



Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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Temple Israel's Virtual Congregation



As we are undergoing the practice of PHYSICAL distancing, **NOT** SOCIAL distancing, we invite you to join us in taking our first step into a virtual congregation. Temple Israel staff is currently working to offer programming for all ages, including offerings with your clergy, online Joys of Jewish Learning classes, Torah Center, and interactive experiences for members of every age. And of course, we will continue to worship together every Shabbat.

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

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Tot Shabbat

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Friday, April 17 at 5:00 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.

Get Well Wishes

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Our Mission is to actively engage in a journey of Jewish spiritual, educational and social growth.

Our Vision is to be a vibrant, caring Reform congregation of living Judaism that embraces the rich legacy of Jewish thought, practice and spirituality.

APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

Join us online at 6:00 pm for our Services

Facebook Live or Zoom

<https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Israel-Long-Beach-CA-197939336908344/>

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

<https://zoom.us/j/181102665>

SATURDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY

<https://zoom.us/j/163280737>

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

<https://zoom.us/j/987542891>

Friday, April 3

6:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 4

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 10

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, April 11

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 17

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 18

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 24

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 25

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service



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REFLECTIONS ON FREEDOM

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



*Friends,
My article for this bulletin was written and submitted prior to the decision being made to temporarily close the Temple. And while there was time to do a complete edit, I chose not to. I am hopeful that the content and messages within the article are still valid, and worthy of sharing.*

The events that caused this very difficult course of action are of significant concern, to be sure. But something I know for certain about our congregation, is its ability to handle adversity. I have no doubt whatsoever that we will get through this together, and very soon we will be conducting business as usual. In the meantime, please know that our clergy, staff, and lay leadership are here for you, and doing everything we can to manage the situation as best as possible.

With the calendar telling us we are now in the month of April, our observance and celebration of Pesach is just up ahead. The Exodus of our people from slavery in Egypt is one of the most significant stories in our history. Every year, Jews across the world gather with family and friends to share their own personal traditions. And while the Hagadot we read may differ from one Seder to the next, the essential theme, of course, is freedom.

The concept of freedom, however, is quite complex. Mr. Webster defines freedom as “the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants, without hindrance or restraint.” Living in the United States, we all enjoy such freedom, don’t we? Or are there consequences to that precious right we sometimes take for granted?

In keeping with the spirit of our traditions having many interpretations, I’d like to share some musings on freedom:

Freedom, in its purest form, is the ability to do and say as we please, without breaking the law. I was going to add “or hurting someone,” to the end of that last sentence, but then realized that really isn’t part of the definition. In some circumstances, freedom gives us the right to cause harm with our words, but not our fists (unless the state provides you with a license to get paid really well to hit others so hard, they can’t stand up for ten seconds).

The right to cause harm with our words.....I wrote that sentence, and just stared at it. And I wondered, where does freedom end and common decency start? Perhaps that question can’t be answered because you don’t have to have the latter in order to have the former. I suspect that’s the way it should be. Legislating otherwise would compromise the integrity of our freedom, and that’s not okay. I guess what that means is, discomfort is a potential consequence of being free.

Freedom is conversation. It’s the interaction we have with friends and loved ones where the thoughts and ideas we share are so in tune with each other, the satisfaction we feel is like sugar melting in

our mouths. We walk away from those encounters deeply fulfilled and looking forward to experiencing them again with our “kindred spirits.”

Freedom is conversation, Part II. It’s interacting with folks who are telling us things we may not want to hear. Some of which may very well be valid, and some may not. But the freedom that allows those things to be said, also provides us with the ability to accept or reject what we are hearing. How we choose to respond is also a gift of freedom.

During our Seders, in addition to telling the story of The Exodus, we pose questions and have discussions that are rooted in the concept of freedom. It’s a right that our ancestors bravely fought for, and that we cherish. As with many things that are worth having, freedom doesn’t always come easy, nor is it without consequence. But would we have it any other way? Not a chance.

Now that you’re seriously wondering about my level (or lack thereof) of cognitive functioning, and/or sanity, I’m going to shift gears.

In previous articles, I have discussed the ways in which we have the privilege of supporting our Temple. Attendance at events, and financial commitment are two such ways. It just so happens that next month, we have the opportunity to provide both avenues of support. Every year around this time, we put on our Temple’s Annual Gala.

I am pleased to announce that on May 2nd, we will be honoring our Temple Sisterhood, as well as our ANDI Youth Program. For those of you not familiar with ANDI, it’s an acronym for Adolescents Now Doing Incredible (Things). The name was created to honor a beloved Torah Center teacher, Andi Joustra, who passed away some years ago.

Our ANDI kids are an amazing group of ambitious and talented independent thinkers, who reflect the Jewish values that are taught in our Torah Center. They bring pride to our synagogue, while at the same time enhancing their development and experiences post B’nai Mitzvah.

Equally as worthy of honor is our most recent edition of the Temple Sisterhood. In addition to opening and running our Gift Shop, they have been a source of financial support for many Temple enhancements. More importantly, however, the Sisterhood has been a place for the development of meaningful relationships, as well as creating a bond among its membership. As with the ANDI program, Sisterhood is just one more reason why Temple Israel is the great place that it is.

Attending and supporting the Gala, which is essentially what I’m asking you to do, achieves many goals. It provides us with the much needed financial resources necessary to run the Temple. It gives us the opportunity to honor two very deserving groups that contribute significantly to the pride we feel when we say we belong to Temple Israel. And lastly, it’s a chance to have a fun evening with friends.

I wish all of you a meaningful and fulfilling Pesach. And I look forward to seeing you at the Gala.



OVERCOMING COVID 19: STAY AWAY FROM CHICKEN LITTLE, MR. OSTRICH AND MARY POPPINS - THEY SHARE ONE DEADLY TRAIT

By Rabbi Jim Simon



I know as you read this that all of us are profoundly immersed into all aspects of COVID-19. Is there anything Judaism can teach us that will help us overcome these difficult times? I think yes - and I want to offer a few thoughts/ideas that may be helpful to you and your loved ones.

First, as you saw from the headline, we need to avoid or at least minimize these three “types of people. First, running around like Chicken Little, predicting the death of millions and the end of civilization is not helpful. Chicken Little also traffics in conspiracy theories - did you know the CIA started COVID 19, or the masks you buy actually carry the COVID 19 virus within the mask? Yes, this is a very serious crisis, but it is not and will not be the end of the world.

Second, avoid Mrs. Ostrich. She sticks her head into the ground and refuses to acknowledge the reality of what is going on. Ostrich doesn't want to hear anything and would prefer to watch 35 straight reruns of LAW and ORDER on TV. (L&O Criminal Intent is the best, BTW) But we know that we need to be aware of what is going on and how we can be part of the solution.

Third, stay away from Mary Poppins and come to think of it, Julie Andrews, too! Mary thinks this whole thing is a big to-do about nothing - all we have to do is be happy, pray to God for a happy ending and let's go have a BBQ at the beach and eat s'mores. To Mary, forget social distancing - let's get those huggies and kissies circulating. Love conquers all.

It may be that we know people who exhibit the traits of one of these people. If we are truly honest, parts of these people may be inside of us.

I am not suggesting that any of us is 100% Chicken Little, Mrs. Ostrich or Mary Poppins. But it's probably good that we engage in some self-examination to make sure that these character traits do not become an integral part of our identity. Especially in these turbulent times. WHY? Because these three people share the deadly trait of ANXIETY, which has the potential to overwhelm us, to cripple us and even to kill us.

So, before I leave you with two important Jewish teachings which will be helpful for you in the foreseeable future, let me offer a few thoughts about anxiety that I have learned

1. All psychologists and psychiatrists will tell you that anxiety can be good, bad or neutral. (The same applies to stress) Bad anxiety is when our anxiety level is too high. When this happens, we lose the capacity to be reflective. In short, bad anxiety makes us dumber. When our anxiety level is too high

we want only to relieve the anxiety rather than manage the crisis or make a plan for clear and constructive action. Too much bad anxiety ends up in your gut - and when your gut competes against your head, the gut always wins. And you pay a heavy price.

2. Peter Steinke and Gil Rendle have written extensively and intelligently about anxiety in congregations and what they teach interim clergy is very profound and it applies to us, especially in a time of crisis. Our job, they teach, is to be the non-anxious presence in our family. Our job is to balance our emotionality, to remain calm and stop blaming others. This is how we fight bad anxiety.

Two Jewish teachings that may help you. In the Talmud we learn “gam zeh ya'avov”- this too shall pass. I use it as a mantra whenever I think there is no light at the end of the tunnel. And, from Rabbi Yisroel Salanter, the great teacher of Musar comes this idea - “We never say something is bad, we prefer to say - it is bitter.” By saying it is bitter, we are not giving up hope completely.

This crisis will pass - it will be bitter but we will endure, *for we are a resilient people.*



TORAH STUDY Online Saturdays 8:45 am

Look for the Zoom link and weekly parshah in Friday's emails



PASSOVER SERVICES

Thursday, April 9 at 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30 am
(Yizkor Observed)



TELLING MY STORY...

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY

By Rabbi Scott Fox



More Jews will do this than any other Jewish thing all year. More will peel an egg, crack apart a piece of matzah and read from the Haggadah this year than study the Torah portion, light the Hannukah candles, or even attend Kol Nidre services. This is because the Passover seder is an ancient, accessible and elaborate way of doing one thing exactly: telling the story of our people.

I believe that this is what we do, we are a storytelling people. There is something deeply compelling and profoundly meaningful in taking a step back and drawing a thread of plot through the miracle of chance that directs our daily lives. When we stop to share our history, our story, that helps us see who we are.

So I'd like to share a bit of my story. I grew up surfing and playing guitar. After I graduated from the San Diego Jewish Academy I moved up to Los Angeles to pursue a career in Jazz. I was deeply moved by the music in the city but I realized I needed something more. I picked up and moved to a kibbutz in Israel, Kibbutz Lotan, one of two affiliated with the Reform Movement. There I found that working with my hands was fulfilling. Still, I sensed I needed something more -- to offer the work of my heart and mind. With my hands in the earth and the sun on my back, I started to think about teaching high school. I came back to California and enrolled at the University of California, Santa Cruz where a couple of professors took me under their wing. They turned me on to a number of Jewish thinkers and when I looked closely, most of them were teaching at one school, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. HUC-JIR also happens to be a rabbinical school. I enrolled at the College still intending to teach in the classroom, but something happened along the way.

The seminary requires every student to take a pulpit internship. My first was at Temple Sinai in Atlanta. I think there are moments when the stars seem to align, and we know that we're simply in the right place. Every Friday night I was able to set that guitar on my shoulders and play music that joined us together, that ignited the ancient words of our liturgy and lifted us up to something greater. My passion for justice had a voice from the bima where I could speak about social issues and organize with the community around causes that we all felt passionate about. I was teaching, every day, about Jewish texts as old as Genesis and as modern as Cynthia Ozick. In congregational life I found the "something more" for which I had been searching.

I've had the gift of serving in two unique roles in my rabbinate. As the first ever Reform Campus Rabbi at Cornell University, I served 3500 Jewish students - and as Associate Rabbi at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, I feel I have been successful in partnering



TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES OUR NEW RABBI

RABBI SCOTT FOX BEGINNING JULY 1!

Join us for our
Welcome Shabbat Service
Friday, July 3

**The Transition / Welcome Committee is hard at work
planning meet and greets and programs for everyone!**

with staff and lay leaders to bring newness to an active and storied congregation.

Dori, Adi (pronounced Uh-DEE) and I are thrilled to be joining Temple Israel in July. My experience of the community is that it is dynamic, thoughtful, caring, and vibrant. Many members have shared stories with me of how Temple Israel has helped shaped their lives. I want to hear more of these stories.

There's another reason Passover is the most celebrated holiday in the Jewish calendar. We celebrate this holiday in our homes and that intimate space helps the holiday speak more directly to each person. We are arranging a series of house gatherings to take place shortly after I arrive, opportunities to tell the history of and hopes for Temple Israel. Like the seder, I want to sit together in that intimate space and hear the many stories of this beautiful congregation. I want to meet you. I want to hear what excites you about Judaism, about Temple Israel. I want to engage in that ancient and popular Jewish ritual, the act that centers our collectively favorite holiday, which has inspired us for countless generations. I want to hear your story.



LET US BE A MISHKAN FOR HUMANITY

By Cantor Sara Hass



It's amazing how much our lives can change in just a few short weeks. We are living in far too uncertain times... and we are navigating completely uncharted waters. I am not sure that there is anyone that can recall a time when such restrictions have been put on humanity. Literally the entire world has experienced or is currently experiencing what we are. That's the part of this that is so hard to wrap my head around... the entire world is in

the same boat that we are. We are confined to our homes, to our families or those we live with, and while at some point each of us may be able to think about a time when we might have felt confined to a place or situation, this is truly unique moment in time.

Although this time feels dark and uncertain, and while there are parts of us that want to climb back into bed and wake up when this is all over, that's not what is happening in our community. Rather than sitting and stewing in our confinement, we are reaching out more than ever. We are coming together as a community – albeit virtually – but in some ways, we are seeing much more of each other than ever before. We've rallied the troops and worked to create meaningful and uplifting prayer experiences. Torah Center is alive and well, and Sharon's commitment to its success is truly admirable. Many of our congregational events are still on the calendar...they may look different than initially imagined, but they are still happening. I like to think that we have created a virtual mishkan – one that contains wisdom, guidance, and most importantly, hope. Once again, we have been faced with an unknown, but like so many times before, we have been able to see through the darkness and figure out how to make this our “new norm”. That's a phrase that I have been hearing thrown around – the “new norm”, and I'd like to change that a bit to say “the new norm... for now.”

At this point in our biblical story, the Jewish people have had to get used to “the new norm... for now” far too many times to count. Wandering in the desert, never knowing what was going to happen next... not to mention the fact that Moses almost gave up completely at the sight of the Golden Calf... As we begin the book of Leviticus, I have to admit that I don't necessarily find the book of Leviticus all that compelling. It is mostly contains rules about sacrifices, what to do about bodily secretions, and the many rules about who and how one can be a priest. Although it does contain a few gems – the story of Nadav and Avihu and the Holiness Code to name a few. Rabbi Billy Dreskin suggests that the book of Leviticus is “about human responsibility.” Right now, we as human beings are being put to the test and are literally responsible for the lives of all those around us – both physically as well as spiritually. This temporary “new norm” is chance for us to stand up and continue to be the strong community that we

always have been. We have proven time and time again that we can adjust, recreate, enhance, imagine, and depend on each other to be there – in this case virtually, but we are still here, prouder and stronger than ever. Imagine the miracles that have come from this “new norm” through the use of technology. We are thinking bigger and creating new and exciting learning opportunities that will hopefully continue when we are back to the old norm. We are reaching so far beyond the walls of this synagogue, and permeating the hearts of those in our community and in the greater Jewish community as well. This past week has proven that.

Perhaps we see this “new norm... for now” as an opportunity. An opportunity to both embrace this new way of communicating with each other and also to look inward and to focus our attention on the parts of us that we confine in the “other norm”. Allow ourselves to embrace the silence that accompanies the uncertainty we are all feeling. We live in a world in which it is so hard to stumble upon silence. And the few times when we do, we would often prefer running from it than to staying within it.

We don't know what comes next – but we do know the ill effect this pandemic will have on many in our community. It is our duty, both as human beings, to reach out, to help those around us, and to be a mishkan for those who are in desperate need of it now and in the future.

Chazak chazak v'neetchazek... be strong be strong and we will be strengthened.

A CARING COMMUNITY

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



It is the weekend of March 15, 2020. My plan was to write a column about “Wear a Kippah” day. Our country, the world, our community suddenly shifted radically in a way none of us have ever experienced. As we enter perhaps the most critical months of CoVid 19 pandemic, it is important to look at Jewish rituals and resources that we have in order to lead us through the months ahead.

Pikuach Nefesh is the preservation of human life as the most important action. Saving a life trumps Shabbat. Saving a life trumps Yom Kippur. One is required to make this a priority. Leviticus 18:5 says, “You shall keep My laws and My rules, by the pursuit of which man shall live.” As of today we have been asked to make some substantial sacrifices. We are ALL doing this to save a life. As Jewish people we are practicing perhaps the greatest Jewish value.`drg

Bikkur Cholim is the mitzvah to visit the sick. “It is a mitzvah – not merely a kindness – to visit the sick. Bikkur cholim includes the responsibility to care for the sick person's physical, economic, and personal needs, to relieve his or her isolation, and to pray for his or her recovery. This “visiting” in other words, is seen as critical to the health of the patient, although it should be carried out so as

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WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT



Sisterhood's Membership Appreciation Lunch and Game Day have been cancelled.



We are disappointed that we must cancel our upcoming events and cannot be together in person. It is more important that we all practice social distancing and do our part to help during this crisis. Although we cannot be together, we can stay together in other ways: participating in online events (Temple and others); phone and online calls; emails and texting.

Stay safe and well,
Sisterhood Board



**THE SISTERHOOD
GIFT SHOP**

**THE GIFT SHOP IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND
WILL REOPEN WHEN THE TEMPLE REOPENS**

Chag Pesach Sameach!



UPCOMING ROSH CHODESH DATES

JOIN US ONLINE

- Friday, April 24, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am



ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE - ASSESSMENT CONCLUDED

Project Status

The responsibility of the Organizational Improvement Initiative was to produce an Assessment addressing each of the Scope areas listed below, much the same as a management consultant would have, and to deliver the report, including recommendations, to the Board.

- Board Purpose, Function and Structure
- Foundational Statements
- Communication with Congregation
- Human Resources Operations
- Leadership Development
- Bylaws

We are pleased to announce that the OII Committee recently concluded its work and has produced an Assessment Report which the Board will soon begin reviewing. While the Assessment itself is only 25 or so pages long (excluding Appendices), it lists over 75 recommendations with timelines of “Do Now”, “Do in the Next Year”, and “Do in the Next Two-Three Years.” The guiding principle of our report, included in the report, is that the synagogue recognizes that its staff, congregants and volunteers are a sacred community, and that the work and interactions of this community should embrace and reflect the values of a sacred partnership. Those values include mutual respect, empathy, flexibility, trust, confidentiality, transparency, honesty, vulnerability and an ability to listen, communicate and reflect when working [with each other] as board members, staff or congregants.

Background

In January of 2019, Dawn Haldane and Freda Ross were asked to help assist the Temple Israel Board of Directors (BOD) to engage the services of a management/human resources consultant in the field of organizational change.

After engaging with four different consultants and reviewing a formal, written proposal from one, a decision was made to proceed with an assessment of systems and structures utilizing the talents of a group of Temple members, along with the consulting resources of the URJ. The decision to engage an external consultant was deferred until such time as a gap was identified within the resources available to us internally. The deliverables did not change; however, the timeline was extended.

The Organizational Improvement Initiative (OII) Committee members spent many months and hundreds of hours to gain an understanding of Temple Israel’s operations and the key opportunities for improvement. While it is believed that Temple Israel no longer needs to hire an external consultant to produce an overall assessment, in the future we may want to contract with subject matter experts on an as-needed basis.

For each of these Scope areas, subcommittee teams of two – four people (made up of both Board members and non-board members) participated in the effort. The work involved conducting dozens of interviews, not only with congregants, Temple Israel Board members and Past Presidents, but also with leaders of other Jewish

and non-Jewish organizations and synagogues, as well as with the URJ. The subcommittee teams conducted research related to best practice, analyzed our current operational state, and developed recommendations for improvement, with a suggested timeline for implementation. Many of the recommendations fall into the “Do Now” category. Some of the more substantive changes, based upon counsel from the URJ, are recommended to wait until after our settled Rabbi is here for awhile.

What Happens Next

By the end of April, our expectation is that the Board will have reviewed and approved the recommendations and timeline (as stated or with revisions). After that, various committees (not limited to the Personnel Committee, the Technology Taskforce, the Bylaws Committee, etc.) will be responsible for reviewing and taking actions on any of the recommendations included herein.

The President will be appointing a “Program Manager” who will maintain awareness and ‘keep tabs’ on all of the Board-approved recommendations with their associated timelines, convey any concerns regarding implementation to both the Board, and communicate progress to the Board and to the Congregation.

Town Hall Meeting

Once our world returns to normal (or as normal as possible), we will be scheduling a Town Hall Meeting in order for all to hear more about the key recommendations in the Assessment Report, and the approved plan to move forward. Please stay tuned.

CONDOLENCES

- Neil & Laura, Sarah and Samuel Chasin**
on the death of daughter and sister, Allison Chasin
Elaine Davis
on the death of her husband Howard Davis
- Joyce & Hank, Paige, Dennis, Scott and Hayley Feldman and Barbara & Charles Chang**
on the death of father and grandfather, Brownie Brown
Debbie, Carly and Jacs Ferdman
on the death of mother and grandmother, Ethel Kanne
David & Ellen Friedman
on the death of his father, Arthur Friedman
Nathan & Lisa and Alex Hill
on the death of mother and grandmother, Joan Hill
Seth & Vicki, Emily, Michael and Alex Kogan
on the death of mother and grandmother, Rita Haddow
Jeff & Susie, Daniel and Emily Siegel
on the death of mother and grandmother, Janis Siegel

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in loving memory of Laurie's father, Herb Samuels

TEMPLE ISRAEL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



AMANDA BERMAN
TC Representative

Shalom Temple Israel families! As the year continues, the 8th Grade and High School Program welcomes more new and exciting events for the teens in March!

From February 27th to March 2nd, eight teens from Temple Israel joined over 300 teens from across North America came to Washington DC for 4 days of advocacy and social action at the Religious Action Center's incredible L'Taken program. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip and felt that they learned a lot more about the political

world and how to speak up for issues you care about. The teens engaged in writing speeches with their groups and presenting them to our senator's staff and our congressman Alan Lowenthal. If you or your child have the opportunity to go in the future, our teens from this year highly recommend it.

On Sunday, March 8th, our fabulous teens put on an "Arabian Purim" for their Purim shpiel performance and did such an amazing job! They have been meeting for rehearsal for the last two months, and all their hard work showed and really paid off as they performed their Aladdin-themed version of the tale for everyone who came. Torah Center students and parents of all ages loved it!

Although current circumstances did not allow us to meet in person, the NFTY SOCAL Chessed Kallah and Elections were moved to an online experience with a beautiful Friday night service, meet the candidates, voting, and an inspiring havdallah Saturday night. We are very proud of our own Olivia Lerer and Samantha Rosenfeld who ran for regional board. Congratulations to Olivia who is the new Financial Vice President of NFTY SOCAL!

All of these events continue to allow our teens to feel more connected to our Jewish community here at Temple Israel and beyond. With everything occurring in the world right now, it's nice to have a place to be together and feel a sense of ease. As a senior at Temple Israel, I am thankful for the people that help create this safe space for us all to enjoy. See you all next month!

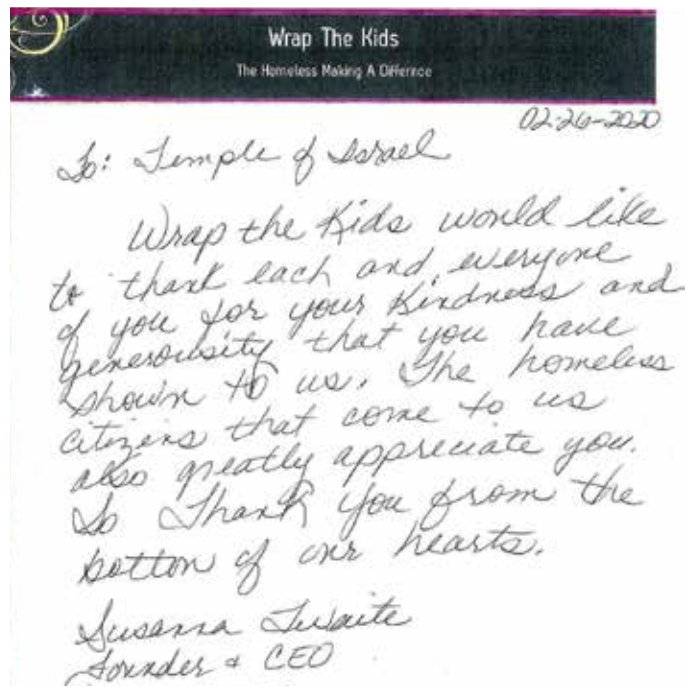


YOUR SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

By Paul Levitt, Social Action Commtee Chair

Wrap the Kids is a non-profit organization in North Long Beach that provides a variety of goods and services to those experiencing homelessness. Goods include clothing, hygiene kits, and handmade quilts for children. Job, transportation, and documents assistance are also a part of the available services.

Wrap the Kids Executive Director Susanna Twaite gave me this letter when I delivered some of the bags of clothes donated at Temple Israel for the Social Action Winter Clothing drive.



The Long Beach City College Food Bank, East Village Food Pantry, and Emmanuel Presbyterian Food Bank also received clothing.

On behalf of all of the organizations, all of the recipients of the clothes, and Temple Israel's Social Action Committee, I would like to thank all of you who gave clothing during this drive.



WE RECOGNIZE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS

Julie Alban
Sy and Reva Alban
Ray* and Barbara* Alpert
Helen Barrad
Binnie and Jack Berro
Jean Feldman
Ron and Sylvia Hartman
Fred Masback*
Sid Schulman*
David Tillman and Karen Zoller

RABBI'S CIRCLE

Rich and Amy Lipeles
Howard and Dove Mayo
Martin and Gloria Simon

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Cathe Hagerman-Beizer
Cliff Corman and
Deborah Fabricant
Howard and Elaine Davis
Joe and Laurie Dempsey
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- 2 Eric Newman and Loren Albeg - 3 years
- 3 Steven and Pamela Keiles - 15 years
Rick and Nealy Solymar - 16 years
- 6 Bob and Wendi Bender - 29 years
- 7 Kevin and Robin Vest - 36 years
- 8 Kip and Christina Boatwright - 10 years
- 10 Adam and Sarah Moss - 10 years
- 11 Al and Rita Birch - 44 years
- 16 Robert and Jennifer De France - 11 years
- 17 Ross and Mireya Gonzalez - 32 years
- 20 Saul and Falina Budeshtsky - 46 years
Mark and Marilyn Weiss - 53 years
- 21 Doug and Joy Wadleigh - 13 years
- 23 Michael and Suzanne Brodsky - 20 years
- 26 Jonathan and Beth Dobkin - 11 years
Corey Lieber and Vanessa Kitzis - 17 years

RPC MESSAGE CONTINUED

not to tire or burden him or her.” (Jewish Living, Mark Washofsky)

During these months it is a great mitzvah to reach out and lend a hand to those who are isolated, quarantined, and actually sick. Provide food. Provide medicine. Give a call, text, or email.

G'milut Chasadim are acts of loving kindness. This is a corollary of both of the above. Sadly and tragically we may be losing members of our community and people we love. This will not be an easy time. Our Caring Community has compiled an amazing document to help you step by step through those difficult times. Please go to www.tilb.org and click on the icon for Caring Community. You will find:

“The goal of the Caring Community is to provide Temple members a way of fulfilling the mitzvah of performing acts of G'milut Chasadim (deeds of loving kindness) within the Temple community, especially in difficult situations. When we bring people closer together, we fulfill our sacred mission. Our aim is to find wholeness and meaning in our lives, both as individuals and as a community. Since all Jews are enjoined to perform this mitzvah, we are, in fact all members of the Caring Committee.

If you would like to contact our Caring Community please call the Temple Office at (562) 434-0996.

The information included here is provided not only for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, but also those who want to provide comfort to the bereaved. Also included are actions that, if done prior to a death, will make the “business of death” less painful.”

There has never been a time where we will need each other more. Do not hesitate to contact any board member or staff. As always, please share any thoughts on this or other issues at

VPRitualpractices@tilb.org



INTERFAITH GREETINGS

GERDA SEIFER IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



Temple Israel's own Gerda Seifer, local hero and Holocaust survivor, will be honored by the South Coast Interfaith Council this year at its 67th Annual Assembly. Paying tribute to Gerda's lifetime of commitment to our community's future generations, she has been lauded by Milia Islam Majeed, Executive Director of the SCIC, for speaking and working with

both children and adults at numerous schools and PTA's in the Greater Long Beach and Orange County areas, including colleges, faith communities, clinics and prisons.

Perhaps what Gerda is most proud of is the creation of a Holocaust Workshop for teachers at CSULB which she helped birth 10 years ago. The workshop has expanded into an annual week-long workshop during the summer which also includes 1-day study groups throughout the year. Gerda hopes to continue passing on the lessons of tolerance to future generations.

In an excerpt from ABC7.com, Gerda remarked, "Give everyone a chance. Sure, there are bad people and good people in every group. Be positive and look for the best things in everybody." In light of Gerda's past, one has to marvel at her deep conviction and belief in humanity.

Born in Poland, with the advent of the Nazis, she was hidden by a Catholic family until after the war had ended. Then, having lost all of her family and becoming an orphan, she was placed on a children's transport to England where she learned to speak English, and lived for 5 years. Subsequently, after locating a cousin who had survived the camps, she relocated to the United States. You can read Gerda's exciting story in her book *The Girl in the Cellar*.

The SCIC is grateful for Gerda's commitment to a more humane future by sharing her story of persecution and resilience ... inspiring others to embrace love and community.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the date for this event has been postponed until a more advantageous time. We will let you know when the date is confirmed. We wish you good health and best wishes!



Yahrzeit Observance "Zecher Tzadik Livracha"

The memory of the righteous are a blessing



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Ron & Adele Banner in celebration of the recent birthdays of Al and Rita Birch.

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Harriette Ellis in memory of Shirley Blumberg, beloved mother of John Blumberg.

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Harriette Ellis sent warm hugs to Sharon & Adam Brown.

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A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

As I sit here looking at pictures of my parents, and wondering how they would have coped during this Coronavirus pandemic, I know that they would have reached out to their Temple Israel family.

This is why I would like to share that my husband and I, Marty and Gail Alevy Grossman have dedicated The Children's Reading Corner in the Rabbi Harvey B. Franklin Library in loving memory of Polly and Herman Alevy. As part of this donation, the Library's Reading Corner has a mural, pillows and rug on the floor, so when the Librarian is reading to the children they will have a good time. We have also designated that the remainder of funds in the Polly Alevy Educational Fund go to purchase more Library Books and media for children.

My mother was the 2nd grade teacher for over 20 years at Temple Isarel (who can forget saving toilet paper and paper towel rolls to do their annual Chanukah project). My father, Herman, when I was growing up at the Temple, showed the Sunday morning movies. Mom was on the board and held various positions; she was also on UAHC Committees.

My mother's goal as a teacher was that "Every person whether they can see, hear, have challenges or without challenges should be able to Read or be Read to. We hope that this reading corner will honor my mother's mission for generations to come

My parents were members of Temple Israel for 65+ wonderful years. There are so many things I could share about my parents and we hope you think of them fondly when you see all the new additions to the Library. Thank you to those who helped us with this project. If you would like to share with me some memories of my parents, please do so at martyandgail@hotmail.com
Shalom with Love, Gail Alevy Grossman



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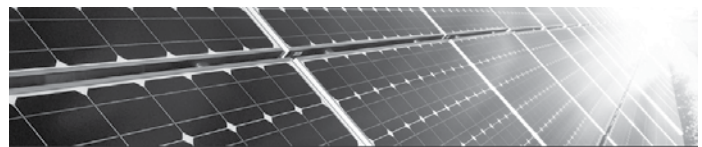
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