

Kol Yisra'el

February 2023 Shevat / Adar 5783



CELEBRATE OUR 99TH BIRTHDAY WEEKEND with Musician in Residence Grammy Award Winning Singer-Songwriter Cantor Doug Cotler



Friday, February 10 at 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 11 7:00 pm - Reception / 8:00 pm - Concert (Please RSVP to Charmaine at clw@tilb.org)

Sunday, February 12 at 11:00 am Celebrating with our Torah Center



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.

Contact the office to find out how you can be involved and contribute to our future!

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TOT SHABBAT

Friday, February 24 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*

Get Well Wishes

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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, February 3

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service with our 4th-6th Grades Camp Shabbat!

Saturday, Fabruary 4

Shabbat Midbar / Tu B'Shevat8:45 am Torah Study (at El Dorado Nature Center)10:00 am Hike and Meditation (at El Dorado Nature Center)

Friday, February 10

Muscian in Residence Cantor Doug Cotler 7:00 pm Shabbat Service - Celebrating 99 Years!

Saturday, February 11

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of David Redondo

Friday, February 17

Reproductive Rights Shabbat with NCJW 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 18

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

Friday, February 24

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 25

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Dolhinow

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A JEWISH LIFE

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



One of my priorities over the last two years has been to be forward thinking. What will a synagogue of the future look like? What will the Jewish community of the future look like? I have tried to stay as informed as I can by reading URJ communications, delving into the PEW survey, learning about preliminary reporting of the Jewish Long Beach Brandeis survey, and reading chapters in A Life of Meaning Embracing Reform Judaism's Sacred Path and Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the

American Jewish Future. I have also learned so much by speaking with everyone as well as during my weekly meetings with the Rabbi discussing his vision, thinking about the distant future.

It is very clear to me that we must be an involved and informed Jewish community that comes together for any reason – social, spiritual, educational, social action... If we do not come together in all capacities, we risk assimilating and losing ourselves. As I just look around my immediate neighborhood, I see so many Jewish people who are not involved in the Jewish community in any way or even marginally identify themselves as Jewish. Data published in the January 14th edition of the Long Beach Press Telegram put the population of Jewish people at 0.2% of the world population (and all we have is a teeny tiny piece of land in the eastern Mediterranean, but that's a whole 'nother article)

At our amazing vibrant and growing synagogue, bucking all trends of decreasing numbers and temples in trouble, we have a sizeable number of congregants who are not Jewish. These congregants are, for the most part, living dedicated Jewish lives and have primarily supported Jewish education and living with their families/children. So many of these members are excited active congregants.

We have an issue in our bylaws. In our bylaws, a single non-Jewish person leading a Jewish life, may become a temple member. But our bylaws prohibit anyone who is not Jewish from being on the Board of Directors. This puts us in the uncomfortable position of treating our non-Jewish members differently from our Jewish members. We deny them the equality of being formal leaders in the governance of Temple Israel. In truth, the Jewish members are also denying themselves the expertise and enthusiasm of these members in a formal leadership position. It is not unusual to short list someone to be on the Board, and only learn upon being asked that the person is not Jewish. We then must sheepishly withdraw the offer.

The time is now to change our bylaws to allow an otherwise qualified Temple member to be on the Board. This would make us all have equal status, Jewish people and those living Jewish lives. We can proudly let any prospective members, as well as current members, know that they are welcome in every way if they are living a life of and supporting Jewish values. We as a temple can benefit from the expertise that so many of our non-Jewish members possess in participating in formal leadership.

With more than 60% of Jewish marriages in the last 10 years

being hybrid marriages, we must do our best to embrace these families into the community for the preservation of our People. I would love to hear your comments on this issue. Please email me at <u>president@tilb.org</u>

CELEBRATING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AT OUR NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SHABBAT By Joanne Levy

On Friday, January 13, we celebrated Shabbat by welcoming and recognizing our newest Temple Israel congregants! It was a lovely pre-service oneg, during which there was plenty of schmoozing and meeting new friends. Our newest members were challenged to learn about Temple Israel and test the knowledge of our longer standing and Board members. The Kol HaNeshama, Soulful Musical service, led by Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper, included the musical accompaniment of Bill Shafton and new members, Sheri Sinaga and Michael Malinowski. It was a joy to celebrate Shabbat with so many new members, recognize Bat Mitzvah, Sefira Hillbrand, and 3rd grader Mattingly Batovsky taking her Hebrew name. Below are some questions our newest members asked, testing our members' knowledge! See how many you know!

What is the name of our adult education program? Answer: Joys of Jewish Learning

What is the name of our Temple accompanist? Answer: David York

How many years can someone serve on the Board of Directors (excluding being Past President)? Answer: 7

What year was our new building opened? Answer: 2012 (Saturday, October 27, 2012)

Name one of the 3 significant changes made to our building during the remodel.

Answer: Moved the ark/front to the eastern wall, No bimah, Added a gift shop, Added an elevator

Sharon Amster Brown is known for being a great educator. What else is she (in)famous for?

Answer: Her wildly creative Purim costumes

Temple Israel has an historic Torah scroll. From where was it obtained?

Answer: The Queen Mary

What is the name of our Youth Group and why? Answer: ANDI, named for teacher (of blessed memory) Andi Joustra It stands for Adolescents Now Doing Incredible things.

What is the one item in the new sanctuary that was restored for the remodel?

Answer: The Ner Tamid Eternal light

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper share a favorite movie. What is it? *Answer: The Princess Bride*

What did Rabbi Fox study in college before starting down the Rabbi path?

Answer: Jazz Guitar

CARING COMMUNITY

THE CARING COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

As Temple Israel members, we are all part of a Kehillat Chesed, a caring community.

Our Caring Community service falls into one of two areas:

Bereavement - helping at events held in memory of loved ones

We are there to help serve at a Meal of Condolence, and we are there to help in homes at a Shiva Minyan.

Many of you who have experienced the loss of a loved one and have had the assistance of the Caring Community know how comforting it was to have been supported by our wonderful volunteers.

Bikur Cholim - helping those who are ill and in need

We provide all sorts of assistance, which may include visiting with someone who is ill, giving them a ride for a doctor's appointment, walking the dog while they're in the hospital, etc...

Currently we are looking for volunteers who are willing to work a two-hour bereavement shift, or who are willing to help someone who is ill and in need. We are also looking for someone who has organizational skills and can use Microsoft Word, and for someone who is willing to help make phone calls.

The need is only occasional and the time actually spent working during those occasions is only a few hours. The satisfaction for having performed the mitzvah, however, is long-lasting. The people we have helped are always grateful for the assistance we have been able to provide.

Please email the Temple at *clw@tilb.org* if you would be willing to help in any of these areas.



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 am at The Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy followed by Luncheon and Entertainment

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



Temple Israel's Annual Gala Saturday, June 10

Appetizers, Dinner, Auction and Entertainment

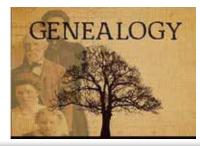




with Laura Lee Gold President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Los Angeles

Sunday, February 5 at 1:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY - Everyone welcome to attend! Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86843881945?pwd=M</u> <u>EkvWnJJcERrc2s5c2VSQkUreFg0dz09</u>



JOIN US AT COLOR ME MINE AND HAVE FUN EXPRESSING YOUR CREATIVE SIDE 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 by February 21 to Charmaine at *clw@tilb.org*



Sisterhood is sponsoring a Yom HaShoah Remembrance Day fundraiser this year. Watch for a mailer in March containing your own Yom HaShoah candle. Holocaust Remembrance Day is April 17. Let's all share the light together.



Ladies of Temple Israel, join the fun...join the Sisterhood Board!

We're looking for a few new members for the 2023-24 Board. If interested, please contact Renee Florsheim *raflosheim@yahoo.com* or Robin Lilien *robinlilien@earthlink.net*

TIS BOARD HANUKKAH GATHERING







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 It will also be open by appointment.

Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March TBD Women's Night Out
- **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 TI Sisterhood Member Appreciation Event
- **TBD** Bingo/Game Day

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THE MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH / TEEN (KESHER) REPORT





DAVID REDONDO February 11, 2023

Hi, My name is David Redondo. My bar mitzvah is on February 11, 2023. I am a 7th grader at Stanford Middle School. At Stanford, I am on the robotics team and gamers club. I enjoy science and math at school.

Outside school, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, swimming, and Martial Arts. I find Martial Arts difficult, but I enjoy the challenge. I also enjoy reading, building legos, playing video games, watching movies, baking,

and much more. During my free time, when I am not at Torah Center, I also enjoy spending time with my family. I love to listen to music and learn about new artists. I have been at Torah Center since kindergarten, and my experience has been unique! For my Mitzvah Project, I am helping out at the Alpert JCC for the senior luncheons. Also, I help here at the Temple for Tot Shabbat.

I look forward to traveling more and meeting many new people. In conclusion, thank you to all my teachers, especially Cantor Cooper, for helping me with my bar mitzvah journey.





NATHAN DOLHINOW February 25, 2023

Nathan is in the 7th grade at Stanford Middle school in Long Beach. He has lived in the Long Beach/ Lakewood area his whole life. Nathan enjoys spending time with his brother and sister playing video games and hanging out. He sleeps every night with his devoted canine, Curious Black. Nathan loves to watch movies with his family and travel to new places. Everywhere he goes he is concerned for the people he meets and wants to know about their lives. His goal is to be a famous actor.

His Mitzvah Project is making greeting cards to distribute at the senior lunches at the Alpert JCC. He enjoys the artistic aspect and making people happy. He also loves to give back to the JCC where many of his happiest memories were made. Nathan is excited about his bar mitzvah and also a little nervous but mostly thankful for all his teachers at Torah Center and their support over the years.





RACHEL NISENHOLTZ ANDI PRESIDENT

Our Kesher teens just got back from winter break! People celebrated the holidays, went on vacations, and many of us slept in! Kesher's first day back for Torah Center was jam packed. Teens participated in the ANDI Board meeting, ANDI "Purim In The Swamp" auditions, and worked as madrichim. ANDI is starting up on our Shrek Purim Shpiel this year. The shpiel is directed, choreographed, written, and acted out by our talented Kesher

teens! Some of our teens have traveled all the way to Washington, D.C. for the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar. Here, teens learned about a variety of social justice issues, met our representatives in Congress, and made new friends from all around the country. Also, our 8th grade Torah Center class will be flying all the way to New York! They will see special areas specific to Jewish New York, eat lots of delicious food, and strengthen bonds with one another. Our ANDI Board is planning ahead in its meetings. We had a bake sale to fundraise for future events, we discussed NFTY's West Coast Party at Camp Newman in February, and brainstormed for the teen track at Temple Israel's Congregational Retreat in March. Lots to look forward to!

TI SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE'S CLIMATE TZEDEK BATTERY RECYCLING: LOOK WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER!





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Khara Cloutier

Temple Israel warmly welcomes new member Khara Cloutier.

Khara grew up in a family of Cuban Jews in Austin, Texas and attended Hebrew School at Congregation Agudas Achim before moving to Los Angeles for work. She belonged to Sinai Temple in Westwood and moved to Long Beach with her husband Ray. They currently live

in the Ranchos area near El Dorado Park.

Khara noticed our temple building and wanting to connect with a Jewish community here in Long Beach, she decided to become a Temple Israel congregant. She is eager to meet others and get involved in our temple community and we are pleased that she is!

Khara is an artist and educator, teaching typography and design history at Long Beach City College and California State. Her medium is neon. When not lecturing, she occasionally performs at various flamenco tablaos and views dancing as a way to physically connect the body to the soul. She also likes to play mahjong.

As part of two HIAS Welcome Circles in Orange County, Khara is currently working on reunifying a Ukrainian family from Crimea. As a daughter of an immigrant, this is a cause dear to her heart!

Please join your membership committee in welcoming Khara to our congregation!



Deborah Mozer

Lucky for us, Deborah Mozer met congregant Beverly August at a recent event. When she told Beverly she was looking to join a temple in Long Beach, Beverly suggested Deborah consider Temple Israel. She did and we are pleased that she has joined our community.

Deborah has lived in Long Beach for the past 20 years. When she was married, she lived on Naples Island and was active in racing sailboats out of the LBYC. She recently moved from the Bixby Park area to Downtown Long Beach where she now resides with her two dogs. Deborah has two adult children who are currently living with their father and attending Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills.

Deborah's parents were raised in the Orthodox tradition but at the time of Deborah's Bat Mitzvah, they joined Temple Beth Israel, a Reform congregation in the San Fernando Valley.

Deborah has a BS in Finance, a BA in Economics with a minor in mathematics from San Jose University. She was on the fencing team when she was a student there. Additionally, she has an MS in Traditional Chinese Medicine from Emperor's College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Santa Monica. Professionally, she spent twenty years in commercial finance and ten years in film production. Currently, she is a financial consultant for businesses, start-ups and political campaigns. She ran for Mayor of Long Beach in the '22 primary and is considering a run for the District 1 seat on City Council, at some point in the future.

Deborah participates in a variety of outdoor activities, including, hiking, bicycling and walking her dogs along the bike path. She also enjoys boxing, fencing, and other martial arts. She looks forward to meeting others at Temple Israel, getting involved on committees and joining some of our study groups.



The Winkler Family

We are very excited to welcome another new family to Temple Israel! Matt and Stephanie Winkler, along with their two children, Eliot, age 5 and Olive, 16 months, joined our community in January and Eliot will become part of the kindergarten class at Torah Center!

The Winklers have lived in Long

Beach for the past ten years. Matt is originally from the San Fernando Valley, where he was involved with Valley Outreach Synagogue. He was actively involved in the music program there, working with the Cantor and contributing to the High Holy Day services as well as benefit concerts. He is also an accomplished singer (Cantor Cooper, take note!) He works as a software engineer at BOND, an entertainment marketing agency in Hollywood. Steph originates from Fountain Valley and taught middle school English and history, tutored a variety of subjects and ages, as well as being a Pilates and barre instructor. She currently enjoys being at home and focusing on the kids.

As a family, the Winklers are very busy with all sorts of activities including musical theater and other arts, travel and spending time outdoors hiking and at the beach. Matt spends his free time singing and working on their home while Steph does Pilates, barre and likes to read, cook and bake. Eliot is following in her parents' footsteps by participating in dance, musicals and karate. They hope to become more involved at the temple when the kids are a bit older and they can participate and help out.

Thank you to all who supported the New Member Recognition Shabbat on Friday, January 13th. Spread the word about our community to your friends!

JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

FIELD TRIP TO DIAMOND BAKERY, **CANTER'S DELL, AND** WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

Tuesday, February 28 at 9:00 am

Join fellow congregants for a fun trip through three of Los Angeles' longest-standing Jewish landmarks. Meet at the Alpert JCC to carpool. Please indicate your willingness to drive when you RSVP. Limit 20 people

Cost: approximately \$35/person



NEW TESTAMENT STUDY FROM A JEWISH POINT OF VIEW

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

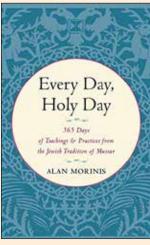
Jews and Christians read the same stories differently. Explore and discuss the New Testament from a Jewish perspective and learn more about the Jewish roots of Christianity. Currently going through the book of Hebrews.

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



MUSSAR STUDY GROUP

Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am February 1 and 15 (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 Every Day, Holy Day 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://zoom.us/s/988492918

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

Sunday, February 19 at 7:00 pm (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. During the past year, two authors of books read by the group have joined us in a live (via Zoom) discussion of their book and related work.

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

JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

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.



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



PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL JJL PROGRAMS TO CHARMAINE <u>clw@tilb.org</u>

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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87940683542



MOVIE DISCUSSION: Brighton Beach Memoirs

Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 pm (Zoom only) Facilitator: Martine Korach



Taking place in 1937 during The Great Depression and on the eve of WWII, Neil Simon's semiautobiographical tale strikes a chord for many Jewish families. Eugene Jerome, a young teen living in Brooklyn has to balance the relationships between his nuclear family and the extended family that has just joined them in their tiny apartment with his love of baseball

and the pressures of adolescence. Events in Europe place additional pressures on the family as they worry what will become of relatives still in Poland.

Please watch the film ahead of time and come to the program ready to join in the conversation.

Watch on Amazon Prime: <u>https://www.amazon.com/</u> Brighton-Beach-Memoirs-Richard-Bright/dp/B000I8EGHM

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81525940378



FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

Shabbat at Home is a unique program that gives us an opportunity for our Temple Israel family to share the joys of Shabbat with a potluck dinner in the warmth of congregants' homes.

How you can participate in "Shabbat At Home"

BE A HOST: Please know that you are performing a Mitzvah by welcoming other congregants into your home. All you have to do is to provide the table settings; your guests will bring dinner.

Temple Israel will provide to you a list of your guests and their contact information, sample menus, some helpful hints for celebrating Shabbat in your home.

Please indicate your willingness to host by emailing Charmaine *clw@tilb.org* on or before **Thursday, March 2**

BE A GUEST: If you prefer to participate in this wonderful program by providing a portion of the Shabbat meal and attending as a guest, please complete and return the bottom of this form to Temple Israel on or before **Thursday, March 2**

Yes, I would like to participate by attending as a guest in another congregant's home. I will bring the portion of the potluck meal assigned to me.

□ _____ adults will be attending,

- □ _____ children will be attending, whose ages are

Name(s):_____

Phone: ______

Email:_____

I am able to offer a ride for _____additional passengers.
 (*in addition to me and my family*)
 I will need a ride.

SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS I STILL Have a Dream!

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

On January 15th, the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCIC held its 31st Annual MLK Interfaith and Intercultural Celebration on Zoom. MLK's words still hold onto my heart as I hope they do for you. Here are just a few: "I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

"When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last." Sadly, I ask myself, "When?"

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, a 20th century rabbi and scholar, grappled with these same concerns. Monique Parsons in *Interfaith America Magazine* wrote that Heschel, well known to many American Jews, vocally and visibly supported the civil rights movement and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They first met in 1963 at a National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) on Religion and Race and immediately bonded. King's speech, "A Challenge to the Churches and Synagogues," affirmed that the struggle against racism was an interfaith effort. They often lectured together and referred to racism as the root of poverty. Cornel West has called Heschel's teachings "the strongest condemnation of racism by a white man since William Lloyd Garrison."

In 1965, "Heschel marching alongside King in Selma remains iconic not only for Jews committed to King's legacy, but to all who see the power of interfaith coalitions in the ongoing efforts to secure voting rights and equity for all citizens." (Parsons)

If we are to honor King's vision, as Interfaith Alliance has stated, we must push back against those who have tried to repurpose his beliefs. We have a responsibility to lift up what both he and Heschel truly stood for. We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

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



Martin Luther King, Jr. (center) and Abraham Joshua Heschel (2nd from front right), march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama on March 21, 1965.

CELEBRATE PURIM WITH US!



Followed by Teen Shpiel Teaser

Saturday, March 4 before Adult Shpiel



SATURDAY, MARCH 4 AT 7:30 PM

Based on the music of

COSTUME THEME 70'S

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PURIM IN THE SWAMP

Torah Center Purim Celebration Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 am

CONTINUING THE TEMPLE ISRAEL TRADITION

(SHALACH MANOT) FUN(D)RAISER!

EVERYONE GETS A PURIM BAG WITH A PERSONALIZED GREETING!

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

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

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

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

GO ONLINE...

Log in to www.purimproject.com Your user ID and Password will be mailed out to you.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The cost to send the greetings you select is

\$2.00 per family chosen, plus an **\$18** initial fee (*i.e. send wishes to 10 families for 10 x \$2.00 each = \$20 + \$18 = \$38*),

OR

"SAY CHAI" TO THE ENTIRE TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY

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

DEADLINE IS NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

WE RECOGNIZE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS Julie Alban Reva Alban Jack & Binnie Berro Jean Feldman Ronald & Sylvia Hartman David Tillman & Karen Zoller

RABBI'S CIRCLE

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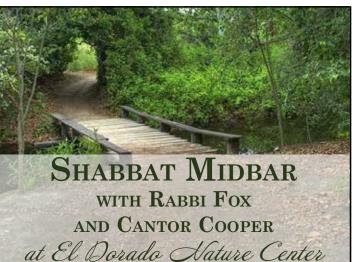
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