

JAZZ AT THE DOME

WITH RABBI FOX AND CANTOR COOPER A NEXT 100 YEAR EVENT

at Temple Israel Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 pm

Appetizers, Cash Bar

GUEST MUSICIANS: Jimmy Ford, Eric Hirschhorn, and Nick Orneals





YOUR DONATION OR LEGACY GIFT WILL HELP FUND OUR FUTURE!

The Next 100 Years Campaign has currently raised over three million dollars that will allow Temple Israel to continue to maintain our beautiful facility and continue services and programming for our community.

If you are interested in supporting the campaign, or getting more information, please call the Temple office.

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Celebrate Hanukkah with Rabbi Fox

COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 pm at 2nd & PCH

CANDLE LIGHTING AT LONG BEACH CITY HALL

Monday, December 11 at 4:30 pm at 411 W. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach

CANDLE LIGHTING AT THE ALPERT JCC

Wednesday, December 13 at 4:00 pm at 3801 E. Willow St, Long Beach

TOT SHABBAT at Temple Israel

Generously sponsored by Lauren Friedman

Saturday, December 22 at 6:00 pm with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper Followed by a FREE dinner!



Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, their loved ones. Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service! Free Pizza Dinner provided. **Please RSVP to Michelle at** <u>mdt@tilb.org</u>

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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.

DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, December 1 6:30 pm K - 2nd Grade Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 2

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center
10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike and Meditation
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Currey

Friday, December 8

6:30 pm Celebrating 100 Years of Hanukah Lights / Kol HaNeshama - Soulful Musical Shabbat

Saturday, December 9

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

Friday, December 15 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service featuring the Organ

Saturday, December 16 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service /

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Kahn

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

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

Friday, December 29

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service (Online)

Saturday, December 30 8:45 am Torah Study (Zoom Only) No Shabbat Morning Service

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THE SEASON OF LIGHT

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



In August, Joanne and I traveled to Michigan for a Bat Mitzvah. I was struck by two seemingly incongruous sights that we observed traveling north toward Mackinac Island. There were fields bursting with thousands of wildflowers in bloom. And, in contrast, the hardwood trees were showing signs of fall's brilliant color show. The simultaneous existence of Spring flowers and Autumn leaves left me wondering if this was nature's version

of what F. Scott Fitzgerald observed as "the test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function." While awed by the beauty, Joanne and I both acknowledged a subtle dysphoria that something was not quite right. This is what psychologists call Cognitive Dissonance, when one experiences the mental discomfort resulting from holding two conflicting beliefs, values, or attitudes. Ok, so by now, you must be asking how does this apply to Temple Israel?

Over the last few weeks, the events in Israel and the resultant worldwide reactions, have caused many in our community to deal with emotions often associated with the death of a friend or relative. The emotions of grief include feelings of depression, sadness, helplessness, anger, and despair. We also feel conflicted. How do we manage these feelings for our beloved homeland Israel and her people, and affirm that all lives are precious? Rabbi Fox tells us that we must acknowledge our feelings. This is a good start. But now what?

On a recent Shabbat, Rabbi Fox told me he had a very busy day ahead; after a typically rousing Torah Study morning, he was scheduled to conduct a brit milah and a wedding that same afternoon. Our tradition teaches us that even while we mourn, we must also celebrate wonderful life cycle events such as the beginning of a new life and the joy of the wedding chuppah. We are commanded to do these things, even when we feel sadness, grief, and are conflicted. Similarly, when a congregant suggested that perhaps it was not the "appropriate" time to hold the Cantor's concert, I suggested that the concert was a joyous reminder that life must go on for the living, even as we are deeply concerned, grieving and remembering. To that end, Temple Israel will say Kaddish each week for a year, in memory of the 1400 Israelis murdered on October 7th. In addition, each Shabbat evening, we will light a blue candle, along with the traditional Shabbat candles, until all the hostages are released.

As we enter the darkest part of the year, and while we continue to worry and pray for the State of Israel and all of the lives affected by this horrific war, we light our candles. This is what we Jews do each Shabbat and every Hanukkah. We are commanded to kindle the Hanukkah candles and to bring light into the world. Wishing everyone in the Temple Israel a Hanukkah complete with loving family and friends, sufganiyot, and abundant light to chase away the darkness.

Hanukkah Family Program Saturday, December 9 at 3:00 pm

Billie Jean King Library 200 W. Broadway, Long Beach

Join Rabbis Scott Fox and Michal Loving as they host a Hanukkah Family Program for the Long Beach Community



New Member Recognition Shabbat Friday, January 19th

Help us welcome out newest members prior to Services for an interactive program designed to build relationships and introduce you to other members of our Temple community. A special art project is planned for the children!

Evening Schedule

Reception and Program 5:00 pm Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Please RSVP by Friday, January 12th to clw@tilb.org





RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



Is Hanukkah a major or minor festival? On the one hand, Hanukkah is not commanded in the Torah, and therefore it is missing certain features that characterize Torah festivals, such as a kiddush or a prohibition of work. On the other hand, some rituals associated with Hanukkah are shared with the Torah festivals, such as reciting the hallel (psalms of praise) or reading from the Torah. So people characterize Hanukkah

as either a major or a minor holiday, depending on their point of view.

Much has been written about the differences in the observance of Hanukkah between the United States and Israel. The American traditions of gift-giving and holiday decorations are nearly absent from the Israeli way of celebrating Hanukkah. This sometimes gives the impression that Hanukkah in the United States is more of a major holiday, while it is more minor in Israel. However, the absence of these traditions does not mean Hanukkah is less important in Israel; it is just important in different ways.

One peculiarity of Hanukkah in Israel is that while most workplaces remain open (there is no religious prohibition on work), schools have a whole week off. This, of course, makes Hanukkah a very major festival to children (much more important than Rosh HaShanah, where you only get two days off). But not only to children: Hanukkah is also a major festival to parents, who need to figure out what to do with the children while they need to report to work. It's a major festival for retired grandparents (who end up taking care of the little darlings), and for commercial entertainment aimed at children (shows, plays, music festivals). Much more than in the United States, Hanukkah in Israel is a child-centric festival.

Hanukkah was also important in the development of Israeli culture in the early 20th Century. Because Hanukkah carries less religious baggage than the Torah festivals, and because of its theme of breaking free of oppression and establishing Jewish independence in the Land of Israel, Hanukkah was perceived as one of the festivals most fitting for the Zionist movement. For example, Hanukkah is probably the festival with the largest repertoire of non-religious Hebrew songs. People do typically gather to light candles and recite the blessings, but overall, Hanukkah in Israel has a more secular feel than other festivals.

While lighting the Hanukkah candles is an ancient tradition, mentioned already in the Mishna, many of our current observances are fairly recent, developed in the 19th and 20th centuries. This includes gift-giving and decorations, which developed in the United States in parallel with similar customs for Christmas and New Year's among the general population, and the various traditions that developed in Israel in the formative years of modern Israeli society. In both places, Hanukkah has become more important over the last 100–150 years. Major or minor, we have a cause to celebrate for eight days.

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



SHABBAT MIDBAR at Cl Dorado Nature Center

Saturday, December 2

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

Torah Study at 8:45 am Led by Ron Artstein

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Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, December 9 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 RSVP: <u>https://jewishlongbeach.ticketspice.com/senior-shabbat</u>



SISTERHOOD LUNCH DATE



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 December 3 & 10 with a large assortment of Hanukkah menorahs, decorations and gifts







HOLIDAY COOKING -NEW TWISTS ON THE CLASSICS In partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning

Sunday, January 28 at 9:45 am Teacher: Amy Lipeles, Temple Israel Congregant



Join us for a fun morning in the kitchen with long time cooking teacher Amy Lipeles. Together, we will try out recipes for Mediterranean cauliflower steaks, Israeli couscous and roasted tomatoes, and a new version of an apple cake. Sounds delicious, doesn't it? See you there! **Cost: \$10/person**

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January TBD Women's Night Out
- **February 22**nd Cooking class taught by Eve and Levi Lunt featuring Knishes, co-sponsored with JJL.
- February TBD Sisterhood Lunch Date
- March 10th Bagel Baking Class taught by Paul Levitt
- March 13th Women's Night Out

TEEN (KESHER) / B'NAI MITZVAH



TEMPLE ISRAEL

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8th-12th Grade

It has been a fun and busy time for the Kesher teens recently. The 8th grade class had the great opportunity to visit Reconstructionist congregation, University Synagogue. It was an engaging and educational experience as part of their comparative Judaism studies. Next up, the ANDI Board put on an enjoyable Jr. Youth Welcome Back Event for the 6th and 7th graders at Temple. It was an awesome way to connect with the

Sadie Brown ANDI President

middle schoolers through a casual dinner and silly games / team building challenges. All Temple Israel teens were fortunate to have participated in an awesome 2-day art intensive through the Rabbi Moskowitz Fund Kesher Arts Program. They learned about the art technique of using Gutta paint on silk while designing beautiful challah covers. The second day of the program, teens had the privilege of working with accomplished local artist / former art teacher, Dorte Christjansen. Additionally, Kesher families had the fantastic experience of visiting Beit T'Shuvah for Shabbat services. Beit T'Shuvah is a Jewish rehabilitation center in Los Angeles that was very welcoming towards the Kesher families during their enthusiastic, inspiring, and heartwarming Shabbat celebration. Both the 8th and 9th grade classes had sessions with their adoptive grandparents. These special relationships between the teens and folks from the older generation at Temple Israel continue to be a unique highlight of the Kesher program. The first official NFTY event of the year took place over Veterans' Day Weekend in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin at URJ Camp OSRUI. The Collab was an outstanding event that the ANDI Board, the Teen Council, and a few other TI teens had the pleasure of attending along with Sharon Amster Brown and Kara Liu. While at the North American event, the Kesher teens had a great time meeting new people, connecting with old friends, learning about climate justice issues, engaging in a NFTY fundraising campaign, expanding their leadership abilities, and enjoying silly camp-style programming. Lastly, the Madrichim Program continues to thrive as reflected in our great number of teen volunteers. Madrichim met with their coordinator, Linda Keiles, in a new model of grade level divided meetings in an effort to maximize their time together, which went very well.

It's been a great past month and we are already looking forward to the upcoming Teen Wellness Retreat in Running Springs with teens from across Southern California, as well the next 6/7 grade and 4/5 grade Jr. Youth events in December.

THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



Ben Currey is a 7th grader at Oak Middle School. He enjoys playing sports (soccer and flag football), playing video games, and hanging out with his friends. He also has a passion for buying and selling Pokemon, baseball, and football cards. Ben has really enjoyed learning his Torah Portion, Haftorah Portion, and prayers in preparation for his big day.

Benjamin Currey December 2, 2023

For his Mitzvah Project, Ben is currently a "Volunteer Buddy" in the AYSO EPIC Program in

Long Beach, where he spends Saturdays helping and supporting athletes with disabilities play soccer in a safe and supportive environment. Ben's Bar Mitzvah will take place on December 2, 2023 and he is VERY excited to share this special day with the community, his family and friends.

PARENTS OF TEENS SUPPORT GROUP WITH SARAH BURNEY

Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 pm (Meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the Month)



With over a decade of experience as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Eating Disorder Specialist & Supervisor, Sarah Burney is a leading expert in her field who has found her purpose in helping others find freedom, safety, and peace.

RSVP to Charmine <u>clw@tilb.org</u>





KOL <u>M</u>'YISRAEL / A VOICE <u>FROM</u> ISRAEL Fifty Days and Counting

By Jeremy Rosen



Fifty days and counting of a new reality. Fifty days and counting of a country at war. Fifty days and counting of a world lost and gone mad. The world, of course, keeps on spinning, the news anchors keep on yammering, our politicians keep on failing us, the antisemites keep on harassing us, and our friends and loved ones keep on fighting deep within the sulfur and ash hell pits of Gaza. Summer's heat and fury turns to winter's chill, but it

finds it has already been bested in the depths of the heart. A new sensation has gripped me. I find myself completely exhausted. That chilled heart refuses to find any rest, always beating elevated, anxious and agitated. And in my mind, where the thoughts usually race, only a constant numbness buzzes. How does one even try to comprehend the shadow-like of Egypt's curse which has felled upon the world? Fifty days and counting without joy, where even the smallest potential glimmers of light are tainted by the knowledge of the darkness our people are held in, deep under the ground. Fifty days where an entire people's future, destiny, and hopes, no longer have any answers and vision, but only promises of a "day after" that seems impossible to achieve, an all-consuming quagmire without any way out except total destruction of us and them.

The darkness came on us on Simchat Torah. Before then, Etay and I had decided to start reading the Torah, beginning with the new cycle. Fifty days and counting of reading our history and our covenants. Of how our creator saw the murder in our hearts and decided it was unfixable. Of how he plucked Abram for unbeknownst reasons from among his Mesopotamian peers, named him chosen and destined, and promised to him a land filled with people he and his descendants will always struggle against, a land which they will always struggle to hold and be driven from. In this practice we undertook the same seeking of solace through the holy words of Torah, as hundreds of generations of our people did before us. But unlike maybe their success, I have found only fifty days and counting of covenants and promises for future fulfillment, promises that in the end the son is doomed to repeat the sins of his father, that all is already written, and that to achieve redemption means only fifty days and counting.



SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES



WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION DRIVE-UP AND DROP-OFF

Time to clean out your closets and bring unneeded and gently used winter wear such as sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, mittens, blankets, sleeping bags for both adults and kids to Temple Israel. Goods will be sorted and donated to organizations in the neighborhood to distribute to those in need.

DATES & TIMES: Friday, December 8th: 6:00 pm - 8 pm Saturday, December 9th: 8:30 am - 12 Noon Sunday, December 10th: 9:00 am - 12 Noon

If you can't bring goods on these days, there will be a barrel in the lobby for you to drop-off goods from December 11th through December 21st. Volunteers are needed to help greet cars and collect and sort materials. Please contact Charmaine at *clw@tilb.org* with the date and time that you can help.

HOLIDAY MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS AT CHRISTIAN OUTREACH IN ACTION

Sponsored by TI Social Action Committee

DATE TBA

Help prepare a meal for the homeless at COA in Long Beach. Two shifts available. See future emails for date and time. Email Andrea <u>Andreafri8711@gmail.com</u> to sign up.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Temple Israel Welcomes New Members



Temple Israel welcomes back **Holli Levitsky and Mark Weitz.** They are returning to Temple Israel after about a decade elsewhere. Mark and Holli live in Rossmoor with their three cats.

Originally from Detroit, MI, Mark is a retired attorney. He is an avid reader and likes to cook and hike and advise his children. Also born and raised in Detroit (including 12 years of religious school at Temple Israel of Detroit), Holli came to Southern California to attend University of California, Irvine, where she received her PhD in Comparative Literature.

Since 1991, Holli has been an English professor at Loyola Marymount University. In 2008, she started a Jewish Studies program at LMU, which she continues to direct and grow. Holli loves her work which annually offers a Jewish culture lecture series, Kristallnacht commemoration, Interfaith Forum, study abroad to Israel and to Poland, as well as a spectrum of courses which can lead to an academic minor in Jewish Studies. She enjoys research and giving talks as well as teaching, and has books and essays on topics like Jewish life in Poland, women in the Holocaust, and Jewish American and Holocaust literature. In her free time, Holli enjoys baking sourdough bread, kayaking, hiking, traveling and spending time with their children, Sofya and Jake.

Their daughter Sofya went through Temple Israel Torah Center from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, was Bat Mitzvah, confirmed, and spent several years as a madrichah. She is now a successful writer for television, film, and theater. Their son Jake also went to TI Torah Center through Bar Mitzvah and confirmation. He now works as an attorney in Sherman Oaks and will be getting married in February. During the pandemic he started a publishing company, Liquid Cat Books, which continues to publish poetry, story collections, and novels.

Temple Israel Long Beach helped Holli and Mark raise their children Jewishly – and has always been a place they wanted to return to. We are so glad they are back.



Let's all welcome new members, **Jeff and Lisa Girion**. They wrote this bio to introduce themselves to all of us!

Jeff grew up in New Jersey, Lisa in Indiana. He went to Duke University, she to Northwestern.

Then, their paths crossed ... in a Dallas police station.

No, they weren't in trouble with the law. They were rival newspaper reporters, each looking for stories. What they found was love.

They were married at USC, where Jeff was a graduate fellow in the English Department.

Jeff went on to teach English at the Marlborough School in Los Angeles. He advised the newspaper staff, inspired budding poets and coached Shakespeare monologue contestants. He now produces documentary television, elbow deep, most days, in true crime.

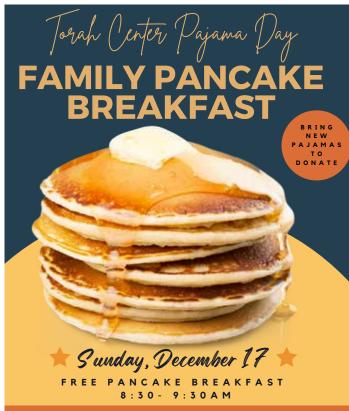
Over two decades at the Los Angeles Times and Reuters, Lisa produced award-winning investigations about everything from OxyContin to Baby Powder. Now, a research analyst, she investigates the investability of companies for highly rated mutual funds.

In between grading papers, making deadlines and crafting cliffhangers, the Girions raised two daughters in Sherman Oaks. The girls celebrated their bat mitzvahs at Beth Hillel (as did Lisa, a convert). Cantor Alan Weiner guided them all, having moved to Beth Hillel from Temple Israel.

Their daughters are both pursuing creative careers. You may have caught Schuyler kibitzing with the Roy kids in the last season of "Succession." And Avery is a regular on Los Angeles' comedy circuit.

After the girls flew the nest, Jeff and Lisa (and their dog Indy) moved to Long Beach to be near the coast. They enjoy reading, hiking, paddle boarding and watching the sunset over the back bay.

FOR TORAH CENTER FAMILIES



Come dressed in your pajamas!

Pancakes cooked and served by our Temple Israel Sisterhood

Classes will take place at regular times

RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org by Sunday, December 10th



PLEASE CONSIDER AN END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION

Dear Temple Members and Friends,

We are immensely grateful to those of you who have already made a gift to Temple Israel this year. Please know that your contribution is critical to our being able to provide services, programming, and experiences for our youngest to our youngest-at-heart members. The simple fact is that membership contributions and Torah Center fees do not cover the cost of operating Temple Israel. Remember that Temple Israel is a 501(c)(3) organization, which means that your donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. (Consult with your accountant.)

You have many choices when it comes to organizations to support with your end-of-year charitable gifts, and we thank you for your consideration to contribute to Temple Israel or the Temple Israel of Long Beach Foundation. When planning your end-of-year charitable giving, you have many choices, so please check with your tax preparer.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support of Temple Israel and our community!

Eric Shatzkin	Jerry Levy
Executive Director	Temple President

Donations of Cash or Check

Donations must be postmarked by December 31 to be reported as 2023 contributions on your giving statement. Monetary donations dropped off at our office or postmarked after December 31 must legally be reported as 2024 contributions.

Donations Online or Using a Credit Card

While most credit and debit cards will usually process the same day, a gift online from your bank account may not process until the next banking day. If you have a credit card on file or would like to provide one, you can also contact Jackie Profeta (*jep@tilb.org*) in our Temple office to process your donation prior to year-end.

Donations of Stock

You can also make donations of appreciated stock. Please provide the form to your broker <u>https://www.tilb.org/wp-content/</u> <u>uploads/2021/12/TI StockLetter with Instructions 21-.pdf</u>



JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

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.)

SACRED AGING WITH RABBI FOX

Thursdays at 12:00 pm 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 opportunities and 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.

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

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Beginning January 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

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, January 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Teachers: Cantor Cooper, Rabbi Robin Foonberg, and Rachel Van Raalte

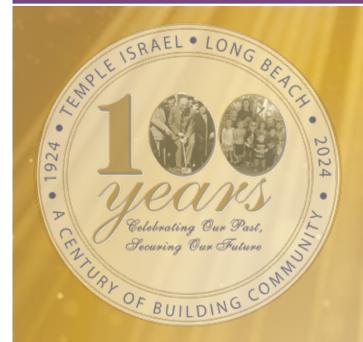


Participation in our Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program is an incredible way to strengthen one's connection to Judaism and the Temple Israel community. We are excited to welcome a new group of adult learners this January who will have become B'nai Mitzvah in Fall 2025.

Learners who register for the Temple Israel Adult B'nai Mitzvah course are making a 22-month long commitment to learning. In the first year, we will learn the prayers of the Shabbat morning service, learn key liturgical vocabulary, and discuss the meaning of many of our key prayers. Our Judaica studies will focus on the Jewish lifecycle, Reform observance and history, Torah Study and commentary.

Please note that there is a beginning Hebrew prerequisite for this class. Temple Israel will be offering a beginning Hebrew class this fall. If you are considering participating in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program and have questions about your level of Hebrew reading please contact Sharon Amster Brown.

Cost: \$500/ year (total \$1,000)



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

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100 Years of Hanukkah Lights Friday, December 8

Jazz Night with Rabbi Fox, Cantor Cooper and Friends Saturday, December 16

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 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

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INTERFAITH GREETINGS Light Will Triumph Over Darkness

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

SOUTH COA



Diwali began this year on Thursday, ending five days later on the following Monday. I took a set of special candles to our nextdoor friends, wishing them a warm and moving holiday filled with light for India's biggest holiday, rivaling Thanksgiving and Christmas in the U.S. Our friends Nimi and Ramesh told me they would visit us on Sunday, called Goverdhan Puja, when celebrants like themselves visit friends and relatives to bring Indian sweets ... and they did just that! (See the photo)

Diwali is observed across many faiths by more than a billion people in India and across the diaspora by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists. Though it has no single origin story, all their stories represent the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

Diwali's five days are commemorated through prayer, feasts, fireworks, family gatherings, and charitable giving. For some, Diwali is also the beginning of the new year, best known as a festival of lights with brightly burning clay lamps lined up outside their homes. It is based on the Hindu lunar calendar, similar to our own, coming just before the new moon.

Following holidays across the world, you have probably started noticing their many similarities. Interfaith celebrations have a way of bringing people closer together as we experience those similarities. Ram Dass (aka Dr. Richard Alpert) said that where you finally see the beloved is when you look at another human being ... you see another soul. Coming together helps us realize our oneness with the universe and where seeds are planted, enlightened people enlighten others.

In Sanskrit, the ancient language of India, Om Shanti means eternal peace for all of humankind ~ shalom, salaam, paz!

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- 14 Timothy & Karen Strelitz 48 years
- 15 David Hillinger & Anne Gundry 5 years
- 16 Cara & Heidi Hale-Hanes 16 years
- **18** Burton & Michele Goldstein *52 years* Steven & Cindy Meltzer - 18 years
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- 22 Joshua & Stacy Flom 16 years
- 26 William Giser & Margaret Locke 41 years Simon & Yevgenia Kairo - 53 years
- 27 Daniel & Karen Rosenfeld 31 years
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Susanne & Mike Brodsly on the death of their Isreali relative, Ofir Tzarfati

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Mazel Tov to Lyn & Joel Epstein on the birth of their granddaughter Frankie Caroline Waters born on October 23, 2023 weighing 7 lbs. and 20 inches in length. We also extend congratulations to parents, Caryn Epstein and Anthony Waters, and big brother Emmet.



Mazel Tov to Cantor Marvin & Hannah Finnley on the birth of their grandson Ren Snyder Finnley born on October 30, 2023 weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 in. length. We also extend congratulations to parents, Mariko & Zev Finnley, and big sister Madelynn.

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