

# Kol Yisra'el

April 2022 Adar II - Nisan 5782



# MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND CRAIG PARKS

# FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - SUNDAY, MAY 1



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.



#### YOUR DONATION OR LEGACY GIFT WILL HELP FUND OUR FUTURE!

The Next 100 Years Campaign has currently raised over three 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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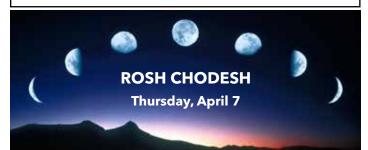
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Friday, April 22 at 5:30 pm at Marina Vista Park (near the tennis courts) Followed by a pizza dinner!



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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## **PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

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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, April 1 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service Saturday, April 2 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 8 7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat Saturday, April 9 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Asher Kain-O'Grady

Friday, April 15 Passover No Shabbat Service Saturday, April 16 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning / Passover Festival Service

Friday, April 22 10:30 am Passover Festival Service 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service Saturday, April 23

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

Friday, April 29 Musician in Residence Weekend Craig Parks 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service Saturday, April 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

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021 - 2022**

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## **PRESIDENT'S / FOUNDATION MESSAGES**



### VOLUNTEERISM

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



April is National Volunteer Month. *Do you volunteer? Where do you volunteer?* With the plethora of opportunities available, how do you choose? After joining Temple Israel in 2003 and spending my first few years enjoying classes, services, and social events, I knew at some point that I needed to step up and contribute rather than just taking and enjoying.

When I was 13, there was an Honor Society carwash being organized and

they needed a chair. No one volunteered. I looked at my friends and thought that they all certainly had the time to do this. I then realized that I could do it too. I volunteered. By the next year I was President of Honor Society. I have been raising my hand ever since.

There are so many opportunities at Temple Israel to help in whatever area that you have an interest. You can be on the Gala Committee, Social Action Committee, Membership Committee, Ritual Practice Committee, Budget Committee, and so many more. You can simply help deliver Purim bags, appear in the Purim Shpiel, be a greeter for services, take on a Make Difference Day project, or help with Rosh HaShanah Celebration in the Park. For a few years, I oversaw the chairs for Ros HaShanah in the Park but also coordinated the Flash Food drive for Make a Difference Day.

Years ago, I spent a few hours, one on one, making hamantashen with Chana Ham Rosebrock and another time just with Joyce Feldman. I got to know them both well (and also helped make a big boost in our Purim hamentashen supply). One of the best parts of volunteering is meeting members of our community and getting to know them better. You also know that as you have participated in so many rewarding experiences at Temple Israel, you have now contributed so others can enjoy.

This is the time of year where we start planning for next year transitions, starting July 1. If called, it means we really want and need you. Consider saying "yes" (Yes, that does mean you!). Even better, call us and let us know that you want to give back. Once we know your areas of interest, we can provide several fun ways for you to participate.

#### Bylaws

One of the major projects for temple governance this year is the bylaws revision, led by Lysa Saltzman and Ron Artstein. This is a huge project that is always ongoing. At our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be voting on approving the committee's suggested changes, which by that time would also have been vetted and recommended to the congregation from the Board. We will be having a Town Hall on April 10<sup>th</sup> to go over changes suggested

and modify these suggestions as needed after the Town Hall. My hope is that for all those interested in the details, when the time arrives, you will have read the suggestions and participated in the meeting so when we have the Annual Meeting for the final vote, the discussions will have already taken place with the opportunity for input. And, well, next year we start again with other issues that might have come up during discussions.

As always please email me with comments or concerns at *president@tilb.org* 



TOWN HALL MEETING Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 pm (Zoom Only)

## We will discuss Bylaws proposed changes

Zoom Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84066282453





## **RPC MESSAGE / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL**



#### PASSOVER

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



Passover has always been my favorite holiday. I was lucky enough to live near extended family as a child and we would all gather at my greatgrandmother's house for the seder. She would bring out course after course of amazing food: chicken soup whose matzah balls all floated, potato kugels with golden crispy edges, tzimmes with the sweet-tart taste of sweet potatoes and prunes, platters of home-made gefilte fish, and bowls of

charoset. (There were probably trays of briskets and chicken also, but I always preferred the side dishes.) She had spent the week cooking and the week before that scrubbing the house.

I've been thrilled to pass on many of these traditions to my children. We change out our protein, but we always have a tzimmes and we try out new charoset recipes each year. My chicken soup rivals my mother's, although I have not learned the trick of getting consistently floating matzah balls.

But I have always wondered, "Why do we spend so much time and effort to celebrate leaving in a rush?" Our matzah must be baked in 18 minutes or less. We must be vigilant about removing any foods with yeast or any product which has the potential to ferment from our homes. Why isn't the rule that we can only eat things that can be prepared quickly? I envision a week of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cold cereal, and cut raw vegetables.

But in our Passover celebration, we point out opposite situations: we were slaves then, now we are free; we rushed so much that our bread didn't have time to rise then, now we rejoice in spending time cooking; we were on our feet fleeing then, now we recline and relax at our table.

Just as we do in Hillel's sandwich, we eat bitter and sweet at the same time. Have a wonderful Passover celebration!

## **PASSOVER FESTIVAL SERVICES**

Saturday, April 16 and Friday, April 22 Yizkor will be observed 10:30 am (In Person and Livestream)



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



To date in a new country is not just like having an exciting new variety of food; it is also navigating dating in a new language. A foreign language gives way to a foreign mindset. I am not referring to if we are actually speaking Hebrew with each other, for we usually speak English. Instead, it is that while English is native to my mind and thoughts, it is a translation of his native Hebrew mind and thoughts. In some ways, these two languages are

at polar opposites of many spectrums. While English is full of superfluous words added for politeness and nuance, Hebrew is really quite lacking in this category. This is true to the point where there is no actual good translation for "rude" in Hebrew. This is not to say that there is no such thing as rudeness in Israeli society, yet it is a language where you say what you mean, in an upfront and sometimes brutal way. You can put any doubts aside when an Israeli tells you something nice, but also be prepared to hear things said in a way no polite American would say.

In general, there is very little BS'ing in Israeli society. As you can imagine, Etay has offended my American sensibilities more than a few times. But that cost is small to pay compared to the familiarity allowed by that honesty. In Hebrew, a lot of details are inferred that are needed to be spelled out in English. Learning how to speak Hebrew is to learn how to speak concisely and directly, and learning how to speak it as a second language requires confidence and brashness. There are many times when I think that surely I have gotten my thoughts across, when in actuality the idea, hidden in the politeness and gentleness of English, comes through as gibberish or as if there was no intention to say anything at all. Translating before gaining true fluency where the syntax and personality of the language is native within you, is an arduous process where patience must be practiced, where many thoughts will be mistranslated by both parties.

It must be said, however, that the language possesses its own sense of beauty and poetry. In its curtness lies room for imagination. To leave things unsaid, instead of over filling every sentence with words, leaves space for the heart to practice instead of the mind. Etay is a passionate musician, and his serenades serve dually to woo me with beautiful music and also to introduce me to a finer variety of Israeli music. Diving into the lyrics and unpacking their mysteries is one of my favorite ways to both practice my Hebrew and to study the Israeli mind. Sometimes it's a little scary, if I must say, but usually a sense of humor and romanticism, hidden behind concern for everyday practicality, prevails. One of my favorite lyrics is, "Who will buy me avocado?" which the singer writes in a breakup song.

## SISTERHOOD



# Flower Arranging

Demonstration

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



Join us as we learn how to arrange fresh flowers in pots and add a splash of color to

our gardens or tables. Debbie Abitz will share her expertise on growing, cutting, and perfectly placing flowers.

Cost \$ 20 all supplies provided RSVP required by April 25 to Charmaine *clw@tilb.org* 

The Sisterhood board needs new members to bring new ideas! If interested please send an e-mail to: <u>sisterhood@tilb.org</u>

## 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



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# 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

# Sisterhood Shabbat

## Friday, June 10 at 7:00 pm

Join us on the patio at 6:30 pm for a pre-service Oneg for TI Sisterhood Members

Please consider joining Sisterhood and our special event!

## SISTERHOOD ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD INSTALLATION

Monday, June 13 at 6:30 pm Location -TBD





## CRAFT FAIR AT TEMPLE ISRAEL!!!

Sunday, July 10 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Temple Israel

Crafters and hobbyists will be selling their wares both inside and outside the temple.

Contact Maryse at <u>3maryse3@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Sisterhood warmly welcomes our newest members Lea Gerber Nicole Honigman Darlene Martin Eve Perlman Diann Zenda Please consider joining us!

## BAR MITZVAH / TEEN (KESHER) REPORT

## THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



**ASHER KAIN-O'GRADY** April 9, 2022

My name is Asher. I'm becoming Bar Mitzvah on April 9, 2022. I'm in 7th Grade at Intellectual Virtues Academy where my favorite subjects are Science and Lit. Comp. For my Mitzvah Project, I am working with the Long Beach Women's Shelter. Due to my Torah Portion, I'm collecting feminine hygiene products because homeless women don't have enough money to buy these products. It is one of the items women's shelters need for their

residents. A lot of times people are mean to the homeless and I wanted to do something to help.

When I'm not in school or practicing for my Bar Mitzvah, I love to swim. I swim for the Beach Swim Team.When I'm not swimming, I love playing Pokémon with my friends. I want to thank all of my friends for making Torah Center fun! I also want to thank my teachers.

Thank you Cantor Cooper for the huge amount of help you gave me, and Rabbi Fox for helping me with my D'Var Torah.

The 2022 Elena Diane Curris **Global Issues Lecture** Co-Hosted by the CSULB Department of Religious Studies Finding My Place in a Changing World A Perspective of Faith



**Rabbi Scott Fox** 



Professor Kathryn Chew (Moderator)



Father Christos P. Kanakis



Dean Jihad Turk

April 5th 6:00 - 8:00pm Earl Burns Japanese Garden

RSVP required: gsi@csulb.edu



**LEAH FACTERMAN** 

MADRICHIM REP.

Last month, twenty-two TI Kesher teens attended the SOCAL teen retreat in Orange County. Everyone had an incredible time, as we spent the weekend making memories and having fun with new friends. It was truly an amazing weekend. It was great to finally have an in-person teen retreat! We can't wait for the NFTY weekend, West Coast Party, from April 29 - May, at Camp Newman in Santa Rosa. It will be great to see everyone again and make new friends not only from NFTY SOCAL but also NFTY CWR and NFTY SW. Nineteen

**TEMPLE ISRAEL** 

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kesher teens have already registered to fly to Santa Rosa for the event. A big thank you to the Temple Israel Foundation and Sisterhood who have bought the plane tickets for all the Kesher teens. Another fun event coming up is the Teen Beach Hang-Out Havdalah hosted by Shir Ha-Ma'alot on Saturday the 26th at Corona Del Mar State Beach. It will be a night of fun activities on the beach. Finally, a big shout out to all the teens who participate in this year's Purim shpiel, The Lion Queen. Your hard work was definitely appreciated! Special thanks to our awesome writers and directors, Brandon Brown and Sadie Brown. Like always, the shpiel was hilarious and entertaining, and we can't wait to do it again next year!







Mazel Tov David Rosen and Katie May Sarreshteh on the birth of their daughter Avigail Gigi Sarreshteh Rosen born on Wednesday, March 9th, weighing 7 lbs 13 oz and 19 in long. We also extend our congratulations to grandparents Deb Lewis and Michael Rosen, and to uncle Jeremy and aunt Maya.



Mazel Tov to Harriett Reed on the birth of her great granddaughter Bailea Gray Saavedra born on Monday, March 28th, weighing 7 lbs 3 oz and 19 in long. We also extend our congratulations to parents Leanna and Nick Saavedra and big brother, Izaak.



# 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

## FOUNDATION MESSAGE

By Alan Lilien, Foundation President



My name is Alan Lilien and I am the current President of the Temple Israel Foundation Board of Trustees. The Foundation is an independently incorporated organization whose sole purpose is to raise and manage funds to support the long term financial health and stability of Temple Israel. As an independent organization, we have our own bylaws which we review and update periodically. I am writing this message to inform the congregation of

our recently proposed bylaw changes, prior to requesting their final approval by the Temple Board of Directors.

The proposed bylaw changes include:

- updating our Board of Trustee nominating process and timeline to reconcile to our current operating procedures,
- added language regarding enhancement of donor relations, and additional responsibilities for the Vice-President to manage donor relations and outreach,
- updated language regarding telephone meetings to include audio and video conferencing technologies,
- updated the requirement for two (2) officer signatures for approval only on disbursements over \$2,000 (as opposed to all disbursements),
- general language cleanup, removing language no longer needed or language that duplicated our Articles of Incorporation.

If you have any comments or questions about these changes, please feel free to contact me, or any of the Foundation Board of Trustees. I can be reached at alan.lilien@earthlink.net. Additional information about the Foundation can be found on the Temple Israel website, under the "About Us" menu.



## **ONEG SHABBAT SPONSOR**

Craig Kain and Kevin O'Grady in honor of their son, Asher Kain O'Grady's Bar Mitzvah ••••• JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING •••••

## 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! **Class Full, wait list only.** 



## PRAYER 101 MINI-SESSION WITH CANTOR COOPER Mi Chamocha (PM and AM Liturgy)

Friday, April 8 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/81408298233



## FREEDOM SONG

A Performance by Beit Teshuva, followed by Q&A session

#### Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 am (In person)

Don't miss this incredible performance by current residents and graduates of Los Angeles' Beit T'Shuvah, a Jewish recovery program.

By interweaving a Passover seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question: "What are you a slave to?" The cast of Freedom Song is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and an intense post show discussion with our cast, Freedom Song will open your eyes to the real-life struggle against the "bondage of self" that we all fight every day.

#### Suggested donation: \$10



SHABBAT HIKE AND STUDY Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 am Facilitators: Rabbi Fox and Craig Parks Location: TBA

Join us for an easy hike and outdoor spiritual experience led by Rabbi Fox and special guest and Musician in Residence Craig Parks. Don't miss this meditative and musical Shabbat morning out in nature where together we will create a beautiful communal prayer experience.



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

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## TV SERIES DISCUSSION Our Boys (TV series with ten episodes) Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)

Facilitator: Barry Mitnick



In the summer of 2014, three Jewish teenagers are kidnapped and murdered by Hamas militants. Israel is shocked, shaken, and furious. Two days later, the burned body of a Palestinian teenager from eastern Jerusalem is found in a forest on the western outskirts of the city. In the ensuing days, an agent from the internal terror division of the Shin Bet investigates the murder, while the parents of the slain teenager begin their long and anguished

journey toward justice and consolation.

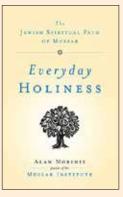
Filmed in Israel, Our Boys is based on the true events which led to the outbreak of war in Gaza. The series follows the investigation of Mohammed Abu Khdeir's murder, and tells the story of all those involved, Jews and Arabs alike, whose lives were forever changed by these events.

#### Watch series ahead of time on Amazon Prime or HBO Max.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88442822952

## **MUSSAR STUDY GROUP**

Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am April 6 and 20 (Zoom Only) Facilitator: Trish Goldin

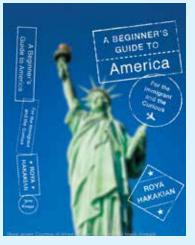


Mussar is a system of introspective practices that can help you identify and break through the obstacles to your inherent holiness, using methods that are easy to integrate into daily life. The program laid out in the book Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar by Alan Morinis focuses 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/

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.** 

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

#### Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am April 6 and 20 (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.

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



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 eagleeyed table which spots the most "mistakes" will receive a fantastic prize you won't EVER forget!

During this special evening, we will recognize and honor the leadership and dedication of community members, Joyce and Hank Feldman, as well as our Temple's Executive Director for nearly the past 12 years, Eric Shatzkin.

It will be an exciting evening with an open bar and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, dining, celebration of our honorees, and guaranteed laughs along the way!

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS GALA?

Consider purchasing an ad in our Tribute Book honoring our honorees or advertising your business!

> Finished Book Size 8 1/2" x 11" Your Donation Is Tax-Deductible

Outside Back Cover \$1,200 Inside Cover \$1,100 Full Page \$600 (Full Page Size 8 x 10) Half Page \$400 (Half Page Size 8 x 5) Quarter Page \$200 Eighth Page \$100 Name Listing \$ 36

### DEADLINE FOR TRIBUTE BOOK IS MONDAY, MAY 2

Tributes need not be camera-ready. Photos may be included. Submit your tributes today! Email to Michelle at *mdt@tilb.org* 



## Sherlock - \$2,500

Gala Admission for 4 guests, 2 bottles of preferred wine with dinner and a full page ad in the tribute book

## Watson - \$1,250

Gala Admission for 2 guests, a bottle of preferred wine with dinner and a half page ad in the tribute book

## Poirot - \$550

Gala Admission for 2 guests and a quarter page ad in the tribute book

## Miss Marple - \$360

Gala Admission for 1 guest and a quarter page ad in the tribute book

## Columbo - \$180

Gala Admission for 1 guest

## Gala First-Timer Torah Center Parent - \$100

Gala Admission for 1 guest

## Jessica Fletcher - \$\_

Unable to attend and would like to contribute

Name(s):
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# Gala Honorees Joyce & Hank Feldman



We are so pleased to honor Joyce and Hank Feldman for all they have done, not only for Temple Israel, but for the greater Long Beach Jewish community and surrounding communities as well. Joyce and Hank are role models for us all on how to repair the world and assist those in need. Nothing exemplifies this more than their annual food packing drive, where volunteers put together hundreds of boxes

of food to be given to those with food insecurity throughout the year.

Joyce's extensive volunteer service includes work with Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy, Long Beach Jewish Foundation Board, JFCS Board, AJCC Board, Pathways to Independence and Lowell Elementary School. She has additionally served as Temple Israel President, VP of Ways & Means, Purim Bag Chair, and frequent Gala Auction Chair and volunteer.

Hank's commitment to the local community includes serving as Secretary of CCEJ, President of Long Beach Jewish Federation, and working with Long Beach Police Foundation. He has also served as Temple Israel Foundation President, and has been a Mitzvah Day (now Make A Difference Day) Chair.

Please join us in honoring this exemplary couple at our Temple Israel 2022 Gala.



## Eric Shatzkin

We are so pleased to honor a pillar of our Temple Israel community and staff, Eric Shatzkin. Our Executive Director for nearly twelve years, Eric has been our rock and anchor through one of Temple Israel's most-challenging periods: navigating the closing and slow reopening of the temple over the course of a two-year pandemic, as well as providing stability and leadership during our times of rabbinic transition over the past three years.

Eric joined our congregational community in 2010 and quickly added his insight and oversight to the construction of our new synagogue home. During construction, Eric's excellent programming skills and ability to secure alternate locations for Torah Center, services, and programs, as well as our administrative offices, helped our congregants to stay connected to one another while away from our temple home. Over the past twelve years, Eric has worked with our lay leadership to put Temple Israel's finances in a healthier position, and guided us towards a new membership commitments system, allowing members to contribute at the financial level they are able and still maintain outstanding synagogue programming and services.

Most recently, Eric has worked to keep our community close during the pandemic, led us in bringing new streaming and remote technology to Temple Israel, allowing congregants to participate in services, Torah Study, and meetings both online and in-person, and even co-created a weekly, online interview show where we can get to better know our members in the virtual space. Eric is a constant presence at the Temple, working in a variety of capacities to make every program and event successful. His unwavering honesty and integrity have helped guide our Temple leadership, staff, and membership. Known for being tireless in his work for the Temple, always with a smile and ready to provide a quick laugh, we are thrilled to honor our Executive Director Eric Shatzkin at our 2022 Gala.



2 Eric Newman & Loren Albeg - 5 years
3 Steven & Pamela Keiles - 17 years
Rick & Nealy Solymar - 18 years
6 Bob & Wendi Bender - 31 years
8 Kip & Christina Boatwright - 12 years
10 Adam & Sarah Moss - 12 years
11 Al & Rita Birch - 46 years
16 Robert & Jennifer De France - 13 years
17 Rosendo & Mireya Gonzalez - 34 years
20 Saul & Falina Budeshtsky - 48 years
21 Douglas & Joy Wadleigh - 15 years
23 Michael & Suzanne Brodsly - 22 years
26 Jonathan & Beth Dobkin - 13 years

Corey Lieber & Vanessa Kitzis - 19 years



# Get Well Wishes

Laura Bleiberg Mike Brodsly Karen Calechman Colleen Carver Joel Epstein Steve Gratch Darrin Hammer Chuck Leff Nancy Lentzner Art Levine Susan Philips Harriet Reed Michele Samit Roni Shevick Michelle Vadon



## SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS SCIC's Justice & Peace Committee

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

I have asked the Rev. Dale Whitney, incoming chair of the South Coast Interfaith Council's Justice & Peace Committee (JPC), to update our temple community on what the JPC has and will be involved in and how Temple Israel's members can get involved. Many of you may know Dale as the recent Market Manager for the 6 Harbor Area Farmers' Markets and his work for social justice in the greater Long Beach area.

On March 7, the JPC sponsored a Ukraine: Perspectives on How to Reach Peace forum on Zoom, which was very well received. Temple Israel, of course, has been a member and active participant of the Council for many, many years, beginning in 2004 with Rabbi Howard Laibson's presidency, and we are hoping some of you will become members of the JPC.

The Justice & Peace Committee advocates for a more just and peaceful world with special attention to root causes and systemic change. It has adopted a list of four priorities, which have been re-shuffled for 2022 because of the current crises existing in our world.

Priority 1: Peacemaking Priority 2: Environmental Justice/Climate Crisis Priority 3: Structural Racism Priority 4: Economic Justice

Our community partners include the LB Peace Network, Veterans for Peace, Military Families Speak Out, Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), the 350 Legislative Alliance, and Communities for a Better Environment.

JPC meets over Zoom on the "first Monday" of each month from 7 - 9pm. For more information, please contact me at:

<u>hirev333@earthlink.net</u> or call/text me, Dale C. Whitney, at (562) 433-3881.

Salaam...Shalom...Paz...Peace



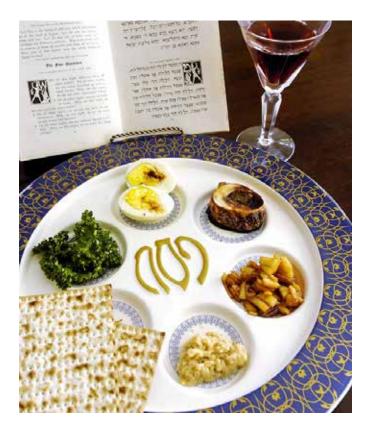
Congressman Alan Lowenthal, right, presents the Rev. Dale Whitney with a certificate of recognition for his many years of service to the community.

# The Great Passover Pair-Up!

In our previous lives before COVID, Temple Israel had a program to pair people who were looking for a place to go for seder with people who have extra spaces at their table. We are thrilled to bring this program back again this year.

If you have an extra place (or two or three) at your table, please fill out the form and return it to Charmaine (*clw@tilb.org*) by **Wednesday, April 6**<sup>th</sup>.

Charmaine will be our matchmaker and let both hosts and guests know about the matches. Hosts will contact guests directly to discuss what food dish they may prepare and bring to the Seder.



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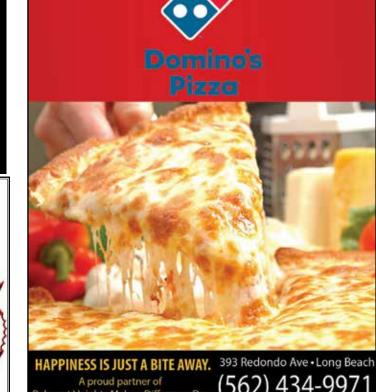
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