

### Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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# Joys of Jewish Learning Adult Education Opportunities

# Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish American History

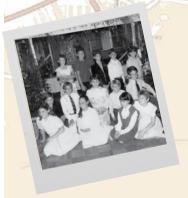
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Temple Israel's extensive adult education program - our Joys of Jewish Learning is a proud past recipient of The Union for Reform Judaism's Congregations of Learning Award. The entire community is invited to join us for any and all classes, most of them at NO COST!

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- Music & Theater

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#### **TOT SHABBAT**

#### Friday, October 28 at 6:00 pm

at Temple Israel Followed by a FREE 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!

#### Get Well Wishes

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#### **SHABBAT SERVICES**

#### Friday, October 7

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, October 8

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

#### Friday, October 14

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

#### Saturday, October 15

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

#### Friday, October 21

6:00 pm Sisterhood's Pink & Teal Shabbat

#### Saturday, October 22

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

#### Friday, October 28

Lapid-Shapiro Scholar in Residence Weekend with Dr. Cantor Jonathan Friedmann, Ph.D. 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

#### Saturday, October 29

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



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE / RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE



#### **AGAIN**

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



The fall is my favorite part of the Jewish calendar. This is the time of year that I feel uniquely Jewish. This is the time of year the I feel just a little out of sync, but also special, outside of our general society.

During Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we are grappling deeply with introspection and our relationship to others, and maybe something bigger. While we lead up to a day of fasting, atonement, and being together, the rest of the world goes by like it's any other

day. I like that feeling. I like being united with my people but still in society.

Have you ever participated in Tashlich? There is something so calming about throwing your transgressions from the previous year into the water to be washed away. You can begin anew as you contemplate behaviors you are regretting from the last year. I feel such solidarity with the group as we do a small ritual service together, and then head to the water. Everyone is so aware of letting others go to have their own space. When the personal ritual is complete, so many intimate conversations take place as we join back together in small groups, when we end our experience and rejoin the secular world for that day.

At the same time, this brings a whole different set of problems. How are those around us aware of the holiness of these days more than other day in the Jewish calendar? How do we make the greater society aware, that just for two days at least out of the entire year, one must be conscious of Jewish culture and what we are doing?

What happens when school photos are once again scheduled on Rosh HaShanah? What happens when opening night of the Long Beach Symphony is scheduled during break fast? What happens when a homeland security event specifically dealing with security issues that we need to be aware of, is scheduled on the afternoon of Yom Kippur? How do we bring, at the very least, these two days on the Jewish calendar to the consciousness of all?

HOW can we easily be our authentic Jewish selves? WHERE can we be our authentic Jewish selves? The importance of a synagogue in Jewish life and the continuation of Jewish life is essential. This is THE institution where the leaders arrange these quintessential Jewish experiences (and I have only been talking about this small part of the year). If there is any part of you that rejoices in these rituals, then synagogue membership and strength is a must – whether it is just being around others, learning at a forum or discussion, contemplating the past year and hopes for the next year, having the space to work on forgiving yourself and others, or just eating challah at the oneg following services.

We, as a synagogue community, need to be strong, and we need to be present! As you plan your financial year – consider whether you can increase your membership contribution to balance those who can't afford to contribute more? Consider making a High Holy Days Campaign pledge. Sponsor a table at or donate an

auction item for the Temple's Annual Gala. Give to the Next 100 Years Campaign now or via legacy. Donate to a Temple fund to honor the sorrows or celebrations in life. The synagogue is where we celebrate, learn about, experience, and live our Jewish lives for now and for the future of our people. As always, I would love to hear your comments at <a href="mailto:president@tilb.org">president@tilb.org</a>

#### RE-READING OUR FAVORITE TEXT

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



When my children were toddlers, one of their favorite books was the charming "Moo, Baa, La La La" by Sandra Boynton. This book went through many familiar animals and the sounds they make. At the end it asked, "what do you say?" and my kids would invariably say, "again!" Well, it is that time of year for the Jewish people when we finish reading the Torah and instead of saying, "That was cool, but let's find a new book to read next" we

say, "Again!" We read the last portion of Deuteronomy and then go right back to Genesis.

Why? Wasn't once enough? Maybe not. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "You can't step into the same river twice." It is not the same water, and you are not the same person. Similarly, we can't have the same reading of the Torah twice. While the text may be the same, we are not the same person we were a year ago. We've lived, experienced, run the gamut of emotions, and so we look at the Torah through a new lens.

I have a friend in a book club who always reads the last chapter of a book first. She felt that if she knew how it ended, she could enjoy the journey more. Since we know how the Torah ends (and how it begins) we take our time to examine the details along the way. As Ben Bag Bag says in Pirke Avot Chapter 5, "Turn it over, and turn it over [again] for everything is in it." But sometimes it is hard reading a text in a new way. Perhaps reading it with a friend or Torah study group will bring out an interpretation you never would have thought of. You can also look at the ReformJudaism. org website for weekly Torah study guides.

"Hazak Hazak Ve-Nit'Hazek" These are the words we say after reading each book of the Torah. "Be strong, be strong, and we will strengthen each other" (or ... we will be strong together) Why do we need to be strong when reading the Torah? Especially after we've finished the book? Do we need strength to continue reading and studying? In the Talmud (Kiddushin 40b:8) "Rabbi Tarfon and the Elders were reclining ... when this question was asked of them: Is study greater or is action greater? Rabbi Tarfon answered and said: Action is greater. Rabbi Akiva answered and said: Study is greater. Everyone answered and said: Study is greater as study leads to action." So, perhaps we need to be strong for the action which lies ahead of us!

Warm wishes for strength for all of us in the coming year!



### Yom Kippur Forums

We continue our tradition of offering our Afternoon forums. This year, we have four thought-provoking topics to enhance your day of reflection.

#### Wednesday, October 5 at 12:30 pm

#### WORDS THAT HURT, WORDS THAT HEAL

#### Led by Amy Lipeles

We will be discussing how our words affect others and how we can incorporate ethical speech into our lives based on Joseph Telushkin's book.

#### OUR POWER IN THE AGE OF CLIMATE DISRUPTION: CLIMATE GRIEF AND CLIMATE HOPE- PRAYER, REPENTANCE, AND CHARITY AS TOOLS FOR CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT

#### Led by Dori Chandler

"Join us as we learn about climate change from a piyyut (liturgical poem) that has been a part of the rabbinic tradition for centuries. We will learn the piyyut and discuss how grappling with past and current climate impacts is interwoven into our faith practice. We will also touch on the current impacts of climate change in Southern California and what steps we can all take together to start the process of T'shuvah - repentance and healing - for our world.

#### IS IT STILL BETTER THAN IT LOOKS?

#### Led by Mark Beizer

This would be re-visiting and updating my 2018 Forum topic: "It's Better Than It Looks". That was based on Gregg Easterbrook's book claiming that human progress was customarily downplayed in the media, and that there was more reason to be optimistic than pessimistic about the world's state of affairs. He wrote that the last 50 years had seen fantastical gains in worldwide peace, health, poverty reduction, literacy and even environmental impact. So -- have the history and economics of the last five years confirmed Easterbrook's sunny outlook?

#### SINGER-SONGWRITER CIRCLE

#### Led by Marc Davidson (Zoom Only)

The power of song has been historically significant in Judaism. Both in melody and lyricism, it has and continues to provide a bridge to express and process our beliefs, hopes, and connection with each other. Join Marc Davidson, singer-songwriter, in a unique workshop. He will share a personal process and approach to songwriting from over 50 years, and open up an opportunity for your personal creative expression during the High Holy Days.

Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/s/86934683595</u>

### IMPORTANT HIGH HOLY DAYS MESSAGE FROM TEMPLE ISRAEL'S PAST PRESIDENTS

Dear Temple Israel Family,

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

**Reflection** - In this year of perseverance, as we see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to one another and to our Jewish teachings and values. Our staff and lay leaders continue to work together to care for our congregation and honor our traditions, while keeping one another safe - often creating new traditions in the process.

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

**Transformation** - Our community's future is filled with promise! We will officially install our Cantor. We look forward to being engaged and inspired by the spiritual leadership and teachings of our clergy. We continue to seek opportunities and new and innovative ways to revitalize and reengage our members, and create an even more dynamic community as we approach our Centennial Celebration.

For Temple Israel to continue to thrive, transform and remain a caring community, we rely on each of you, our members, for your support. We encourage you to help through our annual High Holy Days Campaign. This campaign is critical to our ability to budget and plan as we prepare for this new year and navigate what lies ahead. Please join us, Temple Israel's Past Presidents, in supporting our amazing synagogue community.

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

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu! Your Past Presidents,

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

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#### YOM KIPPUR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 4

7:30 pm Service

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5

9:00 am Service

12:30 pm Yom Kippur Forums (In Person and Zoom)

2:00 pm Family Service

4:00 -7:00 pm Yizkor, Afternoon, N'ilah Services Havdalah - following N'ilah (approx. 7:00 pm)

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING DEPENDING ON SUFFICIENT REGISTRATION

> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Grades K-3 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Grades 4-6

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00 pm (at Temple Israel)

#### SUKKOT SERVICES

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9** 5:00 pm Wine and Cheese in the Sukkah 5:30 pm Education Program 6:00 pm Minyan Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:30 am Service Followed by Oneg in Sukkah



### **SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICES**

#### SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 16

4:00 pm Torah Center Simchat Torah Celebration 5:00 pm Congregation Simchat Torah Celebration



#### SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Monday, October 17 ~ 10:30 am Followed by Oneg Yizkor will be observed

#### ANNUAL RICK FAHLK MEMORIAL HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Please support our Temple Israel Food Drive Bring donations of non-perishable food items to Temple Israel

#### **NOW THROUGH SIMCHAT TORAH**

#### Suggested items to donate to feed a family:

Boxed/Instant Dinners Mac & cheese, chili, etc. Oatmeal, cereal Beans, rice, pasta, tortillas Crackers, ramen, pancake mix Canned fruit & veggies (corn) Pasta Sauce, oil, mayo Can/pkg tuna, chicken, salmon

Microwavable meals



Peanut butter, jelly Grab & Go snacks, granola bars Boxed milk, almond, soy, evap, etc. Soup: cups /canned

Baby food

#### FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS





#### The Jones Family

The Jones family moved to Long Beach in late 2020 and began searching for a temple. Kendra Miller suggested they investigate Temple Israel and we are glad she did. We are excited to welcome them into our community.

Carol and David have fraternal triplets, Isabelle, Olivia, and Riley. The girls are 13 and will turn 14 this December. They attend Rogers Middle School as 8th graders.

The Jones family moved from Pasadena to Belmont Shore in late 2020. They owned a rental property in the Shore, so they initially moved into that home, planning to add on to it and make it large enough for their family. It is now under construction, and so they are temporarily living in College Park West, until their home is ready for them.

Carol is originally from Long Island, New York and moved to California in 1986. She was both Bat Mitzvah and confirmed. David grew up in Rossmoor and his 95-year-old mother still lives there. While David is not Jewish, he's been a willing participant and we welcome him!

The triplets have had an interrupted Torah School experience and do not have immediate plans to become Bat Mitzvah - although Olivia has expressed some interest, so perhaps she will pursue it. The girls will be participating in the ANDI youth group this coming year and are looking forward to making new friends among our teens. Yes!

Carol and David have worked together professionally at their own firm (ACME) for the past 14 years in commercial construction. Carol previously was in commercial brokerage and development. Carol is also looking for a career change now, as David would like to retire

Riley has been on the track team and all three girls have participated on the cross-country team. They also completed the Long Beach Junior Guards program this past summer. Riley plays viola at school, Isabelle plays tennis with Valter's Tennis Academy, and Olivia is into gymnastics and loves swimming!

The whole family golfs, but David is the real golfer in the family. They enjoy the beach, mountains, and the desert for occasional weekend trips. Carol has a musical background and plays the piano and sings. She loves to read. Carol is a nutrition buff and a registered Arbonne independent consultant. And if that is not enough, Carol self-published a memoir entitled Balancing Three, her experience with raising triplet girls, of course! It's on Amazon and her website, www.BalancingThree.com .

Carol, David and the girls are very much looking forward to getting to know our community and making new friends. Carol lost both her parents in the last few years – her mom in July 2019 and dad in April 2021. They have experienced a lot of change and are hoping to feel a new sense of family within our temple community. Please welcome the Jones family!



#### The Wellsteed Family

Mitch and Janice Wellsteed are looking forward to being a part of the Temple Israel family.

Although Midwesterners by birth, they have both lived in Long Beach for over thirty years. Janice is a retired geologist and taught at Long Beach City College for 25 years. Mitch is also retired and was in graphic arts as both a pressman and a technician for over thirty years as well. They both had careers that were gratifying and

rewarding.

Mitch and Janice have always been involved in sports and met 10 years ago through their running club and doing triathlon. At the time, they were both widowed and are very lucky to have found each other and built a new life together.

Besides staying physically active, they enjoy learning new things. They are currently volunteers at Rancho Los Alamitos and are immersed in learning about local as well as regional history, and most especially the history of the Tongva people who were the first peoples in our area.

Janice grew up very active in her synagogue which was classical reform and was a member of Temple Israel when she first moved to Long Beach in the 1990's. Mitch is new to Judaism, and they are both looking forward to taking the Intro to Judaism class, early next spring.

By joining Temple Israel, learning, and engaging in Jewish observances, Mitch and Janice hope to enhance and experience their Jewish values of justice, kindness, and compassion as members of the society in which we all live.

### Welcome New Members

Stewart & Brooke Baxter
Summer Bridges
Joshua Butler & Eszter Csaki
Joshua & Lindsay Cunningham
Jason & Renee Imhoff
Jeremy Scherwin
Carol & Mark Weinfeld
Scott Wimer & Chris Miller



# Sisterhood Women's Night Out

#### Monday, October 24th, 6:30pm

Olive Garden Restaurant

11171 183rd St, Cerritos

Indoor Seating \$30 per person, includes choice of entree from a pre-selected menu, non-alcoholic beverage, tax, and gratuity.

Please RSVP by October 19<sup>th</sup> to Lenore Roth at (619) 504-2762, and leave a message if there's no answer.

RSVP'S received after October 19th will be charged \$40.



# THINK PINK / TEAL SHABBAT

#### Friday, October 21 at 6:00 pm

Join Sisterhood and Cantor Cooper Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month





### THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP



The Gift Shop is open during Torah Center hours, Sundays, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Wednesdays, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Stop by and check out the Sales Table!



It will also be open by appointment. Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626



## PREPARING FOR THE PROPOSITIONS Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 pm

Be prepared when you vote in the upcoming midterm election.



All are welcome to join us at Temple Israel as the League of Women Voters educates us on the measures and propositions being proposed, who is proposing them, what outcome is intended, what result is likely, and who is funding the measure.

This is presented in coordination with the NCJW Greater Long Beach & West OC and Temple Israel's Social Action Committee.



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RACHEL NISENHOLTZ

ANDI PRESIDENT

The Kesher teens have started Torah Center! We began our classes, became madrichim, and continued to build our temple community. We had many different Kesher teen events. We had ANDI Board meetings, madrichim meetings, and even were invited to the SHMOFTY, Temple Shir Ha-Ma'alot's youth group, havdalah at the beach. The Rosh Hashanah teen lead service was a big hit! We had an amazing service, a mixer, and

a social action program. The Kesher teens are looking forward to many things next month. They will be getting their ANDI merch, some will attend the National NFTY leadership retreat at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Wisconsin, and many will attend the Leadership Training Retreat at Camp Bob Waldorf in Glendale, in partnership with Los Angeles area synagogues.



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

By Jeremy Rosen



This holiday season, I will not be travelling, even though the city is not in a lockdown mode. The weather is cooling off and the days are shortening, and soon people will be jetting off to enjoy their vacation days in European cities. With even the hour-long flight to Cyprus costing at least \$400, however, I am staying right-put. Have no pity, for this is a joy to which I am quite looking forward. Working an office job outside the city

means I miss a large portion of Tel Avivi life.

While surely Tel Aviv is a cosmopolitan city with offers of high dining and cocktail bars, upon the apex of its bourgeois pyramid sits the café. Lining thoroughfares and dotting neighborhood interiors, there seems to be a private cafe for each resident, yet at all hours of the day, they are packed. The most popular feature 2.5 hour waiting times. The incomprehensible part is the favorites happen to only be open between the hours of 9-2 weekdays. I will have no regret having a vacation to spend some time within the city; I am paying the rent for it anyway.

The choice, then, becomes knowing which to make yourself frequent. In the Old North, around Dizengoff St. and the large beach-front hotels, the cafés have a certain American twist, if you will (nonetheless by competing for title of "most American" café). Delicious bagels and Eggs Benny's served with sides of home fries are picked at by beautiful, young women in brightly colored yoga gear accompanied by men holding their boutique dogs. At a nearby table, a large group photograph the food while cutting through the din with their loud English gossip.

Moving south to Borgachov St., we move across the Atlantic. One may have heard of the sizable French aliyah rates. High piles of croissants and baguettes fill the vitrines and faded campaign posters of the last French elections are stuck to the traffic signs. Girls in sundresses with large beach bags enjoy their pastries while gaggles of men in black track pants, white T-shirts, and signature wide, black yarmulkes pass by.

It is only fitting that as we move to the "Heart of the City," the food becomes more traditional, but not without flair. Here are the classics. Shukshuka, to the uninitiated, is a hearty tomato with eggs stew. Forget the cutlery and scoop with the mandatory bread accompaniment. An Israeli breakfast, while simply named, is, again, a big basket, served with a platter containing a tantalizing assortment of salads and dips. You might find basics like tahini or olive tapenade as well as more creative pickled-herring-and-potato salad. Sipping, talking, and "working" for hours, you'll find a more "authentic" Tel Avivi crowd too. Men in shorts, tank tops, and sandals sit with women in long jean shorts and updos, everyone wearing clothes that could be from two decades ago but still incredibly chic looking.

#### **SOCIAL ACTION - A YEAR IN REVIEW**

By Paul Levitt, Social Action Committee Chair

It is time to both look back and look ahead as one year ends and another begins. So too with the Temple's Social Action Committee and related activities at Temple Israel for 2022 and 2023.

#### **Community Giving**

Last year, congregants brought about 250 bags of food to the Rick Fahlk Memorial High Holy Days Food Drive. The food was evenly distributed to the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Long Beach and West Orange County's Food Pantry, City HeArt in Long Beach, and the Long Beach City College Food Pantry. During the drive, congregants donated some \$1,500 to the Homeless Assistance Fund for the committee to distribute throughout the Long Beach community to qualified organizations serving the unsheltered.

One of these organizations was Christian Outreach in Action receiving \$3,600 in cash donations to support its daily meal program. An additional \$1,500 was spent on goods such as tarps and hygiene kit materials. 500 tarps were distributed to St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Christian Outreach in Action and 70 hygiene kits were assembled by volunteers and delivered to We Care and City HeArt. In addition, the cold weather clothing drive received enough clothing to be distributed to those in need identified by the Grey Panthers, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and local elementary schools through Juanita's Coats in West Long Beach.

#### **Community Collaborations**

Temple Israel joined Jewish Family and Children's Services, National Council of Jewish Women, and Alpert Jewish Community Center to publicize the High Holy Days Food Drive. A virtual Worker's Justice Seder was co-sponsored with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice and featured Cantor Cooper who represented Temple Israel clergy and provided the music and song for the event.

Members of the Social Action Committee and volunteers developed and presented Hanukkah to members of Los Altos United Methodist Church complete with the story, candle lighting and blessings explanations, as well as a sing along and sampling of freshly cooked latkes, sour cream, and apple sauce. At the end of the evening, each family got a take-home bag filled with books, dreidels, gelt, and dreidel game instructions.

In addition, the committee helped organize congregants for two community marches, where congregants joined with other concerned citizens voicing opinions about women's reproductive rights and gun violence, behind the Temple Israel banner with the new temple logo and words from the Religious Action Center: "Do Justice...Love Mercy...March Proudly."

#### **Education/Advocacy**

Last year, Temple hosted Rabbi Lee Bycel for an after-Shabbat presentation. Over the weekend, a committee member hosted a follow-up forum at her home. There, he spoke again of the immigration/refugee issues and attendees were given

informational sheets filled with organizations to support and actions to be taken.

A special Refugee Shabbat was held followed by a presentation of the Ukranian refugee crisis by Joe Goldman from the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Again, an informational sheet was handed out to participants and was also posted online for those congregants who attended the presentation via LIVESTREAM. A subcommittee was formed that is working to develop interest in Climate Tzedek, sponsored by the Religious Action Committee-California. And finally, money from the Social Action Fund helped Temple Israel host and co-sponsor with the National Council of Jewish Women of Long Beach and West Orange County and the local branch of the American Association of University Women "Preparing for the Propositions" presented by the League of Women Voters.

#### Leadership

The by-laws were amended to add a Vice President of Social Action to not only lead alongside the committee chair, but also to represent the interests of the committee and social action on the Board and Executive Committee. Among many other responsibilities, the Vice President will work with other VPs to extend the outreach of social action, contribute to the social action vision and long-term strategic plan, and work closely with staff and clergy on social action policies and activities. Kate Sachnoff was nominated and accepted this position.

#### Communication

Since July 2021, the Social Action Committee has been contributing to the weekly emails to the congregation. This information has been relayed to give congregants the opportunity to participate in a variety of social action activities, such as movie or book discussions, museum shows, lobbying, forums, protests and marches, trainings, and environmental improvements. One request, for example, was for someone to teach GED Math and English at a local women's shelter. As of today, a temple congregant is teaching about 10 women twice a week.

Recently, the Social Committee has also started posting announcements on the Temple Facebook page in order to attract more participation in both the temple and outside communities.

#### **Future Plans/Thanks**

The committee is always looking ahead to see what might be pertinent in both the short and long terms relating to social action and congregational engagement. For more information about the committee go to: <a href="https://www.tilb.org/adult-engagement/">https://www.tilb.org/adult-engagement/</a>

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. We are open to suggestions from the congregation, so please feel free to reach out via email at *socialaction@tilb.org* 

Finally, thanks to all of the committee members, volunteers, staff, and clergy who have made social action such an important part of Temple Israel in 2022 and will make social action an integral part of temple life and values in 2023.

### Joys of Jewish Learning welcomes

### Cantor Jonathan Friedmann, Ph.d. Lapid-Shapiro Scholar in Residence



#### Friday, October 28 – Sunday, October 30

#### **Friday Night Service Presentation:**

Tin Pan Alley Goes West: Jews, Southern California, and Popular Music in 1924

#### Saturday, October 29 8:45 am Torah Study:

Parshat Noach: Fears, Fables, and Flood Prone Regions (including Long Beach)

#### 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Drash:

Mary's Ark: A Jewish History of the Queen Mary

#### 11:30 am Shabbat Lunch and Learn:

The Big One of 1933: Temple Israel and the Long Beach Earthquake

#### Sunday, October 30 at 10:00 am Morning Class:

A Musical Rabbi: Wolli Kaelter, Bach, and the Bimah

#### Generously sponsored by the Temple Israel Foundation's Lapid Shapiro Fund

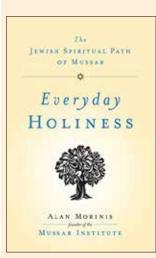


Temple Israel Youth Choir, 1963

#### **MUSSAR STUDY GROUP**

### Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am October 12 and 26 (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: <a href="https://www.rabbishefagold.com/love-and-truth/">https://www.rabbishefagold.com/love-and-truth/</a>

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

#### Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am This month - October 12 and 26 (Group Meets on Zoom)

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



#### JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

#### **BEGINNING HEBREW**

#### Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Beginning October 12

Teacher: Janet Liss, long-time Hebrew instructor and congregant

Have you ever wanted to learn the Alef Bet but thought that you just could not do it? It was too hard. You are not good at languages. You do not want to embarrass yourself. Well, now's the time to put all those false beliefs to bed. This 10-week Beginning Hebrew class is painless and fun and by the 10th week of study, you will be reading Hebrew! We guarantee it. Come join other adults who, just like you, want to read Hebrew too. This is not your father's or mother's Hebrew class!

Cost: \$100, plus the cost of textbook



### MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: Hester Street

Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)



Join us in discussion of a century of American Jewry represented in film! We'll be looking at four films this year that represent several aspects of what it means to be Jewish in America during the past 100+ years. Please watch the film ahead of time and come to the program ready to join in the conversation.

We begin our journey through a century (or so) of American Jewish life with a story familiar to many American Jews: emigrating from Europe to the United

States. Hester Street takes place in 1896 New York. The film follows Russian Jew Yankel Bogovnik and his relatively easy assimilation into American culture, in contrast with the more difficult transition his wife Gitl and son Yossele face. Carol Kane was nominated for an Oscar for her portrayal of Gitl.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83260615878

### PARENTING STRATEGIES 101, SESSION ONE:

Say It and Mean It

Sunday, October 23 at 9:45 am



Facilitator: Judy Blumenthal, Temple Israel Torah Center's Learning and Behavior Specialist

Join us for this helpful session and learn about strategies for using language to develop and support positive behavior.

#### **TASTE OF JUDAISM**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm November 9, 16, and 30

Teacher: Rabbi Scott Fox



This class is especially designed for unaffiliated Jews, intermarried couples, those seeking an initial orientation into an adult approach to the study of Judaism, and all those searching for an entry into Jewish life. If you have any questions about this class, please contact Rabbi Fox.

#### **RESISTANCE TO CHANGE:**

What Causes It? How Can We Help Others, And Ourselves, Deal With It? Some Insights From The Torah And Contemporary Leaders

Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 am (Zoom Only)

Teacher: Russ Linden

We're living during times of sudden and disruptive change: extreme climate events, the end of Roe v. Wade, the ongoing pandemic to name just a few. Such events require us and our institutions to adapt and change, but change is hard for most of us. Neuroscientists tell us that our brains are wired for certainty, predictability, and control; disruptive change violates each of those needs.

What to do?

In this session we'll study some important Torah episodes – the Garden of Eden story, God's meeting with Moses at the burning bush, the Israelites' frequent complaints in the Wilderness, Moses' intervention with God during the Golden Calf incident. We'll also learn about Ruth Bader Ginsburg's approach to changing the law, and Abraham Lincoln's gradual path to issuing the Emancipation Proclamation. These examples will provide important lessons about the underlying causes of resistance to change, and some effective ways to manage change in today's turbulent environment.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84597410671



### **SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS**Sitting in the Discomfort of Others

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



SCIC's 4th Annual Gala re-aired on August 28, honoring Margurite Carter, Judy & Steve Gilliland, Alejandro Haezaert-House, Naomi Steinfeld and Dallas Brent Tolton for their interfaith work in the community and beyond. Viewers were treated to the musical expressions of Zach Provost, LA Jewish Community Children's Choir, Paul Livingstone, Bill Grisolia and Ali Youssefi. Tahil Sharma, interfaith

activist based in LA, gave the powerful keynote address. It is on Tahil and portions of his address that I will focus this month.

Tahil Sharma was born to a Sikh mother and a Hindu father. Following the 2012 shooting at the Oak Creek, WI Sikh Temple, Tahil immersed himself in addressing interfaith literacy and social justice which, for the past seven years, he has professionally pursued. He serves as United Religions Initiative (URI) North American Regional Coordinator and is one of three Interfaith Ministers in Residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and as the Los Angeles Coordinator for Sadhana: A Coalition of Progressive Hindus. Tahil also assists various organizations which are involved in educating, engaging, and serving communities that promote interfaith cooperation, ethical pluralism, social and productive norms in society which include the Interfaith Youth Core, the Parliament of the World's Religions, the Guibord Center, and the Interreligious Council of Southern California. He previously worked as Faith Outreach Manager for Brave New Films, a social justice documentary organization based in LA that empowers communities and teaches civic participation through new media, facilitation, and strategies for action.

Tahil spoke about the way our shared experiences and convictions can become the bridge to unlearning our often-unrealized stereotypical assumptions by unapologetically engaging in our own experiences, by not checking our identity at the door and by sitting with the discomfort of others - because discomfort will lead to our own transformation if we listen to each other's stories and sit in their discomfort.

May we all have the audacity to transform ourselves and by so doing, help transform others.

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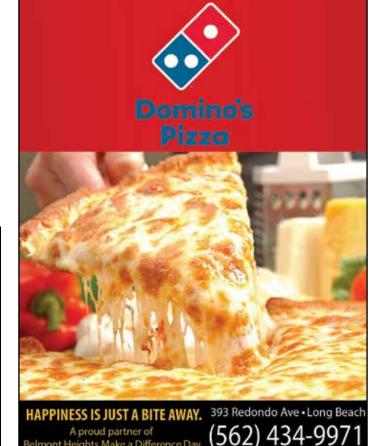


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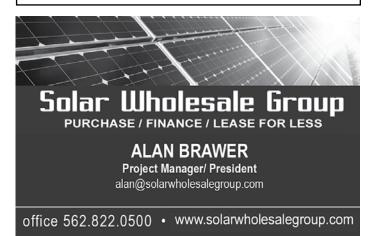
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