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APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

Join us at 5:30 pm before our 6:00 pm Services for our Pre-Shabbat Oneg Reception

Friday, April 4

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service Saturday, April 5 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 Sadie Fudal

Friday, April 11

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Musical Shabbat in the round Saturday, April 12 8:45 am Torah Study, Kaddish Recited No Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 18

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service Saturday, April 19 8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning & Passover Festival Services

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VOTE IN AN ELECTION TO HELP ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA

By Jerry Levy, Temple President and Mark Dressner, Immediate Past President

Every 5 years the World Zionist Congress offers a vote to elect "parliament of the Jewish people," which will convene in Jerusalem in October 2025. One-third of seats come from the United States to determine how \$1 billion are allocated to support the needs of Israeli society and the Diaspora.

For Temple Israel, the WZC election is an opportunity to engage with the broader Zionist community and influence decisions that affect Jews globally. Participation in the election allows the members of Temple Israel to advocate for issues that are important to our community, such as Jewish education, cultural preservation, and support for Israel. By voting, Temple Israel ensures that its voice is heard in the larger conversation about the future of the Jewish People.

One of the primary goals of the WZC is to foster a strong connection between Jews in the diaspora and the State of Israel. The WZC plays a crucial role in shaping policies that support aliyah (immigration to Israel), settlement projects, and advocacy for Israel on the international stage. For Temple Israel, participating in the WZC election is a way to contribute to these efforts and ensure that our community, perspectives, and needs are considered in the decision-making process. Strong representation at the WZC can help promote programs and initiatives that strengthen the bond between Temple Israel and the State of Israel.

The World Zionist Congress election is more than a political event; it is a powerful expression of Jewish democracy and unity. For Temple Israel, participating in the WZC election is an opportunity to engage with the broader Zionist community, advocate for our values and priorities, and influence the future of Jewish life globally. The election is a call to action for all members of Temple Israel to stand together in solidarity with Jews worldwide and work towards a vibrant and thriving Jewish future.

Since Temple Israel is a Reform URJ affiliated congregation, we recommend you support the VOTE REFORM platform, which most closely aligns with the Temple Israel Mission, Vision, and Values statements. To read the VOTE REFORM platform go to *www.vote4reform.org/*

To be eligible to vote in the U.S. election to the 39th World Zionist Congress, you must: be Jewish, 18 years or older by June 30, 2025, and a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident in the U.S. You must not have voted in the November 2022 Knesset election (and will not vote in any future Knesset election which may be held prior to July 28, 2025)

This is YOUR chance to influence the outcome of the election and to give reform Judaism an important voice as to where a billion dollars will be spent. The polls are open now through May 4, so go to: <u>www.ZionistElections.org/</u> and cast your vote today.

TI FOUNDATION DONOR RECOGNITION

By Ilsebill Wolfe, Temple Israel Foundation Board Member

The Temple Israel Foundation recently hosted a Donor Recognition Reception for legacy donors and contributors to the "Next 100 Years Campaign" at Temple Israel. The event, held late in the afternoon, began with delicious appetizers, beer, and wine. It provided guests with the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

A slide show highlighted several events supported by the Foundation, including scholarships trips to New York City (8th Grade Torah Center) and Washington, D.C. (NFTY), which help our teens connect with their Jewish heritage, and to advocte for Jewish causes. It was truly inspiring to see our youth explore their Jewish roots in New York City and engage in meaningful activities, like havdalah, in our nation's capital.

Mark Sharzer, President of the Foundation, reminded everyone that the Foundation's sole mission is to support the Temple and ensure its sustainability for future generations. Jerry Levy, President of Temple Israel, expressed gratitude for the Foundation's ongoing support. Rick Burney, Foundation Treasurer, gave a brief slide presentation detailing the various projects funded by the Foundation over the past year. These included anti-graffiti window coatings (who knew?), a new refrigerator, scholarships for youth programs, and, importantly, a substantial annual contribution to the Temple's operating budget.

Members of the "Next 100 Years" committee, chaired by Amy Lipeles and Susie Amster, were honored for their tireless efforts. Each member received an orchid as a small token of appreciation for their dedication.

The evening concluded with a beautiful Havdalah Service, led by Rabbi Fox, Cantor Cooper, and Rick Burney. As we gazed upon the Havdalah candle and the spice box was passed around, the warmth of community, gratitude, and goodwill filled the air throughout our Kogan/Lipeles Social Hall.





PASSOVER

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



One of the traditions of the Passover seder is pouring a cup of wine and opening the door for Elijah the prophet. This is a relatively recent tradition (probably around 500 years old), and is related to Elijah's role as a forerunner of redemption. In the Tanakh, Elijah is mostly associated with fighting against false idols and false prophets. But there is one place where he takes a stance against

a human trait - that of greed.

As told in I Kings chapter 21, King Ahab of Israel wanted to purchase a vineyard that was adjacent to his palace in Jezreel, but the owner of the vineyard, Naboth, did not want to sell. Then Jezebel, the king's wife, arranged a trial against Naboth with false charges and false witnesses; Naboth was convicted and stoned to death, and subsequently the king took possession of Naboth's vineyard. To this act, Elijah responded with a famous rebuke: would you kill and also take possession? (I Kings 21:19) While Elijah is talking literally about inheriting the property of a person who was killed, this rebuke has also been taken figuratively, speaking against any instance of a person profiting from an unjust action.

It is not difficult to apply Elijah's rebuke today, to people who abuse their power to make a profit, monetary or otherwise, from unjust, deceitful, and illegal acts – even from sending others to their death. As we sit around the seder table waiting for Elijah, it would be good to remember his lesson on greed, and strive to work towards a more just world.



Passover Festival Services

Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 am

Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 am Yizkor Observed

The Great Seder Match Up Do you have extra room for a guest at your Passover Seder? Are you looking for a Seder to attend?

Temple Israel's Ritual Practices Committee will try to match up hosts and guests to share a Passover Seder service (first seder on April 12, second seder on April 13). If you have an extra seat at your seder table, please let us know by writing to Ron Artstein at <u>VPRitualPractices@tilb.org</u>

If you are looking for a place to celebrate the seder, please sign up using the web form: visit <u>https://forms.gle/957Eht9exDYvxuPLA</u> or scan the QR code.



Harriette Ellis Worker Justice Seder

Temple Israel in Long Beach 269 Loma Ave, Long Beach Thursday April 10, 6pm - 8pm

Hear the Passover story as it relates to the struggle of grocery workers and immigrants.

- The event is free and welcoming to all ages and faiths
 - Food will be provided

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RSVP Required: bit.ly/justiceseder





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invites you to our 6th Annual

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Bring your favorite game to play with your friends. Mahjong • Rummy Tile Bridge • Scrabble

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https://www.tilb.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/gameday_apr25web.pdf

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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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Sisterhood Board is looking for new board members for 2025-2026. Please join us and bring your fresh ideas for engaging other members and helping to support our community.

Please contact Robin Lilien (*robinlilien@earthlink.net*).

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB Discussing the book *The Secret Chord: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm Zoom only



With more than two million copies of her novels sold, New York Times bestselling author Geraldine Brooks has achieved both popular and critical acclaim. Now, Brooks takes on one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from

hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage.

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

KESHER TEEN PROGRAM / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL







Michelle Alpern Madrichim Rep.

We hope that you have had a fun month, because our teens certainly have! In between Purim shpiel rehearsals, many of our teens continued to work as madrichim each week. We also participated in Make a Difference Day on March 2nd which was hosted by the temple. On March 15th, our teens gave a shpiel sneak peek at the adult shpiel and Purim celebration to get everyone excited for what was to come the next day. Purim at Torah Center was a blast! We performed for the Torah Center kids and families to a completely

full sanctuary. This year's theme for the shpiel was Tangled, and wow, what an amazing performance it was! Special thanks to all of our cast, crew, writer, and director! We also celebrated the temple's 101st anniversary, with a 101 Dalmatians costume theme. It was so much fun! Our teens are looking forward to the last NFTY SOCAL retreat of the year at the end of the month. We will honor and say goodbye to our senior class and pass down NFTY traditions to the 8th - 11th graders.



Cast from Our Teen Purim Shpiel, Tangled

KOL <u>M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM</u> ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



Since I happen "to find" myself suddenly living abroad, there are many moments where I am on cruise control, but on the moments when I am not, when I actively have to make a choice about the future, there is always a moment of self-reflection, of questioning the path I am on, and of asking if this is truly the place I want to be. The geopolitical craziness of this place certainty adds some considerations to this question, but

even without it, those moments would still exist. Do I invest my money here? Do I buy a house here? Do I go to school here? Do I get married here? Do I build my family here? While none of these decisions are irreversible, each means investing deeper into this place, with the consequence that one day deciding to leave would be more complicated and expensive. It is a place far from home, where many family moments are missed. It is a place where no matter how integrated I am, I will always be a foreigner with certain limitations. It is a place that required me putting some dreams on hold in order to make the dream of living here succeed.

Right now, specifically, two interconnected decisions stand before. The first is deciding where and how I want to go back to school, and the second is deciding on a new place of employment after leaving my position of almost five years. The long-storyshort regarding university is that either I need to go to do a master's degree in Europe or America, or complete a "finishing year" at an Israeli university to make my nonprofessional four year degree into a professional five year degree. While the schools abroad have to be declared academically more stimulating (at least in the field of architecture), finishing my degree in Israel would allow for me to make vital connections and friendships within the field here, help to touch up my Hebrew, and, perhaps of the highest consideration, would mean continuing my professional and personal life here. In a similar sense, I recently decided to leave my long-run at the firm at which I currently work. Looking at the global market, it is obvious that the most prestigious and perhaps lucrative opportunities are abroad, but those opportunities are not here, in this place.

The truth is that the chance I actually choose any of the former options over the latter ones is quite slim, yet the fact that they exist at all sit behind every decision, sometimes making my choice to be here feel stronger, and sometimes causing me wanderlust.



SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES / MAZEL TOV



SHABBAT MIDBAR at El Dorado Hature Center

Saturday, April 5 Meeting at the grass area picnic tables at the rear of the parking lot

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



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am at the Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy followed by Luncheon and Entertainment by

The Jazz Angels

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

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

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Mazel Tov Robin & Alan Lilien on the birth of their grandson **Samuel David Lilien** born on February 16, 2025 weighing 7 lbs 13 oz and 20 in length. We also extend congratulations to parents Allison & Noah Lilien.



Mazel Tov To David Rosen & Katie Sarreshteh on the birth of their son **Cyrus Rosen** born on February 28, 2025 weighing 6 lbs 15.5 oz and 20 in length. We also extend congratulations to big sister Avigail Rosen and grandparents Michael Rosen & Deborah Lewis.



HAPPY PURIM - 2025



THIS MONTHS' B'NAI MITZVAH / WELCOME NEW MEMBERS





Sadie Fudal April 5, 2025

My name is Sadie Fudal, and I am in 7th grade at Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos. I have two awesome older brothers, Max and Ben, and two loving parents, Scott and Jennifer. My pet rabbit, Obi Bun Kenobi, is my favorite family member (shh! Don't tell the others). In my free time, I like to read, draw, play tennis, play the piano, volunteer, listen to music, and hang out with my friends. I also love all animals.

For my Mitzvah Project, I combined some of my passions. First, I designed and sold animal-

themed vinyl stickers. All of the money I raise will be donated to spcaLA. Also, I am volunteering at the Little Lion Foundation cat rescue in Long Beach. I have worked with animals at both of these organizations before, and I'm glad to offer them more support.

I started Torah Center in 5th grade, and it has been such a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. I have loved learning Hebrew as well as our Judaic studies in class, and I appreciate all of my teachers and supporters at Temple Israel. I very much look forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah on April 5, 2025.



Eleanor Posard April 26, 2025

Eleanor Mae Posard has been part of the Temple Israel community since preschool, and now is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on April 26, 2025. Eleanor currently attends Stanford Middle School and is a dedicated student who loves studying history and singing in the 7th Grade Advanced Chorus. In her free time, Eleanor enjoys swimming, traveling, baking, and playing the ukulele and guitar. She also loves to hang out with friends and play with her kitties, Luna and Nova.

For her Mitzvah Project, Eleanor continues to work with her dear friend Molly to raise money and donate time to Lydia House, a safe refuge for women and children located in downtown Long Beach. Eleanor would like to extend gratitude to her Temple Israel community, teachers, and leaders who have supported her journey.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Luis & Litha Maimoni



Luis and Litha Maimoni live in Long Beach and have been married for 15 years. Luis, a California native, earned his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and works as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. He also serves on the Board of The Guidance Center, a community mental health organization that provides support to over 3,000 low-income children each year.

As Litha learned more about Luis' family and culture, she found herself drawn to the Jewish way of looking at things. This curiosity led her to Rabbi Fox's Introduction to Judaism course, deepening her connection and ultimately inspiring her to join the Mussar Class led by Trish and Jared Goldin, which she absolutely loves. She is passionate about fitness, nutrition, cooking, meditation, and deep conversations. She also enjoys tending to their xeriscape garden and taking long walks with Lola, their black lab mix.

Together, Luis and Litha love traveling the world and are deeply grateful to be part of this warm and welcoming community.

Condolences

Beverly August on the death of her brother, Norman Milkes

Jill & Ken Granek on the death his mother, Janice Granek

Stacey, Donny, Cate and Lucas Moore on the death of father and grandfather, Charles Michael Stollar

Eve, Hannah, and Margaret Schleich on the death of husband and father, Joe Schleich

Charmaine, Carrie, Glenn, Tati and Anya Weiner on the death of husband and father, Dean Gawryn



INTERFAITH GREETINGS An Act of Dissent

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

Jewish Communal Responses to President Trump's Antisemitism Agenda, Interfaith Alliance's National Programs Associate Zev Mishell's provocative article appeared in February on their webpage. I've included some tidbits.

On January 29, the Trump administration released an Executive Order that would work to identify and deport foreign students for their involvement in Pro-Palestine demonstrations, calling on the Secretaries of State, Education, and Homeland Security to work together, monitoring and reporting on non-citizen college students and staff involved in campus demonstrations and to deport them, when applicable. Below are how many Jewish communal organizations responded with their own acts of dissent.

- **T'ruah:** "This executive order seems intended to encourage division and a climate of fear, while scapegoating immigrants for the rise in antisemitism on campus."
- NCJW: "Antisemitism exists in many forms and permeates society. Policies designed to protect Jewish communities should address antisemitism in all of its manifestations and from all corners of society. Antisemitism should never be weaponized."
- Bend the Arc: "All antisemitism is harmful no matter where it comes from — but this reported executive order doesn't actually fight antisemitism. Functionally, this is an executive order to deport activists and attack all of our Constitutional rights to free speech. It's an excuse to target, silence, and persecute even more immigrants — particularly Arab, Muslim and Palestinian immigrants — all disguised as a policy to promote Jewish safety."
- Interfaith Alliance: "This Executive Order will not help Jews and instead serves as a pretext for targeting other marginalized communities. Interfaith Alliance is deeply concerned with this Executive Order's implications for free speech and calls on the administration to simultaneously denounce antisemitism, protect immigrant communities, and to end its attacks on our pluralistic democracy."
- **Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel:** "Judaism in its very essence came into being as an act of dissent...Creative dissent comes out of faith offering alternatives, of vision."

Let us continue in Heschel's footsteps, voicing our dissent! Shalom, Salaam, Peace!



- 2 Eric Newman & Loren Albeg 8 years Vadim Erenburg & Natalya Godes - 9 years
 3 Steven & Pamela Keiles- 20 years Rick & Nealy Solymar - 21 years
 6 Bob & Wendi Bender - 34 years
 8 Kip & Christina Boatwright -15 years
 10 Adam & Sarah Moss -15 years
 11 Harvey Gobas & Rhonda Weitzman-Gobas - 44 years
 16 Robert & Jennifer De France -16 years
 17 Rosendo & Mireya Gonzalez -37 years
 20 Saul & Falina Budeshtsky - 51 years
 21 Douglas & Joy Wadleigh - 18 years
 22 Franklin Munguia & Jason Reneman- 10 years
 23 Michael & Suzanne Brodsly- 25 years
 - 26 Corey Lieber & Vanessa Kitzis 22 years



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.



Joys of Jewish Learning

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION with Cantor Cooper

Sunday, April 6 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.



In Observance of Yom HaShoah

GUEST SPEAKER, CAROLYN SIEGEL

Executive Director, If You Heard What I Heard

Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 pm



The nonprofit If You Heard What I Heard seeks to share the stories heard by third generation Holocaust survivors, the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. Executive Director Carolyn Siegel shares, "We are the last generation to ever hear our grandparents' stories firsthand, over the course of decades

of our lives. We are the witnesses to our grandparents' loss, physical and emotional scars, and the lucky beneficiaries of their resilience. We are the ones who will make sure the world will #NeverForget about the Holocaust."

Cooking Class: SHAVUOT CLASSICS THAT HAVE HELD US TOGETHER

with Eve Lunt, Temple Israel Congregant

Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm



Come and learn some easy hacks on cheesecakes and blintzes. See how easy it is to take traditional Shavuot dairy dishes like blintz souffle and turn them into bite size apps and desserts, with this demo class with Chef Eve. **Cost: \$10** Adventure Rabbi Jamie Korngold Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

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Shabbat Services at 7:00 pm

In tonight's sermon, she will talk about the connections between Judaism and nature and share some lessons gleaned from 24 years of leading Jewish outdoor trips.

SATURDAY:

Torah Study at 8:30 am

Join author Rabbi Jamie Korngold, as we discuss her book *The God Upgrade* (Jewish Lights). We will explore different Jewish God concepts, how and why they have changed through time and which is most compelling to each of us.

Late Afternoon Hike at the Dominguez Gap Wetlands and Havdallah at 4:00 pm

Join the Adventure Rabbi for a 2-mile hike in the Dominguez Gap Wetlands, along the LA River. We will explore how to use the outdoors as a spiritual springboard to enhance our Jewish experience and build community. *Bring a water bottle, snack, and appropriate shoes and clothing. Please check the weather before you pack!*

SUNDAY:

God at the Beach Walk from Temple Israel at 9:30 am or meet under the Belmont Pier at 9:45 am

Join Adventure Rabbi, Rabbi Jamie Korngold, at the beach! We will read Torah texts in which God appears and discuss why we think these locations were chosen.

Bring a blanket or chair to sit on, water bottle, and dress comfortably.

PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL PROGRAMS TO CHARMAINE <u>clw@tilb.org</u>

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"An insightful, moving film...reminds us of the power of this seemingly simple stick and ball game to bring as all together." —*New Burns*

"A thoroughly entertaining film" - San Francisco Decembrie

Movie Screening and Discussion: JEWS AND BASEBALL: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY

Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 pm Discussion Facilitator: Joanne Levy, Temple Israel Congregant

Join us for hotdogs, peanuts, and Cracker Jacks! This film traces the Jewish involvement in the history of the sport from the game's earliest days, through the tumultuous war years to today's All-Star games. By bringing to life dramatic moments in this history, including how the legendary Sandy Koufax pioneered rights for players and Hank Greenberg's support of Jackie Robinson, the film demonstrates how Jews shaped baseball, and baseball shaped them.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot EMIGRATION STORIES OF RESILIENCE:

A Panel Discussion featuring congregants Adolfo Guzman-Lopez, Maggie Kosmin, and Alain Silverston

Sunday, June 1 at 8:00 pm

The moment of receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai was a moment so powerful that its echo reverberated down the generations to the present day. To ritualize this moment the 16th century Kabbalists of Safed created an evening of all-night study (Tikkun Leil Shavuot), which concluded with a service at the break of dawn. Tikkun Leil Shavuot celebrates a moment of truth and wonder which remains eternally alluring. Join us, as we embrace this tradition of study, celebration, and wonder.

This year's Shavuot learning will focus on a conversation about emigration and other stories of resilience.



Cooking Class: BABKA CLASSICS THAT HAVE HELD US TOGETHER

Friday, June 6 at 5:00 pm Teacher: Eve Lunt, Temple Israel Congregant

Learn how to create beautiful babkas, both savory and sweet. Come for the demo on how to braid both round and rectangular babkas and how to use your imagination and what's in your fridge to make creative and modern new versions. **Cost: \$10**

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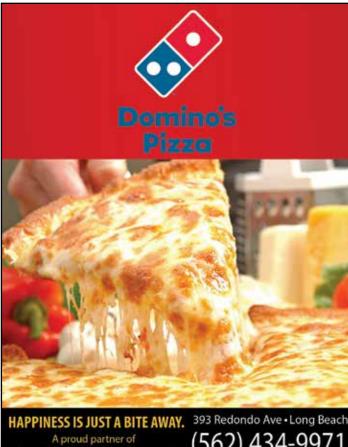
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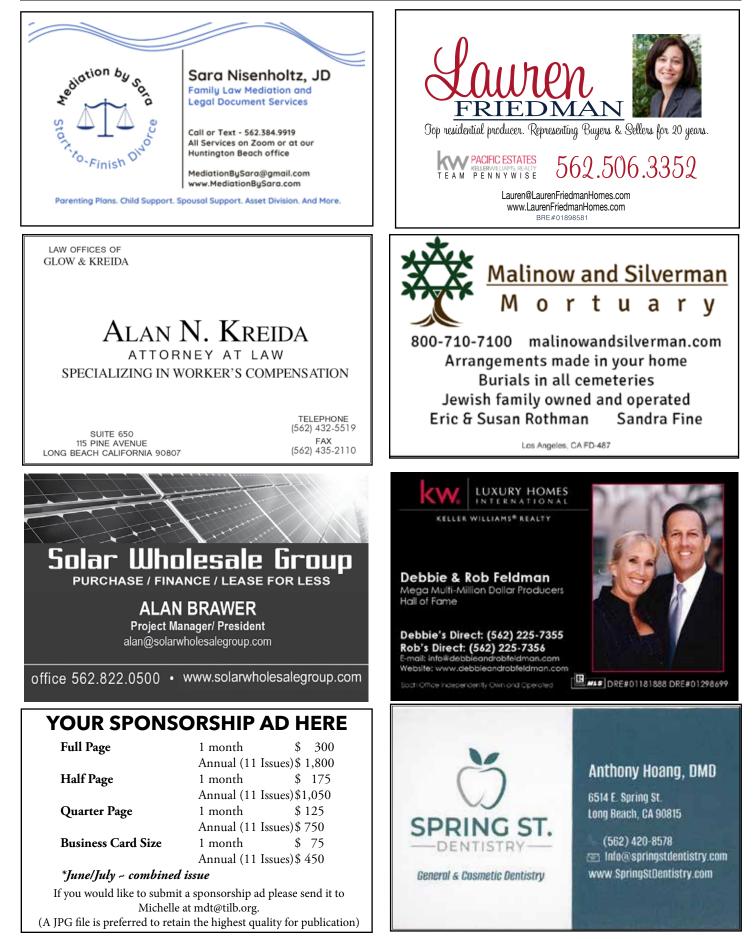
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