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Leah Lieberman

For your assistance and expertise in helping with planning and implementing the décor for the 100th Anniversary Weekend.

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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.

MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, March 1

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service with our Youth Choir

Saturday, March 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 B'nai Mitzvah of Harlan Bleidistel & Aliana Mendoza

Friday, March 8 - Repro Shabbat with NCJW

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Musical Shabbat

Saturday, March 9

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Cosette Cherin

Friday, March 15

6:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, March 16

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Mia Jelinowicz

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

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

Friday, March 29

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service (Learner's Shabbat)

Saturday, March 30

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Luca Dickstein

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



VISION

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



Temple Israel's foundational statements - our mission, vision, and values statements - define our congregation's purpose and why we exist (mission), what our organization would look like if we were to achieve our purpose (vision), and our community's deeply held beliefs (values).

Our foundational statements are critical to our governance, grounding us and helping us be adaptable and

capable of facing challenges. These statements help us define and distinguish ourselves, focus our efforts and resources to be the synagogue we aspire to be.

In the Fall of 2021, our Board of Directors adopted new Foundational Statements, crafted by a task force composed of a cross section of congregants, staff, and clergy. Most of us are familiar with our Mission Statement. It says:

Guided by Reform Jewish values, our mission is to engage in a journey of prayer, learning and community.

The Mission Statement intentionally appears in several places, most notably each Shabbat on the service handout, in our monthly Kol Yisrael, and at the top of our Board Meeting Agenda each month. Our mission statement is the standard by which our actions can be measured.

Less familiar, but equally important is the Vision statement. It says:

As a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation, we are committed to being:

Welcoming - accepting, diverse, inclusive, and accessible.

Traditional and Relevant – honoring the past, embracing the present, and envisioning the future.

Connected – creating opportunities to support and be supported, to build strong relationships and to grow.

Compassionate – engaging in and repairing the world in which we live.

Sustainable – securing our future through a strong foundation of finance and inspired leadership.

Our Vision Statement puts into words what we, as a community, aspire to be. Over the next three years you will hear about our efforts to achieve this vision to its fullest. The mechanism we will be using is our newly adopted Strategic Plan which elucidates the vision with benchmarks and goals. Our temple has the reputation of being a warm and friendly place that is increasingly diverse. We can and will do more to be welcoming to all. As we mark one hundred years as a Long Beach Jewish institution, we celebrate our history and traditions and at the same time will be looking forward to the next century. We have work to do to

remain relevant. Connectedness within our congregation must be enhanced, but equally important are our connections to our greater Long Beach community. Our Social Action and Climate Tzedek committees are leading us to focus on compassionate caring for the world in which we live through Tikkun - repairing our homes, community, and world. Finally, we have made great strides through our 100-year campaign and financial planning to remain sustainable. This Plan will continue to be central to our work in the upcoming years.

The Mission and Vision statements are the touchstones and guide rails that direct our leadership, clergy, and committees in their work for the benefit of the Temple. As such, our future is bright as we support each other, engage in Tikkun Olam, and of course, continue to support the Temple financially.



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. Shabbat at Home will take place on Friday night, 4 Nisan 5784 (**April 12, 2024**), the same evening as the congregational retreat. There will be no services at Temple that night.

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, and some helpful hints for celebrating Shabbat in your home. Please sign up on the web form below or call the Temple office by April 1.

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 fill out the guest portion of the web form or call the Temple office by April 1, and we will match you to a host.



To sign up as guest or host, please visit https://forms.gle/9gp5mKEtrr32PeFV9 or scan the QR code, or call the Temple office.

RITUAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE MESSAGE



RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



In the spring of 2015, our family went to Israel for a mini-sabbatical: we rented an apartment in Tel Aviv for four months and enrolled the kids in the local elementary school. Our first day at school happened to be the last day before Purim vacation, and the main activity that day was an adloyada – a Purim parade in the streets. This took me by surprise. Coming from Israel, I was of course familiar with the concept of an adloyada, but for my generation, it was considered an

antiquated tradition, associated with the days that the Gymnasia school building stood at the end of Herzl Street and people traveled around the country in a diligence (horse-drawn coach). It turned out that this tradition had seen a revival in the years I was living abroad, so my kids got to have an experience that belonged to my grandparents' generation.

The first Purim parade took place in Tel Aviv in 1912, though the term adloyada was only introduced in 1932. It was coined by Isaac Dov Berkowitz (son-in-law and translator of Sholem Aleichem) from the Aramaic phrase ad d'lo yada "until he does not know", which appears in the Talmud saying that a person must become intoxicated on Purim until they do not know the difference between "cursed is Haman" and "blessed is Mordechai" (Megillah 7b). This, of course, refers to the mitzvah of merrymaking – one of the essential attributes of Purim.

Traditionally, there are four mitzvot one is obligated to do on Purim. The first is reading the Megillah (Book of Esther), and the remaining three are listed in the Megillah itself: feasting and merrymaking, sending portions of food to one another, and gifts to the poor (Esther 9:22). The first three of these mitzvot are practiced at Temple Israel through our Purim programs: at our Purim shpiel we tell the story of the Megillah, and also drink and make merry; our Purim bags fundraiser is an opportunity to send food to one another. But in some sense, the fourth mitzvah is the most important: Rambam says that it is preferable for a person to give more donations to the poor than to be lavish with the Purim feast or in sending portions to friends, for there is no greater and more splendid happiness than to gladden the hearts of the poor (Mishneh Torah, Megillah and Hanukkah 2:17). So this Purim, let us remember to give, even as we sit at the shpiel booing Haman and cheering on Mordechai.

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



GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE

Generously sponsored by Rob & Debbie Feldman



Friday, March 15 6:00 pm

Join us for this musical jazz-infused Shabbat Service featuring Kendra Cogert and the Shabbatones

TOT SHABBAT

Generously sponsored by Lauren Friedman

Friday, March 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 mdt@tilb.org



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, April 27 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

Call Anneleise Thompson (562) 426-7601 https://jewishlongbeach.ticketspice.com/senior-shabbat



BAGEL MAKING WITH PAUL LEVITT

Sunday, March 10 at 1:00 pm

at Temple Israel

Paul, a dedicated bread baker, will share some interesting bagel history and facts with us, as well as teach us his bagel-making process while we bake along. Shmears included.

Cost \$10/person
Space is limited to 10 people
Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



Sisterhood Women's Night Out

Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

at El Torito - 3301 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach

Cost \$40

includes soup or salad, entree, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages

RSVP by Thursday, April 4 to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



EASY "PEAS-Y" PLANT-BASED COOKING

In partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm

Teacher: Martine Korach, JJL Committee Chair



Ever thought about eating more plant-based (aka vegan or vegetarian) foods, but were worried about the time it takes? Want to reduce meat and dairy consumption while also getting food on the table quickly and easily? Don't want to have to order online or go to a specialty store? Not sure if you'll like plant-based

options? Join us for some quick plant-based recipes that include pantry staples -- all from ingredients found in your average supermarket.

Cost \$10/person Please RSVP to clw@tilb.org



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

We're looking for a few new members for the 2024-25 Board.

If interested, please contact Renee Florsheim raflosheim@yahoo.com or Robin Lilien robinlilien@earthlink.net



THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

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

Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 18th Picnic at Wardlow Park at 12:30pm. BYO lunch – drinks and noshes provided.
- June 10th Board Installation Dinner details pending

THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH





Harlan Bleidistel March 2, 2024

Hey everyone! My name is Harlan Bleidistel, and I'm excited to be back at Temple Israel. My friend Aliana and I are having our B'nai Mitzvah together on March 2, 2024.

I'm in the seventh grade and currently attend Crossler Middle School in Salem, Oregon. I'm super passionate about music and have been playing the tenor saxophone for a couple of years now. I'm also really into drawing and watching anime. I'm a huge fan of the

Beatles, but George Michael is my favorite musician right now. I'm always ready to hang out with my friends, tell jokes, and have a good time.

I've been practicing Hebrew every day in preparation and I'm feeling pretty confident that it's going to be a great day. See you then!



Cosette Cherin March 9, 2024

Cosette "Cozy" Cherin is a Long Beach native and a second generation Temple Israel b'nai mitzvah (her father had his bar mitzvah at Temple Israel as well). Cozy is an extremely fun loving, kind, thoughtful and inquisitive person. Since birth she's always been her own individual with a sense of determination to do things her own way.

Cozy loves music and has played the violin, saxophone and is currently in her school chorus. She's also always

enjoyed swimming and spending time with her family playing games, working on puzzles or just hanging out.

Cozy's Mitvah Project focused on helping our environment through participating in several beach clean ups locally as well as restoring the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Her family are incredibly proud of her accomplishments as she completes her Bat Mitzvah.





Aliana Mendoza March 2, 2024

community outreach.

Hi, my name is Aliana Mendoza and I attend school at Bancroft Middle School. At school I am in the A.T.M. program (Applied Technology Magnet) where we are currently working on 3D Printing. I am also a Girl Scout and have been since I was a Daisy. We have a very active troop that meets monthly providing lots of mini lessons. In addition to our normal meetings, we plan activities like archery, STEM conferences, trips, hikes and

For my Mitzvah Project, I have been volunteering with rescue horses at Shoestring City Ranch. It has been a great opportunity where I have been part of a community of people who care for these animals unconditionally, and they have taught me how to properly care for them too. In my spare time I love working with

I am very thankful that I have a large family who always supports me. I live with my Mom, Dad, Brother, Bubbe, dogs and a bird. I am very excited to share this special occasion with not only my immediate family and my extended family which includes my cousins, aunts and uncles and also my Torah Center family, my girl scout family and friends, but also with one of my best friends since birth. Harlan Bleidistel.

horses, taking riding lessons and spending time with my friends.





Mia Jelinowicz March 16, 2024

Mia Dorothy Jelinowicz is excited to celebrate her upcoming Bat Mitzvah with her family, friends, and the TILB community. She has attended Torah Center since preschool and looks forward to continuing her Jewish experience as a Madrichah and eventual camp counselor at Camp Mountain Chai, the Jewish sleep away camp she has been attending since 5th grade.

Mia currently attends the Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) in

Santa Ana, as a musical theatre student. Mia has enjoyed singing and acting since she could walk and talk! Her list of roles include Annie in *Annie*, Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, Anna in *Frozen*, Wendy in *Peter Pan*, and most recently, Kaylen in *Familiar Variations*. Aside from performing, Mia identifies as a "Swifty", a Gilmore Girls fanatic, and a Jane of all trades - surfer, yogi, crafter, reader, and makeup artist.

Mia chose to focus her Bat Mitzvah Project hours on ocean stewardship. Mia organized a beach clean-up at Bay Shore Beach with family and friends and then created an art project from the trash found on the beach to further educate others on reusable and biodegradable products and ocean conservation.

Mia extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported her through her Jewish journey - from preschool and beyond!





TEEN (KESHER) UPDATE / B'NAI MITZVAH CONTINUED



P Sher esh-12th Grade



Sadie Brown ANDI President

Even in the short month of February, the Kesher teens have had plenty of time for exciting activities, per usual. Many teens are participating in this years' Beauty and the Beast themed teen Purim Shpiel, *Shpiel as Old* as Time, and have been busy writing an original script and many parodies, costume and set design, as well as weekly rehearsals. The show is being directed by Sadie Brown, our ANDI President.

The Kesher families had the privilege of a recent visit from the mental health and suicide prevention-focused organization, Teen Line. Facilitators from Teen Line provided an important and educational program for the families to learn about how both Teen Line, and individuals, can support, provide resources for, and bring hope to young people while de-stigmatizing and normalizing mental health challenges. The 8th grade class also had their own Family Learning Day full of stories and the sharing of family heirlooms.

Meanwhile, the Youth Lounge, is wrapping up its makeover with some furniture rearrangement new accessories, a new photo wall highlighting the ANDI Boards over the years, designed by ANDI Communications VP Heather Axel, and a beautiful mural by ANDI alumna, Amanda Berman. If you haven't seen it yet, stop by to check it out; it's absolutely stunning!

The ANDI Board has been up to some fun of their own too. The teens enthusiastically ran games and other activities for over 30



Luca Dickstein March 30, 2024

Hi, My name is Luca Vu Dickstein. I lived in Panama and Vietnam before moving to California because my mom worked for UNICEF. Spanish was my first language. I've got a younger brother, Niko, at Torah Center and a dog named Chuy. I play the guitar, baseball, and soccer.

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteer at Food Finders, an organization that aims to stop hunger and food waste. I also volunteer at Playmakers to help

kids with disabilities play sports. Learning about Judaism and traditions are meaningful to me. I look forward to celebrating my bar mitzvah with the community and everyone who is an important part of my life.

kids following the 3rd-5th Grade and Camp Shabbat service. They also executed a profitable bake sale, raising over \$240 for Israeli emergency relief organization, Magen David Adom. The success of the fundraiser was with many thanks to Torah Center families, as everyone was in the building for the Torah Center All-School Family Learning Day, celebrating Temple Israel's 100th birthday. The day was full of smiles with Sharon Amster Brown's silly opening assembly as we "danced through the decades," family photos with some 100 year gratitude art, a Temple Israel historical hands-on museum, smaller group workshops and concert with Jewish musician, Craig Parks, and of course birthday cake! Many of our Kesher Teens enjoyed parts of their President's Weekend together on the 8th Grade New York Trip and the ANDI All-nighter Event. Eric Shatzkin, our Temple's Executive Director, took six of our 8th grade students to chilly New York for 5 days, where the group had the amazing opportunity to see all the sights and learn about "Jewish New York." Some of the highlights included Top of the Rock, John's Pizzeria, subway rides, Ellis Island, the SeaGlass Carousel, Ellen's Stardust Diner, meeting a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall, the Back to the Future Broadway Musical, Times Square, Little Italy, ice skating at Rockefeller Center, and carriage rides through Central Park.

The ANDI All-nighter was filled with laughs, as the event ran from 6 pm to 6 am and included Shabbat services, dinner, a Shark Tank-inspired mixer, a late-night Starbucks run, seeing Wonka in theaters, a 2 am trip to Denny's, and ending with many Kahoot trivia games, hot tubbing, TikToks, and amusing TV episodes back at the Brown family house.

The Kesher Program fun isn't letting up anytime soon though, as we look forward to the upcoming Adoptive Grandparents Days, several unique field trips and shabbatons, as well as beginning our End of Year Havdalah Service and Showcase workshops very soon.







SERVING THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY

By Andrea Friedenthal

Funds from our Homeless Assistance Fund bought muchneeded tarps for our ever-growing homeless population. About 1/3 of newly homeless are seniors, unable to meet the rising costs of rentals, food and medical needs. Many are older women who find themselves without husbands or families. Thank you so much for making this possible! Go online to donate, you can specify which project. And stay tuned for updates on 'working with the shelters'.

Chana Ham-Rosebrock (one of our favorite chefs!) is heading the Social Action Committee project where Temple Israel cooks dinner for Christian Outreach in Action on the 3rd Monday of each month. Each time our volunteers pull a 'rabbit out the hat' to shop, cook and serve about 110 homeless and needy people. A big shout-out to Renee Florsheim and Natalie Swit for great cookies and brownies, our 'regulars' Bill and Marian Siegel, Jean Fromm, Jeannie Halliday, Neil Graff, and Carol Greenberg, with other helpers like Zal Tepper, Ilsebill Wolfe, and our generous contributors that make it all possible. The clients love TI's delicious food and always get seconds. Contact Andrea Friedenthal at *andreafri8711@gmail.com* to get involved.

Chana once again stepped up to make a huge batch of chili & beans for the 35 women and children at Lydia House (the women's part of LB Rescue Mission) after they experienced a fire on Christmas eve and they had to relocate. Temple Israel was the first community group to respond, and we took 2 huge pots of chili and 40 pieces of cornbread (baked by yours truly.) We had a wonderful time visiting with the women and letting them know they were cared about. Those women lost everything. Some congregants mobilized clothing and blankets and shoes to help replace what was lost.

Click on the link below for more information about or to contact the Social Action Committee at Temple Israel. The committee meets every third Thursday of the month.

https://www.tilb.org/adult-engagement/





TEMPLE BOARD MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF BALLOT MEASURE RW

By Myron Wollin, Jared Goldin, Kate Sachnoff, Paul Levitt

At the February Temple Board meeting there was an agenda item about whether the board would endorse Long Beach Measure RW. This measure would be voted on by Long Beach citizens on the upcoming March 5 ballot and would increase the minimum wage of hotel workers at Long Beach hotels with more than 100 rooms from \$17/hour to \$23/hour by July 2024, with an escalator to \$29.50/hour by the 2028 Olympics.

This proposal was put before the Temple Board by the Temple Israel Social Action Committee Chair Paul Levitt and VP Kate Sachnoff. While the majority of the board approved endorsement, the vote fell short of the 2/3 majority needed for the board to officially endorse the measure as specified in the Temple bylaws.

The Social Action Committee encourages Temple members to vote in favor of Measure RW and to work to get other Long Beach citizens to vote for it.

For more information on this measure, go to: http://tinyurl.com/5d325a3c

"As we work together as a community in the task of Tikkun Olam, measures like Measure RW are an important step in the direction of bringing our world to place where everyone has the means to care for themselves and their loved ones. Another step in the sacred task of making this world a better place."

Rabbi Scott Fox

YOUR VOTE ON MENTAL HEALTH

By Kate Sachnoff

On the ballot for March 5, 2024, is a statewide Proposition 1, nicknamed "Treatment Not Tents". It proposes to authorize" \$6.38 Billion in Bonds to Build Mental Health Treatment Facilities for Those with Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges; Provides Housing for the Homeless".

Homelessness – frequently connected to both housing and mental health issues – has long been a central focus of our congregation's service in the community and Social Action Committee work. It ranked highly on the congregational survey that the Social Action Committee distributed in 2022. And, in the words of our own Sharon Amster-Brown, "Our ANDI teens have prioritized mental health as an area of focus for their social justice work and learning this year. Let's follow their lead and learn more about this important issue."

The proposition has been endorsed by Sheriff Luna, County Board member Janice Hahn, the LA Times, LA Mayor Karen Bass, and NAMI CA, SEIU, the CA Chamber of Commerce and others

It is opposed by League of Women Voters of California, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Disability Rights California, Mental Health America in California and others.

To learn more about the proposition to determine how you want to vote: https://cavotes.org/ballot-measure/prop-1-2024/ from the non-partisan CA League of Women Voters (LWV)

Please use your vote to forward the repair of our world. To check your personalized ballot, go to LWV site: *Vote411.org*

REFLECTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SHABBAT

By Odette Armour

Human trafficking is modern day slavery that involves coerced sex work or forced labor, like domestic work. It exists under our noses and strikes vulnerable people from all walks of life.

January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Temple Israel commemorated the event in a wonderful post shabbat presentation on January 12th sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

We had a fantastic speaker in Mariah Sewe, the leader of the Survivors Mentality Foundation. She is a survivor and brought to us a great conversation and discussion on her experience of how she was lured into the life and the consequences she endured and continues to. Also, we learned about different lures of traffickers and the techniques they can use to entrap a person into that life.

The evening was truly mesmerizing and informative. The evening ended with a Q&A session and we all learned valuable information that we can share with everyone.

Trafficking knows no age, religion, gender or sexual preference. It can happen to you and those around you. It's a local and international crisis and we at Temple Israel got the opportunity to be educated one step closer in knowledge to be able to see something and say something. I would also encourage us to have a further evening event in order for us to see a project that may enlighten us more about this subject. We look forward to presenting our Temple Israel family with more programs like our one in January and hoping to eradicate this from our lives through education.

For more information go to: http://tinyurl.com/ywza6dbt



Living with Complexity: the Israel-Diaspora Relationship WITH STEVEN WINDMUELER, PH.D.

Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)

Seventy-five years into this experiment, the Jewish State is experiencing the cultural, demographic, and political dynamics associated with nation-building. What do these "Jewish Wars" mean for American Jewry and Israelis? What do we need to understand beyond the headlines? How can we move beyond this moment?

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81724109315



Dr. Steven Windmueller is an Emeritus Professor of Jewish Communal Studies at the Jack H. Skirball Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles.

The author of four books and numerous articles, Professor Windmueller holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University

of Pennsylvania. His research has been primarily focused on Jewish communal trends, anti-Semitism, and Jewish political behavior. His articles have appeared in a number of secular and Jewish publications.

PRE-PASSOVER WINE TASTING AND CLASS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT 2:30 PM



Join us for a pre-Passover wine tasting and class told through the international world of high-quality kosher wine. Sample vintages from California, Israel and Europe as we learn why kosher wine isn't the syrupy sweet beverage of your parents and grandparents. Learn

how to store wine properly, what to do with that half-drunk bottle and what varieties and blends pair best with the myriad foods of the Passover Seder. Wine will be available for purchase and order in time for Passover.

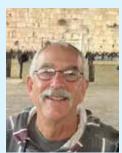
The class will be taught by Jerry Hirsch, a Temple Israel member who covered the business of food, wine and agriculture for many years at the Los Angeles Times. Jerry also has served as a wine judge for the Long Beach Grand Cru and the L.A. County Fair Wines of the World competitions.

RSVP required. Cost: \$18 per person
If you are interested in sponsoring,
contact Joanne Levy at (562) 673-7327
Sponsors will receive 2 admissions and a bottle of wine!

LET'S TALK ABOUT ISRAEL

Thursdays at 7:00 pm March 21, April 25, and May 23

Facilitator: Mark Dressner, Temple Israel Past President



A 10-part Israel educational curriculum, offered by URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) and ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America).

The curriculum is based on the framework of the "4 Hatikva Questions" – "To Be," "A People," "Free," "In Our Land," taken from the penultimate line of Israel's National anthem "Hatikva."

It is a resource to address all of Israel's complexities in a safe and thorough way, focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Sessions will include: Introduction to the concept, Peoplehood, Democracy, Israeli General Elections, Home-Land, The Kotel, Israeli Judaism, The "O" Word, and Morality of War .

THIS OUR STORY... NOW WE WANT TO HERE YOURS

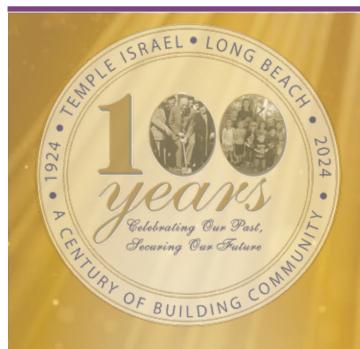
In partnership with The Next 100 Years Campaign Committee

Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of memories about our home away from home here at Third and Loma. Together, we will recall some of the highlights of the past 100 years and the many blessings and stories along the way.



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



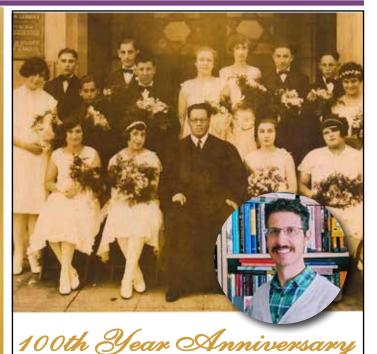
Celebrate Temple Israel's 100 Year Anniversary with these upcoming events

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

> **Temple Israel Stories** Sunday, April 28

Temple Israel Gala This Is Your Life Saturday, May 11

An Evening at Joe Jost's 100 Years of Long Beach Fun Thursday, June 6



History of Temple Israel

History of Temple Israel Book Release

Join us as we welome

Cantor Jonathan Friedmann, PH.D. Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28

Friday Evening

Following Shabbat Services - 7:00 pm A Temple is Born: Jewish Long Beach in 1923

Saturday Morning:

Torah Study 8:45 am Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach: Exodus 33:12–34:26 "Lead this people forward" Long Beach as a Promised Land

Sunday Morning Book Talk:

Book Talk 10:00 am Centennial by the Sea: 100 Years of Temple Israel

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

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Ethics for living together in a diverse society.

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

Holidays give us an opportunity to celebrate values that bring friends, family, and community together...connecting us through togetherness, generosity, and gratitude. They make us feel special. This sense of belonging is very important, revealing what we value.

March is full of holidays (including our own Purim) celebrated by interfaith communities throughout the world. Below are some of the many from other faiths:

Note: Bahá'í, Jewish, and Muslim holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date listed.

March 1-19: Nineteen Day Fast (Bahá'í) – Fasting from sunrise to sunset; marked with prayer to reinvigorate the soul and bring followers closer to God.

March 11-April 9: Ramadan (Islam) – Month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to Muhammad.

March 20: Ostara (Pagan/Wiccan) – Celebrating the beginning of spring; also known as the vernal equinox.

March 21: Nowruz (Bahá'í, Zoroastrian) - Marking the first day of spring, celebrating both the Persian and Baha'i New Year.

March 24: Purim (Jewish) – Commemorating the story of Esther

March 24: Palm Sunday (Christian) - Honoring Jesus' entry into Jerusalem during Passover with crowds waving palm branches.

March 24-25: Holi (Hindu) – Exuberant flinging of colored powders, pilgrimages and bonfires celebrating the advent of spring and the enduring message that good will always be victorious over evil; light will always overcome darkness.

March 29: Good Friday (Christian) - Honoring Jesus' crucifixion and death, followed by Easter on March 31 when followers memorialize their belief in Jesus' resurrection.

Holidays of many of the world's religions share themes of peace, thankfulness, forgiveness and caring for others - ethics for living together in a diverse society. You may wish to experience a holiday that is new to you, sharing in its beauty.

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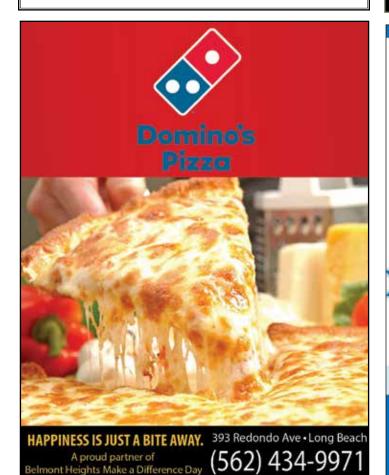


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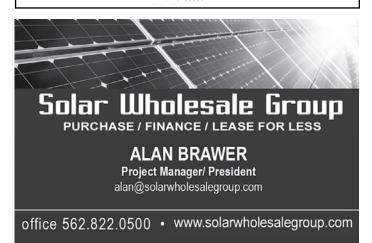
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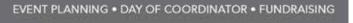


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