



**KOL YISRA'EL • THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL**

*Celebrating 100 Years!*



December 2024 / Cheshvan / Kislev 5785

## JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAM PRESENTS JEWISH CULTURE IN AMERICA

**with Dr. Bruce Thompson**  
*Pilger Scholar-in-Residence*

**Friday, December 13 - Sunday, December 15**

**Friday, Following Shabbat Services - 7:00 pm**

*The American Presidents and The Jews*

**Saturday, Torah Study - 8:30 am**

*A Mystery In Genesis*

**Saturday, Study Session & Havdalah - 7:00 pm**

*A Fine Romance: Jews and The Broadway Musical*

**Sunday, Lunch & Learn - 1:00 pm (cost: \$15)**

*American Jews and The Problem of Espionage*

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## TOT SHABBAT

**Friday, December 20 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](mailto:mdt@tilb.org)

## Get Well Wishes

Cheryl Avirom  
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## DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

### Friday, December 6

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service with Youth Choir  
(K-2nd Grade Shabbat)

### Saturday, December 7

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center  
10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike & Meditation  
at El Dorado Nature Center  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Raslevich

### Friday, December 13

#### Pilger Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

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

### Saturday, December 14

8:45 am Torah Study with Dr. Bruce Thompson  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah of Eva Yirush  
11:00 am Senior Shabbat Service (at the Alpert JCC)

### Friday, December 20

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

### Saturday, December 21

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Jacobson

### Friday, December 27

7:00 pm Hanukkah Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, December 28

8:45 am Torah Study  
Kaddish recited following



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our mission is to engage in a journey of prayer, learning, and  
community that inspires us to transform ourselves and the  
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### NOW WHAT?

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



For my December *Kolumn*, I thought I would write about the recent election, but so much has been said already, what could I add to the discussion? Then, I started wondering about my role as Temple President during tumultuous times. Throughout my presidency, I consider my primary role to be supportive, to the Board, to the Senior Staff and of course to the Congregation.

Now that the High Holy Days are behind us, and we enter literally the darkest part of the year, many of us feel less energy, and perhaps even a little depressed. When coupled with potential life altering events, both in one's personal life and the recent election, there can be profound influences on our mental and physical health. NPR recently reported that eight out of ten people, both Republicans and Democrats, found the election to be very stressful. The outcome of the election can be perceived to be personally harmful in ways that are intangible but feel very real, including anxiety, depression, and fears about the future, that can disturb our emotional balance and sense of well-being.

My role with our Board, which meets once or twice a month, is to foster full and honest discussions over a wide variety of issues. As President, I have the true privilege of meeting with the Rabbi and Executive Director on a weekly basis, where our conversations run the gamut. I also check in with the Cantor and Educator each week to see if there is anything they need from me. What I do not have is an opportunity to meet with all of you individually.

Here are some insights I have learned on how to navigate the next few weeks and months:

My reading tells me that we should not be passive, but rather actively engage to restore the balance in our lives. First, acknowledge your feelings and those people in your immediate circle. Talk to each other with compassion and understanding. Take time to exercise and perhaps, most importantly, get the sleep you need. As a member of Temple Israel, you have many opportunities to stay connected including going to services, attending Torah Study, the weekly men's minyan and discussion, work on one of our committees, participate in a social action project, and so on.

Even though it is only symbolic, I feel better with the knowledge that on December 22, the days will be getting longer, and brighter days are just around the corner. This year we have a special bonus as Hanukkah starts on December 25<sup>th</sup> where the Festival of Lights will help push back the darkness, at least for 8 days! Take the time to share this great holiday with those you love.

Looking forward to brighter times.

### AN OVATION FOR THE FOUNDATION

By Mark Sharzer, Temple Foundation President

#### Foundation [ foun-dey-shuhn ]: noun

1. An underlying base or support:

While standing on the bema as a *foundation* rehearsing my Bar Mitzvah prayers at my temple, I noticed my rabbi was deeply engrossed in reading a newspaper. I wondered if he was not interested or was it that he had heard it all before.

2. A basis or principle upon which something stands:

Participating in the prayers and following Jewish laws. You shall seek repentance from those you have wronged. You shall leave the corners of your fields for the hungry.

You shall welcome the stranger. These lead to the *foundation* of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, which my family seeks to practice.

3. **An organization established by endowment for future maintenance: Here, the Temple Israel Foundation. Its goals are to earn income to disburse for designated charitable purposes for the benefit of Temple Israel and to achieve growth through investments and donations.**

**More simply: show me the money and manage the money.** Using professional advisors we invest mainly in the usual suspects: stocks, bonds and cash.

**How are we doing?** Currently there is about \$4 million managed by the Temple Israel Foundation.

**We also spend some of that money.** Four percent of assets of the Foundation go directly to Temple Israel each year to support annual expenses.

We also reimburse the Temple for specific expenses such as helping to run the Torah Center, supporting lectures and speakers, providing camperships and NFTY teen scholarships, and helping to pay for the physical upkeep of the Temple building.

With your cash or legacy donation you will help ensure that the Foundation stays healthy to support the Temple for generations to come!





## RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



In December 2008 I bought a deep fryer in order to make *sufganiyot*, the Israeli Hanukkah dough balls that are very difficult to find commercially in Long Beach. When we moved to Long Beach a year prior, I tried making sufganiyot in a pot on a range, but as soon as I put my new oil thermometer into the hot oil, the indicator went all the way to the maximum and promptly broke; of course, the sufganiyot came out burnt on the outside and doughy on the inside. So for the next year, I figured it would be better to have a deep fryer with a thermostat.

Since a deep fryer with an immersed heating element uses a lot of oil, we had to use the same oil throughout the eight days of the Festival. We would also make falafel and french fries, so as Hanukkah progressed, our sufganiyot would gradually acquire the taste of cumin and parsley. Another issue was the smell: in 2008 we lived in a house with a small laundry room between the kitchen and the outdoors which could contain the deep fryer smell, but when we moved to our current house in 2013, we had to take the frying outdoors (Nancy commented on social media that the whole block now smelled like sufganiyot, and received a reply from Israel that *the whole country smelled like sufganiyot!*).

In 2016, we went to Israel for Hanukkah. We had been visiting every year and a half, alternating between summer and winter, but up till then we somehow missed Hanukkah on our winter visits. Since we were in Israel, I didn't need to make sufganiyot myself; more importantly, I learned a new technique from Gili Soffer, the proprietor of Yehelim Hotel in Arad, who taught me how to shallow-fry sufganiyot in a pan. Now I could make sufganiyot in a cleaner, less smelly, and less wasteful way. The deep fryer was safely stored in the garage.

Why put so much effort into making sufganiyot? While they are not a ritual food in the same sense as kiddush wine or matzah, in Israel sufganiyot are the quintessential food of Hanukkah. To me, celebrating the festival with sufganiyot is recreating just a little piece of home. And this is one of the things we look for in ritual – a sense of familiarity, a desire to relive old tastes, smells and sounds. Of course, these rituals vary for different individuals. I find it important to invest in making my own festival experiences meaningful, and I encourage everyone to find the rituals that are right for you.

We were back in Israel for Hanukkah again in 2019, and will visit again this year. Which means that once again, I'll be spared the need to make my own sufganiyot. If you need to borrow a deep fryer, let me know.

## Hanukkah Family Program

**Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 pm**

Billie Jean King Library  
200 W. Broadway, Long Beach

*Join Cantor Kelly Cooper  
for a Hanukkah Family Program  
for the Long Beach Community*



## Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

**Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 am  
at the Alpert JCC**

Led by Temple Israel Clergy  
followed by Luncheon and Entertainment by  
Daniel Smith

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

RSVP

Call Anneise Thompson (562) 426-7601

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





## THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP **OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, December 11  
7:00 pm**

We have a large stock of Hanukkah items,  
as well as Judaica, jewelry and more!  
*Many Items at Reduced Prices!*

Receive a special treat for all purchases \$10 and above  
One per customer (while supplies last)



**THE GIFT SHOP IS OPEN**  
Sundays from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
and by appointment.  
Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829

## *Sisterhood Women's Night Out*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm**

**Location to follow**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

## **WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT AT NAYADA'S NOVEMBER 19TH**

The food was a great and the group had so much fun...  
We hope you will join us next month!





# קש Kesh

TEMPLE ISRAEL

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Kyla Farrell**  
Madrichim Teen Council Rep

November was packed with excitement and energy! We came together for the ANDI All-Nighter, an evening where teens stayed up all night enjoying activities across Long Beach and Orange County. Highlights included a Starbucks stop, catching the new Venom movie, and returning to Temple Israel for some Candyland-themed games. Our Teen Council also met this month to plan the end-of-the-year Havdalah Ceremony and brainstorm fun

Keshar-wide activities. Additionally, our second 6/7 event of the year featured outstanding programming, led by our Membership VP Heather Axel and Programming President Aravah Marcus. We're also kicking off preparations for the Teen Purim Shpiel, a Tangled-themed production that's already generating excitement! Meanwhile, Keshar classes connected with adoptive grandparents and engaged in thoughtful conversations, especially in the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade class, and I'm sure in all the others. November was fantastic, and we're looking forward to an equally great December!

Our second NFTY SoCal retreat of the year is coming up—Winter Wellness at Pali Retreat Center. I am the Regional Programming VP, and I know that our regional board has been working very hard to make it an awesome weekend. The ANDI Lock-In, one of our biggest events of the year, is coming up at the end of the month! Teens from all over SoCal are invited, and it is going to be a stellar event! Winter break will be much needed after all the excitement!



## KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



After hours, days, weeks, months, and seasons of panic, terror, woe, heartbreak, fury, and rage, the clock ticks past the one-year mark. One year, and they are still there. One year, and 101 hostages are still there in the tunnels of Gaza. That clock still keeps ticking, standing at Hostages' Square. I still go to work every day as I ride past it, and life goes on and moves forward. While this reality is true, the other reality, that the healing process of the

nation has not yet, cannot yet, begin until they come home, is equally true. One year of life, and one year stuck on October 7th. One year of smiles and laughter, and one year where every joy carries the guilt that they are there. One year of humming to the radio as I work, and one year of the top of every hour punctuated by "Not becoming used to (them there)." One year of errands to run, and one year of passing ever-more-faded yellow ribbons and signs calling for "NOW!" One year of protests at Habima Square, or Kaplan Street, or Hostages' Square, or the Prime Minister's house, and one year of calls falling on deaf ears.

In fact, it certainly has been more than one year of panic, terror, woe, heartbreak, fury, and rage. Because before the war there was an attempted coup. And before the attempted coup there was a global pandemic. And even before that, when I first arrived to this country, the protest movement was happening, with the country stuck in an election crisis. But, as we passed this one-year mark, something in the spirit finally broke. My legs no longer carry me every Saturday to one of the above-mentioned spots, and the number of people there, standing with the hostages' families, has become greatly diminished. After so long, so much fighting, a new feeling starts to settle in. On the day Minister of Defense Gallant was fired, this time for good, the people flooded the streets, took over the highway, and burned bonfires. Another night of demonstrations, but that list of feelings, those ones that drove us to the streets, were not present that night. We have been through this too many times for panic or fear, too numbed by repetition for terror or fury. Even though we all went out, we all said the same thing to each other, there on the Ayalon waiting for the mounted police to come: nothing that happens tonight will change the outcome. One year, and now panic, terror, woe, heartbreak, fury, and rage are broken, but the reality that they still are not home remains unchanged.

These days, the families of the hostages have adopted a new form of protest, too. Their words of heartbreak and rage have also come to an end. Their new form of protest: sitting silently. They gather, wearing white, with no signs or pictures of their loved ones, and they sit, silently, waiting.





*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  
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Izzy Fregoso  
Christopher & Jamie Gravell  
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Marcus & Elana Rosenthal  
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Jesse Sukman  
Kandis & Leah Summers  
Mike Vekselman  
Jerrad Xavier & Shana Ostrowiecki



**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE  
THIS YEAR'S HONOREES  
FOR OUR ANNUAL GALA**  
*Michelle & Steve Gordon*





## THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



**Chloe Raslevich**  
**December 7, 2024**

Chloe was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina, while her dad was serving as an active-duty M1 Abrams Tank crewman in the Marines. As the eldest of four siblings, Chloe grew up in a lively and athletic household, where sports and teamwork were a central part of daily life. She has always enjoyed staying active, and her passion for sports led her to play club soccer, where she continues to thrive as part of a competitive team.

When Chloe isn't on the soccer field, she enjoys unwinding by crocheting a variety of animals, including her favorite creation, a "pocket whale." Her unique combination of athleticism and creativity reflects her dynamic personality, and she is always ready to embrace new challenges both on and off the field.



**Eva Yirush**  
**December 14, 2024**

My name is Eva Yirush and on Dec 14, 2024 I will become a Bat Mitzvah. I have been a student at Temple Israel since preschool. I am in seventh grade at Helen Keller Middle School, a Spanish Immersion school in Long Beach. I love creative writing, and had the honor of winning the Evelyn Linden Baldwin Creative Writing Contest this year.

I love animals and for my Mitzvah Project I am volunteering at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA). This project also connects me to my late aunt, Ruth Stern, who dedicated her time to caring for dogs at the North Shore Animal Shelter in Port Washington, New York. When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian who lives in Boston, Massachusetts.



**Naomi Jacobson**  
**December 21, 2024**

Hello, my name is Naomi Jacobson and I am having my Bat Mitzvah on December 21st 2024! I am extremely excited to spend this milestone of my life with the Temple Israel community!

Some activities that I enjoy doing include playing sports such as soccer and track, doing dance, playing the trumpet in many different bands, and creating art of all different forms. Some of my greatest accomplishments include becoming the vice president of my school, making the all district

honors band, being the top Jeopardy player in my grade in sixth grade, as well as making the competition this year, becoming a published illustrator by winning my school's yearbook and planner cover contest throughout my elementary years as well as winning season and holiday themed art contests, stating a speech at my fifth grade promotion ceremony, making my school track team as well as my school soccer team, getting principal's honor roll every year so far, and turning trash from the beach into art for my Mitzvah Project!

I want to thank all those who made it possible for me to be able to have these accomplishments, especially my family and my friends! I do have to say that my greatest accomplishment of them all has been preparing myself for my Bat Mitzvah and all of the hard work and effort that I have put into it. I am so very lucky to have been given the ability to spend this incredible transformation into adulthood with the people I love most, and I am looking forward to the adventures of what's to come!







## INTERFAITH GREETINGS

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

### RAC - Open Letter to President Trump

RAC, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism asks, on their website, that we sign their open letter to President Trump. I have copied it for you.

Dear President Trump,

I hope and pray that in your next term in office, you will be a president for all Americans, advancing the principles of democracy, justice, and commitment to rule of law that have been sources of strength for our nation throughout its history.

As an American and a Reform Jew, I am committed to the protection of the orphan, the widow, and the stranger. I will support any serious effort by your administration to combat antisemitism, and I will champion a strong U.S.-Israel relationship that fosters democracy in and security for the Jewish state and demands the rights, well-being, and national aspirations of Palestinian civilians in Gaza and the West Bank are upheld.

At the same time, I will join in fierce opposition to any further efforts to eviscerate reproductive rights, to target the safety and rights of the LGBTQ+ community, to harm communities of Color, or to undermine the health of our air, water, and land. I will join in defense of the security of immigrants and the right to claim asylum. I will vehemently oppose the weaponization of political power against individuals and institutions that are core to our democracy, including the courts and the press. And above all, I urge an end to the repeated demeaning of women, the use of hateful language against those who hold different views, and the persistent coarsening of our political culture.

We are all made more whole when we treat others with the respect every human being deserves. Please, help heal the wounds our nation bears and govern as a president for all Americans.

- If you wish to add your name, please go to <https://urj.tfaforms.net/1631>. "At moments like this, it is vital that we gather together for support, solidarity, and to take our next steps."

Shalom, Salaam, Peace



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### Your Donations in The Community

By Paul Levitt, VP Social Action Committee  
and Andrea Friednetahl

The Social Action Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the High Holy Days Food and Diaper Drive.

Approximately 80 bags of food, 1,000 diapers, and \$600 in cash were donated during the drive.

Recipients of the food and diapers include Jewish Family and Children's Services of Long Beach, Christian Outreach in Action, and CityHeart, an organization providing food and diapers to needy families at Cabrillo Village. The money will buy more diapers which will go to Long Beach City College's Basic Needs Program, supporting students and working mothers, and to purchase Boost and Ensure to help needy and senior cancer patients at the Long Beach Memorial Cancer Clinic.

Thank you again for all of your support!S



*Mazel Tov to  
Marian & Paul Martin  
on the birth of their grandson,  
Ezra Kainoa Martin  
born on November 2, 2024  
weighing 8 lbs and 20 in long.*



## 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



Grief is not an illness. It is a journey through a wilderness, where we must make peace with difficult truths about being human. This powerful workshop uses holy Hebrew words to map grief as a spiritual path. As we traverse this landscape, yearning for what has been lost, we find safe places to express grief's emotions and discover a new spirituality. Using text study, meditation and journal writing, we visit the places in which mourners must dwell, but only temporarily.

Participants become fluent in what it means to be human, as we do the holy work prescribed by Psalms: to turn mourning into dancing.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83407060803>

## A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON MENTORING

**Friday, December 6 at 10:15 am**

Teacher: Ellen Fox, Congregant and Rabbi Fox's Mother



Parenting, teaching, and mentoring a child or adult of any age is a rewarding yet challenging journey that involves making decisions that shape their future. It requires balancing discipline with

freedom, setting boundaries while fostering independence, and navigating modern challenges like technology and societal pressures. In this class, we will explore the wisdom of Jewish scholars who have written about this subject and discuss our thoughts about their writings.

## HOLLYWOODLAND: JEWISH FOUNDERS AND THE MAKING OF A MOVIE CAPITAL

*Field Trip to Academy of Motion Pictures and  
Dinner at Dupar's at the Original Farmers Market*

**Saturday, December 7  
(Departing Long Beach at 12:45 pm)**

The museum's main exhibit traces the history of filmmaking in Los Angeles back to its roots at the beginning of the 20th century, illustrating how and why the city became a global epicenter of cinema and the Jewish story therein. Don't miss this fun afternoon and evening in Los Angeles!

Cost: \$22/person plus the cost of dinner



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

*An Interview with Matar Maizel*

**Thursday, December 12 at 10:00 am  
(via Zoom)**

Our brothers and sisters in Israel have no doubt 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/83243500992>



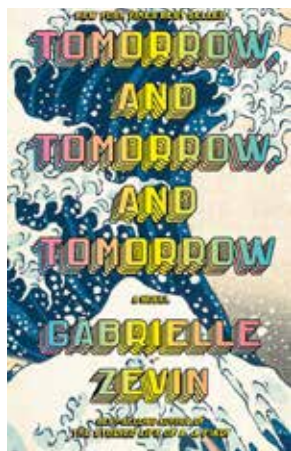
**PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL PROGRAMS  
TO CHARMAINE [clw@tilb.org](mailto:clw@tilb.org)**



## TI READS ONE BOOK

*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*  
Discussion Session Part 1 led by Rabbi Fox

**Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm**  
(via Zoom)



We are very excited for the return of the Temple Israel Reads One Book program! Join Rabbi Fox, other members of our staff, and lots of congregants, as we read the book *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*. Throughout the year, we will have opportunities to discuss the book together. This is the first of three facilitated sessions.

First meeting through page 175,  
second meeting through page 280,  
third meeting the rest of the book.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89599131260>

## JEWISH STUDIO PROJECT WORKSHOP

**Sunday, January 5 at 12:30 pm**

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.

## FIELD TRIP TO BEIT T'SHUVAH

*Shabbat Services and Community Shabbat Dinner*

**Friday, December 20,**  
**departing Long Beach at 5:15 pm**



Join us for an unforgettable evening of prayer and connection, as we head up to Beit T'Shuvah for a unique, musical Shabbat celebration.

Beit T'Shuvah's philosophy: Addiction is a symptom of a divided self; an unhealthy dependence on substances or compulsive activities

to provide a temporary sense of wholeness and well-being. Through a community rooted in the spiritual principles of Judaism, authenticity, and transparency, Beit T'Shuvah members are taught to live in concert with their own inner value, dignity, and Kedusha: holiness. We believe everyone has the right to redemption, which is why we never turn a single soul away due to their inability to pay... allowing all who wish, to make T'Shuvah.

**Cost: \$36/person for Shabbat Dinner**



## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**  
**Beginning January 8 (18 sessions)**

Teachers: Rabbi Scott Fox and  
Student Rabbi Leah Julian

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**

## WE RECOGNIZE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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**14** Timothy & Karen Strelitz - 49 years

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**26** William Giser & Margaret Locke - 42 years

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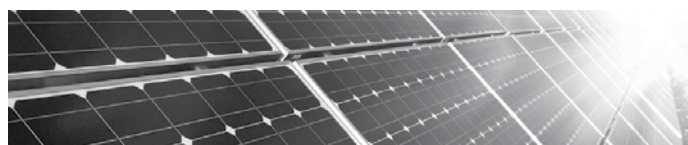
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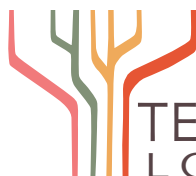
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**At the Alpert Jewish Community Center**



*We invite you to be the light on December 5 as we join together with those of other faith traditions to explore the common theme of light during the winter holidays.*

### **INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION**

Panel will be moderated by CCEJ Executive Director Reena Hajat Carroll, and will feature Rabbi Scott Fox, Dr. Rohit Passi, and Bill Sive.

*Enjoy a reception with latkes and other treats*

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