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Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL



May 2025 / Iyar-Sivan 5785

Special Shabbat Services



Family Shabbat Service (6th & 7th Grade Shabbat)

Friday, May 2 at 6:30 pm
featuring our Youth Chior



Shabbat Midbar Torah Study, Hike & Meditation

Saturday, May 3
El Dorado Nature Center
Torah Study at 8:45 am
Hike & Meditation at 10:00 am



Got Shabbat? Service Friday, May 16 at 6:00 pm Jazz-infused Musical Service featuring Kendra Cogert and the Shabbatones



Tot Shabbat Friday, May 23 at 6:00 pm Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service!



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Temple Israel's Foundation oversees the investment of your legacy gifts to allow Temple Israel to continue to maintain our beautiful facility and continue services and programming for our community.

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TOT SHABBAT

Friday, May 23 at 6:00 pm



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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MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Friday, May 2

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service (6th & 7th Grade Shabbat)

Saturday, May 3

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 Violet Levy

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

8:45 am Torah Study, Kaddish Recited

No Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, May 16

6:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, May 17

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Sofie Weinberg

Friday, May 23

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 24

8:45 am Torah Study

11:00 am Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

at the Alpert JCC

Friday, May 30

6:00 pm Organ Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 31

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Kali Manack

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A GLIMMER OF HOPE?

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



People are feeling despondant, confused, hopeless, angry, and impotent, asking what can I do? These are just a few of the words we hear about the current events in Israel. The war against Gaza is approaching 2 years and there are nearly 5 dozen hostages that have not been released with an unknown number who are still alive. Even at Temple Israel, known for being a 'safe place' to discuss any number of topics, this issue seems to

be the proverbial 'third rail'.

When the Oscar-winning documentary called *No Other Land* should have been a moment of celebration, it turned into tragedy. Hamdan Ballal, a Palestinian man along with Basel Adra, Rachel Szor, and Yuval Abraham, a team of 2 Israelis and 2 Palestinians, made a film about the destruction of the West Bank town of Masafer Yatta. Unfortunately, after Hamdan Ballal returned to the West Bank after the Oscar ceremony, he was beaten by an Israeli settler and soldiers. Is this just more of the same with no end in sight?

One glimmer of hope came from a March 27, 2025 editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine [NEJM]. It was written by 2 Israeli and 2 Palestinian physicians who have worked together for years. Yasmeen Abu Fraiha, Abdalrahman Ahmed, Noam Alon, Avner Halperin were each profoundly affected by the events of October 7, 2023, including the loss of family members. They observed how the power of health care can bridge the divides of warring populations. The NEJM article postulates that medicine is "founded on trust and open communication... with the potential to build and strengthen trust between communities". Over the years, health care has been a sanctuary where Palestinians and Israelis train and work together, treating patients regardless of nationality.

The article describes two successful programs, demonstrating how equality in participation and decision-making with frequent interactions, can help build dialogue and trust. Road to Recovery is a volunteer organization of Israelis driving Palestinians through checkpoints to obtain health care (www.theroadtorecovery.org.il) in Israel. The second program, Physicians for Human Rights Israel, operates mobile clinics in Palestinian territories where access to hospitals and clinics has been severely impacted (www.phr.org.il/en/about).

We all hope that Israelis and Palestinians can live peacefully in the future. The answer may lie with physicians on both sides leading the way. The "battle that all health care professionals wage against death and disease, drawing on their shared values grounded in humanitarianism and justice, binds them in partnership".

May it be so.

Connecting with Israel REBUILDING & HOPE FOR ISRAEL

Tuesday, May 13

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

at Temple Israel



featuring

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and

HADAS GOLDMAN,

Chair MAKOM

Cost \$18 for lunch

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Charmaine at clw@tilb.org



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Your Voice in Israel

Run for Their Lives

Global run/walk events calling for the immediate release of the hostages held by Hamas



LOCAL GROUP MEETS SUNDAY MORNINGS

10:00 am

At the corner of Ocean and Bayshore

Join our local community in this international 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.



LAG BAOMER

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



Growing up in Jerusalem, there was a tank in my neighborhood, in a park below the San Simon Monastery. Local lore was that the tank had been left over from one of the wars, but this is not likely to be true: in 1948 there was heavy fighting in the area but no documentation of tanks, whereas in 1967 there was some tank fighting in Jerusalem but not in that area. Not too long after we left the neighborhood the

tank was removed, apparently because a child got injured, but while we lived there, the tank was a great object for children to play on. And every year, the tank was where we would light bonfires for Lag BaOmer.

Lag BaOmer is a festival associated with the Bar Kokhba revolt against the Romans in 132–136 C.E. (about 65 years after the destruction of the second Temple in Jerusalem). The trigger may have been a plan by Emperor Hadrian to build a Roman temple on the ruins of the Jerusalem Temple. The Jews smuggled weapons and built elaborate tunnel systems beneath Jewish towns and villages, allowing them to attack the Romans while avoiding open-field combat (many of the tunnels have been excavated in recent decades). The great sage Rabbi Akiva considered Bar Kokhba, the leader of the revolt, to be the Messiah (Jerusalem Talmud, Taanit 4:5). After three years of independent rule, the revolt was crushed by the Romans, resulting in the execution of Jewish leaders (including Rabbi Akiva), massive killing, exile, and prohibitions on Jewish religious observances. Subsequent Jewish thinkers and commentators show mixed feelings about the revolt: on the one hand, it is hailed as an example of bravery and opposition to tyranny; on the other hand, it is condemned as bringing devastating destruction to the Jewish people.

The Bar Kochba revolt has numerous mentions in the Mishnah and Talmud, but Lag BaOmer only appears as a festival starting in the 12th Century, initially as a break from the mourning practices of the Omer: to this day many hasidic communities, which avoid cutting hair during the Omer period, hold public haircut ceremonies on Lag BaOmer. The custom of lighting bonfires probably originates with the Kabbalists of the 16th century, who initiated an annual celebration at the tomb of Shimon Bar Yochai, student of Rabbi Akiva and spiritual leader of the Kabbalah; this joyous occasion was marred when 45 people were crushed to death four years ago, on Lag BaOmer 5781/2021, the deadliest civil disaster in Israel's history.

The Zionist movement has fully embraced the bravery and

heroism narrative of the Bar Kokhba revolt, mostly ignoring the dire consequences and devastation it brought about. Since the beginning of the 20th century, Lag BaOmer has been actively promoted as a day for celebrating Jewish nationality, concentrating on outdoor activities like playing with bows and arrows and lighting bonfires. But as we celebrate this year, we should remind ourselves of the risks associated with messianic fervor that drives a desire for war. After all, playing with tanks can be dangerous.

Lag BaOmer Family Party Thursday, May 15

Hosted by Ron Artstein & Nancy Hall

Bonfire, Delicious Food, and S'mores

Space is limited: up to 20 adults,
plus their children (children free)

Cost: \$18 per person (15 openings)

Lag Ba'Omer (a minor Jewish holiday) falls on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot, and is a day of joy where semi-mourning practices are suspended, allowing for weddings, haircuts, and bonfires.

Come Celebrate with Us!

RSVP to clw@tilb.org





**Women's
Philanthropy**

VISIONS GOES BROADWAY

SPOTLIGHT ON 2025 WOMEN OF VISION

Temple Israel's Honoree Martine Korach

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

MAY 8, 2025

WINE RECEPTION 5:30 PM

DINNER, PROGRAM, AND ENTERTAINMENT 6:00 PM

Alpert Jewish Community Center
Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus
One Sommer Way • 3801 East Willow Street • Long Beach



On **Tuesday, April 29**, Temple Israel Sisterhood revived its annual game day event. The event included gamers who enjoyed snacks, beverages, and scrumptious eggplant parmigiana, Caesar salad, garlic bread, fruits and desserts.

A big thanks to Elyse Gordon for being our chef for the day, Deb Kaplan Wyckoff, Renee Florsheim, Judy Blumenthal, and Debi Felsenthal for helping in the kitchen, and making sure everything went smoothly.

We would like to thank the wonderful women that showed up to play their game of choice, and that way support Temple Israel Sisterhood.

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Sisterhood is looking to fill a few more boarded positions. 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).

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



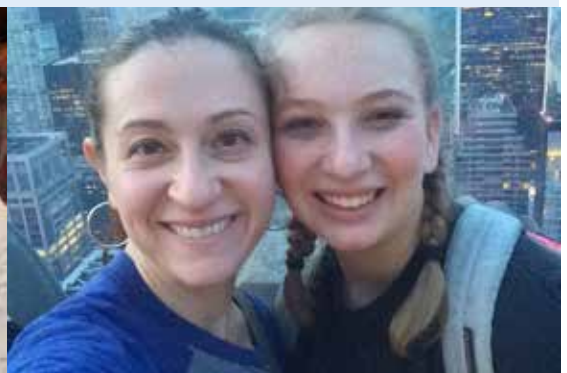
SISTERHOOD GAME DAY - APRIL 29





*2025 Annual Meeting
Special Breakfast Reception
Honoring
Sharon Amster Brown
for 25 Years of service to our
Temple Israel Community!*

*Sunday, June 8
Breakfast begins at 9:30 am - RSVP Requested*





SHABBAT MIDBAR

at El Dorado Nature Center

Saturday, May 3

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

Torah Study at 8:45 am

Hike and Meditation 10:00 am

Led by Adolfo Guzman-Lopez



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 am
at the Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy
followed by Luncheon and Entertainment by

Mathew Terry

Entertainment funded by
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RSVP Call Anneleise Thompson (562) 426-7601

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

Got Shabbat? Service

Generously sponsored by Rob & Debbie Feldman

Friday, May 16 at 6:00 pm

Got Shabbat features a live Jazz band,
The Shabbatones

led by Barry Cogert and includes
piano, sax & clarinet, drums and stand-up bass
with the amazing singing talents of Kendra Cogert



POLITICAL RESILIENCE, JEWISH VALUES, AND FAMILY STORIES

with Assemblymember
JOSH LOWENTHAL
and Former US Representative
ALAN LOWENTHAL



Friday, June 13 at 6:00 pm
Before our 7:00 pm Shabbat Service

Join us for a meaningful evening with California State Assembly Member Josh Lowenthal and former United States Representative Alan Lowenthal. This dynamic father son duo will share stories of their experiences as Jewish leaders within the State and US government settings.



Violet Levy
May 3, 2025

Violet Olivia Levy is extremely excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on May 3, 2025. Violet is currently a 7th grader at Oxford Academy where her favorite subjects are English, History, and Science. She is an avid soccer player and currently plays at the club level. In her free time, Violet enjoys baking, traveling, watching rom coms and hanging out with her friends. She also enjoys playing with her dogs Chewy and Shadow.

For her Mitzvah Project, Violet wanted to give back to people and pets that were affected by the fires in LA County. She made hundreds of cat toys and collected towels / blankets to donate to the Pasadena Humane Society. She couldn't have done any of this without the love and support of her family, friends, and Temple Israel community, teachers, and leaders. Thank you all!



Sofie Weinberg
May 17, 2025

Sofie Weinberg will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 17, 2025. Her family is grateful for all of the Temple Israel staff and community for being such a big part of her life ever since she was a baby and did her first Jewish play date, Tot Shabbat, family retreats and of course studies for her Bat Mitzvah. We are so grateful for all the families that have been such a big part of all of our lives. Sofie is a 7th grader at Rogers Middle School. She plays club soccer and has a very special place in her heart for

all animals but especially dogs. She has three dogs - Theo, Star, and Smoky. For her Bat Mitzvah project she volunteered for OC Animal Allies as their youngest volunteer. She works in their Paws program to help test therapy dogs. These therapy dogs go on to visit hospitals, airports, assisted living centers, and literacy programs as well as help people testify in court cases. She also helps them set up events. She is looking forward to continuing to work with OC Animal Allies for many years to come.



TEMPLE ISRAEL **K**esher 8th-12th Grade



Kyla Farrell
Teen Council
Madrichim Rep.

April was another great month for Keshar! Our teens have started their work on the class projects for the End-Of-Year Havdalah, as have Teen Council started planning! We met with our Adoptive Grandparents and had some amazing conversations! The ANDI Board had a few meetings to plan our last few events and reflect on the past few events. We put on a bake sale and ran some fun events for 4th & 5th graders, to give them a taste of the awesome events they have to look forward too!

Our Keshar teens attended the last NFTY SoCal retreat of the year, at Camp Bob Waldorf. We honored our graduating seniors, as well as passed on traditions to 8th-11th grade teens.

With a bittersweet feeling, we look towards the end of the year! We'll close out our Keshar activities with ANDI elections, the End of Year Havdalah Service, ANDI lock-in, and of course the last day of Torah Center. What an amazing year it has been!



Kali Manack
May 31, 2025

Hi everybody my name is Kali Manack. I have been a part of this temple community for a very long time and I am now here to celebrate my bat mitzvah. I am a seventh grader at Rogers Middle School. I love history and math and enjoy playing violin in school. I enjoy playing tennis, baking, hanging out with friends, and going to many places like Mammoth.

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered at the Rossmoor library. I helped the staff by shelving and pulling books. I also helped set up and make many crafts. For example, for New Years they threw a party for kids with a ball drop and crafts. I would like to give a huge thank you to everybody who has helped me prepare for this day. Please enjoy my service on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Discussing the book *The Secret Chord: A Novel*
by Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm
Zoom only



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>

Jews and Baseball

AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY

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

"A thoroughly entertaining film"
—San Francisco Chronicle

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

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL'S ANNUAL GALA - SHULHOUSE ROCK APRIL 5, 2025



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INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Three Faith Traditions -

A Confluence of Hope for the Future

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

You may have noticed that this year Ramadan, Passover and Easter fell almost at the same time which is not a usual occurrence because Islam, Judaism and Christianity each record their holidays in different calendars. Ramadan marks the Islamic holy month of fasting and prayer, Passover celebrates freedom and the Jewish Exodus from Egypt, and Easter marks the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Perhaps the significance of each holiday, Ramadan representing a commemoration of Muhammad's first revelation; Passover/Pesach representing hope, freedom and liberation from oppression; and Easter representing hope in the promise of eternal life and spiritual rebirth, points to an awareness of a special celebratory time of spiritual and community connection and spiritual depth, giving us the opportunity to inspire conversation and create awareness.

"From communion to matzah to a period of fasting, people all across the world are learning about different religions and cultures, with the culmination of Holy Week for Christians, Ramadan for Muslims, and Passover for Jews," noted Rabbi Andy Koren of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, NC. He went on to say, "I think it's an awareness that this is a time of tremendous celebration, spiritual connection, community connection and spiritual depth, when we do have that convergence. It's not about convincing the other, it's about saying we see you and we wish you blessings at a very hard time."

The South Coast Interfaith Council invites you to Exploring Sacred Spaces 2025, a program for the interfaith community to visit two different churches, a mosque (Islamic Center), a synagogue, Jain temple, Sikh temple, and Native American sacred land. Each visit to these sacred spaces where people pray, worship, engage in religious practices and celebrate life's events will be more than a 'tour' or 'open house'; it will be an experience. Participants will be invited to listen, learn, and connect with one another. Each visit will contain specific elements like an architectural tour of the space, an introduction to the religion, a sharing from members, a dialogue or a shared activity, and sharing snacks, designed to deepen understanding of one another and ultimately build trust, generate goodwill, and foster a greater sense of community! Email the SCIC office at office@scinterfaith.org for more information.

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May Anniversaries

2 Myron Wollin & Cynthia Gordon - 43 years

4 Gary & Regina Roberts - 29 years

6 Mitch & Janice Wellsted - 8 years

9 Robert & Ronni Kaplan - 54 years

12 Erik & Jill Dworsky - 7 years

14 John & Marietta Schloss - 20 years

15 Gerald & Kathy Fishkin - 37 years

19 Glenn & Stacey Levine - 24 years

20 David & Mercedes Facterman - 25 years

Jonathan & Kristen Strok - 13 years

21 Ronald & Betsy Cheek - 59 years

Henry & Nancy Eisner - 30 years

23 Seth & Amy Goldman - 27 years

24 Brian & Laurie Garabedian - 38 years

Daniel Hart & Sheila Carter-Hart - 33 years

Carl & Elise Hartman - 38 years

Chase & Kelsey Goodman - 10 years

25 Lloyd & Nancy Blum - 27 years

Walt & Diann Zenda - 40 years

Mark & Amber Sokolowski - 13 years

26 Gary & Lisa Marschall - 23 years

Robert & Phyllis Wallis - 57 years

Linda Klein & Lynn Zdonek - 6 years

27 Daniel & Lauren Feldman - 13 years

Linda Keiles & Leslie Ciletti - 18 years

David Tillman & Karen Zoller - 46 years

Jeremy & Allison Glatstein - 18 years

28 Richard & Terri Dobrofsky - 19 years

29 Barry & Kendra Cogert - 37 years

Michael & Cheryl Laven - 31 years

Benjamin Chapman & Elizabeth Stewart - 5 years

30 Paul & Marian Martin - 32 years

Jeffrey & Sheryl Stewart - 32 years



Yahrzeit Observance

"Zeher Tzadik Livracha"

The memory of the righteous are a blessing

May 7-13

Soloman Allman*
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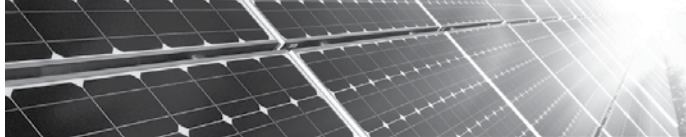
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