



Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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TEMPLE ISRAEL'S ANNUAL GALA CIRQUE DU SHALOM AN EVENING TO IMAGINE OUR FUTURE

Saturday, May 11, 2019

During this evening, we will recognize and honor the leadership and dedication to our community of these three amazing couples:

*Lynne & Jonathan Kass
Ann & Gene Lentzner
Joanne & Jerry Levy*



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HAVDALLAH

Saturday, April 13 at 5:30 pm



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



*Dan Frank
Steven Gratch & Judith Irving
Linda Reiss-Klein & Lynn Zdonek*



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S CREATING COMMUNITY

Special Oneg

Friday, May 31st

Are you an Empty Nester?

Join us at the Oneg following our Got Shabbat? Service
Come meet other empty nesters!

We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate an Empty
Nesters Group if you are interested please contact

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Eric J. Sbatzkin, Exec. Director • Sharon Amster Brown, Educator
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Our Mission Statement:

To actively engage in a journey of Jewish spiritual, educational
and social growth.

Our Vision Statement

A vibrant, caring Reform congregation of living Judaism
that embraces the rich legacy of Jewish thought, practice and
spirituality.

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

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, April 5

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass
7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 6

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, April 12

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, April 13

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Nisenholtz

Friday, April 19

Passover - NO SERVICE AT THE TEMPLE

Saturday, April 20

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 26

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 27

8:45 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Barnhart-Ross



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HEALING

By Joyce Feldman, *Temple President*



Happy April. March was a tough road for our congregation, the staff, your board, and me personally, following Rabbi Moskowitz's announcement that he is leaving our congregation. I know most of you share my feelings, and the feelings of the Board, that this is not what any of us wanted.

Some of you have reached out with questions as to the role of the board and the processes we follow. We, your Board of Directors, are elected

members of the congregation entrusted to maintain "the general management of the affairs, funds and property of the corporation" (ie. Temple Israel). This is how it is stated in the bylaws that guide us. Our twenty-one board members take their job very seriously, and have all signed a "board covenant" which outlines the many expectations that come with board service. We begin each meeting with The Prayer for Communal Leadership, reminding us that the work we do is sacred and we are working for "the needs of the community. Members take turns preparing D'var Torah lessons to help ground us and guide us in the wisdom of Torah. We have a regular agenda of business that we must attend to in order to keep our temple running smoothly. I am proud of the diversity of this board. They are all active in temple life and at least one board member can be found at most of the activities of our temple community. The current composition of the board has members ranging in age from their 20s to the 70s. We represent a total of 365 years of Temple Israel membership, with the average length of membership being 17 years. We represent a true cross section of our community as a whole, with occupations such as educators, a physician, attorneys, an engineer, business owners, a CFO, consultants, an artist and managers. We represent you, the congregation, very well. Our board has term limits (except for those that are elected President) that limit our consecutive time on the board to seven years. Our average current length of service is 4 years. In last month's Kol Yisra'el, Past President Steve Keiles, posted a "Board of Directors Recommendation Form". We have four board members rolling off the board in July and we are excited to welcome new members. (See his article for more information.) We are always looking for more congregants to step up and join us in serving the congregation. There are many opportunities from volunteering at a service or event, to serving on a committee or special task force, to serving on the board.

It is time now to begin the process of healing and look to moving forward. You should have received an email from Incoming President, Steve Gordon and myself mid-March. In this email we encouraged you to reach out to us. We also mentioned that during the next several months, we will host ongoing opportunities for the congregation to come together in

order to discuss the transition process and to shape our future. These meetings will be held at different times to accommodate as many congregants as possible. The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm** at Temple Israel. Based on Rabbi Moskowitz's advice, we are currently seeking a consultant to examine our organizational systems, structure and bylaws. Rabbi provided a list of potential consultants for consideration, and we have two task force chairs (one board member and one congregant at-large) who are currently interviewing possible consultants. A task force will be formed to work on these changes. The Interim Rabbi Search Committee, chaired by Past President Rob Feldman, has begun their work. A "Settled" Rabbi Search Committee will be formed soon to begin the formal search to find our next spiritual leader. The congregation will be asked for input as we go through all these processes and will be informed of our progress as we move forward. Some of the changes to systems and structures may need a bylaw change, which will require congregational approval. Please make sure you read the monthly Kol Yisra'el and emails. We will post new meeting dates in a timely fashion so you may attend.

On a personal note of needing your thoughts for healing, some of you may have noticed that I haven't been around temple much lately. Unfortunately last month I, once again, I had a snow skiing accident resulting in the fracturing of my right leg. Some of you may recall that one of my first articles as President almost two years ago was titled "Lessons of a Broken Leg", as I recovered from my broken left leg. I am not sure what lessons I will learn from this break. Whether I hang up my skis this time, or face the fear and return to my passion is still to be determined. As many of you know who have also recovered from injuries, the process of healing broken bones is not an easy one. I truly appreciate the support I have received from all of our senior staff, the board, congregants, and of course my family.

In the spirit of healing, your Gemilut Chasadim (planned act of kindness) challenge for the month of April, is to reach out to someone who is need of healing. A note, a text, or a call are all appreciated when someone is battling an issue of mind, body or soul. Knowing someone is thinking of them can make all the difference.

Happy April. May spring bring us all a sense of healing, renewal and optimism that we will move through this together, as one united congregation.

APRIL BOARD BITES

"What has the board been doing lately?"

- Completing the application for Interim Rabbi
- Seeking out Consultants to look at our Systems & Structures
- Attending a URJ Webinar on Governance
- Planning the budget for 2019/2020
- Serving on various committees of the Temple



TUESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:00 PM

All Temple Members are invited to join us for a meeting for the community to ask questions and express their feelings about the rabbinic transition.

This will be the first in a series of meetings held for our members as we move through the process of healing and seeking our next spiritual leader together.

OPEN TO ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS

THANK YOU

VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped out for Purim this year! Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

As Immediate Past President, I have the honor of chairing our Temple's Nominating Committee. This year, you may nominate yourself or someone you think is a good candidate for board service. Our hope and goal is to demystify the process, to remove barriers to board service, to increase board representation and involve everyone who has an interest in being part of our Board. It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve on the board of Temple Israel. We currently have 4 openings on our board.

I hope you will consider serving on the Board and submit the form below. Once submitted, a member of the Nominating Committee will call you to discuss your interest in board service. Each applicant will be given equal consideration. Names placed on the slate for Board approval will be based on our desire to create a balanced and representative board.

Board members must be members of Temple Israel who are Jewish and are not employed by the Temple.

Board requirements include:

- Attending a minimum of 8 board meetings per year. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Knowing what the Temple budget is and taking an active part in reviewing, approving and monitoring the budget and fund-raising to meet it.
- Actively promoting our organization and encouraging and supporting the staff.
- Serving on at least one committee with the goal of chairing a committee or sub-committee within two years of board membership.
- Acting as greeter and/or Board Representative at Services a minimum of four times per year and at the High Holy Days.
- Staying current with all personal financial commitments to Temple Israel.
- Actively support fund-raising events of the Temple.

If you have questions, please call me at (562) 799-7026.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Steve Keiles, *Immediate Past President*

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- I would like to be considered as a candidate for board service.
 - Or, I would like to recommend the following candidate for potential board service. I have checked with the individual for his or her permission to be recommended.

Name: _____

Name: _____

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on the Board of Temple Israel and what are some of your interests and skills that you bring to that role?



FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

BARBIE SPATZ



Last October, Barbie Spatz traveled to Eastern Europe and Israel with the Long Beach Jewish Community. She learned a lot about Jewish History and met many wonderful people. Many of her new travel friends belonged to the Alpert JCC and to Temple Israel. She joined the Alpert JCC, and after attending our new member dinner in January, became a Temple Israel new congregant.

Barbie grew up in Downey and belonged to the local temple there. She is a graduate of Downey High and Cal State Long Beach. For over 42 years, you may have seen Barbie "working the windows" in Long Beach for the US Postal Service. She loved her job and retired just 3 years ago.

Barbie enjoys bicycling and hiking. This summer she will be riding her bicycle from Vermont to Quebec with an active travel company. We are fortunate that Barbie found Temple Israel and welcome her.

MICHAEL AND SHIMRIT VAVAK



Welcome to our newest family - the Vavaks. Michael and Shimrit Vavak were born and raised locally and live in Rossmoor. They have 2 children, Shaiah, who is 8 years old and in 3rd grade, and River, who is 5 and in TK at Hopkinson Elementary School. They were referred to Temple Israel by their good friends, Phil and Stephanie Gonshak.

Michael is the Marketing Brand Director at Body Glove and Shimrit is a Bookkeeper and Operations Manager. Michael loves to surf and be in the outdoors. Shimrit enjoys pilates and is an organizer. Shaiah loves to build with Legos and River is into art and anything to do with learning.

The Vavak's favorite Jewish holiday is Hanukkah. Shimrit makes it a point to teach in Shaiah's class every year about the meaning and traditions of Hanukkah, and has become known as the "Hanukkah Lady" at Hopkinson Elementary!

They are very happy to have found a Jewish community where their children will learn the traditions of their faith and where they hope to develop lifelong friends and a strong bond between themselves and the community. We are excited to provide a warm Temple Israel welcome to Michael, Shimrit, Shaiah and River.

WORKER JUSTICE DESSERT SEDER AT TEMPLE

By Myron Wollin, *Social Action Committee*

The Social Action Committee, with the assistance of CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) and SCIC (South Coast Interfaith Council), will hold a **Worker Justice Interfaith Dessert Seder on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm at the Temple.**

This dessert seder will be led by our own Cantor Sara Hass. The Hagaddah will include the traditional rituals and symbols and link the Passover story of the Jewish people's struggle for freedom from slavery with modern struggles for freedom from oppression.

Two special guest speakers will share their current, local experiences of workplace injustice and immigration struggles. Participants will learn about efforts to improve worker conditions and support undocumented persons here in Long Beach.

All Temple members are invited to join the Social Action Committee in this ecumenical event. There is no cost to attend, but please make a reservation by calling the Temple office if you plan to be there.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TO HONOR TEMPLE ISRAEL VOLUNTEERS

Temple Israel will be honored by the Drop-in Center of the Urban Community Outreach at a dinner at the First Congregational Church on Saturday, April 27. The church, located at 241 Cedar Ave. in Long Beach, and a long time "partner" of Temple Israel where we held many high holiday services in the past, is the venue for meals for the homeless and low income, and where many volunteers from our temple prepare and serve dinner at Christmas and the August barbecue. Over 200 to 300 people from the surrounding community usually attend these events.

Temple Israel and our volunteers will be recognized for their contribution to the community. Members who have volunteered over the years are heartily encouraged to attend this event.

The evening will start with a silent auction at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Entertainment and recognition of our Temple will follow. **For more information and to make a reservation, please go to www.ucodic.org**



Sisterhood's Membership Lunch
with a Guest Speaker *Adrian Sweet Howard*

Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm
at Temple Israel

FREE FOR MEMBERS

\$15 for non-members (or join Sisterhood)

Please RSVP by Monday, April 8
to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



TUESDAY, APRIL 30
9:30 am. - 2:00 p.m.

Light Breakfast • Snacks • Lunch • Dessert
\$ 36.00

Bring your favorite game to play with your friends.

*Bring your own Mahjong set for your table,
and any other game boards you like.*

To RSVP please turn in the form below
by Wednesday, April 24

www.tilb.org/Sis_GameDayForm_Apr19.pdf
(or pick up a hard copy in the Temple lobby)



Make and Take

Create a Personalized Art Piece
Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm
at Temple Israel



COST: \$15

(includes all supplies and refreshments)

Please RSVP required by Monday, April 29
to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

SAVE THE DATE
Monday, June 10
Sisterhood Installation and Dinner

TI SISTERHOOD

Gift Shop

for all your Passover needs and more

- ✧ Seder plates by Michael Aram, Nambe and other Israeli Artists
- ✧ Fun Passover toys for children and fun-loving adults
- ✧ Matzah Plates
- ✧ Matzah Covers
- ✧ Tallit, yarmulkes and much more!





TEMPLE ISRAEL
HIGH SCHOOL
 PROGRAM

March was particularly busy for Temple Israel's High School Program. Through the Torah Center classes, both the 9th and 10th grade classes went on field trips with the Rabbi and their teachers. The 10th grade class had an absolute blast with Rabbi Moskowitz and Rabbi Loving in sunny Palm Springs, learning about Jewish identity and bonding with one another, in addition to having fun on their weekend getaway. The 9th grade class had a reflective learning experience on their field trip to The Islamic Center of Orange County, on which the students participated in prayer respectfully and compared religions. The 9th grade class also went on a field trip to Algalita Marine Research and Education. Teens learned about plastic pollution in the ocean and had a chance to participate in some scientific research.

Musically speaking, the High School Program has been having a ton of fun! On March 3rd, our teens attended the Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County's 15th Annual Faith Forum and Festival, collaborating with teens from a multitude of religions and viewing different religious groups perform songs and dance. Shir Harmony performed, representing Temple Israel! In addition, the High School Program performed the annual Teen Purim Shpiel on the 16th and 17th, with the theme of Disney's The Little Mermaid!

ANDI-wise, our teens went to NFTY SOCAL Leadership Kallah at American Jewish University in Los Angeles, at which our teens went through leadership training programs and got to take part in the regional board elections. Moreover, ANDI's upcoming elections are on Sunday, April 14th. Any high schooler can run for a position on the ANDI Board. All are welcome and encouraged to come and be part of the voting process!



THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



RACHEL NISENHOLTZ
 April 13, 2019

Hi, my name is Rachel Nisenholtz and I will be becoming a Bat Mitzvah on April 13 this year. I am in 7th grade at Rogers Middle School and have been attending Torah Center since kindergarten. I love to play tennis, I'm the stage manager in my drama club, and I enjoy hanging out with my friends.

My Mitzvah Project this year is taking place at the Lydia House, a shelter for women and children in Long Beach. Once a month, I will be planning a birthday party for the people who live there. Having these fun parties brings positivity into the community. Every time I walk in they get so excited and can't wait to hear what I planned for the night. I am starting to get to know some of the adults and the kids at the Lydia House. Doing this makes me feel really good when I am done.



ETHAN BARNHART-ROSS
 April 27, 2019

Hello! I am Ethan Barnhart-Ross and on April 27, 2019 I will become a Bar Mitzvah! I am very excited and nervous for this day, however, I think that I am very prepared for it. I enjoy doing many things, some of these include: karate; playing video games; playing Dungeons and Dragons; playing trombone and piano; filling people in on "Ethan's Daily Advice" (a random piece of advice, a thought, or question every school day); and being around dogs.

My Mitzvah Project is reading to the shelter dogs at SPCALA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles). This helps the animals feel more comfortable around humans and helps them get adopted. I enjoy doing this a lot and will continue doing this after fulfilling my mitzvah hours.





RABBI MOSKOWITZ OFFERS SUPPORT TO LONG BEACH ISLAMIC CENTER

Lisette Mendoza, Signal Tribune, Editorial Intern

An emergency meeting was held at the Long Beach Islamic Center on Friday, March 15, to show support for the Muslim community in the cities of Long Beach and Signal Hill after the mass shooting that occurred at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, where at least 50 people were killed and 20 more were seriously injured.

Key figures were in attendance to show their support for the Muslim community, including local faith, political and law-enforcement leaders.

“Every time they take a life, one million lives are going to rise to resist them,” said Tarek Mohamed, chairman of the Long Beach Islamic Center. “Every time they take and destroy one flower, we’re going to replace it with a garden of flowers. They fight us with a bullet, we fight back with love and compassion.”

Rabbi Steven Moskowitz from Temple Israel and Pastor Eric Marsh from Parkcrest Christian Church also came to show their support for the Jewish and Christian communities in Long Beach.

“Imam Tarek Mohamed is my brother,” began Moskowitz. “We stand up with Mohamed. We will defeat those who attack us. We stand up together, and we shall prevail.”

Mayor Tina Hansen pledged aid from the City of Signal Hill.

“It is important to come together, like we are here in our local community, and speak out against hatred and violence and pledge our support for this center and the community that worships here,” she said. “On behalf of the City of Signal Hill, I want to pledge my city’s support to the center, to your community that worships here and whatever resources you need from our city, our police department, from our staff, we are here for you.”

Fourth District Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn thanked the Signal Hill and Long Beach Police departments for their “vigilant” protection of the mosques. Hahn condemned the attack, saying that “violence and murder are the inevitable consequence of hate and bigotry. We do not accept that, we will not be tolerant of that, nor in any way will we do anything except condemn that.”

Hahn expressed her support to the Muslim community, adding how “we stand united today with you, our Muslim neighbors, and we stand with you every day. We support you, we will do everything we can to protect you, and we are here to tell you that you are a much loved and valued people in our communities, here in Signal Hill and throughout Los Angeles County.”

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia was also in attendance and acknowledged Mohamed as a “brother and friend to all of us here in Long Beach.”

He was joined by Vice Mayor Dee Andrews and councilmembers

Lena Gonzalez and Al Austin as he expressed their support on behalf of the City of Long Beach.

“This is a painful reminder that hate lives on, Islamophobia is real, and we must do everything in our power to defeat it,” Garcia said. “On behalf of Long Beach, we stand with our Muslim community and neighbors and send our love to you, not just here at home, but across the world.”

He added: “Our message is a community message. We love you, we support you, and we are with you always. We must always reject Islamophobia. We must always reject white nationalism. We must always reject anyone who chooses to attack the beauty of diversity, equality and freedom of religion.”

The chief of the Signal Hill Police Department, Christopher Nunley, and chief of the Long Beach Police Department, Robert Luna, assured people in attendance that, although no credible threats had been indicated, to not hesitate to call if they witness anything suspicious.

“Fear is real, but how do we defeat that? It’s vigilance,” Luna said.

For Mohamed, the support from the community was reassuring.

“Your message means a lot to us,” he said. “Our community feels a lot better that behind them [is] very great leadership and [a] great community.”

Mendoza, Lisette. "Faith, political leaders gather at local mosque to spread messages of love to Muslim community in wake of New Zealand mass shooting" Published: March 22, 2019



Chairman of the Long Beach Islamic Center Tarek Mohamed, and Rabbi Steven Moskowitz of Temple Israel

Photo by Lisette Mendoza

EARLY CHILDHOOD TOT PROGRAMS

Tot Shabbat

WITH CANTOR HASS

Friday, April 5 at 6:00 pm



Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, ages newborn to early elementary school age and their loved ones. Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service. Tot Shabbat Services will be followed by challah and grape juice as well as a **FREE PIZZA DINNER after the Service!**

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, April 3**
to Michelle at mdt@tilb.org



Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am
at Marina Vista Park (near tennis courts)



Come join us for our next Shabbat ShaPARK Shalom! This gathering at Marina Vista Park is designed for families with young children. Come meet other parents and celebrate Shabbat with us at the playground. Kids can play...Parents can chat. Shabbat singing and challah too! **See you at the park!** All are welcome to attend. **FREE OF CHARGE**

SHABBAT SERVICES

SHABBAT HANEFESH

Friday, April 12 @ 6:00 pm

Please join Cantor Hass, Bill Shafton and percussionist Christo Pellani as they embark on a spiritual and uplifting Shabbat journey. Come enjoy the melodies we all know and love, presented with an acoustic, meditative flare, filled with powerful readings.



CREATING COMMUNITY PROGRAM ISRAELI DANCING AND POTLUCK

Friday Evening, April 12

following Shabbat HaNefesh Service

Come to the HaNefesh Service at 6 pm, stay and schmooze, share a potluck meal and Israeli dancing

Bring something to share
(main dish, side dish, substantial appetizer)
Temple will provide salad and dessert.

Please RSVP to Charmaine at clw@tilb.org

Kol HaShabbat

LEVITICUS

Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm

In Kol HaShabbat-Exodus, we invoked the rhythms and harmonies that call us to our deepest freedom. In Kol HaShabbat-Leviticus, we will explore as a community the power, responsibility, and purpose we all have as Kohanim to manifest the meaning and wisdom that imbues the Shabbat prayer service offerings, all leading to a Havdalah celebration of all that lies ahead.

If you'd like to sing, play an instrument, read a passage, tap the drum, daven with all your heart to help lead this sacred experience, email KolHaShabbat@gmail.com to sign up to participate. We will send you recordings and sheet music of the songs. **Saturday afternoon "Holy fun" rehearsals TBD with final rehearsal/sound check on Thursday May 16th at 6pm.**

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Joan Leb

It's award time in the Jewish library world. **The Association of Jewish Libraries** has chosen three books for their second adult fiction award:

Memento Park by Mark Sarvas (F SAR)

In order to recover a valuable painting stolen from his family in World War II, the protagonist of this suspenseful intellectual thriller must reconnect with his father, his family history, and his own Judaism.

The Cloister by James Carroll (F CAR)

The author melds the timeless love story of Abelard and Heloise with its impact on a priest and a Holocaust survivor in post-World War II Manhattan.

The Fourth Corner of the World by Scott Nadelson (F NAD)

All the characters in this short-story collection abandon their lands of origin, sever their roots, and distance themselves from the people they once were.

The Sydney Taylor awards are given every year for the best in children's literature with a Jewish theme. The awards are given for younger readers, older readers, and teens. The following books were honored in three categories:

Gold Medal winners:

All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah by Emily Jenkins (YR JEN)

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster by Jonathan Auxier (YR AUX)

In 19th century England, 10-year-old Nan Sparrow works as a chimney sweep. After she gets stuck in a fireplace, she winds up unharmed--saved by a golem, a creature of soot and ash.

What the Night Sings by Vesper Stamper (YR STA)

Gerta did not know she was Jewish until she was sent to Bergen-Belsen. Liberated in 1945, the 16-year-old must try to make a new life.

Honor Books

Through the Window: Views of Marc Chagall's Life by Barb Rosenstock (YT 799 CHA)

A clever story of Chagall's life, told with glorious pictures.

A Moon for Moe and Mo by Jane Breskin Zalben (PB ZAL)

Moses Feldman lives at one end of Flatbush Avenue and Mohammad Hassan lives at the other end. Rosh HaShana and Ramadan bring them together.

All Three Stooges by Erica S. Perl (YR PER)

While preparing for their Bar Mitzvah, comedy-obsessed Noah and Dash find their friendship threatened by a personal tragedy.

The Length of a String, by Elissa Brent Weissman (YR WEI)

Imani, the only black girl in Hebrew school, is preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. She desperately wants to find her birth parents, when she discovers a history of adoption in her own family.

You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone by Rachel Lynn Solomon (YR SOL)

The relationship between twins Adina and Tovah starts to unravel when they learn that one of them will develop Huntington's, the degenerative disease ravaging their mother.

PASSOVER SERVICE

Friday, April 26 at 10:30 am

Join us for our Passover Service

Yizkor will be observed

Luncheon following Yizkor

RSVP requested by Monday, April 22
to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter

SABBATH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM & SERVICE

Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 am

featuring

Barry Cogert and the Jazz Angels

Lunch included - \$5 per person

Please RSVP to the Temple Office (562) 434-0996



JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

TOUR OF INSTITUTE FOR CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AT USC

Thursday April 4
12:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us for this interesting opportunity, as we visit the Institute for Creative Technologies. This special outing is part of our exploration of Judaism, Ethics, and Artificial Intelligence.

Bus transportation will be provided. Fun stop at a local eatery for dessert after the tour. *Cost: none*

With thanks to the Abraham Perlman Foundation and The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Long Beach for their generous support.

BEYOND TALMUD:

Little-known Jewish Texts through Time

Thursdays at 7:00 pm
April 11, 18, 25

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving

When we speak about “Jewish literature throughout the ages,” what exactly is that literature, and what is its provenance? This class will discuss the oft-quoted Talmud and Mishnah, but also little-known Jewish texts like the Mechilta d’Rabbi Ishmael, and non-canonical texts like the Bible of the Dead Sea Sect and the Book of Maccabees. No Hebrew required. *Cost: none*

COOKING: RUGELACH THEN AND NOW

Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm

Teacher: Eve Lunt

A traditional deli cookie grows up into an easy and impressive savory dish that will impress your family and friends. In this class, you’ll make a classic chocolate chip rugelach from scratch, as good as Bubbe made - for when you want to bake a treat. But you’ll also learn an easy way to take the classic roll up method of making this cookie and make a scrumptious spinach and cheese version that you can make from ready-made dough and frozen spinach. *Cost: \$8 - RSVP requested*



Screening of short film HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR BAND AND FEATURE FILM GERMANS & JEWS Havdallah and Discussion Saturday, May 4 at 7:00pm

Holocaust Survivor Band

This short 2015 documentary by Director Joshua Z. Weinstein profiles two elderly Holocaust survivors in Florida who recently formed their own Klezmer band.

Germans & Jews

Today, Europe’s fastest growing Jewish population is in Berlin. Germany is considered one of the most democratic societies in the world, assuming the position of moral leaders in Europe, as it embraces hundreds of thousands of refugees. None of these developments could have been imagined in 1945. Through personal stories, *Germans & Jews* explores the country’s transformation from silence about the Holocaust to facing it head on. Unexpectedly, a nuanced story of reconciliation emerges. What began as a private conversation between the two filmmakers and friends, Tal Recanati (Jewish) and Janina Quine (non-Jewish German), grew into a cultural exchange among many. We realize that the two people are inextricably linked through the memory of the Holocaust. *Germans & Jews* is provocative, unexpected, and enlightening.

Cost: none



GERMANS & JEWS

CHALLENGING OURSELVES TO LOOK

BEYOND

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National Council of Jewish Women

NCJW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The National Council of Jewish Women Long Beach Section Linda Calderon Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for its scholarships for college students. Eligibility of a student is based on at least three of the following criteria:

1. The student is a Jewish man or woman who has already completed a minimum of 12 undergraduate units or eight graduate units at an accredited college, university or trade school.
2. The student's permanent residence is in the greater Long Beach or West Orange County areas. If in doubt, inquire about specific location by calling NCJW at the number listed below.
3. Completed application, personal statement and necessary recommendations must be mailed to NCJW Scholarship Fund, 3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90815 and received by May 1, 2019.

Selection of recipients will be based on financial need, academic standing, Jewish involvement, personal motivation and past achievements. Recipients will be notified by June 1, 2019. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible for additional awards.

To request a link to for the application or or more information please contact info@ncjwlongbeach.org or leave a message at (657) 235-2511.

Thank You!



GOOD WHEEL 2019

We want to thank the Temple Israel community for your generous support of the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled (whose work we wrote about in last month's Kol Yisra'el) by way of the donations during February to our monthly

Tzedaka collection and from those of you who sponsored the 4 day bike tour that took place in Israel between March 29-April 4 that we were proud to participate in. With your help, we were able to surpass the fundraising goal that we had set, and at this writing are continuing to raise funds to be directly and wholly applied to the critical rehabilitative and spirit nurturing work (through play) done at the center. You can find pictures of the Good Wheel 2019 cycling tour at goodwheel.net and on ours and the Temple Israel's FB pages. We are so proud to represent Temple Israel in supporting the Center and thank you again. Jared and Trish Goldin

INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Anne Frank's Stepsister – My Interfaith Guide

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



On March 6 I was treated to “A Historic Evening with Anne Frank’s Childhood Friend & Stepsister” at Chapman University, sponsored by Chabad and co-sponsored by the university’s Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education and Fish Interfaith Center. That evening proved to be a total delight, as I learned more about Anne Frank, the Holocaust and an abiding hope for the future from Eva Schloss, Anne Frank’s stepsister.

My curiosity regarding Chapman, founded in 1861 as Hesperian College in Woodland, CA through the auspices of the Disciples of Christ, also spurred me on to find out more about the university. Hailed by The Forward - Chapman, CUNY & Lehigh universities were rated the three #1 US colleges in their 2018 Guide that are safest for Jewish students; based on the number of anti-Semitic incidents on campus (0) as well as the campus crime rate, prevalence of crimes covered by the Violence Against Women Act, local crime data and if the university has an LGBTQ center and campus support.

Gail Stearns, Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel and Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Chapman University, “is proud that our campus is considered one of the safest campuses for Jewish students. Much of the credit goes to intentional dedication to educate our campus about Judaism in creative and meaningful ways, and to create a safe space for Jewish students. The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education offers incredibly rich programming to connect our Jewish students with Holocaust survivors and to educate the entire campus. The Fish Interfaith Center works closely with Jewish students and has a part-time director of Jewish life, working to ensure Hillel, Chabad and Jewish students have both the space and the resources needed for their programs.”

The main chapel has no iconography and the smaller chapel features interchangeable symbols of multiple faiths. The chapel features the Interfaith Center’s philosophy: an interchangeable set of holy symbols which plug into a handcrafted chapel display creating one of three major symbols: a cross, a crescent moon, and a 6-pointed star. Dean Stearns hopes to expand these symbols to include even more faiths.

Chapman’s Jewish student body (10%) has active Hillel and Chabad groups, that partner with other student and spiritual groups; organizing events such as a Halal/Kosher dinner where Muslim and Jewish students share food from each other’s traditions. They are hoping that this new tradition will continue and expand to include even more religious groups. Both Fish Interfaith Center and Wallace All Faiths Chapel see themselves as a living testament to Chapman’s open approach to spirituality. Dean Stearns believes that “an interfaith approach can be a force for good that aids in the search of common purposes such as peace. The more we bring people together to understand each other’s religions, the more it’s not foreign or suspect,” Stearns said. “People begin to understand that we’re all human.”

Little did I know that Eva Schloss would lead me on an interfaith journey--right in my own backyard! Shalom, salaam, peace!

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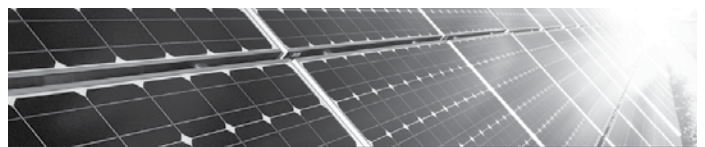


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