

November 2023 / Cheshvan / Kislev 5784

# CANTORS CONCERT

Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 pm

Featuring Temple Israel's Cantor Kelly Cooper with Cantor Ken Cohen, Cantor Nancy Linder, and Cantor Nissim Nati

Everyone is invited to our Pre-Concert Wine & Cheese Reception In appreciation of our Sustaining Members beginning at 6:30 pm







# 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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### Got Shabbat? Service

generously sponsored by Rob & Debbie Feldman

Friday, November 17 at 6:00 pm

Join us for this jazz-infused muscial Shabbat Service led by Kendra Cogert and The Shabbatones

### **TOT SHABBAT MORNING PLAYDATE**

at Temple Israel

### Saturday, November 18 at 10:30 am



A special Shabbat Playdate for the youngest members of our community. Bring your little ones for a time to play with each other, parents to mingle, and celebrate Shabbat together in a fun and casual environment.

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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.

### **NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES**

### Friday, November 3

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

### Saturday, November 4

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center 10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike and Meditation

### Friday, November 10

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Soulful Musical Shabbat

### Saturday, November 11

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

### Friday, November 17

6:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

### Saturday, November 18

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Tot Shabbat Morning Playdate 11:00 am Senior Shabbat Luncheon (at Alpert JCC)

### Friday, November 24

7:00 pm Shabbat Serivce on Zoom

### Saturday, November 25

8:45 am Torah Study on Zoom Only 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service (on Zoom)



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### **UNSPEAKABLE**

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



I wrote an entirely different article for this month's newsletter but given the events in Israel that began on Saturday, October 7th, that article is now relegated to the back shelf. Reminiscent of the Yom Kippur war in 1973, Hamas invaded Israel on Simchat Torah, taking advantage of a joyous holiday and security failures to launch a devastating attack on innocent Israelis. At the time of this writing, we are still learning the extent of the unspeakable atrocities

committed by Hamas, the murders of innocent civilians, and the taking of hostages of all ages. The IDF called up over 360,000 reservists and Jews worldwide are bracing for what is likely to be a protracted military effort. So, what should I, the president of our congregation, say to you that you don't already know? We need to lean on each other and our clergy to help us navigate this crisis.

To that end, on October 10th, thanks to the dedication and organizational skills of Deborah Goldfarb and Richard Marcus of Jewish Long Beach, our Jewish community came together for a Community Vigil. Six local rabbis, three cantors and the Hillel director led us through an evening of prayer, song, and their own personal reflections. The room resonated with a range of emotions, from stunned to sadness, from fear to anger, and finally to a call for action. The rabbis reminded us that we are a people of Shalom, of peace. We are a people of action, not just words. And we are a people united by the Jewish homeland, Israel. Jews of every denomination and political leaning came together, united in support of Israel and each other. I was heartened to see so many of you there, and especially pleased to see non-Jews and elected officials standing with us in support during this horrendous time. If you were unable to attend, you can view the vigil on the Jewish Long Beach Facebook page.

When I was growing up, most American Jews held remarkably consistent and supportive views about Israel. Since the 1980's, and especially more recently, Israel has become much more politically complicated and divided, with extremes advancing their particular agenda often without regard for the greater whole. The mosaic of views in Israel has been reflected throughout the Diaspora, even within our own congregation.

We have come full circle. Renewed, unfathomable external threats from the terrorist group Hamas outweighs any debate about policy and government. With friends and family in Israel, many of us feel this threat personally. As Jews, we feel immense pain and support for the Israeli people brutalized by the unspeakable acts of terror. At the same time, we feel compassion for the Palestinian families in Gaza now subjected to a war completely outside of their choosing. A recent poll, taken just weeks ago, showed that most Gazans wanted a ceasefire to remain in place

and preferred leadership other than Hamas. And now they are suffering the consequences of Hamas' leadership. And so, we are conflicted. Rabbi Fox reminds us that it is both possible *and normal* to hold conflicting feelings at the same time.

Let us pray for a quick end to the war, the safe return of hostages to their homes, and a lasting change where the Gazans can choose leaders and a path forward that creates true security, prosperity, and peace. The time for debating policy or Israel's failed intelligence is not now. That time will come. In the meantime, please be mindful of expressing opinions that may be hurtful to others. Temple Israel can and must be a safe space where divergent views can be discussed freely in a kind and respectful manner.

Shalom

### **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

Continues Tradition of Feeding People Experiencing Homelessness at Christian Outreach in Action (COA) the Third Monday of Each Month

By Andrea Friedenthal



In 2018, Deborah Fabricant and Deborah Lewis took on the project of cooking meals for 150-300 homeless and hungry friends at the nondenominational Christian Outreach in Action (COA), at 515 E. Third St. in Long Beach. The two Debs kept the program running with Temple volunteers until COVID hit, when meals could only be packaged and handed out by COA volunteers. Temple Israel continued its monthly financial

commitment to help COA continue this essential program.

In 2023, COA was ready for Temple Israel volunteers to return. We provide a meal on the 3rd Monday of each month. With the two Debs back at work full-time, I took the helm, with Social Action Committee Chair Paul Levitt handling the overview. Chana Ham-Rosebrock, who can really pull a rabbit out of a hat, plans and shops for the meals and leads our volunteer team of cooks and servers. Last month was a great success-- Chana and her volunteers provided a healthy and tasty meal to appreciative clients. It's truly one of the rare face-to-face opportunities to meet and help those struggling every day to fulfill their basic human needs.

Please email me at <u>andreafri8711@gmail.com</u> to sign up for a volunteer shift, cooking 1 pm - 4 pm or serving 4 pm - 6 pm, the 3rd Monday of the month, or to learn about additional ways to volunteer with COA. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Social Action Committee, which meets on Zoom the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm, for link please email Paul Levitt, <u>socialaction@tilb.org</u> or Kate Sachnoff, VP Social Action <u>VPSocialAction@tilb.org</u>

### RITUAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE MESSAGE



### RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



In the Hebrew year 4682 (921/922 C.E.), the calendar became a point of contention between Jews in the land of Israel and those living in Babylonia. For decades, the sages in Babylonia had been calculating and announcing the beginning of a Hebrew year on their own, independent of the calculations from the land of Israel; there was a small technical difference between the methods, but it was thought to be of no consequence. However, in

4682, the calculations resulted in a two-day difference. The issue escalated from a technical disagreement into a political fight over who has authority over the calendar; since neither side was willing to give in, Passover that year was celebrated on Sunday in the land of Israel, and two days later, on Tuesday, in Babylonia.

Temple Israel has also struggled with the dates of festivals. Rabbi Wolli Kaelter writes in his memoir that when he arrived here in 1955, festivals were observed on the closest Shabbat (he changed that). Two years ago there was some contention when our Celebration in the Park was held on Erev Rosh Hashanah rather than on the day itself. And we regularly celebrate Purim on a Saturday night when it falls on a weekday (this won't be an issue this year, because the upcoming Purim happens to fall on a Sunday).

All of this feels very strange to me, coming from Israel. While the Gregorian calendar is used for most civil functions, the Hebrew calendar determines most of the national holidays: you never need to worry about whether it's OK to miss school for Shavuot, and unless you're traveling internationally, there isn't a reason to celebrate Passover on a different night because of a sporting event or work commitment. And it's not just the major holidays: the Hebrew calendar features in numerous small occasions and cultural references, making it ever present – even if your typical (secular) Israeli would not be able to recall the current Hebrew date.

To help Temple members get more familiar with the Hebrew calendar, I will give a class about the calendar on 27 Cheshvan (November 10; the class is after sunset, so the Hebrew date is one day ahead). We will learn the names of the months through song and art, the structure of the calendar, information about holidays and seasons, and some of the history that shaped the calendar into its present form. So come join us!

Incidentally, it remains unknown whether and how the dispute between the sages of the land of Israel and Babylonia was resolved at the time. A few years after the dispute, the two calculation methods once again converged. By the time they diverged again almost 200 years later, Jewish communities worldwide had adopted the Babylonian method, and that is what we use today.

Please share your thoughts with me on this or other issues at <u>VPRitualPractices@tilb.org</u>



# DISCOVERING MORE ABOUT THE HEBREW CALENDAR

### Friday, November 10 at 6:00 pm

Teacher: Ron Artstein,
Temple Israel Vice President of Ritual Practices

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# SHABBAT MIDBAR

at El Dorado Nature Center

with Rabbi Fox & Cantor Cooper

### Saturday, November 4

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

Torah Study at 8:45 am Hike and Meditation 10:00 am





# COOKING CLASS: TAKE YOUR BRUNCH FROM THE USUAL TO THE UNUSUAL

In partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 5 at 9:45 am
Teachers: Norma Stein and Debbie Feldman,
Temple Israel Congregants

Looking to spice up your cooking and impress your next guests for brunch? Join us for a fun morning in the kitchen with Norma and Deb and try out some delicious new brunch recipes that are sure to make everyone smile!

Cost: \$10 / person
Please RSVP to Charmaine <a href="mailto:clw@tilb.org">clw@tilb.org</a>

### THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open during Torah Center Wednesdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 9:30 am and by appointment.

Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829

### POP UP HANUKKAH SHOP

Sundays from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm November 5 & 19 and December 3 & 10 with a large assortment of Hanukkah menorahs, decorations and gifts



# Sisterhood Lunch Date

Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30 am Hof's Hut Restaurant (12489 Seal Beach Blvd)

The cost is \$28 the price includes a pre-selected menu, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity.

RSVP to Charmaine *clw@tilb.org* by November 9th.



# PICTURES FROM WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 12





SISTERHOOD IS COLLECTING COSTUME JEWELRY
AND ALTOID CONTAINERS
FOR THE TORAH CENTER ART ROOM.
PLEASE LEAVE IN THE TEMPLE OFFICE,
ATTENTION: JUDY BLUMENTHAL



# P ESher 8th-12th Grade



Carly Ferdman Teen Council Rep.

This past month has been a rollercoaster of emotions for our Kesher teens. We started out the month with our first NFTY regional event of the year at Camp Bob Waldorf. We had 29 teens from Temple Israel attend, which made us the largest temple youth group at the event! The Kesher teens showed up and participated in the many leadership and team-building activities. Two of our ANDI board members are on the regional board for NFTY Southern

California and spent a lot of time and effort planning this event. Everyone had a blast and made new friends during the weekend. Our next NFTY event is in a few weeks in Wisconsin and most of our Teen Council and ANDI board members will be attending.

One week after the event, the unimaginable happened. Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel and has so far murdered over 1,400 innocent people and kidnapped over 200. Many vigils have been held all over the country. Many of the Kesher teens attended two different in-person vigils. One in Long Beach and another in Encino. On October 10th, the Alpert JCC held a vigil for Israel. Over 500 people came in support of Israel and the Jewish People. Some of our Kesher teens went and had a meaningful experience. Two weeks ago, the TI Teen Council went to a vigil on October 15th in Encino. The vigil was at Valley Beth Shalom and was completely organized and led by teens. Over 100 teens showed up to learn about what was going on and to pray for the state and people of Israel. At the vigil, we heard from a professor from UCLA talk about the conflict and they also had a Holocaust Survivor speak. The Teen Council was proud to stand with other Jewish teens our age to show our support and solidarity for Israel.



### **OCTOBER BAT MITZVAH**



Olivia Lowenthal October 21, 2023

Olivia Joan Lowenthal is an 8th grade student at Oak Middle School. The oldest of the three Lowenthal girls, she is an avid club soccer player, snowboarder, and is in her happy place on any beach. She loves travel, live music, fashion, and enjoying pop culture with her friends. Olivia feels a deep connection to her Mexican and Jewish roots, and loves combining traditions from both cultures. Olivia wants to thank all of her Torah Center teachers, Rabbi Fox

and Cantor Cooper, and especially her family for supporting her journey to become a bat mitzvah!



# Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 am at the Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy followed by Luncheon and Entertainment

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



Mazel Tov To Elan Goldmann & Alyssa Cohen on the birth of their son Eliezer (Eli) Max Goldmann born on October 9, 2023 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 18.5 in. length.





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

### What Do You Do When The Whole World

### **Shatters Around You?**

By Jeremy Rosen



What do you do when the whole world shatters around you? First the cracks spread slowly, just deep rumblings and fractures. It is hard to grasp and understand that it is even happening. I was far away, in America, home on holiday. My boyfriend came to me, saying that something is happening on the border with Gaza. For weeks now there have been riots there, and there are many sporadic exchanges of rockets and returning airstrikes, but

the news keeps pouring in. News of infiltrations of terrorists. News that they are in kibbutzim, bases, a nature party. And then the images and videos arrive. No words I possess can even start to dig at the pure, true, horror they shock me with. Every single one, every single time. Deep in my heart, a piece of my own humanity dies with them. Now the ice explodes under my feet, and I fall into the darkness.

The first level of darkness is the uninhibited hate. I am a person that believes in peace, believes in radical empathy for all people of this world, even in the dreariest situations an eternal optimist, always trying to dream of and build a better world. In the days that have followed October 7th, outbursts of murderous and hateful words spewed forth from my lips, certainly not from my head, but from that deepest inner evil side of humanity that must have been controlling the terrorists that day. Words, that if they were followed, would be murder and genocide. I am not sure at what point our anger is justified, and at what point we *become* our enemies. I am not sure if it is productive, or the war drums beaten by rage, but to allow no retribution is also not an option.

The next level of darkness comes as the confusion of lost security. Far away in America, the questions of how this even happened ricochet nonstop around my head. A complete, total, unforgivable failure, on every level of policy. The continuing failure that is the country's leadership leaves us floundering and without solace. The fact that it can happen once is enough to know it will happen again. In the background of the war now at hand looms the specter of its widening. Far away in America, and safe, it becomes impossible to justify returning, but after some time, there can only be so much delaying the inevitable.

And the final level of darkness, deeper in my heart, and maddening to a foaming obsession, is The Betrayal. The betrayal of the morally confused global left, hypocritical and naïve in the extreme, and so much worse, the Jews who provide them a cover. These people, who not even before the fighting in the kibbutzim stopped, before we collected our dead, before our army was rallied, they were there, waiving the flags of our murderers, crying of their oppression, justifying, and demonizing.

### COUNTERING ACTIVE THREAT AND STOP THE BLEED TRAININGS





Training will be conducted by

Meredith Burke

Long Beach Community

Security Director

# Tuesday, November 7 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

In person training for Staff and Community

9:00 am

**Countering Active Threat Training** 

11:00 am

**Stop The Bleed Training** 

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org





### Temple Israel Welcomes New Members



Amy Lappen and Neal Oliver, along with their twin sons, Jackson and Lewis, have recently joined Temple Israel in search of a lively Jewish community where the boys can broaden and deepen their Jewish friendships and continue Hebrew and Judaic studies in preparation for their bar mitzvahs. They have lived in Long Beach for the past 11 years and have several friends who are also Temple Israel members.

Amy grew up in Santa Monica. She attended University Synagogue's Hebrew and Torah School and became a Bat Mitzvah. After earning her bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley, she went on to receive her Ph.D. at USC. She is a psychologist, currently in private practice.

Neal grew up in Pine Island, Minnesota and attended the same public school for grades K-12, before pursuing a bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota, and then a Master's degree in Education at Colorado State University and an MBA at USC. Neal handles the business-side of mobile video games. He works remotely as the president of a company based in Madison, Wisconsin.

Amy and Neal met while working on a ship (Semester at Sea) and traveling around the world. Amy served as a ship psychologist while Neal was an advisor in the Student Affairs Department. They then moved to Mississippi where Neal worked for Americorps NCCC, serving a long tenure as a Corps Member, Team Leader and Unit Leader. Amy was a researcher at the University of Mississippi Medical Center studying PTSD.

Amy and Neal lead an active life with their fraternal twin boys, Jackson and Lewis, who are currently in the fifth grade at Longfellow Elementary. Neal is the Boy Scout leader for the boys' den. Amy does some work for her family's non-profit, Center for Childhood. Amy also enjoys volunteer work, whenever possible at Longfellow, including serving on the board of the School Site Council. In their free time, Amy and Neal like to travel, see family and friends, and support the boys in their various language, music and sports activities (especially baseball)! Amy is interested in volunteering with the boys Torah Center classes and may be interested in joining the choir, too!

Please welcome Amy, Neal, Jackson and Lewis to Temple Israel!



Let's welcome **Ronna Somers** to Temple Israel. She submitted this bio to help us get to know her:

My name is Ronna Somers. I just recently moved to Long Beach from Marin County – more on that later.

Life in Marin was quite ideal. I had a great career as a real estate broker, spending most of my career on the management team. In 2018, I retired, planning to have a meaningful retirement filled with volunteering

(dog rescue), political activism and travel with my David. If you want God to laugh, tell God your plans! In the blink of an MRI, everything changed. I lost David and after a couple of years, was convinced by my family to move to Long Beach and be part of their daily life.

So here I am ... trying to rebuild "community" and I felt Temple Israel was a good place to start. My introduction to Temple Israel began many years ago when I attended Tot Shabbat with Maya, my now 15 year-old granddaughter.

I actually grew up in Los Angeles, graduated from Hamilton High, and am a lifelong Lakers and Dodgers fan. (Was that a factor in moving to SoCal? Maybe?)

Interests include hanging with my rescue dog, Shamus; walking on the beach, hiking, I'm a Peloton girl; and I have been spending a fair amount of time chauffeuring my two granddaughters. Critique from Maya: I am the slowest driver on the road. My younger granddaughter, Daniela, is easier to please, but maybe because she is 11 years old.

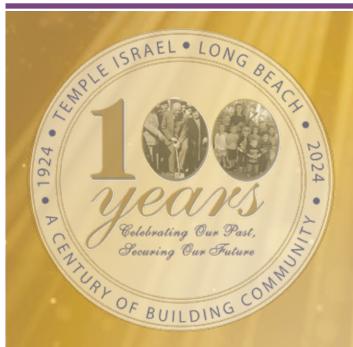
Finally, as an affirmation to my "new life", I have signed up to travel to Israel with Temple Israel in June, 2024!

### Get Well Wishes

Saul Budshtsky
Colleen Carver
Miriam Elisheva
Harriette Ellis
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# Celebrate Temple Israel's 100 Year Anniversary

with these upcoming events

Join us as we spend this year celebrating our 100th Anniversary with special programs throughout the year

Broadway Comes to Temple Israel!
Cantors Concert

Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 pm

100 Years of Hanukkah Lights Friday, December 8

Guest Speaker, Natasha Feldman (Chef and TV Personality) Thursday, January 18

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
CELEBRATION
Shabbat Services
with Singer Songwriter, Julie Silver
Friday, February 9
100th Anniversary Party
Special Guest Rabbi Rick Jacobs,
President of the URJ
Saturday, February 10

Family Concert with Singer-Songwriter Craig Parks Sunday, February 11

High Tea & Temple Israel Stories Sunday, March 3

Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence Cantor Jonathan Friedmann History of Temple Israel Book Release April 26-29

> Temple Israel Gala Journey Back to 1924 Saturday, May 11

An Evening at Joe Jost's

100 Years of Long Beach Fun

Thursday, June 6



# Classes with Our Rabbi

# A TASTE OF JUDAISM WITH RABBI FOX

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm November 1, 8. & 15

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.



### SACRED AGING WITH RABBI FOX

Thursdays at 12:00 pm November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 14

Every step of life brings with it unique experiences and opportunities. Join us as we explore the new frontier of roles and opportunities that come with sacred aging. We will examine the wisdom that comes with experience and talk together about the questions that make our lives meaningful. Join Rabbi Fox, as we explore Jewish questions and texts that speak to a meaningful spiritual life as we enter our golden years.



### JEWS IN FRANCE: TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY

Thursdays at 7:00 pm November 2, 9, 30

Teacher: Alain Silverston, Temple Israel Congregant

**Session 1:** Jews in France from 1st Century to The Crusades to the French Revolution (1789), including Rashi and other Medieval thinkers

**Session 2:** From the French Revolution to 1939 and the beginning of World War II, including the emancipation of Jews and the Dreyfus Affair

**Session 3:** From World War II up to contemporary times, including The Holocaust in France, and antisemitism



# UKRAINE AND JEWS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm
Teacher: Jeffrey Blutinger, CSULB Professor

Join us, as we learn more about the complex relationship between Jews and Ukraine and how it affects the current situation.



Jeffrey C. Blutinger is the inaugural holder of the Barbara and Ray Alpert Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies at California State University, Long Beach, where he is also a professor in the history department. He is the author of numerous articles on such varied topics as Holocaust education in Israel, post-Communist Holocaust memorialization, the reception of science in Hebrew-

language Enlightenment newspapers, and the origins of the term "orthodox" as a denominational label among Jews. His most recent article explored the writings and influence of a leading contemporary American anti-Jewish, white nationalist academic. He wrote an intellectual biography of the great nineteenth-century Jewish historian Heinrich Graetz and the book manuscript has been submitted to Lexington Press.

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# GARDENING WORKSHOP AND JEWISH LEARNING

### Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 pm

Location: The Shafton Home Teachers: Rabbi Michal Loving and Bill Shafton, Temple Israel Congregants



Join Bill Shafton and Rabbi Michal Loving as we explore "yard-to-table" vegetable gardening, including how to maximize: Plant selection, placement, and timing with the seasons; soil amendment (to transform hard, clay Southern California soil); irrigation strategies for plant health and water conservation; and critter management (including organic ways to address aphids and other pests).

# TORAH CENTER PARENT DISCUSSIONS WITH RABBI FOX AND CANTOR COOPER

Sunday, December 3 at 9:45 am with Cantor Cooper Sunday, December 17 at 9:45 am with Rabbi Fox



Come join Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper for coffee and conversation and enjoy this opportunity to connect with the clergy and meet other parents. We'll discuss current events, explore big Jewish questions, and have a little fun along the way.

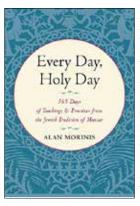
This opportunity is for current Torah Center parents only.

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

### **MUSSAR STUDY GROUP**

Every Other Wednesday at 9:30 am November 8 & 22 (Zoom Only)

Facilitator: Trish Goldin



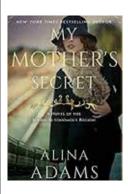
Mussar is a system of introspective practices that can help you identify and break through the obstacles to your inherent holiness, using methods that are easy to integrate into daily life. With 26 traits each of which takes center stage for a week of contemplation and exercises, in order to develop 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

# WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB My Mother's Secret by Alina Adams

Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm Zoom Only



As her revolutionary neighbor mysteriously disappears during Josef Stalin's Great Terror purges, 18-year-old Regina suspects that she's the Kremlin's next target. Under cover of the night, she flees from her parents' communal apartment in 1930s Moscow to the 20th century's first Jewish state, Birobidzhan, on the border between Russia and China. Once there, Regina has to grapple with her preconceived notions of socialism

and Judaism while asking herself the eternal question: What do we owe each other? How can we best help one another? While she contends with these queries and struggles to help Birobidzhan establish itself, love and war are on the horizon.

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

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# INTERFAITH GREETINGS The grief is too large to hold alone.

**We have to find a way to hold it together.**By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

### What could we say that would ever be enough?

- The grief is too large to hold alone. Nearly 2000 innocent people have already lost their lives and millions are at risk. We know that many members of our New Ground community know people who have been killed, injured or taken captive. Like you, we are glued to our phones, gripped with fear of what could happen to our loved ones and to the millions of others directly impacted.
- The stories we have heard over the past three days are gutwrenching and sickening. And we know that there will be more stories in the coming days and weeks that will batter our souls.
- As our people reach out to us, they are expressing feelings
  of isolation, abandonment and confusion. Some people are
  desperately in need of hearing from their friends across this
  community, and so many are struggling to find the right
  words to communicate at all.
- In this moment, it is vital that we reach out to each other. It will be challenging and uncomfortable. Even when we care about each other, we will still struggle. In this moment, we must try our hardest to see each other, to lean in and to listen to each other's story and pain. And, though it will be hard, we can try to hold grace for others as they make mistakes. Our communities are all stronger when we are interconnected even in pain, and to be interconnected compels us to understand how our friends hurt and why.
- There is so much we can't do, but witnessing one another's pain and fear with deep compassion is something we can do. It won't feel like enough. But as the Quran (5:32) and the Mishnah (Sanhedrin 4:5) remind us -- to take a life is as if destroying all of humanity. And to save a life is as if saving all of humanity. As more lives hang in the balance, we pray for a radical witnessing of each other in this moment as one of the most profound and courageous actions we can take right now.

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- 1 Jean Fromm & Colleen Carver 15 years
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- 2 Jared & April Monjaras 10 years
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- 15 Zvi Plotnik & Cheryl Lee 20 years
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- 22 Daniel & Tammy Minkoff 26 years
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- 26 Sacha & Connie Bambadji 17 years
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- **29** Danny & Cecelia Danziger 28 years

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- 30 Richard & Arlene Freeman 54 years



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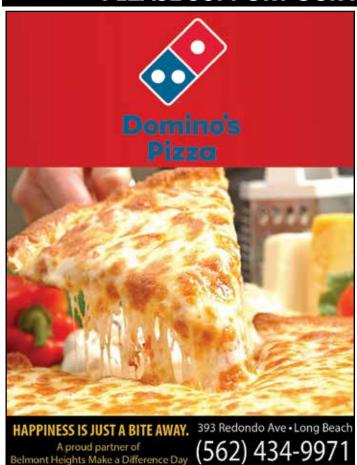
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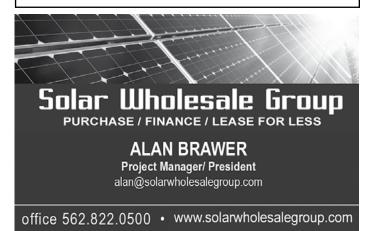


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