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Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

January 2019 • Tevet/Shevat 5779



BEGINNING HEBREW

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Beginning January 16 (for 10 weeks)

Instructor: Janet Liss

This 10 week class is painless and fun and by the 10th week of study, you will read words straight out of the Torah! We guarantee it.

Cost: \$110, including textbook

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SHABBAT CLASSICS WITH A TWIST

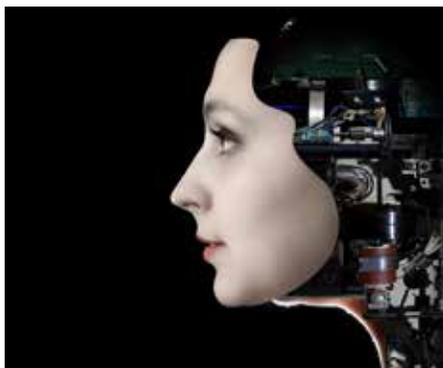
Sunday, January 13 @ 10:00 am

Teacher: Amy Lipeles

Come learn hands-on how to make challah, a main dish and a dessert that are a twist on traditional dishes.

Cost: \$15

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SCREENING OF **THIS IS A.I.** HAVDALLAH AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, January 19 @ 7:00 pm

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New Member Recognition Shabbat

Friday, January 25

Meet & Greet 5:00 pm

Dinner 5:30 pm

Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

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Saturday, January 5 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**

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

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

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, January 4

7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 5

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, January 11

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, January 12

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Simmons

Friday, January 18

6:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, January 19

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Maile Gonshak

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8:45 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

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



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RESTART

By Joyce Feldman, Temple President



Happy January ! Happy 2019! I think January can be an introspective month for Jews. We already started our Jewish year in September with Rosh HaShanah, when we celebrated the entrance of the year 5779 with apples and honey. During this time of reflection we looked back, atoned for our past year's transgressions(?), and looked forward to the year ahead. During the secular New Year, the emphasis is more on looking ahead and

setting goals. I always think of it more like a restart - another beginning. A chance to once again look at my personal goals, see how I am doing, and restart the goals that fell by the wayside in the busy months at the end of the year. I love having a new calendar; I even love the action of throwing the old one away. It's a *restart*.

What is your *restart* goal this year? According to my quick research (thank you Google) some of the most popular goals/resolutions include: eating healthier; getting more exercise; saving money; making new friends and learning a new skill. These are all fine goals for the needed restart (and I would agree with a few for myself), but I have a better one. **I want to work on being kinder.** I want to be kinder to myself (eating healthier, exercise, not being so hard on myself when I falter) and more importantly, kinder to others. The world can be quite harsh. I am hoping to help counter this by spreading a bit more kindness around.

Your *Gemilut Chasidim* (Nurturing Act of Kindness) for the month of January is to join me in my restart effort to be kind. As with many of my challenges, you really can do this in a variety of ways. One simple idea is to give a sincere compliment to a stranger. It could be about something they have done, recognizing their hard work or even their fashion choice of the day. People love to be recognized, and receiving an unexpected compliment can truly brighten someone's day! There are many ways to restart and be kinder in this New Year - feel free to share with us how you go out of your way to be kind, or come up with your own idea that you'd like to share!

Don't forget this goal of being kinder also extends to treating yourself with kindness. Give yourself the needed time to extend your learning, and spend time with your fellow congregants at a wide variety of opportunities awaiting you this January. There are several different series of classes beginning this month. For six Tuesdays beginning January 8th Janet Liss will conduct the class "Hebrew Prayers and Blessings One." Then by popular demand, Janet will also be teaching "Beginning Hebrew" on Wednesdays starting on January 16th. Rabbi Moskowitz will launch his next 18 week "Introduction to Judaism" course

on Wednesdays, beginning January 9th. Sheryl Stahl will help us explore our family tree in her series of six workshops, "Introduction to Jewish Genealogy," beginning January 16th. If cooking is your interest (or you want it to be), join Amy Lipeles on Sunday, January 13th for "Cooking: Shabbat Classics with a Twist". Saturday evening, January 19th brings us a screening of "This is A.I." allowing us a further opportunity to explore the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Ethical Issues. The next day (1/20), join with your Long Beach Jewish community at a Tu B'Shevat Community Seder. Then, on Sunday, January 27th we will depart from the Temple to visit the Skirball Cultural Center and view the Ruth Bader Ginsburg exhibit, "Beyond the Walls". Gather more information (RSVP, times, locations, costs etc.) about these and other learning opportunities from this edition of Kol Yisra'el, the weekly emails, and our JLL catalog.

There are many opportunities for you to restart your year this month. As you hang up your new calendar, I hope you will take the time to treat yourself with kindness by adding a few of these opportunities to your January schedule! I want to wish everyone a Happy 2019! May this year allow you to restart and continue to spread kindness throughout our community and the world. Happy January!

JANUARY BOARD BITES "What has the board been doing lately?"

- Assessing & Enhancing our Security plan
- Reviewing our By Laws
- Using our Strategic Plan to keep us on track
- Discussing "Twinning" with a congregation in Israel
- Selecting honorees for Federation Events

KOL HASHABBAT

A creative music celebration of Shabbat into Havdallah

Directed by our own Bill Shafton

Saturday, January 12 ~ 4:30 pm

This community/lay-led experience will explore the essence of Shabbat with original prayer songs as well as familiar offerings inspired by the Book of Exodus and infused with its rhythms.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RSVP to Charmaine at clw@tilb.org

If you'd like to sing, play an instrument, read a passage, tap the drum, daven with all your heart, and/or contribute with your presence in the sacred temple prayer space, email KolHaShabbat@gmail.com to sign up to participate. We will send you recordings and sheet music of the songs.

Final rehearsal/sound check is January 10. Other "holy fun" rehearsals TBD. At least one mandatory rehearsal for all instrumentalists and soloists. **We look forward to sharing Kol HaShabbat - Exodus with you!**





REPAIRING THE WORLD: Upcoming Opportunities From Our Social Action Committee

By Myron Wollin, *Social Action Committee*

New Year resolutions frequently involve making the world a better place or *tikkun olam*. The Social Action Committee would like to offer some items you might consider in your plans for the New Year.

1. The Religious Action Center (RAC) of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has several upcoming opportunities. rac.org

Voice your opinions to help the California RAC identify state policy change priorities and learn about their work. The conversations to build the RAC-CA public policy agenda will be online on January 8, 11-12pm, January 15, 5-6pm, and January 30, 12-1pm. rac.org/california-religious-action-center-reform-judaism

Join Social Action Committee members and meet justice leaders from other temples at the annual CA-RAC regional information session: January 13, 10 am-2 pm at Temple B'nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley. No charge.

Consider attending the national biennial Consultation on Conscience of RAC, in Washington D.C., May 19-21.

2. The Social Action Committee (SAC) will host a community wide climate change information, input and engagement fair at Temple Israel. Please check reformjudaism.org/jewish-views-environment for the Jewish connection to protecting the earth and protecting human health. The Long Beach City Development and Services Department staff will bring speakers and experts. Hold the date: February 10, 2-4 pm. Interested? Contact ksachnoff@aol.com

3. Long Beach City has issued a report on the homelessness crisis and its impacts on Long Beach. It is an ambitious plan with goals that will spend \$217 million to add low-income housing, provide supportive services, and reduce chronic homelessness. www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/everyone-home-lb/media-library/documents/news/everyone-home-lb-task-force--recommendations-sm-file

All congregants are welcome to participate in the Social Action Committee! We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Temple Israel. The next meeting is January 9, feel free to stop by! Or contact Kate Sachnoff at ksachnoff@aol.com for more info.



CONGREGATION STEPS UP TO HELP LOCAL HOMELESS!

By Andrea Friedenthal, *Social Action Committee*

Members of our Congregation and community have jumped in with both feet to meet immediate, urgent needs of homeless individuals in Long Beach. Much of this work has been done through Wrap the Kids, a grassroots registered 501(c)(3) run by homeless helping other homeless people. (Check them out on Facebook, or wrapthekids.org). They serve the chronic homeless, many of whom live under the freeways and along the riverbed in North Long Beach. Efforts also supported We Care and the Drop-In Center at First Congregational Church in downtown Long Beach. We are networking not only with individuals, but organizations are working together!

Some highlights of what we have been able to do in a few short weeks:

- Transferred extra food and toys from food banks in East Long Beach to North Long Beach—including 250 pounds of frozen catfish from Emmanuel Church food bank!
- Assembled and delivered 300 hygiene kits, thanks to Lenore Roth, Barry & Jean Potter, Cathy Barnett, Eman and George. Myron Wollin helped cut fabric for blankets.
- Collected and immediately distributed jackets, blankets and camping equipment.
- Provided bus tokens for transportation to doctors, social services, etc.
- Provided coats and other support for the Santa's North Pole event being held for local homeless kids where they can take a photo with Santa and choose a gift and book and the family can take home food, blankets and jackets. Harriette Ellis is doing publicity. Secured a location through 8th District Councilman Al Austin.
- Procured \$1100 donation for blankets and toys from the local Lions Club.
- Michelle Gordon and Deborah Lewis organized a Mitzvah & Merlot event on Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm at the Alpert JCC with NCJW, the JCC and three local temples to assemble 50 blankets. TI Sisterhood will provide the \$500 for the fabric.
- Dan Felsenthal, CPA, is helping Wrap The Kids with a tax reporting issue, pro bono.
- Jo Anne Kaabar collected 200 kids' books.
- Christian Outreach donated a pallet of 5 gallon containers of ice cream to the Drop-In Center.

Thank you, everyone! Special thanks to Cathy Barnett and Lenore Roth for taking on key roles! And thanks to our facilities staff, who has repeatedly jumped in to handle logistics and schlepping and clean up.

Want to jump in? Contact Andrea Friedenthal, Temple Israel Project Chair (562) 822-7882 or andreafr8711@gmail.com



BINGO

BEVERAGES AND MORE!

Sunday, January 27th
1:00 - 3:00 pm
at Temple Israel

COST: \$10.00

Includes appetizers, drinks, and BINGO!!

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

RSVP to Charmaine by January 22
clw@tilb.org

Mitzvah & Merlot

Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 pm
at Alpert JCC - 3801 E. Willow St.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE MITZVAH PROJECT

We will be making fleece blankets to provide warmth for children and families currently experiencing homelessness

No sewing experience required!

(Please bring a good pair of scissors)

“Wrap the Kids”, a non-profit organization founded by a group of homeless people in Long Beach, will distribute these blankets to families living in, near and under the flood channel and 91 freeway. We will learn more about the organization and the work they are doing.

Light appetizers, dessert & wine will be served

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT, BUT RSVP'S ARE REQUIRED

Please RSVP to Deborah Lewis by Tuesday, January 22nd
info@ncjwlongbeach.org or (657) 235-2511

This event is being co-sponsored by NCJW, Temple Israel's Sisterhood & Social Action Committee, and Hillel

Our Sisterhood donated gifts for an adoptive family from JFCS.



Sisterhood Gift Shop

Looking for the perfect birthday gift, b'nai mitzvah gift or hostess gift?

SHOP AT OUR GIFT SHOP!

Join with other local Sisterhoods for "WINE, WOMEN & SONG"

Sunday, February 10
3:00 - 6:00 pm

at Temple Beth David in Westminster

This is a fundraiser for Women of Reform Judaism's YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund

Special Guest: Cantor Nancy Linder

Appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served

Bring cash or check for opportunity raffle and more

\$5 at the door

RSVP to Sisterhood@templebethdavid.org



SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, April 14 - Membership Brunch at the Temple
- Tuesday, April 30 - Game Day at the Temple
- Wednesday, May 1 - Art with DEBI at the Temple

SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES



CREATING COMMUNITY PROGRAM ISRAELI DANCING AND POTLUCK

Friday Evening, January 11

following Shabbat HaNefesh Service

Come to the HaNefesh Service at 6pm, 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 ckw@tilb.org



GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE

Generously sponsored by Debbie & Rob Feldman

Friday, January 18 at 7:00 pm

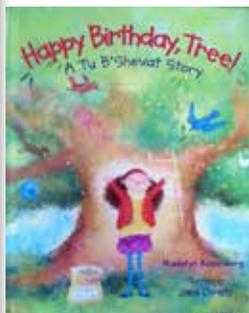
A jazz-infused musical Shabbat Service
featuring
Kendra Cogert and the Shabbatoners



Tu B'Shevat Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 18 at 6:00 pm

Led by Sharon Amster Brown and Eric Shatzkin



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, January 16**
to Michelle at mdt@tilb.org

Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter

**Sabbath Fellowship
PROGRAM & SERVICE**

Saturday, February 2 at 10:30 am

featuring The Shtetl Menschen



The Shtetl Menschen (*freely translated from Yiddish as "The Village People"*) were formed at the request of Lynne Rosenstein, the Assistant Director of the Alpert Jewish Community Center, in the fall of 1998. We perform traditional Klezmer music, mainly from Eastern Europe and Israel. All of our musicians are volunteers, and the proceeds from our performances are donated to the Alpert Jewish Community Center.

Lunch included - \$5 per person
Please RSVP to the Temple Office (562) 434-0996



TEMPLE ISRAEL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



January is yet another eventful month for the Temple Israel high school community. January starts off with our Teen Council meeting. High School Program representatives meet in order to learn and discover even more ways that they can benefit our community. Work has also begun on our outstanding 8th - 12th grade end of the year Shabbat service which will take place on Friday, May 17. Mark your calendars; it is a service not to be missed.

Taking their Jewish practices and applying them in the home, the sophomores come together and participated in a Shabbat at Home gathering with their families. The next day, the 8th grade class will go on a field trip to conservative congregation B'nai Israel to gather knowledge and experience regarding Jewish customs and practices in other Jewish communities. They are able to witness a bat mitzvah ceremony and stay for a wonderful kiddush lunch.

On January 13, the 9th grade adoptive grandparents will spend the morning with the 9th graders. It's always wonderful to bond with them and learn from their generous wisdom. Martin Luther King weekend an exciting youth group happening will occur when our ANDI teens go to NFTY SOCAL Winter Kallah at Camp Ramah in Ojai (a new location due to the wildfires that destroyed JCA Shalom). This very special event brings together teens from Northern and Southern California to participate in a ton of enriching and enjoyable programming and leadership skills.

Toward the end of the month, the 8th graders will partake in a Tu B'Shevat Program where they will celebrate the holiday and learn about its meaning. The High School Program will wrap up the month with community service. Our youth group ANDI will hold a fun game night of arts and crafts after family services and participated in cleaning up the bay in kayaks. Our 10th graders will go to Ronald McDonald House and made breakfast for all the residents and families. All in all, January is proving to be a thrilling and action-packed month for our temple's teens! Tune back in to see what other events we have in store.

THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



JOSEPH SIMMONS
January 12, 2019

My name is Joseph Simmons. I have many hobbies, including cubing, building Legos, and playing video games (hear that one before?). My Bar Mitzvah is January 12 and I'm the second one in my class. I am excited for it because I have been working towards it a long time!

My Mitzvah Project is working for the Temple's the Sabbath Fellowship Program, at which I help out once a month with Vanessa, Nathan, and some others. I like volunteering because I get to meet the seniors in

our community.



MAILE GONSHAK
January 19, 2019

My name is Maile Gonshak and I will be having my Bat Mitzvah on January 19th. I am in the 7th grade at McAuliffe Middle School and I enjoy both Math and Drama. In my spare time, I am currently studying/practicing ballet at the Center Stage Dance Academy in Long Beach. I reside in Naples and have two sisters and a nephew, whose names are Madeleine (14), Kayla (21) and Bennett (17 months). Throughout my Jewish education, my family has always been very important and supportive of me.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering at the Temple by greeting the congregants during Shabbat services. I am excited to celebrate with everyone in the upcoming weeks and look forward to a bright future with my Judaic foundation.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Joan Leb

SPECIAL" WISH LIST"

One result of the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States and the world, the massacre at the synagogue in Pittsburgh, and the targeting of Jews elsewhere has been the proliferation of lists of books about Jews, Judaism, and anti-Semitism. This special "wish list" has been compiled from suggestions from the New York Times, the Jewish Book Council, and the Association of Jewish Libraries. Any one of them would be a great addition to the adult section of our library.

The Chosen Wars: How Judaism Became an American Religion, by Steven R. Weisman. "Since Jews were no longer waiting for the messiah, they would embrace a high-priestly mission to act as models of ethical behavior. Action in the world would define them." **(\$30.00)**

The New American Judaism: How Jews Practice Their Religion Today, by Jack Wertheimer. "A rich, complex and at times contradictory religious system has been reduced to a set of vague slogans." **(\$29.95)**

The Jewish American Paradox: Embracing Choice in a Changing World, by Robert Mnookin. "If you feel yourself to be a Jew, you get to be one." **(\$28.00)**

God is in the Crowd: Twenty-First Century Judaism, by Tal Keinan. Israel and American Jews have created a bi-polar Jewish world with two centers of Jewish life, representing opposed values. **(\$28.00)**

Dear Zealots: Letters from a Divided Land, by Amoz Oz. "I regard blind obedience as a deviation from tradition even when it purports to be the embodiment of that tradition." **(\$23.00)**

On Modern Jewish Politics, by Ezra Mendelsohn. "Explores the different approaches taken by East European and American Jews toward anti-Semitism." **(\$19.89)**

Warrant for Genocide: The Myth of the Jewish World Conspiracy and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, by Norman Cohn. Since its publication in 1967, it has been reissued several times and is a classic history of anti-Semitism. **(\$40.78)**

A Lethal Obsession: Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad, by Robert Wistrich. This is an encyclopedic history of anti-Semitism since 1945 and drives home the author's argument that the tradition of discrimination against Jews did not end after the Holocaust. **(\$50.00)**

When Christians Were Jews: the First Generation, by Paula Fredriksen. "This is the gripping story of the early Jewish followers of Jesus...as they awaited the end-time." **(\$27.50)**

Let me know if you are interested in donating any of these books. Be sure to check out the many new books on our shelves.

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

By Harriette Ellis, Archives Committee Chair



As many of our congregants know, Temple Israel will celebrate its 100th anniversary in February of 2024. That's not too far off; therefore an Archives Committee has been formed, and we are in the process of collecting any and all memorabilia our members might have tucked away in closets, bureaus and on shelves,

long forgotten. (How about your storage unit?)

As part of our preparation for this stellar event, it was suggested by one of our past presidents, Amy Lipeles, that a column should appear each month in our K'ol Yisrael offering little bits of historical information about our temple, so that our new and newer congregants might become better acquainted with what happened in the past and how we arrived at today! You'll read here some stories and quotes from our longtime members that should prepare you to better enjoy our upcoming anniversary.

For starters, I wondered how many of you have strolled down the back hallway at temple and come upon that huge stained glass six-pointed star hanging on the wall near the elevator? Agreed it's no great work of art, but it does have lots of our history locked in. According to Bonnie Lowenthal, one day sometime in 2005, a contractor who was working on reconstructing an old building at 439 West Anaheim Street, recalled that Bonnie had been a City Council member and had served in the State Assembly. He called her with an object he "excavated" and thought she might be interested. He also knew Bonnie was a member of Temple Israel and figured it had been part of the architecture of our first synagogue. Sure enough, he had found this leaded glass star (in need of repair), which had probably been displayed on the front wall of the old temple or even inside above the Ark. Bonnie had it transported to our present site at Third and Loma, and it now has a permanent home, only on Loma instead of West Anaheim!.

So, dear congregants, do you have some buried treasures regarding Temple Israel in your home or garage that should be properly archived? Newspaper clippings especially would be helpful, old bulletins, photos, etc. Our committee has all the proper equipment to archive any memorabilia you may have to keep it safe for many generations to come. Look around and let any member of our committee know. We can pick it up, or you can just bring it to the temple. We'll take it from there. Thank you.

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

New Member Recognition Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

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



FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

GINA & JACK ROSENTHAL



Temple Israel welcomes new members, Gina and Jack Rosenthal. Gina and Jack have two adult children, Marcus and Melissa. Melissa and her husband Matt Simmons, along with their two children, Sophie and Jonah, became members in 2013, although Matt grew up at Temple Israel.

The Rosenthals live in Los Alamitos where they have lived for many years and where they raised their children. Jack teaches high school engineering and Gina retired from Kaiser Permanente in Downey, where she was a Registered Dietician.

Jack and Gina enjoy biking for exercise. Jack is interested in science while Gina enjoys playing bridge and sewing. They are involved with the Alpert Jewish Community Center as well.

Jack and Gina look forward to participating in the many spiritual and socially enriching activities Temple Israel has to offer and have already attended Shabbat morning Torah Study. Please welcome Jack and Gina to Temple Israel!

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Carolyn Blau

David Tygard & Thomas Fugarino



JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

SUNDAY TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Moskowitz

Sundays from 9:45 - 10:30 am

January 6 and February 3

HEBREW PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS-ONE

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

Teacher: 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. Prayer 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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Teacher: Amy Lipeles

Come learn, hands-on, how to make challah, a main dish, and a dessert for Shabbat that are a twist on traditional dishes.

Cost: \$15 - RSVP requested



INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

January 16, 23, 30, February 6

Teacher: Sheryl Stahl

In this class, we will go over using family tree websites to collect family data, documents, and photographs. We will cover finding information in the United States (census, birth, marriage, and death records,) discovering how families got to the United States, and searching records from Europe. Participants are encouraged to bring laptops to class to search online, but it is not required. Teen "Centurions" are welcome!

Cost: none

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Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Beginning January 16 (for 10 weeks)

Instructor: Janet Liss

Have you ever wanted to learn the Alef Bet but thought that you just couldn't do it? It was too hard. You're not good at languages. You don't want to embarrass yourself. Well, now's the time to put all those false beliefs to bed. This 10 week Beginning Hebrew class is painless and fun and by the 10th week of study, you will read words straight out of the Torah! We guarantee it. Come join other adults who, just like you, want to read Hebrew too. This is NOT your father's or mother's Hebrew class!

Cost: \$110, including textbook



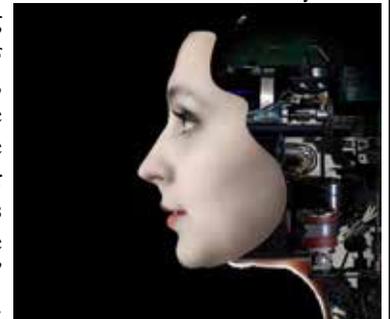
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THIS IS A.I.

Havdallah and Discussion

Saturday, January 19 at 7:00 pm

As our community further explores the intersection between Artificial Intelligence and Ethical Issues, we invite you to join us for this interesting film and conversation. *This Is A.I.* follows the history, development and future of artificial intelligence in different aspects of our lives. Interviewed experts give their opinion on the various ways this "smarter" future is going to impact us.



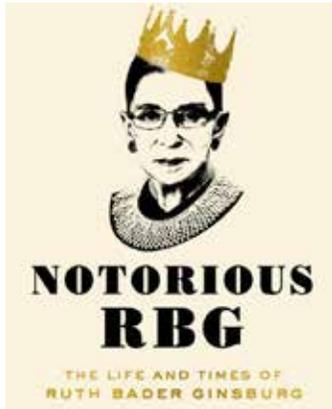
Cost: none

JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

BEYOND THE WALLS: RUTH BADER GINSBURG EXHIBITION at the Skirball Cultural Center

Sunday, January 27

Meet at Temple Israel to carpool at 9:30 am



Join us for a docent-led tour with your friends from Temple Israel. Based upon the New York Times bestselling book of the same name, *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* is an original exhibition created in partnership with the book's co-authors: journalist Irin Carmon, a national reporter at MSNBC, and attorney Shana Knizhnik. The exhibition will offer a

visually rich, entertaining, yet rigorous look at the Justice's life and career. Through archival photographs and documents, contemporary art, media, and interactives, the exhibition will present a unique take on the American legal system and civic rights movements through the lens of Ginsburg's personal experiences and public service.

Cost: \$12, plus the cost of lunch at Zeidler's Café

JEWISH YOGA

Teacher: Alana Weinberg

Sundays at 9:45 am

February 24 and May 5

Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 pm

Cost \$5 per session



SHORT STORIES OF ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER

Fridays at 10:00 am

February 1, 8, 15, 22

Teacher: Joyce Lott

Meet with us to read and discuss some of the short stories that Isaac Bashevis Singer cherishes the most. We will talk about Singer's influences and why he is a master of the short story. We will also probe Singer's philosophy. How does he tackle the dilemmas of modern existence: Who are we? What are we doing on earth? How are we different from the Gentiles? What is our link to the past and the future? Viewing Singer in the Western European, the American, and the Jewish traditions, we will look for what made him a modernist and a transitional figure that cuts Jewish literature into pre- and post-holocaust periods. Mostly, we will simply enjoy his work. As Isaac Bashevis Singer himself said, "At its best, art can be nothing more than a means of forgetting the human disaster for a while." *Cost: none*



BEYOND THE WALLS: MUSLIM MOSQUE

in Orange County

Saturday, February 2

Meet at Temple Israel to carpool at 12:00 pm

Join us for a meaningful and interesting visit to see what a mosque looks like and, at the same time, ask any questions that you might have on Islam and Muslims. We will also be able to visit a Muslim prayer service during our visit. *Cost: none*



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Saturday March 16

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Interfaith Delegation to the Mexican Border

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

One of the South Coast Interfaith Council's core values is to provide and advocate for marginalized people – the poor, the hungry, the homeless and the refugee. Early in December, members of the SCIC family traveled to the Mexican border with a group of interfaith clergy and lay leaders as part of the Matthew25/Mateo25 Movement which is a growing national coalition of over 200 churches and Christian organizations, committed to standing with vulnerable communities. They are a local Southern California expression of the larger national movement whose current focus is defending vulnerable immigrant communities.

Matthew25/Mateo25 is deeply involved in advocacy work focusing on undocumented immigrants who are threatened with mass deportation; refugees being banned from our borders, despite having been rigorously vetted; as well as African Americans, Muslims and people of color who have been threatened with racial profiling, policing, banning, monitoring and more.

Two of SCIC's board members, Rev. Dr. Rachel Nyback of St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach and Sara Deen of the South Bay Muslim community were among those who traveled in the caravan of interfaith and lay leaders. Their goal - to increase awareness of the plight of immigrants who have traveled to our border from Central America seeking refuge and asylum. In turn, they will provide the SCIC's interfaith community with a firsthand account of what is being faced by the marginalized asylum seekers and inform our interfaith community of ways in which we, at Temple Israel and the SCIC community, can provide help and support. As we learn more, I hope you will join me in this very pressing, important and vital effort.

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



January Anniversaries

- 1 Carlos and Maria Angel - 20 years
Tawny Correa and Rachel Van Raalte - 8 years
- 2 John Burkholder and Barbara Pollack - 35 years
- 3 Danny and Rebecca Buckley - 9 years
- 4 Cantor Marvin and Hannah Finnley - 33 years
- 11 Gerald and Miriam Goldberg - 60 years
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- 13 Greg and Melanie Basich - 11 years
- 14 Daniel Herman and Sally Corrie - 1 year
- 17 Greg and Lisa Endelman - 21 years
- 18 Paul and Martha De Young - 27 years
- 19 Marshall Blesofsky and Susan Sklar - 44 years
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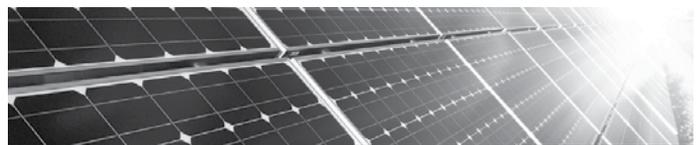
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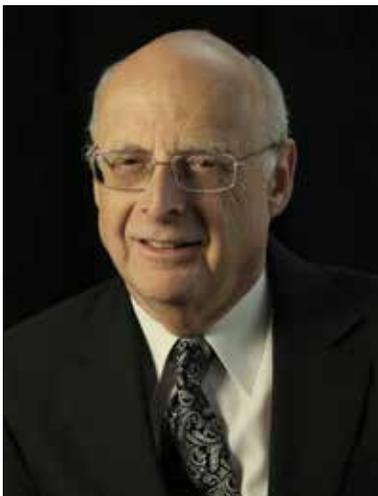
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Steven F. Windmueller, Ph.D. served as the Dean of the Los Angeles Campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion from 2006-2010. In March of 2009, he was appointed to the Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk Chair in Jewish Communal Service. In 1995, Steven was named the Director of the School of Jewish Communal Service (now the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management) of Hebrew Union College. Prior to coming to HUC-LA, he has held a number of prominent positions within the Jewish community over the course of a thirty-year professional career.