families in Long Beach.**

GO ONLINE...

Log in to www.purimproject.com

Your user ID and Password were mailed out to you.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The cost to send the greetings you select is

\$2.00 per family chosen, plus an **\$18** initial fee

(i.e. send wishes to 10 families for $10 \times \$2.00$ each = \$20 + \$18 = \$38),

OR

**"SAY CHAI" TO THE ENTIRE
TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY**

We are once again offering this special opportunity for a donation of \$236. That's less than 43¢ per greeting...much cheaper than mailing a Purim card to everyone and it's a tax deductible donation!

**DEADLINE IS NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH**