

# Kol Yisra'el

January 2023 Tevet / Shevat 5783





# SHABBAT MIDBAR WITH RABBI FOX AND CANTOR COOPER at El Dorado Hature Center

# Saturday, January 7, 2023

(The first Saturday of every month through June)

Meeting at the grass area picnic tables at the rear of the parking lot

Torah Study at 8:45 am

Hike and Heditation 10:00 am



#### 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.

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# TOT SHABBAT

Friday, January 27 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!

Please RSVP to Michelle at *mdt@tilb.org* 

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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, January 6** 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, January 7

Shabbat Midbar8:45 am Torah Study (at El Dorado Nature Center)10:00 am Hike and Meditation (at El Dorado Nature Center)

#### Friday, January 13

New Member Recognition Shabbat 7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

#### Saturday, January 14

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service / Bat Mitzvah of Sefira Hillbrand

#### Friday, January 20

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, January 21

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

#### Friday, January 27

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

#### Saturday, January 28

8:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Senior Shabbat and Luncheon (at the Alpert JCC)



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



#### MAGNET

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



I have just returned from the Jewish Long Beach/JCC trip to Italy and Israel.

In Rome approximately 1,200 Jews were rounded up and sent to their death. They were tricked after collecting 50 kg of gold which was taken as a promise of no deportation. 16 Italian Jews returned. (Let alone remembering who was responsible for the fall of the second temple)

Going to the Kotel, the Western Wall,

on Friday night is an experience not to be missed. It is Kabbalat Shabbat – celebrating Shabbat. There is outrageous celebrating and a cacophony of noise. Orthodox Jews from various origins wearing different hats are praying dancing and singing. Men in suits are dancing and singing. Guys with piercings and tattoos are dancing and singing – arm and arm with the orthodox. It is Shabbat, our weekly holiday. We are all Jews together celebrating being Jewish in our homeland – all coexisting and exuberant.

In Tel Aviv the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation overlooks the Mediterranean in a beautiful work of architecture. Displays take you through different stories of Jewish people of different ages and from all over the world settling in Israel, making their ideas into reality. These are innovations later shared with the world in technology, agriculture, medicine, and so much more.

On Nahalat Benyamin in Tel Aviv 20 and 30 somethings are meeting at cafes and bars. These young adults are the vibrant future of the country working in tech and other exciting fields. While in Modi'in, in the center of the country between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, founded where the first Channukah story took place, young families are thriving in an ultimate planned community.

Kibbutzim still survive and are started. These are collective societies where all are treated equal, are cared for and all is shared. These are not just your stereotypical farming Kibbutz of buff Jews working in the fields but where wine making, milk producing, and turkeys are the products of the day. There is even an urban Kibbutz of educators living in the city in one apartment building.

The banana industry of Israel is thriving with agricultural innovations that allow Israel to supply itself with its own bananas.

In Rome, nearing the last year of WWII 1,200 Jews were deported and only 16 returned.

Israel, a world leader, and our homeland! I cried thinking about my trip. I cried at the wall. I tear up as I write this. Support the homeland of our people. Visit the homeland of our people. JOIN TEMPLE ISRAEL IN SUMMER OF 2024 AS WE VISIT ISRAEL AS A CULMINATING EVENT OF OUR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. Israel – a physical place existing also in an alternative spiritual space...

As always please contact me at *president@tilb.org*.



#### TEMPLE ISRAEL IS FORMING SMALL INTEREST GROUPS - INTERESTED?



Last month, we invited congregants to create and lead "small interest" groups as a way to get involved in our Temple community and to connect with friends, old and new, while doing something they enjoy. You responded! Please consider joining one of these amazing new interest groups:

Chers amis, est-ce que vous parlez français, and would you like to improve your skills? Are you interested in participating in this new **French Speaking Group**? Any proficiency level is acceptable. For those interested, David Sacks can be reached at (562) 598-9066 or at *dasacks1@verizon.net* 

Parents, grandparents, friends and relatives of your Torah Center students, we invite you to our **Fiber Arts Group**! Bring your thread or yarn craft, such as crocheting, knitting, Sachiko hand stitching, and meet others in the tribe. Hope to see you in our group. For those interested, Carla Stern Palmer can be reached at (562) 743-9907 or *spinningayarn1961@gmail.com* 

Are you looking to get to know other parents of Torah Center students? Are you interested in being part of this **small 'Social' Interest Group** and make lifelong friends? Parents of students, graduated from Torah Center are also welcomed to join this group. For those interested, Laura Engerman can be reached at (310) 444-1111 or <u>TILBChavurah1@Engerman.com</u>

Are you interested in joining the **Social Action Committee or a new subcommittee called, Climate Tzedek**, which focuses on environmental issues? Meetings are currently held on zoom and a variety of projects need your touch! For those interested, Kate Sachnoff can be reached at (773) 914-0424 or *ksachnoff@gmail.com* 



#### **RPC MESSAGE**

By Sheryl Stalh, VP Ritual Practices



As I'm writing this, the days are almost at their shortest length. It is dark when I wake up in the morning and dark when most people get home from work. It is not surprising that many winter holidays incorporate some kind of celebration of light to offset the long nights. Light has been an important physical and metaphorical image in Judaism.

Rabbi Yehudah Leib Alter of Ger (1847-1905) said in his Sefat Emet:

"Especially at this season, when lights were miraculously lit for Israel even though they did not have enough oil, there remains light even now to help us, with the aid of these Hanukkah candles, to find that hidden light within." The Hanukkah candles are a spiritual symbol; the light of the commandments by which we search out our inner selves. We seek out the hidden divine light within ourselves; the mitzvot are light-seeking candles, instruments given to us to aid us in that search."

(Proverbs 6:23) For the commandment is a lamp, the Torah is a light. Siddur ha-Rav explains this saying, "Torah is called light because it represents the divine flow from above. The mitsvah is a candle, a vessel to contain that light...Through the physical act of fulfilling the commandment, the corporeal comes to be included within the spiritual, raising it up to the highest rung." The ark in our TI sanctuary says

# מִצְוָת יְהֹוֶה בְּרָה מְאִירָת עֵינְיִם:

The Mitzvah of Adonai is true, it enlightens the eyes"

Indeed, the very first words we hear God say are, "Let there be light." Before there was a heaven or earth, we had light. This was also the first thing which God declared, "good." And in these long nights, I have to agree.

# **GOT SHABBAT?**

Generously sponsored by Rob and Debbie Feldman

## Friday, January 27 at 7:00 pm

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



# New Member Recognition Shabbat Friday, January 13, 2023

Join us prior to Services for an interactive program designed to build relationships and get to know our newest members. There will also be special programming and activities for children!

## Reception in honor of our New Members 6:00 pm

## Kol HaNeshama Service 7:00 pm



# Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

## Saturday, January 28 at 11:00 am at The Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy followed by Luncheon and Entertainment **Entertainment by Mosaix, a saxophone quartet** 

> Entertainment funded by Temple Israel's Sarah & Wolli Kaelter Sabbath Fellowship Fund



## **DOCTOR, I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY MEMORY:** A DISCUSSION ABOUT ASSESSING **COGNITIVE CHANGES AS WE AGE**

with Dr. Matt Davis

### Sunday, January 29 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Everyone welcome to attend! Zoom information coming soon.

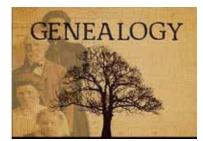


## JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND THE ELLIS ISLAND NAME CHANGE MYTH

with Laura Lee Gold President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Los Angeles

## Sunday, February 5 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Everyone welcome to attend! Zoom information coming soon.



### JOIN US AT COLOR ME MINE

**Thursday, February 23** from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm (5255 2nd Street, Long Beach)

Cost: \$40 per person (includes \$25 credit towards purchase of item(s) to be painted)

Please RSVP to Charmaine at *clw@tilb.org* 









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



## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2023** Please stay tuned for details and join us!

- April 23 TI Sisterhood Member Appreciation Event
- April 30 Make a Difference Day Sisterhood will be baking for heroes in our community
- May Flower Arranging
- June 11 Jews in American History by the Braid in partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning
- **TBD** Bingo/Game Day

## **TEEN (KESHER) REPORT / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL**







RACHEL NISENHOLTZ ANDI PRESIDENT December started off strong with the Kesher teens heading to LA to visit Faithful Central Bible Church. We renewed friendships, talked about quality time, and shared what our faiths had in common. ANDI Board members led a Hanukkah event for the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders. They ate good food, played dreidel, and enjoyed a fun scavenger hunt throughout the temple. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders had their second comparative Judaism field trip to University Synagogue,

a Reconstructionist congregation in Irvine. They had fun exploring and eating at Wholesome Choice market before the service. ANDI hosted an overnight lock-in event at Temple Israel, partnering with Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot in Irvine, and invited teens throughout Southern California. Together they created and deepened friendships, played fun games, and woke up surrounded by friends, old and new. The Kesher teens (8th - 12th grade) participated in the Kesher Cooking and Adoptive Grandparents Program. They came together to celebrate Hanukkah, make delicious food, and spend time with one another. The ANDI Board hosted a bake sale before and after Torah Center to help fundraise for the youth group. The Board members each brought baked goods, helped sell in front of the temple, and collected donations in support of our youth group. It was a busy and fulfilling month, and we look forward to many more special activities and opportunities to connect to each other and to Judaism in 2023!



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

By Jeremy Rosen

While Hanukkah is considered a more minor holiday in Israel, it, of course, does not mean it is an insignificant one. Hanukkah lights have not caught on here yet, but instead colossal Hanukkiahs adorn public buildings, synagogues, and streets. In the office and at home people gather for candle lightings and to eat sufganiyot. And entering any bakery means being transported to a sea of jelly donuts and the most artistically allowed

expressions of that word. If you're looking for the best, though, go straight to the traditional, religious baker and take the powdered sugar and glow-in-the-dark strawberry ones.

As a side note, as the homeland of Jesus, there are many great Christmas celebrations and festivities worthy of the attention of any tourist in places like Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Haifa.

While all this Jewishness in the Jewish homeland is a thing that all world Jewry can take pride in, as a oleh hadash the reality becomes more nuanced. Connected to every aspect of the religion is a web of traditions and rituals, and while in a basic sense these are shared worldwide, in the fine grain many variations become evident. In prayer services the written words are the same, but the tunes and rhythms are completely different. Even though I am learning Hebrew, the melodies from childhood and bar mitzvah are still the essence of the prayers in my heart. As a not overly religious guy, this experience is more out of the everyday for me, but with Hanukkah recently, I re-experienced these feelings sometimes in very surprising ways. The first moments began when someone asked me about "levivot and sevivonim." Their face showed shock that a Jew would not know about these things. After some explanation from them, I exclaimed, "Oh, you mean latkes and dreidels!" Later at the office during the Hanukkah happy hour, I saw some dreidels and gelt laying on the table and joked that if on "shin" you "put one in," what do you do for "peh?" (Israeli dreidels replace the shin, meaning there, for peh, meaning here.) This again led to confusion and me learning that the dreidel game is much rarer here. Finally, it was time to eat some latkes-or excuse me, levivot-but when I looked at the table, my excitement became lessened. Many dishes of tzatziki and tahini sat beside the laktes. The sour cream and applesauce that I was so eager to accompany my fried delicacies in the perfect combination of hot and cold and sweet, sour, and savory, however, were absent. Repeat the two stories above and me very sadly eating a dry latkes. I made sure to prepare a proper setting at home, and my boyfriend agreed that here at least Americans had figured something out. By the end of the holidays this year I formulated the realization that as a Diaspora Jew, I will be forever doomed to not fully be in the majority, always needing to graciously explain my customs and share my traditions.

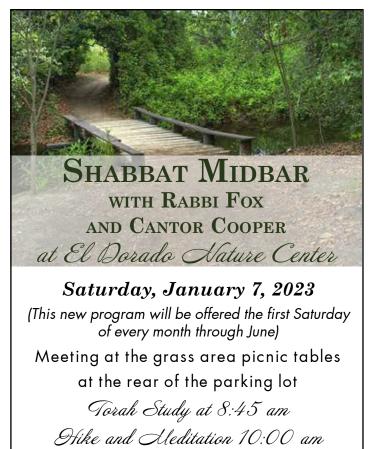
## THIS MONTH'S BAT MITZVAH



SEFIRA HILLBRAND January 14, 2023

Sefira Haley Lesen Hillbrand was born in New York City on a cold and snowy day. Since that time, she has refused to wear warm clothes, warming herself by sheer will instead. When she was two years old, she moved with her family to Davis, CA. There, after touring five different preschools and seeing the play spaces and lunch rooms and playing with the other children, she visited Rivendell Nursery School during their annual "Pig Week". Pig Week involved creating a giant mud pit

in the playground and all of the children played in the mud for each day that week. Sefira had found where she belonged. She and her family joined Temple Bet Haverim in Davis where Sefira studied in her Torah center classes and Hebrew School. In 2020, Sefira moved to Long Beach in the middle of the pandemic. She adapted to the new normal with grace and spirit, meeting new friends and exploring her neighborhood within the limits of the world at that time. She found a community in Temple Israel and her friends at Hughes Middle School. She will become a bat mitzvah with her eyes on the future and the many ways she hopes to repair the world around her.



### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Discussing the book, The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross

#### Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)



A remarkable debut novel—written with the fearless imagination of Michael Chabon and the piercing humor of Gary Shteyngart—about a small Jewish village in the Polish forest that is so secluded no one knows it exists... until now.

For decades, the tiny Jewish shtetl of Kreskol existed in happy isolation, virtually untouched and unchanged. Spared by the Holocaust and the Cold War, its residents enjoyed

remarkable peace. It missed out on cars, electricity, the internet, and indoor plumbing. But when a marriage dispute spins out of control, the whole town comes crashing into the twenty-first century.

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



## **IT'S BACK!**

Lookout for more information about the return of Shabbat at Home coming to Temple Israel on **March 31, 2023.** Shabbat at Home is a unique opportunity to share the joys of Shabbat with congregants, both new and longstanding, with a Shabbat Table Service and potluck dinner in the warmth of congregants' home.

Detailed information will be provided in February's Kol Yisra'el. Meanwhile, consider being a host and participant for Shabbat at Home. Mark your calendars.



## TI SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

## Climate and Us: Starting Small, Aiming High

By Joanne Levy

Our Temple Israel Foundational Statement says that we are guided by Reform Jewish values to engage in a journey of prayer, learning, and community that inspires us to transform ourselves and the world. Additionally, we value sustainability and Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world.

The new Social Action Climate Tzedek Committee is launching a battery recycling project starting in January and we will be making it easy for everyone to participate!

Americans purchase billions of batteries every year to power just about everything and when they no longer hold their charge, they need to be recycled –In California, it's the law. California is the ONLY state where it is illegal to put any battery in your trash or your curbside recycling. All batteries need to be taken to a separate location for recycling.

*Why? Because batteries are hazardous waste.* Recycling batteries keeps toxic materials, such as mercury, lead, cadmium, nickel, silver, cobalt, lithium, or graphite out of our landfills – and our groundwater. Many of these materials are finite and valuable, and many can be reused. So, recycling batteries serves the dual purpose of preserving finite resources and protecting the environment.

According to Call2Recycle — which runs the United States' largest battery recycling program — battery recycling was up to 11% in 2020 with 8.4 million pounds of consumer batteries recycled. We can do better!

#### Temple Israel will be collecting:

**Single-use Batteries:** Standard single-use batteries are mainly Alkaline and include AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, 6-volt, and so forth. They power the household electronics you use every day, such as the TV remote control, toys, flashlights, and so much more and are cheaper and most prevalent. Unfortunately, single-use batteries are generally considered more wasteful because we use them up and then throw them away when the power is depleted. And because they're not rechargeable, we need to always have extra batteries around in case the battery powering an essential gadget dies. There are few locations that take and recycle single-use batteries. Button cell batteries are the flat, round batteries that power small items like watches, car keyless entry remotes, hearing aids, and fitness trackers. These batteries are a limited valuable resource and can be hazardous if not handled properly.

#### We are not collecting:

**Rechargeable Batteries:** Because rechargeable batteries can be used over and over. However, they also contain a lot of heavy metals which are in demand. They are recyclable and there are many locations that take them.. Retailers such as AT&T, Best Buy, Black & Decker, DeWalt, Home Depot, Interstate All Battery Centers, Lowe's, Milwaukee Electrical Tool, Office Depot, Orchard Supply, Porter Cable Service Centers, Remington Product Company, Staples, Target, and Verizon Wireless all offer some sort of rechargeable battery recycling program. Cellphones, laptops, and other portable electronics contain lithium-ion rechargeable batteries which are recyclable, and the metal content of these batteries can be recovered in the recycling process. Frequently, these types of batteries can be refurbished and reused and should never be sent to a landfill because they have the potential to overheat and explode when exposed to hot temperatures or compressed. You will more than likely dispose of a Li-ion battery along with an electronic device, such as when you trade in your cellphone or upgrade a laptop or at a community E-waste event or center.

#### Temple Israel's Battery Recycling Project:

1. Look for container in our foyer.

**2.** At this time we are collecting Single Use Alkaline and Button Cell Batteries ONLY. 9-volt batteries should have tape covering the 2 poles on the top of the battery.

**3.** Bring your single use batteries and drop them in our container. Ask your children to help collect and recycle them with you! We will take care of bringing them to the proper site for recycling.

We believe that we can successfully reduce our impact on our planet by using less, reusing and recycling more, and constantly making small improvements through daily decisions at home, while shopping, at work, and at play.

- Wasting less is a journey.
- Education and community are vital to creating real change.

• Thousands of individual small changes create a large, positive impact.

• Your voice can be heard; your actions will make a positive difference.

Keep your eye out for more articles and projects from your Social Action Climate Tzedek Committee. Consider joining our committee by contacting Kate Sachnoff, Social Action VP at *ksachnoff@@gmail.com* 



## JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

## NEW TESTAMENT STUDY FROM A JEWISH POINT OF VIEW

Mondays at 9:45 am (Zoom Only) Facilitator: Jo Ann Schneider Farris

Jews and Christians read the same stories differently. Explore and discuss the New Testament from a Jewish perspective and learn more about the Jewish roots of Christianity. Currently going through the book of Revelation.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82285979629



## TANAKH STUDY GROUP

Thursdays at 10:15 am (Zoom Only)

Facilitator: Martine Korach

This dedicated group of learners has studied together for many years and is beginning their third voyage through the Tanakh. Every reading of this material yields new information and insights. Anyone is invited to join the group at any time, as we take pride in learning from each other. The only requirements for the class are curiosity and a willingness to learn and share.

Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86029516690</u>

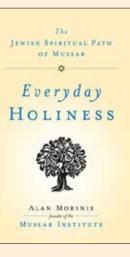


## **MUSSAR STUDY GROUP**

## Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am January 4 and 18

(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/

### SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP JANUARY MEETING DATES Sunday, January 8 at 7:00 pm Sunday, Janaury 15 at 10:00 am (Group Meets on Zoom)

The Social Justice Book Group will be discussing the book, *Kosher Soul* by Michael Twitty.

Please join us on **Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 am** as we welcome author, Jessica Nordell discussing her book, *The End to Bias: A Beginning*. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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



## JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

### **INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm January 11 - May 10 Teachers: Rabbi Scott Fox and Rabbi Michal Loving

We invite you to join with learners of all backgrounds in our Introduction to Judaism course. The course will cover a broad cross-section of topics related to Judaism in a discussion-based format with experts in the field. This class is ideal for anyone looking to explore Judaism for the very first time, seeking conversion, or for folks who would like to fill in pockets of knowledge in a tradition that takes a lifetime to learn. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to your joining us.

#### Cost: \$200 plus the cost of textbooks



## PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS ONE

## POSTPONED

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



This six-week class is for people who want to learn in a fun and encouraging environment some basic blessings that we use often, as well as a standard prayer recited at every service. Prayers will depend on who enrolls in the class and interest level for specific prayers. We will look at

the meaning of the prayers, and we will learn the Hebrew.

Cost: \$80, including learning materials

PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL JJL PROGRAMS TO CHARMAINE *clw@tilb.org* 

## **GREAT THINKERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY**

#### Tues, January 17 and Thurs, January 19 at 12:00 pm (Zoom only)

Teacher: Rabbi Robin Foonberg, Rabbi Educator at Congregation B'nai Israel



Join Rabbi Robin Foonberg on an exploration of Jewish Thought and Philosophy during the tumultuous 20th Century. We will consider Victor Frankl and his response to the Holocaust. We will also learn about Rabbi Dr. Byron Sherwin, a protégé of Abraham Joshua Heschel, who explores how we create our lives as a work of art. Finally, we will look

at the rise in Jewish women's scholarship and their influence on Jewish thought in the 20th century.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87474655406



### 100 YEARS OF JEWISH SUMMER CAMPING

Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00pm (Zoom Only) Presenter: Ruben Arquilevich, Vice President for URJ Camps, NFTY, and Immersives

Summer camp has a very special place in our collective hearts. Join

us online for a dynamic presentation about this centerpiece of Jewish American life.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84621460114

## A TASTE OF HEBREW CONVERSATION AND DIALOGUE

Tuesdays at 5:45 pm February 7 - March 14 Teacher: Maggie Kosmin



Join us to learn some beginning conversational Hebrew or brush up on that knowledge you picked up on your trip to Israel. We will learn common greetings, shopping expressions, how to say the time and numbers, how to ask or request something of someone, and other

popular expressions. Basic Hebrew reading/decoding skills are required.

## JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

## JEWISH COOKING IN AMERICA SESSION 1 A Totally Hippie Tu B'Shevat Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm

Teacher: Eve Lunt, Torah Center Teacher and long-time congregant

Dust off your bellbottoms and string those flowers in your hair because we are throwing a mind-blowing Peace, Love, and Granola Hippie Tu B'Shevat cooking class! It'll be a real Ahava-Fest with a fondue that'll make your macrame melt. Be there or be square! Costumes encouraged!

Cost: \$15 per person



## LGBTQIA+ INCLUSION IN THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN THE PAST 100 YEARS Thursdays at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only) February 9, 16, 23

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving, long-time congregant

The Reform Movement has historically been at the forefront of LGBTQIA+ rights, from the Women of Reform Judaism supporting decriminalization of homosexuality in 1965, to the CCAR decision to ordain gay and lesbian rabbis in 1990, to the publication of the prayer book *Mishkan G'aavah: Where Pride Dwells* in 2020. Learn how Jewish values have guided our way as we trace the history of inclusion over the past 100 years.

Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87940683542</u>



# January Anniversaries

- 1 Tawny Correa & Rachel Van Raalte 12 years
- 2 John Burkholder & Barbara Pollack 39 years
- 3 Daniel & Rebecca Buckley 13 years
- 4 Marvin & Hannah Finnley 37 years
- 7 Matthew & Emily Miller 6 years
- 11 Glenn & Michele Newman 20 years
- 13 Gregory & Melanie Basich 15 years
- 17 David & Terry Braunstein 58 years

Greg & Lisa Endelman - 25 years

18 Paul & Martha De Young - 31 years

19 Marshall Blesofsky & Susan Sklar - 48 years

Laszlo Fodor & Morgan East - 3 years

- 20 Daryl & Sandy Phillips 50 years
- 21 Mark & Elizabeth Thompson 50 years
- 23 Stewart & Brooke Baxter 12 years
- 29 Jeffrey & Laura Engerman 18 years



## SPONSOR OUR ONEG SHABBAT IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL OCCASION

The Oneg is a long-standing tradition at Temple Israel and throughout the Jewish community, and allows for us as a community to socialize with some light refreshments. **Full Sponosrship is \$250.** 

Please call the Temple office at (562) 434-0996 and we will be happy to make the arrangements for you.





#### SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS A New Year, A New Beginning!

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



Happy 2023 to you all! Above is a collage of photos from past SCIC events. Can you find Rabbi Moskowitz? Are you in any? By participating in interfaith activities throughout the year, your picture could appear in my 2023 articles. Let us hope so!

My friend Elahe Amani, president of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), spoke words from my heart when she said, "May we visit our heart and soul more often this year, may we never cease a moment to stand by justice and peace as in the words of Rumi, we show our worth by what we seek!" I, too, wish you the same.

Shalom, salaam, her ping, shanti, paz, peace...





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# A CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

What began as a dream in the minds of our founders has emerged into a meaningful, one hundred year reality. It has been an extraordinary odyssey.

As we commemorate Temple Israel's past, we look to the future. Through this campaign we have the opportunity to increase our impact and endow our core values of spirituality, learning, community, Torah and Tikkun Olam.



## WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is an investment fund. The principal is protected in perpetuity and earned investment income may be used to supplement the Temple's annual operating budget.

## WHY ENDOW?

Endowment is about strengthening the fabric of Temple Israel by providing a permanent source of support that bolsters the operating budget. A gift to an endowment is a gift that will endure.

## WHY GIVE?

An endowment is the most effective way to ensure the longterm sustainability of Temple Israel. Long after the endowment is created, the principal remains intact, generating income to support and enhance the congregation.

## **SECURE OUR FUTURE:**

Become part of our Legacy Society. Your gift is a way that you can give back forever.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL'S LEGACY

**L'Dor V'Dor:** Each of us is here today because of the foresight and generosity of past congregants who invested in the future of Temple Israel.

Today we enjoy a growing and energized congregational family, a robust and packed weekly Torah Study, adult education through our Joys of Jewish Learning program, a host of diverse religious services, a thriving youth group and teen program, youth education spanning from toddlers through high school, and a full time senior staff consisting of our Rabbi, Cantor, Educator and Executive Director. In the future, we will build upon our strengths, offering a broad range of services and programs to our congregational family and community. This is the time to secure the future we envision. The Temple Israel Foundation has created the following new endowment funds:

- **1. Temple Israel Preservation Fund:** is designed to ensure that our beautiful building is maintained and refurbished throughout the years to come.
- 2. Senior Staff Endowments: will support and offset annually budgeted salaries, giving us a base income to start each year. This will make General Fund monies available so Temple Israel can innovate, grow and thrive for the next 100 years.



# WAYS TO GIVE:

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#### **TEMPLE ISRAEL FUND**

General Fund

For the support of on going congregational activities

#### DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Rabbi Scott Fox Tzedakah projects at the Rabbi's discretion

**Cantor Kelly Cooper** *Tzedakah projects at the Cantor's discretion* 

**Educator** For benefit of the Torah Center and its teachers

**President** For special projects at the President's discretion

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

□ Homeless Assistance Helps those in need pay first and/or last month's rent

□ Caring Community Funds programs for Temple families in need

Nancy Leff and Donald Leff Memorial Purchases Chanukah gifts for children of needy families

□ Yad B'Yad Purchases kitchen and catering supplies for Yad B'Yad

## BOOK FUND

Library Fund
 Purchase of library books

#### MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter
 Sabbath Fellowship
 For Sabbath Fellowship senior programming

#### Stan Solomon Building

For building repairs

- MUSIC FUNDS
- Funds quarterly alternative music service.
- Music Patrons
  Funds musical programs

#### **CAMP FUNDS**

- Paula & Michael Avchen Campership Camp/trip program for children in financial need
- Lester Elbert and Corinne Van Boemel Memorial Campership
   Camperships for those in financial need
- **Lipeles Family Camp & Adult Shabbaton** *Fund for Families in need*
- **Jewish Campership** Camperships for those in need
- Miriam Berro Krugman Helps teens participate in the URJ Mitzvah Corp.

# **TORAH CENTER FUNDS**Torah Center Fund

- Polly Alevy Memorial Education
  *Funds for Torah Center*
- HUM (Horim U'Morim)
  Funds Torah Center projects
- **Torah Center Scholarship** Assists with Torah Center fees and scholarships
- Roselle & Herbert Sommer Scholarship Fund Assists with Torah Center fees and camp scholarships

#### **PROGRAMMING FUNDS**

- ANDI *Programs for our teens*
- □ Jack Bard Memorial For Jewish programs of interest to the congregation
- **Social Action** For social action and programming needs
- □ Joys of Jewish Learning Funds adult education programs at the Temple



#### TEMPLE ISRAEL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Please make checks payable to TI Foundation

□ Temple Israel Preservation Fund (TIP Fund) Funds building beautification and refurbishment

**The Speizer Youth Development** *Funds youth activities* 

- **Pilger Lectureship** Funds annual guest speaker lectures
- □ Lapid-Shapiro Funds annual lectureship programs and Torah Center educational programs
- Syd Lemmerman Jewish Camping and Youth Fund In support of Jewish camping, Israel experiences, and other informal Jewish educational programs

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#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Carol Beckerman in loving memory of her sister-in-law, Lori Small Beckerman.

Harriet & Joseph Bennish in loving memory of Harriet's father, Bernard Winnick.

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Joanne & Jerry Levy in loving memory of close friend, Randi Carp. Joanne & Jerry Levy in loving memory of Joanne's mother, Shirley Schnee.

Alan & Robin Lilien in loving memory of Alan's mother, Cecil Lilien. Eva & Harry Lowenstein in loving memory of Eva's mother, Amalia Apel.

Carol Masters in loving memory of her husband, Michael Masters.

Carol Masters in loving memory of her parents, Sadie and Mort Dover. Carol Masters in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Estelle Masters, and in loving memory of her father-in-law, Anthony Masters.

Daryl & Sandy Phillips in loving memory of Daryl's father, Ted Phillips. Candice Schneider in loving memory of her husband, James Ellis Schneider.

Marian & William Siegel in loving memory of Marian's mother, Hilda Friedman.

Alain Silverston in loving memory of his father, Maurice Silverston. Evelyn & Joey Solis in loving memory of Evelyn's grandmother, Rose Levine.

Zalemon Tepper in loving memory of his mother, Eva Tepper.

Elaine Warren in loving memory of her brother, Arnold Lander, and in loving memory of her parents, David and Esther Lander.

Elaine Warren in loving memory of her daughter, Wendy Warren, and in loving memory of her son, Lander Warren.

Elaine Warren in loving memory of her husband, Harold Warren. Elaine Warren in loving memory of her father-in-law, Joseph Warren, and in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Rose Warren.

Edgar Zwieback & Mona Panitz in loving memory of Edgar's father, Louis Zwieback.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Cantor Kelly Cooper & Joel Perler in support of Temple Israel. Bruce Eason in support of Temple Israel. Cantor Marvin & Hannah Finnley in support of Temple Israel.

Jewish Long Beach and Alpert Jewish Community Center in memory of Eytan Alpern, beloved brother of David Alpern.

Seth & Sara Linden in support of Temple Israel.

Nadine Pekar in support of Temple Israel. Charmayne Roberson in support of Temple Israel.

Alain Silverston in memory of his beloved son, Thomas Silverston.

#### **RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Reagan Romali in honor of the beautiful memorial ceremony for her son, Ridge Romali, and in appreciation of Rabbi Fox.

#### **CANTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Naomi & Amanda Fisher Leiserowitz in honor of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Miryam Fisher Leiserowitz.

Cantor Marvin & Hannah Finnley.

Jeanne Halliday in loving memory of her husband, Dale Halliday.

Jeanne Halliday in loving memory of her father, Enrico Nahum, and in loving memory of her stepmother, Ida Pinto Nahum.

Jeanne Halliday in loving memory of her mother-in-law, May Golden.

#### HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUND

Andrea Friedenthal.

#### JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING FUND

Carol Beckerman in memory of Marcel Salomon, her beloved friend. Rosecarrie & Alan Brooks in memory of Gerda Seifer, beloved wife of Harold Seifer.

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Temple Israel Sisterhood in honor of Amy Lipeles, to thank her for teaching a sisterhood Hanukkah cooking class.

#### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

David & Sadie Sacks in honor of Joanne Levy's tireless efforts for the Social Action Committee.

#### TORAH CENTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Harriette Ellis in loving memory of her wonderful sisters, Liz Lieberman and Estelle Meyerson.

# Condolences

Ilyse & Alan Brawer on the death of her mother, Honey Ettinger Roberta & Harvey Friedman on the death of her father, Joshua Kaye

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