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TEMPLE ISRAEL 2024-2025

Joys of Jewish Learning

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Standing Proud:
A Celebration of Resilience**

During the coming year, the Joys of Jewish Learning program will explore the theme **Standing Proud: A Celebration of Resilience**. Together, we recognize what it means to be part of a strong, vibrant community - remembering the accomplishments of the past, acknowledging what's wonderful in the world right now, and ready to celebrate what is yet to come. We invite you to find at least one program from this year's offerings and come learn with us.

Download our full catalog and be part of our learning community!

THIS YEAR'S CLASSES INCLUDE:

- Hebrew Language
- Guest Scholars
- Cooking Classes
- Field Trips
- Film Screenings & Discussion
- Music & Theater

AND MUCH MORE!

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TOT SHABBAT

**Friday, November 22 at 6:00 pm
with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper**



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

Get Well Wishes

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Joel Epstein
Darrin Hammer

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Kevin O'Grady
Janet Pottebaum
Sam Sanderson
Joseph Schleich

NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, November 1

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service with Youth Choir

Saturday, November 2

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center

10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike & Meditation
at El Dorado Nature Center

Friday, November 8

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Musical Shabbat Service in the round

Saturday, November 9

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, November 15

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, November 16

8:45 am Torah Study

11:00 am Senior Shabbat Service
at the Alpert JCC

Friday, November 22

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service (Special Organ Shabbat)

Saturday, November 23

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Guin Soussan

Friday, November 29

6:00 pm Shabbat Service Online

Saturday, November 30

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

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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.



ARC OF PROGRESS

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



The story of Jews in America and the Jews at Temple Israel parallel each other. When Jews first arrived in the United States, they were living in big cities, amongst one another. After WWII, Jews were able to move to the suburbs in part due to something that over our history was unattainable, a secular education and affluence. Temple Israel's story is similar, starting with a small foothold in West Long Beach, growing with a large influx of Jews around the time of the

war, to where we are today.

Our early rabbis were 'typical' of the time, often coming from Germany, anxious to try new freedoms not possible in Europe. In the post-war years, most Reform synagogues eschewed wearing kippot and tallit. In fact, Rabbi Grafman was so 'modern' that even B'nai Mitzvah were discouraged, and it was not until the congregation requested Rabbi Kaelter to wear a kippa that it became commonplace at Temple Israel.

As time moved forward, American Reform synagogues became 'more liberal' reflecting their communities. At Temple Israel, we celebrated our first same-sex marriage in 2013, and in 2018, non-Jews who committed to living a Jewish life could become full members of the congregation. But, as recently as 20 years ago, interfaith marriage was either not allowed or only with significant barriers as the non-Jewish partner had to go through a conversion process, and together promise to raise their kids in a Jewish household.

With changes over time and new leadership, intermarriage has become more common, if not the norm, at Temple Israel. It has been estimated that 50-60% of our new members are interfaith with one Jewish and one non-Jewish partner. National surveys suggest these are the same numbers seen across US Reform congregations, and as a result the actual number of Jewish families is growing. This contrasts with the Orthodox community's fear that said interfaith marriage would result in self-imposed, internal holocaust leading to the demise of Judaism in America. In fact, the most recent Pew Report from 2020 notes that two-thirds of intermarriage families raise their kids in a Jewish household. I would postulate that nearly every one of our intermarried families are raising their kids in a Jewish household, as evidenced by our burgeoning Torah Center population!

So, as the inevitable arc of progress moves inexorably towards the future, I have two questions. One is relatively minor, the second a bit more controversial. As non-Jewish partners formally convert to Judaism, the question is: How do they wish to be addressed? Jew by Choice, just 'Jews', or by a different moniker? If you are someone who has gone through conversion, I would love to hear from you. The second question has been bouncing around our

Temple and the Board for years: Can a non-Jewish member of the congregation, who has not converted for whatever reason, serve on the Board of Directors, and by extension become the President of the Board? At present the answer is 'No', but in 2024/5785, what is the sense of the congregation? I encourage you to email me (President@tilb.org) your thoughts on these two questions and be sure to include your background reasoning.

TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL GALA

By Jonathan (Jon) Gotz, V.P. Resource Development

Planning for our Temple Gala/Dinner is underway. Please mark your calendars for **APRIL 5, 2025**

While planning has begun, we are in need of many items for our Silent and Live auctions. We depend greatly on the generosity of our members and friends of our members. Please remember to ask your favorite restaurants and stores for their support of our great community.

Many of you have contributed in the past with tickets to events and by throwing special parties. Please consider getting together with your closest friends and put on some sort of party that would be fun for people to purchase and participate in. Let's get creative!

The theme of the event had not yet been determined by the time of this writing, but will be soon. We will endeavor to make this an event you want to attend, and hope that we can count on your support as we work to make our community even stronger than it already is.

You are all very important to our Temple family and it is our hope that we will see you all at the event.

Remember, APRIL 5, 2025 - More to come as we get moving along.

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 5, 2025

Temple Israel's
Annual Gala





RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



What is spiritual leadership? The Bylaws of Temple Israel state that “The senior Rabbi ... shall be the spiritual leader of the congregation”; but what does this mean? The answer turns out to be rather boring: one of the meanings of the word “spiritual” is “religious or ecclesiastical, as opposed to secular” (Oxford English Dictionary, sense I.4.b), so what our Bylaws are saying is that the Senior Rabbi is the head of the clergy. True, but not

particularly inspiring, and not what we would normally think of when talking about spiritual leadership. (Incidentally, there is only one additional mention of the word “spiritual” in our Bylaws, and that’s in the description of the Caring Community Committee).

When we seek spiritual leadership, we are looking for inspiration. Indeed, the words “spirit” and “inspire” are related: both come from a Latin root meaning “to breathe”, as attested in the Vulgate (Latin) translation of the creation story: et inspiravit in faciem ejus spiraculum vitae “and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” (Genesis 2:7; interestingly, the original Hebrew uses two distinct roots here, vayippah for “breathed” and nishmat for “breath”). The desire for inspiration is expressed in several of the comments we received on the High Holy Days feedback forms. It is also mentioned in 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.”

One of the ways we get inspiration is through ritual, whether through services or the smaller, daily, or seasonal rituals, and there definitely is room here for leadership by lay people. Since joining the Board, I have taken up the informal role of making sure that we celebrate appropriate seasonal rituals such as making havdalah when a Board meeting is held at the end of a festival, or lighting candles when a Board meeting takes place on Hanukkah (come to think of it, this might be partly why I was chosen for the role of Vice President, Ritual Practices.) And later this month, we will have our second Lay Leadership Service Retreat, led by Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper, which is an opportunity for us to take ownership of an important part of the spiritual experience of the congregation.

A place where the spiritual clashes with the secular is when it comes to current affairs. Some members want us to engage more deeply as a congregation in matters that pertain to Israel or to current debates in the United States; other congregants feel that discussions that border on politics take away from their spiritual experience. As our spiritual and lay leaders work to navigate this space, let’s remember that we are all looking for inspiration – and take a breath.

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



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

**Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 am
at the Alpert JCC**

Led by Temple Israel Clergy
followed by Luncheon and Entertainment by
Ellen Warketine

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

RSVP

Call Anneleise Thompson (562) 426-7601

<https://jewishlongbeach.ticketspice.com/senior-shabbat>

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO LEAD SHABBAT SERVICES?

LAY SERVICE LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Led by Cantor Cooper and Rabbi Fox

Are you interested in leading services? Come learn about practical aspects of leading a service that is meaningful to and resonates with the congregation.

RSVP to VPRitualPractices@tilb.org or the Temple Office





Women's Night Out

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm

Nayada Thai Cuisine

11401 Carson St. Lakewood, CA 90715

Cost \$40

Please RSVP by November 14

to Elyse Gordon

Call or Text (562) 619-8829



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Repro Shabbat (with NCJW) - February 21
- Game Day - April 29
- Pancake Breakfast - Details TBA

THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open
Sundays from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
and by appointment.

Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829



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Through your annual membership dues, we are able to provide needed assistance to Temple Israel and our community.

SISTERHOOD TORAH CIRCLE

Sarah ~ \$36

Rebecca ~ \$54

Leah ~ \$100

Rachel ~ \$180

Make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood
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LAST Name: _____

FIRST Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Mail check to:

Robin Lilien
3291 Druid Lane
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Temple Israel Welcomes New Members



THE OSTROWIECKI / XAVIER FAMILY
SHANA, JERRAD, AND THEO

Shana Ostrowiecki, Jerrad Xavier, and their 5 year old son Theo started attending Temple Israel events in December 2023. They became members in September 2024 when Theo began at the Torah Center.

Shana is a ceramic artist who creates Judaica, as well as homewares and sculptures. She grew up in the San Fernando Valley and earned a bachelor's degree from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University.

Jerrad previously worked at the Alpert JCC when they moved to Long Beach in 2014. In his free time, he enjoys kneeboarding, mat surfing, video games, and reading. He grew up in South Lake Tahoe and earned a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.

Theo is in kindergarten at Fremont Elementary. He loves reading, playing in water, and trying to cuddle with his two cats, Tshotchke and Wolfgang.

They are all excited to be part of the wonderful community at Temple Israel!



THE HANFLIK FAMILY
ANDREW, KATHY, AND DANIEL

Temple Israel welcomes the Hanflik family.

Daniel, age 7, attends Weaver Elementary School in Rossmoor, and it is there that the family became friends with several other Temple Israel families and learned of the "best Hebrew school" in town!

Kathy, a native of the greater Los Angeles area, is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University. Andy grew up in Connecticut and attended Brown University. He then moved to California to study medicine at USC. It was there that he met his lovely wife Kathy, who just happened to crash a grad school party with mutual friends. A few years later, they were married in Rhode Island during Hurricane Irene! It was quite memorable despite the weather. Prior to settling down in Rossmoor, Kathy and Andy enjoyed living in San Diego and New York City.

Andy is an orthopedic surgeon at Kaiser Permanente in Downey, where he serves on multiple committees and is involved in research and development of the AO Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to improving the care of patients with musculoskeletal issues. Previously, Kathy was in project management working for real estate developers and is currently enjoying life at home with Daniel, volunteering at Rowntree Gardens Senior Community and Weaver Elementary School, and is the team parent for Daniel's AYSO soccer team. Go Orange Ninjas!

The Hanflik family adore their two, very fun labradoodles, Norman and Edith. On any given day, the family enjoys going to the movies, doing yoga, traveling, and eating! February of this year brought them skiing in Niseko, Japan where Daniel truly enjoyed the onsen (hot springs) and the Hilton breakfast buffet. On the second to last day of the trip, Daniel lost his favorite stuffed animal Lambie when it had inadvertently been laundered offsite amidst the hotel bedding. Miraculously, the Hilton staff helped locate Lambie just as their airport shuttle was leaving the following morning. Crisis averted!

The Hanfliks are excited to be part of Temple Israel's community and look forward to creating wonderful memories in this truly special place. Thanks for the warm welcome!

Welcome New Members *Since July 1, 2024*

Drew & Lauren Adams
Deborah Bard
Josh & Tija Bushinsky
Jerico & Marni Cabaysa
Adam Chanzit &
Dana Schneider-Chanzit
Benjamin Chapman &
Elizabeth Stewart
Adam & Claire Duvendeck
Erik & Jill Dworsky
Henry & Nancy Eisner
Alan Erlbaum & Jane George
Izzy Fregoso
Christopher & Jamie Gravell
Andrew & Kathy Hanflik
Miguel & Rochelle Ibarra
Lawrence Indich &
Jennifer Douglas

Jordan Irgang & Yasmine Lee
Patrick Pattison & Ruth Jacobson
Carol Jimenez
Alison & Loren Klinger
Teri McCasland
Daniel & Lindsay Milchiker
Jared Miller & Kathy Oh
Marc & Anita Newman
Jeffrey Presley & Robert Suarez
Marcus & Elana Rosenthal
David Ross & Alexandra Johnson
Mark & Nancy Schneider
Merrill Spicker
Jonathan & Kristen Strok
Jesse Sukman
Kandis & Leah Summers
Mike Vekselman
Jerrad Xavier & Shana Ostrowiecki



Keshher

TEMPLE ISRAEL
8th-12th Grade



Aravah Marcus
ANDI President

October was a busy month, full of both celebrations and solemn moments. On October 7th, the Long Beach Jewish community came together at the Alpert JCC to mourn one year since Hamas' attack on Israel. It has been a painful, challenging year for all of us, but that day reminded us how grateful we are for such a special community to lean on for building spaces of empathy and support. We are praying for better news in the coming year.

We found many moments of joy in our community this month, such as our teen Erev Rosh HaShanah Service, planned and led by our amazing Religious & Cultural Vice President Max Perler, which was followed by a music-themed mixer and a vision board social action project from our Membership VP Heather Axel and Social Action VP Raquel Turndorf. We had so much fun bringing in the new year together! Many of the ANDI board members then joined the High Holy Days Family Services on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur to help lead different parts of the services and several teens even read from the Torah. In the spirit of community, some other events this month included the 8th Grade field trip to Congregation B'nai Israel as part of their comparative Judaism curriculum, many of us celebrated Sukkot with family and friends, and a few of our ANDI teens traveled to Atlanta, GA for NFTY's national event, The Collab, where they met and created special bonds with Jewish teens from across the country.

Lastly, we joined yoga instructor Kristina Shafton and our RCVF Max, for a Shabbat morning yoga, potluck, and swim, which was so much fun! Looking ahead to November, our next ANDI event is an All-Nighter, which will be enough fun to keep us up until morning, and we will also be leading our second 6th/7th Grade event of the year! We can't wait!

THIS MONTH'S BAT MITZVAH



Guinevere Soussan
November 23, 2024

My name is Guinevere Esther Soussan and I am becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 23, 2024.

I started going to Temple Israel when I was in TK. I am currently in 7th grade at Intellectual Virtues Academy in Bixby Knolls.

Most of my time is spent on the competition gymnastics team and I started a Cheer Club at my school.

For my Bat Mitzvah Project I organized a no-sew blankets drive at my school. We made 31 no-sew blankets and donated them to the Lydia House in Long Beach, which is an organization that takes in women and children who have been abused, or are on the streets. I chose to do this because it is an activity I did every year at my elementary school and I wanted to start a new mitzvah at my middle school. I am looking forward to my bat mitzvah next month and celebrate with my family and friends.



SUNDAY MORNING TORAH CENTER PARENT DISCUSSION WITH CANTOR COOPER

Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 am

Come join 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.

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org





KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



The train between Athens and her airport is forty-five minutes. Some of it, I spend looking out the window, at the endless olive tree groves covering the mountains surrounding the city, and some of the time I spend watching my fellow passengers, guessing where the locals are going and where the tourists are coming from, or reminiscing on the island adventures away from which I am being shuttled.

But forty-five minutes (at least for the millennial) is a long time to spend simply looking around, and the itch to open Instagram slowly builds up. Two finger presses, and I am in. The world of Athens becomes out of focus for a moment, and my phone's screen shows me the scenes from just 700 miles away, two hours away across the sea. The first post: a video of rockets being intercepted in the sky, and the next: portraits of today's fallen soldiers. A video of targets being struck from IAF jets in Lebanon and the damage of a school struck by the shrapnel of an interceptor in Israel's north. A quote from the IDF chief of staff in Gaza, and a prayer for the return of the hostages. I quickly flick from post to post, trying not to avoid any attention that these images might get, but they are stuck in a loop on my feed, the algorithm locked in on itself, showing me an endless cycle of fire, explosions, death, and war. I lock my screen, slip my phone back into my pocket, and check over my shoulder.

On the screens next to me play the trending TikTok dance, or a video from Taylor Swift's concert, or a hack on how to overstuff a carryon. The young people carefree watching them, relaxed and slumped, not waiting to instinctively react. The soldier standing across quiet coming home from duty, not ecstatic and frenzied, not overcompensating after coming back from the front.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Congregants Help Pass New Laws

By Paul Levitt, VP Social Action Committee

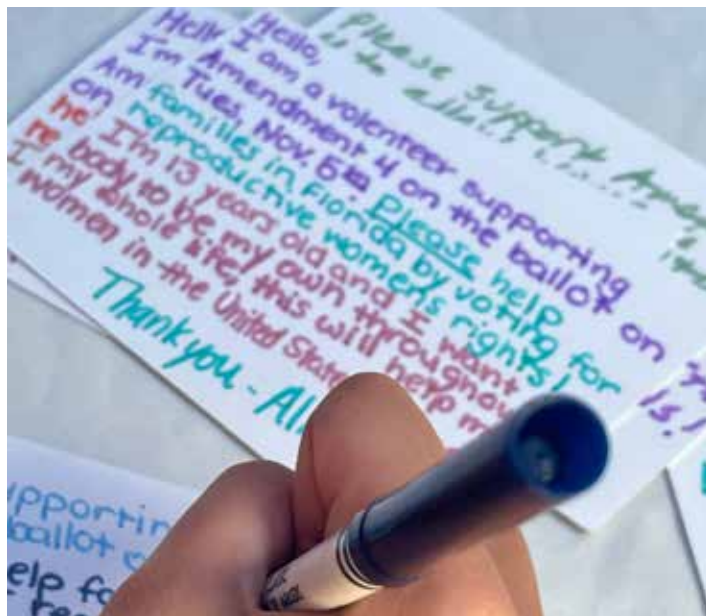
Governor Newsom signed two oil drilling bills that the "Oil Vey! Campaign" headed by the Climate Tzedek Subcommittee of Temple Israel's Social Action Committee, joined with the Religious Action Center of California (RAC-CA) to get passed.

AB 1866 concerns idle oil wells and AB 2716 addresses low producing wells. These bills would not have become law without the combined efforts of RAC-CA and California's Reform congregations like Temple Israel, becoming involved in the campaign and completing the action alert designed by RAC-CA. Temple Israel congregants and medical professionals participated in this lobbying effort by sending emails to representatives highlighting the negative effects of living and working next to oil wells so prominent in our Long Beach communities. Both laws will become effective on January 1, 2025.

Your efforts mean that people living and working near oil wells will be safer and healthier, and there will be less greenhouse gases entering our atmosphere. Thank you to all those who helped pass this legislation. Complete texts of these bills can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/8hpy64zj> and

<https://tinyurl.com/5tmzndn4>



POSTCARDS TO FLORIDA VOTERS

At our High Holy Days Celebration in the Park on October 5, 2024, the Social Action Committee sponsored a postcard writing opportunity to urge Florida voters to pass Proposition 4, an initiative to protect and expand reproductive rights. Congregants from all ages participated in writing and stamping 100 post cards provided by the Religious Action Center of California as part of their Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign. Thanks to all who participated in this event.



LOCAL GROUP MEETS SUNDAY MORNINGS

10:00 am

at the corner of Ocean and Bayshore

Join our local community in this national program where they meet once a week in a designated location in the neighborhood, for a short 1km walk/run to show support support for the immediate release of the hostages held by Hamas. It takes about 18 minutes.



**SOUTH COAST
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INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Feeding Our Friends

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

“Open your hand and feed every creature to its heart’s content,” the psalmist implores us and we have an opportunity to do just that. The South Coast Interfaith Council along with The Seva Collective will be Feeding our Friends in Santa Ana in November and December and they need you to help! The Seva Collective runs drive-thru pantries, partnering with food banks, farms, and companies to distribute food to families in need. Seva means service in Sanskrit and the collective is run by the Sikh community. See the information below for dates/times and more.

Please join the Seva Collective & the South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC) in

FEEDING our FRIENDS



VOLUNTEER DATES

- Saturday, November 9, 2024
- Saturday, November 23, 2024
- Saturday, December 7, 2024
- Saturday, December 21, 2024

LOCATION:
Raymond A. Villa Fundamental Intermediate School
1441 E Chestnut Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92701

REGISTER HERE:
tinyurl.com/SevaC

Please note that the website is updated it by the Sunday/Monday before the Saturday drive.

QUESTIONS:
info@thesevacooperative.org



“When you are asked in the world to come, what was your work and you answer I fed the hungry, you will be told This is the gate of Adonai, enter it, you who have fed the hungry.”

Thanks to Rabbi Daniel Isaak of Cong. Neveh Shalom, Portland, OR for his Kol Nidre 5784 Sermon “The Moral Sin of Hunger.”

SHALOM ~SALAAM~PEACE

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

October 23, 2024





**ISRAELI RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF WAR:
PERSPECTIVES FROM EVERYDAY PEOPLE**

An Interview with Cantor Evan Cohen

**Wednesday, November 6 at 10:00 am
(via Zoom)**

Our brothers and sisters in Israel no doubt have been through a very challenging year. Join us for a meaningful Zoom conversation and an opportunity to connect with an everyday Israeli who is facing the blessings and challenges of living in Israel today. Bring your questions and a compassionate heart.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83193290427>

**WOMEN AND CHAZZANUT
WITH CANTOR COOPER**

Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm



An encore presentation! From Miriam to Barbara Ostfeld, we will trace the path that Jewish women took to get to the bimah in this course. We will explore the environment that allowed women to finally have their voices heard including the influence of Yiddish theater and vaudeville. Finally, we will learn about the chazantes, women who sang chazzanut, forbidden cantorial music, further opening the door for

women to enter the cantorate.



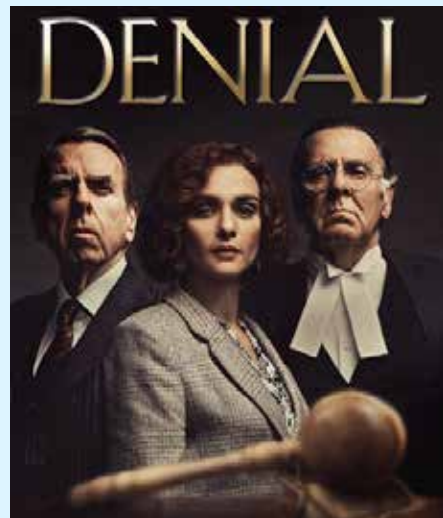
**PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL PROGRAMS
TO CHARMAINE clw@tilb.org**

**MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION:
DENIAL**

Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm

Discussion Facilitator: Steve Gordon,
Temple Israel Congregant

In 1993, Deborah Lipstadt and Penguin Books published *Denying the Holocaust*. Two years later, the English author David Irving sued her for libel on the grounds that her book had ruined his once well-regarded career as an historian by accusing him of deliberately distorting historical facts. The resulting court case puts the onus on her legal team to prove that the Holocaust did indeed take place. Based on a true story.



**A TASTE OF JUDAISM
WITH RABBI FOX**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
November 6, 13, 20**

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.

PIONEER JEWS: RESILIENCE AND REINVENTION IN THE OLD WEST

*Part II: Jewish Communal Leaders
with Cantor Jonathan Friedmann*

**Saturday, November 9 at 11:30 am
Shabbat Lunch & Learn**



Learn what happened when European Jews escaped economic despair and social immobility to start new lives in the American Wild West. Free from systemic antisemitism, Jewish immigrants peddled their wares, traded with Native Americans, established multi-generational

businesses, founded hospitals and civic institutions, held public office, founded cities, and gave us a woman cantor and “lady rabbi”—all during the nineteenth century!

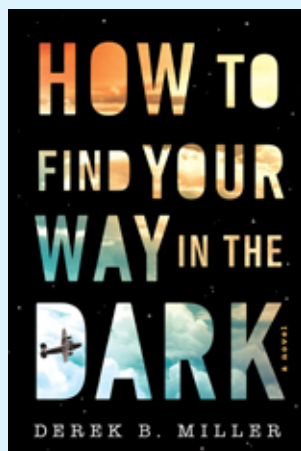
Cost \$15 per person

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

How To Find Your Way In The Dark

by Derek B. Miller

Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm



Twelve-year old Sheldon Horowitz is still recovering from the tragic loss of his mother only a year ago when a suspicious traffic accident steals the life of his father near their home in rural Massachusetts. It is 1938, and Sheldon, who was in the truck, emerges from the crash an orphan hell-bent on revenge. He takes that fire with him to Hartford, where he embarks on a new life under the roof of his buttoned-up Uncle Nate. Sheldon,

his teenage cousins Abe and Mirabelle, and his best friend, Lenny, will contend with tradition and orthodoxy, appeasement and patriotism, mafia hitmen and angry accordion players, all while World War II takes center stage alongside a hurricane in New England and comedians in the Catskills. With his eye always on vengeance for his father's murder, Sheldon stakes out his place in a world he now understands is comprised largely of crimes: right and wrong, big and small.

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

JEWISH STUDIO PROJECT WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 24 at 10:00 am

Facilitator: Ilana Jaffe-Lewis



Creativity is inherent in each and every one of us. Accessing and activating that creativity is a skill we can practice. Through a mix of discussion and brief, facilitated hands-on experiences with basic art materials, we'll explore ways in which we might reclaim our creativity - and the reasons we might want to. Together, we will draw on the Jewish Studio Process - a unique methodology combining practices from the

field of art therapy with a reimagined approach to Jewish learning and spirituality - to process, ground, connect, and tap into the joy and possibility that creativity offers.

You'll leave with a new outlook on your own creativity and a set of tools to help you embody creative resilience. Temple Israel is proud to partner with Jewish Studio Project, as we offer two workshops - come for one or both! The sessions will use different source texts to dive more deeply into creativity and resilience.

NAVIGATING THE WILDERNESS OF LOSS: REFRAMING THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF GRIEF

In partnership with Temple Israel's Caring Community

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

December 3 and 17, via Zoom

Teacher: Anne Brenner



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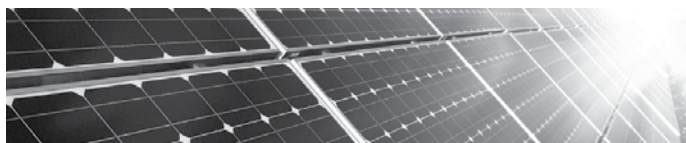
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