



Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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PURIM SHPIEL AND 80'S DANCE PARTY

**Saturday, March 7
8:00 pm**

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YOUR DONATION OR LEGACY GIFT WILL HELP FUND OUR FUTURE!

The 100 Years Campaign has currently raised nearly two million dollars that will allow Temple Israel to continue to maintain our beautiful facility and continue services and programming for our community.

If you are interested in supporting the campaign, or getting more information, please call the Temple office.



THE JEWISH LIFECYCLE A JOURNEY THROUGH MUSIC

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
March 11, 18, and 25**

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BEIT T'SHUVAH'S PRODUCTION OF FREEDOM SONG

**Sunday, March 22
9:30 am**

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RABBI WOLLI AND SARAH KAELTER
Sabbath Fellowship
PROGRAM & SERVICE

Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 am

featuring

PAUL STEIN

Violinist

\$5 lunch. Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 20 at 6:00 pm



Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, ages newborn to early elementary school age and their loved ones. Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service. Evening Tot Shabbat will be followed by challah and grape juice.

FREE PIZZA DINNER FOLLOWING THE SERVICE!

Please RSVP for Friday's Tot Shabbat by

Wednesday, March 18 to Michelle at mdt@tilb.org

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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.

MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Friday, March 6

7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 7

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Sabbath Fellowship Service

Friday, March 13

Artist-in-Residence Robert Saslow

6:00 pm Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, March 14

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, March 20

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass

7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, March 21

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Miles Page

Friday, March 27

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 28

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Raquel Turndorf

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THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



The Alpert Foyer and halls of our Temple are quite often filled with people scurrying about. Congregants are attending services, teachers and children are heading to class in the Torah Center, volunteers are looking for the room their meeting is in, and all the above are anticipating the Joys of Jewish Learning event they came for. These activities are business as usual for all of us.

As president, I'm often stopped by these folks attending, and asked about various aspects of temple operations and activities. I do my best to answer questions, and if I cannot answer right then, I get back to them with an answer.

Over the past couple of months, there has been one question that has dominated conversation which I've been asked in person, over the phone, by email, and through text messaging. Now, please don't get me wrong, I encourage and welcome all questions. It pleases me when people want to know about things and are interested enough to ask. This particular question, clearly, is on everyone's minds, including my own. And it's a question that up until now, I have been unable to answer. Not because I *chose* not to answer, but because I simply didn't *have* the answer.

That question, of course, is, "When are we going to have our new Rabbi?" And up until now, when asked, I had to shrug my shoulders, lift my hands, scrunch up my face, and say I didn't know. Recently however, I've been at least able to honestly add that "We're close." Beyond that, I didn't have anything else to add. I could see the disappointment in people's eyes, and I personally shared that disappointment. They wanted to hear THE answer, and I wanted to give it.

Fortunately, that inability no longer exists. I am now beyond excited to announce that Rabbi Scott Fox has accepted our offer to be the next Rabbi at Temple Israel of Long Beach. He will start on July 1, 2020.

The process has been long and arduous, but I'm very proud of all the many talented volunteers that were so enthusiastically engaged in this process.

It all started on July 30th of last year when I bribed Anne Gundry and Vicki Scherwin with a cup of coffee to be co-chairs of the Settled Rabbi Search Committee. After careful consideration and consultation with each other, they agreed to work together and lead the committee. What they didn't know, and I can now disclose, is that I would have sprung for a muffin in addition to the coffee. The rest is history. Throughout the years, I have been part of many committees. Not once, however, have I witnessed the brilliance, professionalism, and superior insight that these two incredibly gifted women brought to the table. Appropriately enough, they were joined by eleven other very talented committee

members, chosen to represent various demographic groups within our congregation. Together, they became the Temple Israel Search Committee "Dream Team".


The committee reviewed resumes, evaluated candidates, and provided astute feedback as to who our next Rabbi should be. The next time you encounter a member of the search committee in the aforementioned foyer and halls, you might want to express a thank you and Mazel Tov! Please believe me when I tell you it is well deserved.

I would also like to give a shout out of thanks to all of you who participated in this process. I know I described this in my article last month, but it is to your credit that the sanctuary was filled during the candidate visits, and when we had our congregational meeting to vote. I sincerely thank you very much for your engagement. The feedback you provided served to strengthen the final decision of the search committee and board, and as a result of the 92.7% approval vote, it created a mandate for Rabbi Fox.

The word mandate, in and of itself, pleases me to be able to use in this context. It implies consensus and agreement among the congregation. It also creates momentum and excitement, two valuable characteristics to have when speaking of our new spiritual leader.

The final paragraph of my article last month referenced the new chapter just waiting to be written in the story of our Temple.

That chapter now has a title.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
LONG BEACH, CA

Sunday, March 29, 2020
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Choose from many different volunteer projects
in and around Belmont Heights
where you can make a difference.**

THERE IS SOMETHING
FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

Please join our community in continuing this extra level
of engagement and collaboration with our neighbors, by
registering for this special day of service. We will all be
enriched by what we do TOGETHER!

TO REGISTER GO TO
www.bhmadd.org



ON MARCH 8, I BECOME THE KING, THE RULER AND THE GRAND POOBAH OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

By Rabbi Jim Simon



(Authors Note - This is a Purim satire/parody article. None of it is true. Please do not call 911 to report something you read in this article)

As many of you know, when I signed my contract to come here last year, I was represented by two world- famous lawyers - Mr. Seymour Butts of Lichtenstein and Mr. Fremish Bondar of Guam. They fought relentlessly for a clause in my contract that would allow me to have unlimited power and control at the Temple for a one week period

beginning with the commencement of Purim on March 8. The Temple finally caved, and now my week of power is approaching. I am going to make many changes - here are a few you should know about.....

- 1) ANNUAL COMMITMENTS - from now on, we will not accept cash, checks or credit cards for your payment. You *must* pay your commitment with bitcoin, butcoin, livestock, or kruggerands.
- 2) PRAYER - As of March 8, we are removing the SH'MA prayer from the Prayer book - we are replacing it with a prayer written by the Rabbis Pointer - "I am so excited, I just can't hide it, I'm about to lose control and I think I like it!"
- 3) PAYMENT DELINQUENCY - If you are behind in your payments, here is what we will do until you fulfill your obligations to us - If you have a yahrzeit name for the kaddish list, we will still read the name, but we will intentionally mispronounce it! So, your beloved grandfather ROBERT COHEN will now be read as RUBAGI CONTUCCI.
- 4) HEBREW - All this right to left stuff is a big pain in the ass! From now on, Hebrew will be read from left to right, the way we do it in the good old USA.
- 5) SHABBAT FOR INFANTS/TODDLERS - We need to help our infants and toddlers appreciate the grandeur and the complexity of creation. Therefore, every Friday we will offer a 6pm service featuring poisonous snakes, dogs with Rabies and other disgusting vermin! (A veterinarian will be on duty in case any of the kids bite our animals).
- 6) PARKING - In order to alleviate our parking problems I met with the Loma Avenue Homeowners Association and negotiated a deal that will allow you to park on any lawn on Loma Avenue, whenever you want. Just pull right up on that lawn and if the owner says anything, yell out - HEY! BUBBY! TEMPLE ISRAEL HERE!
- 7) NEW DRESS CODE - From March 8 to March 15, when you come to the Temple you *must* wear your underwear on the outside of your pants or skirt.
- 8) TEMPLE FUND-RAISER - We need \$\$! Lots of it! Give us

\$50,000 and I will surgically attach a plaque with your name onto my forehead.

9) WE LOVE THE YOUTS! - Who does not love our youts? They are our future! But, we must protect them! As of March 8, I am ending the long standing tradition of giving our minor youts free beer and wine. We are removing 12 beer kegs and 12 Jeroboam bottles of wine that were put into the Youth Lounge by Rabbi Shlomo Shlomonagagagoochian many years ago. *The Shlominator* (as he was affectionately called) was hired in the 60's but lasted only one day. He was fired for giving liquor to our youts (and also because no one could pronounce his last name). He tried to shorten his name but was arrested on charges that his new last name was obscene.

Please drop by to see the exalted ruler (ME) during the week I am in power. You may enter the inner sanctum of my office if you come bearing any of the following gifts: a Rolex watch, a vegetarian pizza (no kale, please) or a Coach wallet. CHAG PURIM SAMEACH - HAPPY PURIM TO ALL!

**Temple Israel's
Annual Gala**

**Mazel
and
Magic**

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 2, 2020

**Join us as we honor the impact of our
ANDI Youth Group
and the dedication to our community of the
Temple Israel Sisterhood**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITES AND
INVITATIONS AVAILABLE SOON!**





BABY IT'S GOLD OUTSIDE!

WE HAVE EXTENDED COLLECTIONS THROUGH MARCH 15

NEEDED:

Warm coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, rainwear and sweaters

Items help local shelters to provide support for the homeless and needy. Deposit your donations in the bins in the Temple's Alpert Family Foyer.



SAVE THE DATE

**WORKERS JUSTICE INTERFAITH
DESSERT SEDER**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.
at Temple Israel**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Board Nominations Time!

As Immediate Past President, I have the honor of chairing our Temple's Nominating/Leadership Development Committee. This year, as in past years, you may nominate yourself (or someone you think is a good candidate) for board service!

If being on the board is of interest to you, please submit the form below. A member of the Nominating Committee will call you to discuss your interest in board service. Each applicant will be given equal consideration. Names placed on the slate for Board approval will be based on our desire to create a balanced and representative board.

In order to apply to be on the Temple Israel Board, applicants must be members of Temple Israel who are Jewish and are not employed by the temple. Most accepted applicants have actively served on a Temple Israel committee in recent years.

Once accepted on the board, requirements include:

- Attendance: Attending a minimum of 8 board meetings per year. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Fiduciary: overseeing budgets, funds & assets.
- Promotion: Actively promoting our organization and supporting our staff.
- Service: serving on at least one committee with the goal of chairing a committee or sub-committee within two years of board membership.
- Greeting: acting as a greeter and/or Board Representative at Services a minimum of four times per year and at the High Holy Days.
- Support: Staying current with all personal financial commitments to Temple Israel.
- Fund Raising: Actively support fund-raising events of the Temple.

If you have questions, please call me at (562) 972-7640
Thank you for your continued support of Temple Israel

Joyce Feldman

Joyce Feldman, *Immediate Past President*

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

Name: _____

Name: _____

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



HIGH HOLY DAY REDUX

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



Months later I am still able to reflect on the meaningful services during High Holy Days this last fall. I have finally been able to read through the evaluations of the various days. We had 138 congregants return the online evaluations. These were very instructive as to seeing what was meaningful and liked and what needs some work. Of course, like anything, often comments were all over the board. I have tried to summarize trends and consensus in the

surveys.

The item with the most comments was about the Rabbi's sermon with 96 comments. These were overwhelmingly positive with only a handful of comments calling his sermon political and saying that politics have no place on the bimah. It was clear from the many comments that if, in a service which is promoting Jewish values, something some may consider political comes out this is acceptable (and for many desirable).

Interestingly the comments about why people chose early or late service mainly had nothing to do with the content of the service but were rather just life issues. A common reason for choosing early service was ease of parking and not arriving home late. The late service was often chosen because of work schedule and being able to start the fast later. One good suggestion was that car pools should be organized to help with distant parking issues.

71 people took the time to share what they liked best. Only 58 people mentioned what they would like to see changed. 10 of the 58 comments about what they would like to see changed was an answer similar to "nothing, liked it all".

Overall most evaluators rated the day highly through point values and comments. Most items had no rankings of less than expected (below 3 out of 5). The lowest ranked item was "During services WITH the full choir, the music enhanced my prayer experience." This low rank was because 12 of 138 people filling out the survey ranked this item below expected. The most commonly chosen number though for this same item was a 5.

When looking at the most common theme of constructive criticism it would be finding a better balance between the Rabbi, the Cantor, the choir by itself (without Cantor accompaniment), and participation by the audience with the musical part of the service (not being a passive audience "just" listening). There were many different single suggestions for making other parts of the day better including ideas like having classes to prepare for the HHD better, scattering shofar blowers around the congregation, bringing the candle for the 6 million to a place where all can see it, offering apples, honey, and challah for adults after Rosh Hashanah service, and many other good ideas.

Anyone who would like to discuss the survey more please talk

to me or email. Given my recent column on sacred partnership as well as the Rabbi's Jewish values sermon I remind everybody that we need to communicate with each other in a civil manner whether one on one, at a meeting, or even when commenting on a survey. What one says is so important but how it is said could wind up just being hurtful and negate the importance of what is trying to be said. Please always honor the congregation's sacred partnership. As always please share any thoughts on this or other issues at VPRitualPractices@tilb.org

FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS

JESSICA SCHWARTZ AND ROBERT BRUMBAUGH



Jessica Schwartz and Robert Brumbaugh divide their year between California and Michigan. Jessica is a retired Physiology Professor at University of Michigan, and continues to work with Graduate Program administration there. Robert is a retired anthropologist with special interest in Papua New Guinea. Jessica and Robert are thrilled to spend time with their grandchildren and their families in

Michigan and Long Beach. They look forward to being part of the Temple Israel community.

Temple Israel's
Totally Rad
80's Shpiel

Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 pm

Join us for our Totally Rad 80's Shpiel

Directed by Jonathan Kass
Performed by fellow congregants!

followed by

A Totally Awesome

80's Dance Party!

Drinks, Costume Contest,

Hamantaschen and FUN!

Everyone Welcome - No Cost to Attend



MAKE, TAKE AND DONATE

March 4, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
at Temple Israel

We will be making small toiletry/accessory bags. Each participant will make one to keep and one to donate to a womens' shelter. Please bring any travel size toiletries that might be placed in the donated bags.

No experience needed!

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

MEDICAL MARIJUANA GETTING THE FACTS

Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker

Holly Weber, RN, BA, LCSW



Using the solid research of Raphael Mechoulam, PhD, Bonni Goldstein, M.D. and many others this lecture will highlight details of cannabis history. It will cover marijuana research done throughout the world. Demystifying the “dangers” of using the plant will be addressed. When cannabis should not be used and possible medication reactions will be covered.

Ms. Weber Is a Registered Nurse, Psychoanalyst, LCSW and Certified Brain Nutrition Counselor. She maintains a private practice in Seal Beach and teaches both cannabis medicine and brain nutrition @ CSULB in the OLLI program

*Sisterhood Membership
Appreciation Lunch*

Featuring Musical Entertainment

Thank You For Helping US Grow

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
at Temple Israel

Free for Sisterhood Members



If you are not a member of Temple Israel Sisterhood, you may attend the event for \$18.00, and that will go towards a Temple Israel Sisterhood membership.

*Please RSVP before Monday, April 20 to
Charmaine clw@tilb.org or (562) 434-0996 ext 100*

Sisterhood invites you to our 5th Annual

GAME DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

at Temple Israel

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

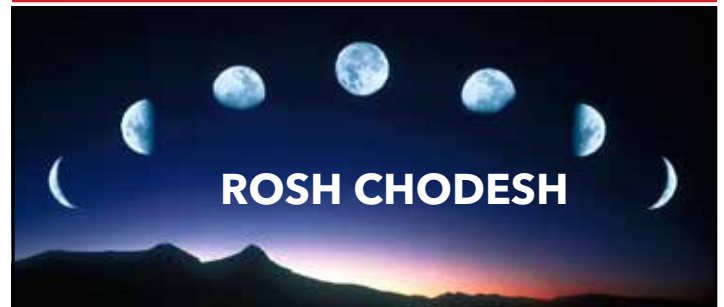
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Bring your favorite game to play with your friends.

Mahjong • Rummy Tile • Bunco • Bridge • Scrabble

LIGHT BREAKFAST • SNACKS • LUNCH • DESSERT

\$ 36 per person



ROSH CHODESH

Upcoming Rosh Chodesh Dates

- Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 24, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am

**COME VISIT
THE SISTERHOOD
GIFT SHOP**

SEE OUR ARRAY OF PASSOVER ITEMS!

Open one hour before Friday Evening Services,
Wednesdays 4:00 pm- 6:30 pm, and
Sundays 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL
HIGH SCHOOL
 PROGRAM



JACOB ENDELMAN

Shalom Temple Israel! As we enter the second month of the new year, the entirety of the high school program has continued its quest for Jewish learning by engaging in meaningful discussions as well as taking field trips to new locations.

The 8th grade Torah Center class took an exciting field trip to Orthodox Shul Aish HaTorah in Los Angeles. The attendees really enjoyed their experience, as they got to witness the beauty and warm welcome from the

Aish HaTorah community and then enjoyed an amazing Shabbat lunch and conversation with their hosts.

The 8th graders are headed to New York City from February 13-17. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip, and the attendees are guaranteed to learn and see so many new things, bond with their friends, and expand their knowledge of the Judaism and its history on the other side of the nation.

The 9th graders will be engaging in a unique experience, as they visit the Hsi Lai Temple as a part of their comparative religion curriculum on February 23. This serves as a great opportunity for our students to not only learn about other religions, but also to create a stronger relationship between two communities.

The 11th/12th grade Torah Center class went to a Beach Hillel Shabbat dinner, hosted by ChayaLeah Sufirin, the Hillel director. The students learned about the importance of practicing Judaism in college, the strong presence Judaism has on campuses around the nation, and what it means to build a Jewish community within a larger community in college through song, prayer, and discussion. Our teens were more than welcomed into the Beach Hillel community!

On February 7th, ANDI hosted a games and crafts evening for Camp Shabbat.

The following evening, 9th-12th graders and their adoptive grandparents were lucky enough to have dinner together at Sharon Amster Brown's home and then go see "Ragtime" at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center. It was a beautiful night out together.

The Brown family will also be hosting the 11th/12th grade Shabbat at Home at their house on February 21st.

For those who enjoy creative writing, you are invited to submit an original work as part of the Yom HaShoah Creative Writing Contest. All middle schoolers and high schoolers are welcome to participate. The judges are searching for someone who can write a prose/poem in 1,000 words or less. Within the writing, the author must combine their best command of language & exemplary creativity. All writings must be submitted by March 2nd to Dana Schneider-Chanzit at creativewriting@alpertjcc.org. The winner receives a \$100 cash prize!

TEMPLE ISRAEL'S
Congregational
Retreat 2020
 April 17-19, 2020

This year at Brandeis-Bardin Institute



Join your community for a weekend filled with family, friends, prayer, study, celebration, music, and much, much more!



Programming for all ages!



To Rosecarrie and Alan Brooks on the birth of their grandson, Brooks Rory Fitzpatrick born on September 16, 2019 weighing 4 lbs. 10 oz. and 17.5 inches in length.



To Aaron and Violeta Stolpen on the birth of their son, Elijah Castro Stolpen born on October 13, 2019 weighing 4lbs 7oz. and 18 inches in length.



To Trish and Jared Goldin on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruby Mira Lutz born on January 3, 2020 weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz and 21 inches in length.



To Asher and Heather Edwards on the birth of their son, Aaron Alexander Edwards born on January 7, 2020 weighing 7lbs. 15oz. and 19 inches in length.



To Susanne and Jack Cameron on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Camryn Hastings born on January 23, 2020 weighing 6lbs. 13 oz.



To Amber and Mark Sokolowski on the birth of their son, Liev Sergei Sokolowski born on February 1, 2020 weighing 9 lbs. and 20.5 inches in length.

THIS MONTH'S BAT MITZVAH



RAQUEL TURNDORF
March 28, 2020

Raquel Jackie Turndorf will become a Bat Mitzvah on March 28, 2020. Raquel is a 7th grader at Rogers Middle School in Long Beach and lives in Naples with her two younger sisters, Hannah (10) and Amanda (7), her 5 month old puppy Ripley, and her parents, Marc – an all American valley boy, and Ariela – a Mexico City Jewish girl who immigrated to the U.S. a few decades ago.

Raquel was born on Father's Day which made for a very special date being that she is the first child of her parents. Raquel's Jewish journey began at birth. She was named after her maternal great grandmother and received her Hebrew names Raisel Leah in memory of two other maternal great grandmothers. Raquel comes from a long line of Jewish heritage and tradition in the Ashkenazi communities in Mexico City and the U.S.

Raquel attended The Alpert JCC Community Center Early Childhood Education Program since she was two years old until she graduated from pre-school. During the summer, she attended different Jewish camps including the JCC's summer camp and the Hebrew Academy day camp, from which she returned showing keen interest in Jewish prayers and songs. Post ECE, Raquel and her sisters were enrolled into the Shul By The Shore Hebrew school program where they actively participated until 2019 when Raquel and her family became members of Temple Israel and Raquel started attending Torah Center in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah.

Raquel's passions, aside from school, include acting and singing. She has been casted in multiple leading roles at The Kids Theater Company and performed in close to one dozen musicals since age 5. She is a talented pianist, a lego builder and a terrific student. This year, Raquel has been named Vice President of Roger's Middle School Green Team, which is dedicated to lead recycling efforts in campus, aligned with her Jewish values of "tikkun olam" or healing the world. Raquel's Mitzvah Project includes volunteering for Algalita Long Beach where she helped with efforts to reduce plastic waste in the oceans.

More importantly, Raquel is a kind soul. She is a good friend, beloved by all who meet her, a wonderful daughter and a great big sister to Hannah and Amanda.

She makes us proud, every day.



To Leon Neumann on the birth of his grandson, Lorenzo Samuel Neumann born on February 9, 2020 weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches in length.



Torah Study 101

Parashat Tetzaveh:

Talking to Children about God Without Lying, Clichés, or Fables

Sunday, March 1 at 9:45 am

Facilitator: Rabbi Jim Simon

Please join us for Torah Study 101, taught by Rabbi Simon. He knows a lot of Torah, because he was a personal friend of Moses. We will study the portion of the week and then relate its teachings to issues we are struggling with as human beings and parents. Everyone is welcome - no prior experience or background needed.

Cost: none



Jewish Yoga

Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm

Instructor: Alana Weinberg

Jewish yoga is a wonderful way to relax, let go, and return back to your Jewish spirituality. All levels are welcome, including beginners, as we journey inward while stretching and moving our bodies. Postures, breath work, and Jewish inspiration are included in all classes. Yoga mats are provided or you may bring your own.

Suggested donation: \$5



Purim Field Trip

Congregation Lubavitch of Long Beach

Monday, March 9 at 7:15 pm

at 3981 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach

As Temple Israel will be celebrating Purim the weekend of March 7-8, we are going on a fun, memorable Purim adventure to celebrate with our Orthodox friends at Chabad of Long Beach. If you've never been to an Orthodox Purim celebration, you're in for a great time!

Cost: none



Creating Prayer, Song, and Sacred Space

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

March 10, March 31, and April 7

Shabbat service on Friday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

Facilitators: Bill Shafton and Linda Keiles



Join Linda Keiles and Bill Shafton, as we take an innovative dive into the liturgy, using it as inspiration to create our own prayers, music, and ultimately, our own Shabbat service on April 24th. In our three sessions, we'll use different forms of expression (including personal essays, poetry, song, and more) to

explore the blessings of our heritage and create our own expression of prayer and Torah. No experience necessary; each one of us has something meaningful to say.

Cost: none

**PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAMS
TO CHARMAINE CLW@TILB.ORG**



The Jewish Lifecycle

A Journey through Music

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
March 11, 18 and 25

Facilitator: Cantor Sara Hass



Music has the ability to take us on a journey. In Judaism, the lifecycle events we are so privileged to experience depend upon our liturgy and music to guide us from one point to the next. Join Cantor Hass in this three-part series as we embark on a spiritual and musical journey, exploring these precious lifecycle moments and the music that accompanies them. Part concert/

part discussion. **Cost: none**

Lifecycles Series

in partnership with the Caring Community Committee
Session Two: Jewish Perspectives on Death and Dying -Hospice 101

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm

Instructor: Rabbi Carla Howard



The process of dying is one that will touch us all. It is a spiritual process that takes place in the body of one individual, often part of a network of family, friends, and loved ones who are also experiencing this process. Some of Judaism's greatest wisdom is brought to bear on the subject of end-of-life and this workshop will explore that wisdom. It will also cover all the practical aspects of how we, as Jews, deal with end-of-life and afterwards. The takeaway from this workshop should be one of easing one's fear and anxiety about this chapter of the

book of life. **Cost: none**



Beit T'Shuvah's Production of Freedom Song

followed by Q&A session

Sunday, March 22 at 9:30 am

Don't miss this incredible performance by current residents and graduates of Los Angeles' Beit T'Shuvah, a Jewish recovery program.

By interweaving a Passover seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question: "What are you a slave to?" The cast of Freedom Song is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and an intense post show discussion with our cast, Freedom Song will open your eyes to the real life struggle against the "bondage of self" that we all fight every day. **Suggested donation: \$10**

Passover University

Tuesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 26
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm



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INTERFAITH GREETINGS

What is the SCIC?

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

Our own Gene Lentzner (of blessed memory) died four days before CCEJ's 29th annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast which he helped establish and which he and his wife, Ann, have underwritten all these years. Though this year's breakfast was tinged with sadness, it became a celebration of the life that Gene led and the legacy he left for us to continue. Recently he said "I thought that I could do something to stop discrimination, so I got involved. I think everyone in the community has the ability to contribute against inequality in America." And so, this February's event titled, "Building Relationships to Build Community" celebrated Gene in the way I'm sure he would have treasured - through the power of interfaith/intercultural diversity.

Keynote speakers, Taina Vargas-Edmond and Richie Reseda, shared their uplifting personal stories, explaining how incarceration negatively impacts both family and community. They co-founded Initiate Justice by and for incarcerated people, formerly incarcerated people, and people with incarcerated loved ones. Its mission is to end mass incarceration and activate the power of those it directly impacts through organizing members both inside and outside of prisons to advocate for their freedom and to bring fairness to criminal justice policy in California.

I am certain that Gene would be in the forefront, leading us to act by following our Jewish values of tzedek, tzedek tirdof - justice, justice shall you pursue, which includes human rights as well as economic justice for the poor, the weak and the despised. How can we claim to love God and not be passionate about justice? Let us, in this new year, commit to living out our values. Both the CCEJ and the SCIC are here to help!

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Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15

Friday, March 13 following Shabbat HaNefesh Service at 6:00 pm
Shabbat Dinner and Presentation: The Wonder of Hebrew Letters

Ever wonder why English is written left to right and Hebrew right to left? Or why English has upper and lower case letters and Hebrew doesn't? Or why both have pretty much the same number of letters with the same sounds? This fascinating presentation will leave you with a deep appreciation of how very similar – and very different – these two language cousins are.

Cost: \$18/dinner RSVP Required by Tuesday, March 10

Saturday, March 14, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Hebrew Calligraphy for Beginners:
hands-on workshop

Come explore the beauty and mystery of Hebrew alef-bet! This workshop will teach you to hand-letter the 22 letters of the alef-bet, and then hone your new skills in crafting a style that is uniquely your own. There will also be an opportunity to apply your new talent to a seasonal or thematic project designed specially for your group or class. **Suggested donation: \$18**

Sunday, March 15 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Jewish Color Values: hands-on workshop

What shape is "compassion?" What color is "justice?" In this simple-to-learn project, attendees will explore and share their values, while drawing together and creating as artistic equals. **Suggested donation: \$10**

