



Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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LET'S GET PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL: AN EXPLORATION OF JOURNEYS IN THE TORAH

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm
December 5, 12 & 19**

Join us as we explore the physical journeys of Abraham, Jacob and Moses.

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SHABBAT HANEFESH Friday, December 12 ~ 6 p.m.

Please join Cantor Hass, Bill Shafon 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.



MOVIE & HAVDALLAH

**Saturday, December 7
at 7:00 pm**

Join us for screening of *BlacKkKlansman* followed by discussion and Havdallah.

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COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

**Friday, December 20
at 6:00 pm**

at the Alpert JCC
Live Concert performance by
Saul Kaye

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Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter
**SABBATH FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM & SERVICE**

featuring

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SINGER

Saturday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Ronnie is an amazing singer! If you had to describe Ronnie Jayne in one word, that word would be "FUN". Her performances are energetic and keep her audiences very happy.



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lunch and entertainment**

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DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Friday, December 6

7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 7

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, December 13

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, December 14

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Vanessa Holden

Friday, December 20

Community Chanukah Program at the Alpert JCC

Saturday, December 21

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 27

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 28

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service



Get Well Wishes

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

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THE SIMON FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

By Rabbi Jim Simon



I was born in Oakland, reared in the tranquil 50s. I went to public schools, all within walking distance of my home, and my neighborhood was equally populated with Jews, Catholics and Protestants. And into that simple world came Christmas 1964, the first time I ever experienced a profound religious revelation.

My Temple was Temple Sinai, founded in 1875 (a lot older than Temple Israel!). My Rabbi, William Stern (z'l)

was a "Classical" Reform Rabbi trained at the "Classical" Hebrew Union College Seminary to serve a "Classical" Reform temple. It was a perfect fit. He wore an elegant black robe, a black satin mitre hat, no yarmulke. We read the Torah on Friday night because our congregants worked on the Sabbath.

Rabbi Stern tolerated Bar Mitzvah. He pretty much prohibited Bat Mitzvah. He loved Confirmation, which was dignified. The students were more mature and they wore robes! Confirmation was so American. The other religions had Confirmation, too. We were all Americans. We loved Israel but we were not crazy Zionists. Our homeland was America. Who needed Jerusalem, we had San Francisco! In the 1950s and early 1960s, if you wanted to be a good Jew, be a good American. America celebrated Christmas. So we had a Christmas tree. We had a real tree, not some phony aluminum job. On my street every Jewish family had a tree. And we decorated that tree, although we didn't have a baby Jesus, manger or a cross. The Simon tree was symbolic of the secular American spirit of Christmas. We were united by good will towards men (sorry, no women then) and the joy of the holidays. We had tree lights and Hanukkah lights. We made potato latkes and Christmas cookies. We ate gelt and candy canes. It was a great life. I got presents for Hanukkah and Christmas. And then, in 1964, disaster struck and my nirvana was destroyed, all because of Rick Tomasco.

In 1964, I was a high school freshman. Rick was a senior at Bishop O'Dowd high school, a very prominent Catholic high school. Rick had been in Catholic schools his whole life. I became friendly with him because he was close friends with my neighbor Ted Normart. Rick was very committed to his Catholicism, unlike most of his friends. He knew a lot about his faith and he was very interested in the differences between Judaism and Christianity. I'm sure he might have thought about the priesthood.

It was a few weeks before the holidays, and I was telling Rick about our tree. I remember a short but very intense conversation, and Rick seemed to be angry and confused about my tree. I was shocked. What's the big deal? The tree is secular. Christmas is secular. Everybody celebrates Christmas.

And I remember he patiently but firmly explained to me that the tree is indeed profoundly religious, for Christmas is a Mass for

Christ, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christian Messiah. The tree represents the resurrection of Jesus, and the wood used for the crucifixion. He explained that every symbol had religious significance.

Then he asked the \$64,000 question - why would a Jewish person take religious symbols and try to make them secular? I don't remember what I said, but I'm sure I mumbled something vague. I remember feeling very uncomfortable. His unspoken question was - where was my moral right to be so disrespectful to religious symbols that belong to someone else?

I had a religious revelation that day, even though I would not fully comprehend it until 1977, when I began my studies at Hebrew Union College. In my attempt to create a secular holiday, Christmanukkah, in my cannibalization of this holiday, I showed disrespect for Christianity as well as Judaism. It took me 13 years to realize that when Rick questioned my use of the tree, he was really asking - WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU TO BE A JEW? In 1964, I had no answer for him or for myself. Only later would I come to appreciate the words of Rabbi Harold Schulweiss (z'l) who once wrote "Being different is hard enough, but to be different for no apparent reason, the reward is worse than the punishment."

After I spoke to Rick, I posed these questions to my mother, who had no clear or convincing answer as to why we needed a Christmas tree. After that, nothing more was said. But the following year, 1965, there was no tree. There was no big theological discussion or family meeting, but the tree was gone, never to reappear in our house.

Maybe the real message of Hanukkah is not just oil and miracles but rather what does it mean to be a Jew? How do we live as Jews? And most importantly, what kinds of messages are we sending to our children (and grandchildren) via our religious behavior? Happy Hanukkah!

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm
January 8 - May 20**

Instructor: Rabbi Jim Simon

Introduction to Judaism is an 18-week class designed to provide a rich survey of the Jewish tradition for those interested in exploring Judaism, for Jews who want to become more familiar with the richness of their heritage, and for those who want to examine converting to Judaism. If you have any questions about the class and whether it would be beneficial to you, please call Rabbi Simon at the Temple.

Cost: \$180, plus the cost of textbooks





A SPORTS FAN'S THOUGHTS ON DIVERSITY

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



For as long as I can remember, I have been a *huge* sports fan. When I use the word "huge," however, I don't mean I follow many different sports. The scope of my interest is largely restricted to mainstream athletics such as baseball, football, and basketball. And the intensity I feel is limited to the specific teams that I follow. In all honesty, that intensity has diminished as I've gotten older. Actually, just to be clear, the intensity level is still the same. It's

the duration of that intensity that has subsided. I still wear out the flooring in front of my TV while pacing during the last few minutes of a tight game. But my gut-wrenching and incapacitating depression following a loss doesn't last nearly as long as it used to. Perhaps age has brought about more maturity. Either that or the synapses in my brain aren't firing as strongly as they once did. Regardless of the reason, the strength of my emotions around sports is not what it once was.

One of the emotions I've experienced has always fascinated me. And that is, my very first, or initial feeling, when I encounter those who root for my team's rivals. I have good friends, close friends, who are fans of teams that I don't want to win. It only lasts a second, (if that long) but the confusion that occurs to me is... how can these good people, people that I care about, possibly have allegiances to the bad guys? Am I missing something, because this just doesn't make sense. And then my rational, dominant left brain takes over (by the way, I don't have a right side to my brain; it's just empty space where it otherwise would be), and I chuckle at the absurdness of my thoughts.

By now you're probably wondering what these first two paragraphs could possibly have to do with anything worthy enough to write about in our newsletter. Let me see if I can take you there.

When I wonder why my friends root for different teams, I realize that the answer, of course, is that we all come to our current place along differing pathways. Some of us are from different cities, and have developed a fondness for teams from those cities. Attending one of a myriad of schools is another reason for having an allegiance to one team or another.

Now here's the tricky part.

Despite rooting for teams that are fierce rivals, we remain friends. If that is so, and I believe it is, can we also remain friends having other differences of opinion and desires? Can a group of people who enjoy snow boarding get along with those who like to ski? I suspect so.

Can someone who likes to read fiction, have a relationship with a lover of biographies? They probably can.

How about with economics? If two people differ in how they believe taxation best stimulates our economy, can they get along?

There are some folks who believe that additional federal dollars should be spent on building up our military and defense capabilities. Others think that we currently spend too much in those areas. Can these two groups enjoy dining together?

Color preference can also create a divide. Some of us like to drive blue cars, and some of us prefer red cars. Is that an irreconcilable difference? I pray that it is not.

This world that we all exist in is far too beautiful to allow any of these differences to get in the way of each other. When I walk into the magnificent building at the corner of 3rd and Loma, I am entering a place where I need to be able to take a deep breath and let my shoulders sag; a place where not a single one of the conflicting opinions I listed above should matter in the slightest. Am I suggesting that all of us should always share the same thoughts or preferences? Absolutely not. That would be as ridiculous as me thinking good people must root for the same teams I root for.

What I am suggesting is that we recognize and acknowledge that the strength of our connection transcends disagreement. Decisions are made. Some we like. Some displease us. But in order for us to grow, thrive, and be the sacred place that our founders intended, acceptance and tolerance of our diverse thoughts and opinions need to exist.

And when it does, we are pretty darn great.

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
AT THE ALPERT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
ON THE WEINBERG JEWISH LONG BEACH CAMPUS

Friday | Dec. 20
Kosher dinner, shabbat services, and live concert
kids musical tot shabbat | contemporary service | traditional service

5:30pm Registration
6:00pm Services
7:00pm Kosher Dinner
8:00pm Live Concert
Performance by **SAUL KAYE**

\$10 Adults | FREE for 17 years & under
For full schedule and to purchase tickets, visit alpertjcc.org

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THE INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

By Cantor Sara Hass



As I approach the halfway mark of my fifth year as the cantor of Temple Israel, I am extremely proud to share that I have been selected to be a part of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality's fourth clergy leadership cohort. In my role as one of your leaders of our spiritual community at Temple Israel, I am always attuned to the growing need of deepening ones spiritual connection, and being a part of this cohort will expose me to new and dynamic ways of speaking to this growing need.

This prestigious program offers 40 cantors and rabbis across denominations an immersive practice-based approach to help deepen our own spiritual lives and as a result, help to inspire the spiritual life of our own Jewish communities. In our study we will explore, renew and apply the riches of Jewish spiritual traditions, especially emphasizing the teachings of mysticism, Hasidism and niggunim, and meditation. In participating in this cohort, we will learn ways to enhance and help refine the teaching and guidance that we already provide to our congregants who are seeking spiritual growth and insight. By grounding ourselves in contemplative practice, we can serve more mindfully as leaders, and more skillfully help revitalize Jewish living.

Over the course of the next two years, I will be attending four retreats – 2 in California and 2 in Maryland - that will combine prayer, meditation, text study, yoga, group discussion, singing as spiritual practice, and one-on-one guidance with IJS faculty members. In between the four retreats, I will continue to meet virtually with my cohort, maintain my practice of Yoga and mindfulness, as well as weekly chevruta study.

The program places emphasis on the participation of both cantors and rabbis, as it is “recognition of the significance of interdependence and interconnection in spiritual life. Each holds a key essential to unlocking the heart. Rabbis – in the main – are teachers who relish sharing tradition through the study of texts and verbal communication. Cantors – in the main – are teachers who delight in the power of music and song to awaken spiritual awareness. Each is important; neither is sufficient in itself. In studying and practicing the expression of both voice and word we may all deepen our capacity for mutual compassion, understanding and creative cooperation.”

I am excited to learn from many esteemed teachers, rabbis and cantors, many of them who have been in previous clergy cohorts, and some who I had the honor of learning from at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. I am looking forward to bringing back what I have learned and the practices that I have established, with intention of teaching and creating new practices with all of you. I am so thrilled for this opportunity to learn and to grow, and am honored to have been chosen for this year's cohort.

SACRED PARTNERSHIP

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



Relationships in a religious institution are different than in the secular world. There is, at the center, a basis of spirituality. In Judaism it is even more than religion including a culture and tradition standing alongside the spiritual. Even more, we are thought to all have a spark of the divine. Our place in the world is with the goal of Tikkun Olam – repairing the world. This is not an individual effort but one where we all contribute. As we enter

the Temple we enter into a world of sacred partnership – between all of us – congregants, clergy, and all staff.

“When two people sit together and there are words of Torah between them, the Shechinah (Divine Presence) dwells among them. (Pirkei Avot 3:2)”

“A sacred partnership is a commitment to building and nurturing relationships that elevate the work of leadership to a level of holiness. Sacred partnerships recognize each of us as individuals and our desire to inspire sacred action in our communities.

Sacred partnerships are built and nurtured through the Jewish values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening and communication, transparency, confidentiality, flexibility, reflection, empathy, and vulnerability.”

How do we create and maintain a sacred partnership? We must meet often. We must get to know each other on more than a superficial level. We must be working together for the same mission and goals. We can use texts from centuries of Jewish wisdom with which to reflect on and debate.

Sacred partnership is not easy but it starts the moment we walk through the door. We need to perhaps alter and grow our own personal natural way of interacting in the world. We need to listen more and perhaps talk less. We need to be respectful to each other when we speak, especially when we disagree. We need to listen to each other's different ideas and reactions. Speak with a kind, well-modulated voice, even when strongly disagreeing. Part of our sacred partnership is making ourselves vulnerable – be willing to say things that others might not want to hear or listening to things we might not want to hear. With that vulnerability comes the trust that those in our sacred partnership will be empathetic while also protecting our confidentiality as the occasion dictates.

“Ben Zoma teaches “Who is worthy of kavod (honor)? The one who treats other human beings with kavod. As it is said: ‘for those who honor Me, I will honor...’ (1 Samuel 2:30)” (Pirkei Avot 4:1)

We are here to make ourselves and the world a better place in so many ways. There are a myriad of ways to achieve those goals. As we go about doing the work we must listen well, speak respectfully, and strengthen our partnership for the good work that we do.

Quotes and ideas from : Sacred Partnership: A Resource and Discussion Guide form URJ And from URJ blogs



RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) has been hard at work, and though our work so far has been “behind the scenes,” we are very excited to move into the next phase where we will be introducing you to some terrific candidates. Before we tell you about that, we’d like to describe where we are in the process.

RSC Conducts Candidate Review and Virtual Interviews (October - November): Over the past two months the RSC has reviewed candidate applications and conducted virtual interviews. So far, we have received ten applications. The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) said that this was a “strong” showing. As you all know, Temple Israel is a wonderful community and thus, our Senior Rabbi position is a very attractive one! You should know that the candidate pool is very targeted. Candidates can only apply if they are in good standing with CCAR, have 3 years of experience or more, and are contractually unencumbered. As a result, the candidates we reviewed represented quite a strong pool. Their applications detailed their education and experience but also included personal statements that helped the RSC to get a sense of who they are. Once the RSC decided that we were interested in having a virtual interview with a candidate, we then reviewed sample writings (sermons and D’var Torahs), listened to sermons, and viewed sermons and services that each of the candidates led. Live streaming has really changed the search process!

After our research, we elected to conduct virtual interviews with six of the ten candidates. It was a wonderful experience to get to meet such a wide range of talented, inspiring, passionate individuals and to get to hear what they believe they would bring to Temple Israel. Our interview questions were carefully crafted taking into consideration the results from the congregational Rabbi Attribute survey, the results of O.I.I. values focus groups, your comments to us in email and in person, and suggested questions from Rabbi Simon and CCAR. The questions covered a wide range of topics including spiritual leadership, collaboration, building community and temple unity, working relationships, leadership experience, developing connections to the greater community, strategies to connect with all of our congregations and our different needs. Based on these interviews, we have invited 2 candidates for in-person visits and both have accepted our invitations. It is possible that we may still receive applications and may invite one or two more candidates for in-person visits.

In-Person Candidate Visits, Congregational Participation (December - February): As a reminder, up to four of the top candidates from the previous phase will be invited for an on-site in-person visit to Temple Israel where the congregation will have a chance to learn from them, engage with them, and provide their feedback. When the candidates visit our community, they will spend two very full days with us. During that time there will be at least two opportunities for you to meet them. They will offer a teaching in the morning preceded by a breakfast meet and greet and a teaching in the evening followed by a reception meet and greet. Remember that the candidates will be interviewing us, as much as we are interviewing them. We will be seeking your

feedback on the candidates after they visit. Please make your best effort to meet all the candidates and provide feedback to the RSC via the survey that will be distributed and via our email address tirabbisearch@tilb.org. As you know, the last step of this process is a congregational vote, so your participation is crucial!

Based on the rules from the Placement Commission and CCAR, names and any other identifying information about the candidates must remain confidential until their actual visits. However, we are pleased to tell you that we have one candidate confirmed to visit December 18th/19th and another confirmed for January 7th/8th. More details on their schedules will be forthcoming. We are thrilled to be bringing these first candidates to meet our congregation. We have a tremendous opportunity in front of us, to find the next Rabbi who will lead Temple Israel into the future. Let us bring open minds and open hearts as we work for towards strengthening our *Kehillah Kedoshah* – a holy community.

B’Shalom,

Temple Israel Rabbi Search Committee

Anne Gundry (Co-Chair), Vicki Scherwin (Co-Chair)
Carmel Artstein, Deborah Fabricant, Alan Kreida, Alan Lilien,
Amy Lipeles, Barry Potter, Andrea Salisbury, Scott Smeltzer,
David Tillman, Rachel Van Raalte, Ed Zwieback

SAVE THE DATES TO COME MEET OUR FIRST RABBI CANDIDATES

FIRST CANDIDATE VISIT

Wednesday & Thursday
December 18th and 19th

SECOND CANDIDATE VISIT

Tuesday & Wednesday
January 7th and 8th

More information about the specific schedule
for the visits upcoming.

Watch your email!





**NEW SISTERHOOD BOARD MEMBER -
MARGARET LOCKE, MEMBER AT LARGE**



Margaret grew up in Rochester, New York. She attended SUNY Buffalo with a BS in physical therapy. She has a MS in physical therapy from USC where she later taught for 4 years.

Margaret has worked for several LA area hospitals and is now with the MemorialCare Health System where she has held a variety of roles from rehabilitation services to overseeing training of their electronic health record.

Margaret and her husband, Bill Giser, have been members of Temple Israel since 1992. They have two children, Sheila and Kevin who are Torah Center alumni.

Sheila is married with one son and lives in Rhode Island. Kevin is engaged to be married next year and is a Jewish professional in Rancho Mirage.

Margaret enjoys gardening, reading, walking, and watching classic films of the 30's and 40's and was previously a TI Sisterhood board member.

**Everyone had a great time at the
"All Shuk Up!" event!**

**There was a delicious lunch, entertaining live music,
great gift and food items, and wonderful gift baskets!**



**COME SEE WHAT IS NEW
FOR CHANUKAH!**

**Open one hour before Friday evening services,
Wednesdays 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm,
Sundays 9:30 am -12:00 pm**

To visit the gift shop at other days and times,
please contact the Temple office.



SAVE THESE DATES

- Sunday, January 12 at 1pm: Speaker on Elder Abuse
- Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm: Women's Night Out
- Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm: Medical Marijuana
- Sunday, April 26: Membership Event
- Monday, June 8 at 6:30 pm: Annual Meeting & Installation

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!!

If you haven't already renewed, please send a check to Melissa Campbell, Treasurer, for \$36 (or greater) made payable to Temple Israel SISTERHOOD. Mail to Melissa: 610 Avery Place, Long Beach, CA. 90807. Thank you!!





ROSH CHODESH

- Tuesday, December 3, 10:00 am at Temple
- Tuesday, February 25, 10:00 am
- Thursday, March 26. 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 24, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am



REFLECTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AS WE MOVE INTO 2020

By Eric Shatzkin, Executive Director



December is upon us, and as we prepare to light the candles to celebrate Chanukah and move into the new year of 2020, I wanted to share my personal appreciation and express how thankful I am to be a part of the Temple Israel community. I look forward to the exciting year ahead, when as a community we will have the important task of choosing our next rabbi, and maybe even more importantly, demonstrating to our new rabbi how we embrace and welcome new families into our community.

As you may have read previously in this month's Kol Yisra'el (unless you skipped ahead excitedly to read my article – which would be flattering) we will begin the process of welcoming candidates to our community for our rabbi position this month. It's important to remember throughout this process, that as much as we are interviewing rabbis, THE CANDIDATES ARE INTERVIEWING US! As this will be a momentous decision in their lives, candidates will want to be sure that this is the community where not only will they feel comfortable, but will also feel that this is the best place to move their family, establish friendships, and be given the opportunity to achieve their goals for creating, sustaining, and building community. Together, our community with the new rabbi and staff, will dream and plan for the best ways to create the future for our Temple that we aspire to.

This past month typified our Temple's diversity and multi-generational community. At November's Got Shabbat service we celebrated three unique and wonderful simchas – the bar mitzvah of Nathan Friedman, the aufruf of Rebecca Gotz and Aaron Talvy, and the 65th wedding anniversary of Joe and Natalie Lissak. The week prior we celebrated a bris and baby naming for Duke Kirshenbaum, born in September to new members Jeffrey Kirshenbaum and Uyen Nguyen. Temple Israel is a community where families stay for generations and seek to plant their roots. It really is a special place on so many levels and we should recognize and celebrate this about ourselves.

One way that Temple Israel has been able to remain the welcoming place that it is, is through our financial stability over the past 10 years. Starting with our Kiva Moed Capital Campaign and remodel, Temple Israel has enjoyed years of financial surplus. This has allowed us not only to build up our reserves, but also to expand our offerings, our staffing, and most importantly, change our membership contribution system to open our doors to everyone wanting to be part of our community regardless of the amount that they are able to contribute – which has been a catalyst for our growth to nearly 600 families. This year, with the rabbinical transition, despite our membership level staying stable, our contributions towards membership commitments as well as High

Holy Day pledges are below budget. Fortunately, as I mentioned, we do have reserves to cover our shortfall, but this isn't sustainable for our long-term future. As we approach the calendar year's end, I ask you, our membership, to consider your annual membership contribution to our community, and ask yourself whether you are supporting the community as you are able. There are plenty of "tax" reasons to make donations to the Temple, but beyond that, what does your heart tell you? If you are able to give an end-of-year donation to the Temple or increase your monthly donation, it will help keep us on the path of sustainability, so that together, with our new rabbi, we'll be able to go into the future making Temple Israel into the community we all dream it can be.

Happy Chanukah to all! I look forward celebrating with you and your family at the Community Chanukah Celebration on Friday, December 20th at the Alpert JCC, and the many holidays, programs, and events throughout the rest of the year.

COME FEED THE HOMELESS

CHRISTMAS TIME

Sunday, December 22nd

At First Congregational Church
241 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join our Social Action Committee as we spend the afternoon with individuals and families, each of whom has a special story. Welcoming someone with a hot cup of cocoa, a home-cooked meal, and a warm smile makes a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than we are.

We need volunteers from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Opportunities to help - Sign up for a 2 hour shift

- Set-up, cook, serve, socialize with our guests, participate in activities and clean-up after dinner.
- Sponsor by donating to our Homeless Assistance Fund

PLEASE NOTE: No open toed shoes allowed in the kitchen

To volunteer, contact Charmaine at clw@tilb.org

FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

VANESSA KITZIS & COREY LIEBER



Temple Israel is happy to welcome new members Vanessa Kitzis, Corey Lieber and their sons, Adi age 12 and Shai who is 11, both of whom attend Rogers Middle School.

New to Long Beach, Vanessa hails from Bergen County, New Jersey while Corey grew up in Tampa, Florida. Both Vanessa and Corey are physicians, having met during their training at the University of New Mexico. Surgical fellowships took them to Sydney, Australia where Adi was born and then to San Francisco where Shai was born. Vanessa specializes in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and is currently working part time at Hoag Newport, as well as practicing telemedicine. Corey, an orthopedic surgeon, recently joined the Kaiser Downey Orthopedic Surgery Department.

Corey, Vanessa and the boys enjoy all types of outdoor activities and sports, such as hiking, climbing, gardening, football and soccer. Vanessa is also interested in anthropology and ethics and would like to get involved in volunteer work. The family enjoys celebrating the Jewish holidays and sharing Shabbat dinner with friends and family who come to visit as often as they can. They are very much looking forward to meeting other families with kids and developing a connection and social network in Long Beach. We think they have found the perfect place and welcome them into our community!

We invite the congregation to welcome the newest members of our Temple Israel Community

New Member Recognition Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Meet & Greet 5:00 pm

Dinner 5:30 pm

Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

Cost For Dinner:

\$25 Adults / \$16 Children (13 and under)

(New Members Complimentary)

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



INTERFAITH GREETINGS

HINDUISM: Different Path ~ Same Goal

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

Thousands of years ago the Rig Veda (one of Hinduism's most ancient of Sanskrit texts) proclaimed that "Truth is one; sages call it by various names." The Vedanta Society, the most prominent of the six schools of Hindu philosophy, adds that truth comes in numerous names and forms, remaining "truth" even though it comes in different approaches from a variety of directions. "Whatever path people travel is My path and no matter where they walk, it leads to me" says the Bhagavad Gita, Hinduism's "Song of God."

Though I had some previous understanding of Hinduism from college and Peace Corps days, my involvement with the SCIC has opened greater avenues of communication and learning with members from a wide variety of beliefs, including Hinduism's Vedanta Society. My friend, Rini Ghosh, has shown me that Vedantas believe that truth is one, even though it comes filtered through the limited human mind. That mind lives in a particular culture, has its own experience of the world and lives at a particular point in history with its own distinct culture. All religions are not almost the same, though. That would blot out the fact that each religion and culture has a distinct beauty and an individual greatness.

"Every religion has a specific gift to offer humankind; every religion brings with it a unique viewpoint which enriches the world. Christianity stresses love and sacrifice; Judaism, the value of spiritual wisdom and tradition. Islam emphasizes universal brotherhood and equality while Buddhism advocates compassion and mindfulness. The Native American tradition teaches reverence for the earth and the natural world surrounding us. Vedanta or the Hindu tradition stresses the oneness of existence and the need for direct mystical experience.

The world's spiritual traditions are like different pieces in a giant jigsaw puzzle: each piece is different and each piece is essential to complete the whole picture. Each piece is to be honored and respected while holding firm to our own particular piece of the puzzle. We can deepen our own spirituality and learn about our own tradition by studying other faiths. Just as importantly, by studying our own tradition well, we are better able to appreciate the truth in other traditions." (Vedanta Society of Southern CA)

Interfaith undertakings both honor and embrace the collective wisdom of all faith traditions and spiritual perspectives. Through interfaith understanding we learn to live closer in harmony with each other at a time when doing so is sorely needed.

Shalom ~ Salaam ~ Shanti ~ Paz ~ Her-Ping ~ Peace

TEMPLE ISRAEL
HIGH SCHOOL
 PROGRAM

Shalom Temple Israel! November was an exciting month filled with many exciting events, and we are looking forward to lots of upcoming events as well for our Temple Israel teens

On Friday, November 1st, our ANDI teens led a fun Jr. Youth Group event for all of the 6th-8th graders. We had a glowing dance party and played our favorite games in the dark. The 6th-8th graders left at 10pm, and ANDI teens then headed out for an all-night adventure that included a late night movie screening of the Addam's Family, hot chocolate, games and a movie at the Liu home as well as a 4am breakfast stop at Denny's. Totally fun and totally exhausting!

Our High School classes enjoyed an Israeli culture day on Sunday, November 3, where the teens helped make a delicious meal to enjoy together. We made chicken schnitzel, shakshuka, hummus, baba ganoush, and Israeli salad.

In addition, an instructor from Krav Maga 360 taught the teens the art of self-defense through Israeli Krav Maga and how to take down an attacker without harming yourself. Since I was in attendance, I can vouch for how fun and informative the lesson was. Johanna Brown continued the fun by leading the teens in Israeli dancing before sitting down to eat our amazing meal.

This past Wednesday, November 13, our middle schoolers had an event during Torah Center, focusing on blessings and teamwork. All of the kids made blessing jars, writing what they were thankful for and how they can help others and be a blessing to them. The students worked together and played some fun games like the human knot and also discussed unique blessings we can say throughout the day, like the blessing we say after having used the restroom.

We also went on some great field trips during the month of November. On Friday, November 15, the 8th grade class went to Temple Beth El, as part of their comparative Judaism studies. On Sunday the 17th, the 10th graders volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and prepared breakfast for their residents. Our 9th grade class visited Algalita, where they learned about the plastic pollution issue facing our beaches and oceans.

Several of our teens also attended the NFTY Social Justice Kallah at the end of November. SJK was focused on awareness, advocacy, and action on pressing issues. SJK was a super fun event where teens had the chance to engage with their peers and experts about current issues, and learn to utilize information for action by participating in social justice-themed programs and activities.

ANDI will have its next meeting on Sunday, December 15. All are invited to attend to help plan and discuss upcoming events. We will also have auditions for the famous High School Program Purim Shpiel. All interested 8th-12th graders, please join us in Alban Hall on December 15, at 12:30 pm.

As you can see, the teens at Temple Israel have a lot of exciting things going on! We hope all TI teens can join us for the fun!

THIS MONTH'S BAT MITZVAH



VANESSA HOLDEN
 December 14, 2019

Shabbat Shalom. On Saturday, December 14, 2019, when Vanessa takes her place on the Temple Israel bimah during her Bat Mitzvah to lead the congregation in Shabbat prayers, she will be following in the footsteps of her sister Jessica Holden and her father Joel Holden. Vanessa is a seventh grade student at Rogers Middle School in Long Beach. This year she was selected to serve as a governor on the student council and recently attended a leadership conference at Disneyland!

Vanessa's passions, aside from school, include competing in USTA Jr tennis tournaments, playing piano, singing and dancing in musical theater. She has appeared in many musical theater productions and was a jazz pianist with Jazz Angels performing at various venues in Long Beach.

For Vanessa's Bat Mitzvah project she was involved in Temple Israel's Sabbath Fellowship program and loved interacting with members of the congregation. She also was a volunteer at Tichenor Orthopedic Clinic for children in Long Beach. Vanessa is very excited to be achieving this important milestone in her life.



Future Focus Speaker Series

KELLY COLOPY

Director of Health & Human Services,
 City of Long Beach

Thursday, January 16 at 7:00pm



Future Focus is a community speaker series focusing on issues important to the future development and well-being of our city. Kelly will speak about the wide range of programs offered by the Health and Human Services Department, and discuss health and homelessness trends, current efforts to address them and progress to date. She looks forward to learning from you as well!

Bring your questions and ideas for a lively discussion.

Cost: none



Let's Get Physical... and Spiritual: An Exploration of Journeys in the Torah

Thursdays at 7:00pm

December 5, 12, and 19

Instructors: Rabbi Robin Foonberg and
Student Rabbi Miriam Hoffman

Join Rabbi Robin Foonberg and Student Rabbi Miriam Hoffman, as we explore the physical journeys of Abraham, Jacob, and Moses. We will also explore the spiritual implications of these journeys and how we interpret them for today. In our third session, we will experience a bibliodrama of the journey to Sinai, ending at the ark, and the receiving of Torah.

Cost: none



Movie and Havdallah Screening of *BlacKkKlansman* Saturday, December 7 at 7:00pm

In Spike Lee's Oscar-nominated film "*BlacKkKlansman*," Ron Stallworth, the first black cop on the Colorado Springs police force, tries to motivate his Jewish detective partner Flip Zimmerman to finish their task at hand: infiltrating a local Ku Klux Klan chapter to thwart dangerous activity. Based on actual events.

Cost: none



Christianity 101 for Jews

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

December 10 and 17

Instructor: David Philips

Do you want to know more about Christianity? This class will begin by learning about the history of Christianity, its many splits throughout the centuries, and the American "Revivals" that led to the wide variety of churches and beliefs that surround us today. In the end, we will try to confirm or debunk our conceptions and misconceptions, and see if we can identify core Christian beliefs.

Cost: none

Blessings and Prayers One

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4 and 11

Instructor: Janet Liss



This six-week class is for people who want to learn in a fun and encouraging environment some basic blessings that we use often, as well as a standard prayer recited at every service. Prayers will depend on who enrolls in the class and interest level for specific prayers. We will look at

the meaning of the prayers, as well as learn the Hebrew. Knowing beginning Hebrew is a plus but not necessary.

Cost: \$80, including learning materials

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- 18 Burton and Michele Goldstein - 48 years
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- 21 Richard and Yael Marcus - 24 years
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- 22 Joshua and Stacy Flom - 12 years
- 26 Bill Giser and Margaret Locke - 37 years
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- 28 Barry and Donna Mitnick - 46 years
- 29 Eric Shatzkin and Mel Marcus - 12 years
- 30 Joel and Edie Brodsky - 47 years
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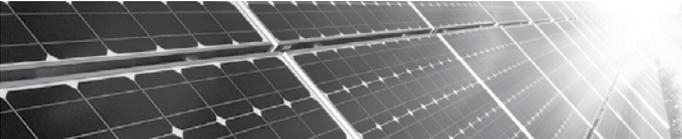
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