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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
world.

NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Friday, November 7

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 8

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Telem

Friday, November 14

Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

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

Saturday, November 15

8:45 am Torah Study

11:00 am Senior Shabbat Service and Luncheon
at the Alpert JCC

Friday, November 21

6:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, November 22

8:45 am Waffle Congregation

Friday, November 28

5:30 pm Online Shabbat Program

Saturday, November 29

8:45 am Torah Study

Kaddish will be recited



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YES TO PEACE, NO TO VIOLENCE

By Ron Artstein, Temple President



Thirty years ago, in 1995, I participated in a peace rally in Tel Aviv. I had spent the summer in Europe and returned to Israel in late October, just in time to begin my final year of studies at Tel Aviv University. These were the days of the Oslo Peace Accords and the summer had seen a lot of political turmoil, such as the protest in Jerusalem with opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu standing on a balcony while people below were carrying posters of the Prime Minister in Nazi uniform, or the incident when a young Itamar Ben-Gvir stole the hood ornament off of the Prime Minister's Cadillac. Because I had been away, I was unaware of much of what had taken place, but when I saw the signs advertising a rally in Tel Aviv titled "Yes to Peace, No to Violence", I knew I would join. The rally was on a Saturday night, and since there is no public transport on Shabbat, I walked in the afternoon from my apartment in Ramat Aviv to the plaza by City Hall, where the rally was taking place. There was a carnival atmosphere at the rally: politicians were giving speeches, artists were singing, and I was mostly walking among the crowd, connecting with people in the city that had been my home for more than three years.

When the rally ended and the people began to disperse, I was still hanging around talking to friends, some old and some I had just met. That's when I noticed the people who had been waiting at the fringes of the rally: settlers from the West Bank, identifiable by the large

kippot on their heads and the long tzitziot hanging from their waists. As the crowds thinned, the settlers moved in, and naturally discussions and arguments arose. While we had opposite political views, disagreeing about pretty much everything having to do with the peace process or the role of Israel in the West Bank, our interaction was measured and respectful, even friendly. Then, while we were talking in the middle of the nearly empty plaza, a person came from the direction of City Hall and asked the settlers to leave. They were taken aback: they had the right to be in Tel Aviv just like anyone else. We, the rally-goers, jumped to the defense of our new-found friends: we were just having a civil discussion, and we saw no reason why we should stop it. The person then told us that there were rumors about shots being fired near City Hall, and that the Prime Minister might have been hit. We exchanged a few more words, and agreed to disperse.

As I crossed Ibn Gevirol Street to wait for a bus home (it was after Shabbat), the mood was already very tense. The television in the kiosk by the bus stop was constantly blasting updates from outside Ichilov hospital, where the Prime Minister had been taken. A man with a large kippah and thick beard was angrily removing a sign from the front of a chartered bus. I stepped into the street suggesting that he take it easy, because people were a little hot-headed right now; he responded that he too was hot-headed. My bus arrived and I got on. I still hold onto the ticket; the purple dot-matrix ink is almost completely faded, but the print is still faintly visible: [Route] 24 04-11-95 22:50. I got back to my apartment building and climbed up the stairs to the fourth floor. Just as I reached the landing in front of my apartment door I heard a scream, coming simultaneously from all the apartments in the building. I understood what it meant. I quickly opened the door and turned on the television, which was replaying the announcement just made

outside the hospital by Eitan Haber, the Prime Minister's chief of staff: "The Government of Israel announces with shock, great sadness and deep sorrow the death of Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Yitzhak Rabin, who was murdered by an assassin this evening in Tel Aviv."

The days after the assassination were very sad, but surprisingly optimistic. Teenagers gathered and lit candles at the assassination site and in many places around the country. They were called no'ar hanerot – "the candle youth" – and there was a sentiment that with youth that are so moved by the tragic outcome, a peaceful future was all but guaranteed. However, a string of suicide bombings in the coming months stalled the peace process, Netanyahu was elected prime minister the next summer, and with no progress on peace, the process collapsed within a few years. The teenagers of 1995 are in their forties today; they served as soldiers during the second intifada, and as reservists in the second Lebanon war and in the endless skirmishes in the Gaza Strip. Today, many of them have children in the military. However, despair is not a plan. While the extremists want us to remain in eternal war, there are many parties in Israel, the Arab countries, and worldwide who are working towards the vision of a peaceful and just settlement. The title of the rally, "Yes to Peace, No to Violence", is as relevant as ever.





Mazel Tov to This Month's Bar Mitzvah



Jacob Telem - November 8, 2025

Hi, my name is Jacob Yigal Telem. I am excited to announce that I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 8, 2025. I live in Huntington Beach, where I attend Marine View Middle School and enjoy studying math.

When I'm not in school, you can usually find me surfing, skateboarding, or—my favorite—snowboarding. I've been competing on the USASA amateur circuit as a slopestyle snowboarder and am looking forward to an exciting season ahead.

For my Bar Mitzvah Project, I was inspired by a family friend who volunteers with the Adaptive Freedom Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to making the healing power of the ocean accessible to people of all abilities. They create adaptive paddleboarding experiences that restore joy, confidence, and connection for individuals living with disabilities, as well as their families and caregivers. This foundation brings so much happiness, hope, and joy to everyone involved, and I look forward to volunteering there as often as I can for as long as I am able.

FROM THE NEST

By Justin Perlman, VP Education



Justin Perlman

As your VP of Education, I'm excited to launch a new monthly feature in the Kol Yisra'el: From the Nest.

Just as our College Connection program helps students stay connected to their Temple Israel community while they're away at college or pursuing post-secondary endeavors, *From The Nest* creates a space for parents navigating the empty nester transition to connect with one another.

This is your opportunity to share stories of your children's academic successes, ask questions, offer support, and find community with fellow Temple Israel parents experiencing this same chapter.

Each month, we'll feature entries from parents - celebrating milestones, sharing wisdom, or simply letting others know they're not alone in this journey. Whether your student has just left for their first semester, or you're a seasoned empty nester with insights to share, we want to hear from you!

Have a story, question, or update to share?

Submit your entry for inclusion in next month's Kol Yisra'el by contacting justinperlman@gmail.com.

Let's stay connected—from nest to nest.
Justin Perlman, VP of Education

We'll start with a proud parent update from Andrea and Jeff Salisbury about their daughter, Shayna.

Our daughter Shayna is truly blossoming in Boulder as she begins her sophomore year at the University of Colorado. Majoring in psychology, she recently accepted a paid research assistant position offered by her professor, where she helps recruit participants, run experiments, and manage data.

On Friday nights, you'll find her at Chabad, gathering with friends for Shabbat dinner - a community that's become her family away from home. She's also been exploring her creative side, taking a weekend pottery class with a new friend. Watching her find her place in the world has been one of our greatest joys.



Shayna Salisbury



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for a personal appointment.**

SISTERHOOD PICNIC IN THE PARK

Our Sisterhood End-of-Summer Picnic was certainly a day to remember.

Under the pergola at Rush Park in Rossmoor, Sisterhood gathered for lunch, games, and of course, friendship "Sisterhood-Style".

Besides eating, we played "The Price is Right", the Jewish Edition. Guessing the prices brought laughter and a little fun competition. Prizes helped make the game even more fun.

Door prizes were given out and three lucky individuals took home some lovely Judaica items.

We hope to see you at some of the many events we have planned throughout the coming year. Your Sisterhood membership information will reach your home soon. Please complete the necessary information. An addressed return envelope has been provided for you.

Please check your email for SAVE THE DATE information plus eblasts to RSVP to events. Be sure to check the Kol Yisrael for Sisterhood information as well.





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

By Andrea Freidenthal, Social Action Committee

There's lots of projects with the Social Action Committee that have a great impact on the community requiring coordinators. Here are some of them.

- Coordinate online purchase of plastic tarps. Repeats every year, SAC pays, ships direct to COA and St. Lukes for distribution.
- Warm clothes, blankets, jackets, etc. drive. Coordinate and confirm a date, write a blurb and arrange for drop off bins and times.
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste: Hygiene kits would be lovely, but there's a large daily need for these two items. Organize some way for people to donate, purchase or drop off.
- St. Lukes Shower Program: Sort donated clothes with their team on

Thursday mornings or come serve a hot meal at lunch.

- JFCS: Get donations of Ensure/ Boost for senior cancer clinic at Memorial.
- COA & LBCC: Diaper Bank on Fridays for seniors and babies. Spread the word and get something going! Sanitary products too!
- Coats for KIDS: Annual program collecting used coats at LB Libraries, then they fill a coat closet at Roosevelt Elementary (across from Poly High). This is a well-established program so we just give people a way to participate.
- LB Senior Center: Does a coat drive every winter, also gets large grants to buy new coats.

- COA – Always needs food donations, canned, and paper goods, etc. The Social Action Committee and volunteers do the 3rd Monday dinners, but they serve 400 meals a day and need everything, always!
- The Women's Shelter, LB Rescue Mission, Lydia's House for domestic violence victims and their kids, and Aids Foundation always have needs.

Just call me and let's talk.

Andrea Friedenthal
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Temple Israel Social Action

Winter Clothes Drive

November 3 - December 5

Drop off at Temple Israel





K esher 8th-12th Grade



Jackson Marschall
Teen Council Madrichim Rep.

November is starting; the leaves are falling. Keshet Teens are excited for the upcoming events this November. On November 7th, ANDI teens fly out to Texas for the URJ NFTY Collab. The Collab is a national teen leadership event. TI teens attend The Collab every other year, alternating with L'Taken, our social justice advocacy trip in Washington, DC. The Collab may take place far away, but it is nothing short of a great time. I know the teens love The Collab every time we go and are excited to attend this year. We can't wait to meet, learn, and pray with teens from all over the country, sharing and growing together. On November 20th, our entire Keshet Program will be going to see the musical Suffragette in LA at the Pantages Theater, as part of the Rabbi Moskowitz funded Teen Arts Program. This will be a great way for the teens to learn about the suffragette movement and create memories with new and old friends. At the end of the month, Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence Pamela Schuller will be working with our Keshet students in her comedy and storytelling lab. We will hear a bit of Pamela's story, told with humor, and then try our hands at crafting our own jokes or short stories.

The school year is already speeding by, and before we know it, Keshet will be having its Purim shpiel. Auditions for the next teen shpiel will be held in December. I know many teens look forward to this, and we are excited to get started to prepare for the shpiel in the Spring. Max Perler has been working very hard on the script and is looking forward to directing the teens this year. With the High Holy Days behind us and the hostage release so fresh in our memories, Keshet teens are ready to learn about upcoming topics and are looking forward to the new year ahead. Recently, TI teens have been discussing the following subjects in class: favorite memories with their adoptive grandparents, the importance of one's Jewish Identity as a growing, Jewish teen, and how being Jewish will affect their life after high school. I think these topics are all very important and impactful, because, as a senior who's about to graduate, I am still developing my Jewish identity and what that looks like in college and the rest of my life. I truly believe the Keshet teens are thriving and are ready and looking forward to upcoming events and challenges.



Photos from 6th & 7th Grade Youth Group Event



KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



Two years ago, I was starting to pack my suitcase from my trip home over the Sukkot holiday and preparing for the flight back to Tel Aviv. Etay came running in from the backyard, news playing on his phone, and stopped time for the next 738 days. This time, I was packing my suitcase again and checking into my flight. As had been the case innumerable times over the last two years, there was another round of pundits in the news discussing the latest possibility of a hostage and ceasefire deal. The chances felt higher than ever, especially after the summer's developments in Iran and Doha. Probably only my future children will

learn what really happened behind the scenes to push this round of negotiations over the finish line, but already used to a disappointing end to the same story, I buried any hope and focused on more immediate tasks. Within a few hours, I was boarding my plane, hoping to get some respite, enjoy a vacation with my mother who was already in the air, and enjoy my friend's wedding which was the impetus for the trip.

Just like one day you can wake up and your country is at war, you can also wake up to a country at peace. In the hotel room before bed, friends texted me asking if I wanted to wake up early to go to Hostage Square to watch their return (and hopefully celebrate). I informed them that I cannot, and I think we also all held on to some doubt so that at the last moment, when things fell apart, our hope would be hedged. That morning however, when I awoke, the living hostages, without pomp and circumstance or climax, had all been returned to Israel. Two years of sorrow, of struggle, of horror, ended. All the emotions of that time that needed to survive the reality unfolding around me suddenly had their awaited moment of release, but nowhere to release them.

All the relevant activity was happening without me. In a way, most selfishly, I almost wish that their release could have happened when I was in Israel, to be able to go to join my friends at Hostage Square, and dance and sing with them, to feel the joy and ecstasy of the moment transform into a healing substance to release the tensions of war from the body. Instead, I landed back in Israel, and it felt like the last two years have become a distant stain in time. The stickers of the hostages' faces and fallen soldiers have started to peel, and beneath them stickers from the judicial coup and protests start to peek through. Of course, the ceasefire and the release of the living hostages is only a start to a slow healing process, but at least it is a start. We said that we were stuck for 738 days on October 7th. At last, we can say it's October 8th.



TAKE ACTION WITH JEWS BELONG BEACH COALITION

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm

Alpert JCC - 3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach

Guest Speaker Max Sararov,
Executive Director of Research and Strategy
at StandWithUs will be sharing their allied mission in the fight against antisemitism.

RSVP

JewsBelongBeachCoalition@gmail.com

TORAH CENTER SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION



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Healing the Heart with Humor

Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 pm

Teacher: Susan Mathieu



Numerous studies show that humor and laughter have a positive effect on aging and life satisfaction. Humor is a powerful force with psychological and physiological effects on the body. Humor and laughter can improve the immune system, heart functioning, and mental health among other benefits. Join us to discover how

humor can be just the prescription you need.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE MOVIES...

**Jewish Comedy from
Mel Brooks to Annie Hall
to Seinfeld (and Beyond)**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

November 5, 12, and 19

Teacher: Ellen Fox

Join us for a joyful exploration of Jewish comedy in American film and television, from the slapstick genius of Mel Brooks to the neurotic wit of Woody Allen's *Annie Hall* to the everyday absurdities of *Seinfeld*. In this three-session class, we'll watch classic clips that contain Jewish humor of all kinds. Come ready to laugh, giggle and reminisce as we discover what makes Jewish comedy a beloved part of our lives!



DELI CLASSICS COOKING SERIES:

Pickles and Stuffed Cabbage

In partnership with Temple Israel Sisterhood

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 am

Teacher: Amy Lipeles



Don't you love the free pickles you get when you sit down at a deli? Learn how to make them as well as an updated version of your grandmother's stuffed cabbage. Let's cook together!

Cost: \$10

THE COMEDIAN WHO TURNS HUMOR INTO CONNECTION

Pamela Schuller

Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence

NOVEMBER 14 - 16

Friday Night,

*"The Appetizer" Drasha
7 pm - During Shabbat
Services*



Saturday Night

Comedy Show - 7 pm

Laugh-out-loud comedy meets true stories of disability, self-acceptance, and inclusion. It's a hilarious, heartfelt reminder that the things that make us different are exactly what make us shine.

Sunday Morning - 11:30 am

Talking About Disability & Resilience

A discussion-based session on how to talk about disability with kids, build resilience, and encourage them to ask for help. Leave with simple, concrete resources you can use right away.

This opportunity is for current Torah Center Parents ONLY.

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**PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL JJL PROGRAMS TO
CHARMAINE CLW@TILB.ORG**

An Evening With Monica Piper: "Farmisht, Farklempf, and Farblunget!"

Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 pm

In partnership with Temple Israel Sisterhood



Emmy Award-winning comedy writer, Monica Piper explores her Jewish roots and present life in this hilarious and heartwarming blend of standup comedy and storytelling. "Audiences leave laughed out, a little teary-eyed, and happy to be Jewish. Even those who aren't," Ronda Spinak, artistic director The Braid, formerly Jewish Women's Theatre.

SUNDAY MORNING PARENT DISCUSSION WITH THE CANTOR

Sunday, November 23 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

DRAWING LAUGHS: *An Evening with New Yorker Cartoonist Asher Perlman*

**Thursday, December 4 at 6:00 pm
via Zoom**



Come learn how to make cartoons with Asher Perlman (The New Yorker, "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert"), who NPR calls "one of today's great New Yorker cartoonists." In this information-packed workshop, Asher walks you through everything you need to know about crafting the perfect gag cartoon, from brainstorming ideas to perfecting the caption. Whether you want to become a professional cartoonist or you just want to stretch yourself creatively and have some fun, this class is for you. **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88563886263>

A TASTE OF JUDAISM *with Rabbi Fox*

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
December 3, 10 and 17**

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.



In Search of the Perfect Pickle: Field Trip To Benjies New York Deli in Santa Ana

**Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 pm,
meeting place in Long Beach TBD**



It's a dilly – or should we say deli – of a field trip! Are you a corned beef connoisseur? A matzo ball maven? A pastrami professor? A chopped liver champion? Join us as we visit some nearby delis to check out their food, ambiance, and of course, their pickles! You have two dates and two delis to choose from – come to one or both! Benjie's Deli in Santa Ana was founded in 1967 by Stan Weinstein and is still run by his son and daughter-in-law. New York Deli in Torrance, which we will visit in March, was opened in 1985 to bring a taste of New York to the South Bay. **We'll be carpooling from Long Beach. Please bring cash or a credit card to cover your meal.**

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INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Intensifying Attacks on Free Speech Endanger Religious Freedom and Multi-Faith Democracy

September 19, 2025

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

As a leading national advocate for religious freedom and civil rights, Interfaith Alliance is deeply alarmed by the intensifying atmosphere of censorship and aggressive crackdown on free speech that is unfolding in the United States. In the wake of the horrific assassination of Charlie Kirk, the organization is appalled by the proliferation of political violence and violent threats, as well as by blatantly authoritarian efforts to silence a wide range of legitimate constitutionally protected speech and activism.

Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, the President and CEO of Interfaith Alliance, released the following statement:

"The First Amendment, a fundamental pillar of our multi-faith democracy, protects the freedom of speech as well as the freedom of religion. When freedom of speech is under intense attack by the federal government, and individuals and organizations across the country are being intimidated out of exercising their fundamental rights to discuss and debate important issues, this represents a massive threat to democracy and to the rights of religious communities.

"The terrible scourge of hatred and political violence in our country can be best addressed by expanding and strengthening a vibrant, inclusive democracy where all communities, including all people of diverse faiths and beliefs can engage and coexist with one another peacefully, in accordance with our core constitutional freedoms. Utilizing instances of terrible violence and hate to fuel a crackdown on civil society, suppress free speech, remove prominent voices from the airwaves and intimidate the media into silence and collaboration is a recipe for more division and more danger.

"We have seen at previous moments in our history, including the McCarthy era, how attacks on First Amendment rights can quickly spiral into full-scale witch-hunts and repression in which individuals unjustly lose their livelihoods, communities are torn apart, and the fabric of our democracy is greatly weakened. In such moments, out-of-favor religious and ethnic minorities are particularly vulnerable to targeting and scapegoating.

The First Amendment protects our right to freely practice our faith, which is inextricably tied to our other first amendment rights to free speech and free assembly. Now is a critical moment to speak up and speak out in defense of religious freedom, free speech, free assembly, and all of our core democratic freedoms. We must show moral courage, and refuse to give in to intimidation and fear, and do everything in our power to build a stronger, healthier democratic society."

Interfaith Alliance recently filed an amicus curiae brief in *Newsom v. Trump*, supporting Governor Newsom and U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer's ruling that the Trump administration broke the law when it deployed approximately 4,000 National Guard soldiers and 700 Marines to Los Angeles in June during immigration enforcement operations and related protests. The brief argues that upholding this ruling is essential to protecting religious freedom, emphasizing that for many communities of faith, peaceful protest is a sacred religious practice protected by the Constitution.

Interfaith Alliance also played a leading role in organizing faith communities to participate in the recent No Kings rallies across the country on October 18, which brought millions of Americans into the streets to protest against the Trump Administration's perceived authoritarian and anti-democratic abuses of power, including their infringements on the freedoms of speech, assembly and religion.

Interfaith Alliance is a network of people of diverse faiths and beliefs from across the country working together to build a resilient democracy and fulfill America's promise of religious freedom and civil rights not just for some, but for all. We mobilize powerful coalitions to challenge Christian nationalism and religious extremism, while fostering a better understanding of the healthy boundaries between religion and government. We advocate at all levels of government for an equitable and just America where the freedoms of belief and religious practice are protected, and where all persons are treated with dignity and have the opportunity to thrive. For more information, visit interfaithalliance.org.

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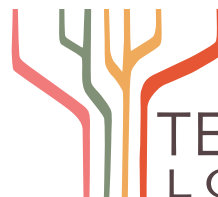
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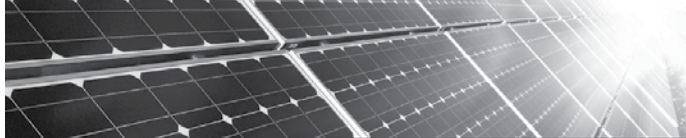
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