



Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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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.

Temple Israel's "instead of" Gala Event **BROADWAY COMES TO TEMPLE ISRAEL!** Saturday, May 2 at 6:30 pm

With great appreciation to Cantor Hass for arranging the impressive list of talent for this Temple Israel-Only Event...

Join with us online for an amazing evening including Havdalah, as well as Greetings, Comedy and Musical Performances by Stars of Stage and Screen!

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Tot Shabbat

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Friday, May 15 at 5:00 pm



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

Get Well Wishes

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

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

MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

Join us online at 6:00 pm for our Services

Facebook Live or Zoom

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

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

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

SATURDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY

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

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

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

Friday, May 1

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 2

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, May 8

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 9

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, May 15

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat with Cantor Hass

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 16

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, May 22

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 23

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, May 29

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 30

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service



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A TIME LIKE NO OTHER

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



One of the honors and responsibilities of being President of our Temple is writing an article for the bulletin each month. When that ever looming deadline approaches, and I can no longer put it off by pretending I have something more important to do, I take a look around to see what's happening in our community, in the synagogue, and on the calendar. I then ponder about what might be worthy of your time and attention.

No such pondering this month. While perusing the daily newspaper every morning during breakfast, the absolutely extraordinary times we are currently living through is exemplified by the fact that 99% of the articles in the paper are related to one subject (My math may not be exactly accurate, but you get the idea).

It would be absurd to try writing about anything else right now. The challenge, however, is to come up with content that you haven't already read about, seen on TV, or heard from others many, many times. No talk here about curve flattening, rates of infection, death ratios, or economic devastation.

What I do want to talk about is us, our Temple family. What are we doing? How are we reacting? And what are we experiencing? On March 12th, we made the very difficult decision to temporarily close the Temple. This was prior to local school systems and other organizations doing the same. Because we weren't simply acting as the next in line, the enormity of that decision was felt by all of us sitting at the table. I remember driving home that evening with a hole in my heart. I truly felt it was the right thing to do, but the emotionality of closing our place of worship was crushing.

Shortly thereafter, other organizations, including both the LA and Long Beach school districts followed suit. Clearly, it was what needed to be done. Okay, the doors are closed, but what happens next?

To say that every challenge also provides opportunity is a cliché. But it is also truth. During our aforementioned somber meeting, Sharon Amster Brown, our educator extraordinaire, was busily looking at her iPad, jotting down notes. She then glanced up, and commented about the creative, outside the box (my words, not hers), online learning opportunities she was considering. The closure announcement had not even been made, and Sharon was already thinking about how we would be continuing the education of our children. During that first week, Sharon's efforts resulted in virtual classes and programs, delivered through Zoom and Facebook, as well as other modalities that are above my pay grade to understand. Those programs and activities have continued throughout our hiatus from the building. My children haven't been in school for many years, but I'm still a parent, and I kvell when I think about the quality of education we provide the students of our Torah Center. A very heartfelt thank you goes out to Sharon and

the many teachers who are doing exemplary work.

Another decision that needed to be made during our closure concerned a very core component of who we are, that of being a religious institution. How would we be providing worship opportunities for our congregants? It was now time for Rabbi Simon and Cantor Hass to take over. I imagine that conducting services to an empty sanctuary would be somewhat unnerving. But that is exactly what they did, with their efforts being sent through the airways to our homes. In addition to providing us with Shabbat services, Rabbi Simon continued offering Torah Study on Saturday mornings. Regular Havdalah services have also been conducted with Cantor and Sharon each Saturday evening. If you missed the very special Havdalah with Dan Nichols on April 18th, I strongly recommend you view the recording of it. It was quite inspirational. A special thank you to Cantor Hass for making that happen.

Through the function of Zoom, we are able to identify how many participants engaged in the services. It was not uncommon to see over 100 people tuning in, a terrific number to report. I've always enjoyed the spirituality of Havdalah, but when you are in the middle of a major crisis, and are wishing everyone a "Shavua Tov," the sincerity of that greeting is beyond powerful.

I would also like to point out that in addition to what I've described above, Cantor Hass also developed and is presenting other online activities throughout each week. This includes meditation opportunities, children's programming, as well as other events. I'd like to extend kudos to Cantor Hass for what she is bringing to the table.

The scenarios I've reported so far are all wonderful, inspiring, and much needed during this very troubling time. In order to make all this happen, and delivered to us in a manageable way, immense effort behind the scenes is required. Those efforts have been coordinated by our Executive Director, Eric Shatzkin. Under the best of circumstances, Eric's day consists of a vast number of phone calls and emails, as well as other requests. At the moment, we are clearly not in the best of circumstances. Consequently, Eric's responsibilities have been magnified substantially, with not only an increased amount of routine duties, but also with new tasks that have presented themselves as a result of the current crisis. As President, I interact with Eric on a regular basis, and I can tell you he is going above and beyond.

The environment we have found ourselves navigating through is unprecedented, to say the least. The phrase "new normal" is being thrown around without any of us really understanding the full extent of what exactly that may mean to us personally, professionally, or socially. Regardless, however, of the many ways our lives will be changed, there is one constant we can rely on. Temple Israel is our spiritual home; a sacred place with dedicated professionals. Earlier in this article, I thanked those professionals for what they do. I would now like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you for being part of our Temple Family. We truly are a special place.



MUSINGS

By Rabbi Jim Simon



Next month, I will offer my final goodbye. So for now, let me share a few final thoughts on the difficulties and challenges that have surrounded us these past few months. Next month I will focus more on Temple Israel and its future.

In no particular order -

1.) We need to be reminded - our TILB community is still relevant and important. We need our religious community because it provides us with

much-needed stability in a world that changes daily. And not just that, Judaism provides us with clear guidance as to how we can live by being the most humanly human being possible. And by the way, Temple Israel needs you as well.

2.) What do we bring to the table of humanity in a Coronavirus world? We bring many things. Our tradition is a “we” tradition, not an “I” tradition. We are always reminded that we have obligations to others - whether it be giving blood, money to food banks, or simply watching out for neighbors who might be in need of some help. And in a time where there are many who are choosing to do their own thing and flaunt rules that have been adopted for the sake of all, we know how important is to be connected to and supportive of the goals of the entire community.

3.) We, who have always been shamed and blamed, know that we cannot do this to others. I know that at times it is easy to succumb to xenophobia, especially when our anxiety level is high. But our history teaches us that when people give in to hysteria and blaming, sooner or later we end up being the victim.

4.) Finally, to dispel the feeling of hopelessness and powerlessness you may feel, may I suggest the following? It is okay to offer to help others and it is equally okay to ask others to help you. We are not a race of Superman/Superwomen. We are human beings and we are not perfect.

May the month of May bring you health, serenity and wholeness.

TORAH STUDY Online

Saturdays 8:45 am

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



TEMPLE BOARD NOMINATIONS



Ron Artstein

Ron Artstein grew up in Jerusalem, and moved to Tel Aviv and then to New Jersey to study. After spending a few years in Haifa and in England, Ron finally settled down in Long Beach in 2007. He joined Temple Israel in 2018 when his eldest daughter, Carmel, wanted to have a Bat Mitzvah (which she did). Since joining, Ron has been active in the Membership and Ritual Practices committees, Saturday morning Torah Study, Shabbat services, and other activities at the Temple, while Carmel has been

engaged in the teen program and served as the teen representative on the Rabbi Search Committee.

Ron is a *very* amateur musician who participated in Kol Ha'Shabbat with guitar, recorder and voice (he was also in a Jewish acappella group and an Israeli dance troupe way back in grad school). He looks forward to serving the community on the Board.

Ron works as a research scientist at the USC Institute for Creative Technologies, studying conversational dialogue between humans and computers. Ron is married to Nancy Hall, and they have three children; they are Hebrew-English bilinguals and visit Israel regularly because most of Ron's family live there.



Ed Zwieback

Ed Zwieback was born and grew up in West Hollywood. He graduated from UCLA with an Engineering degree and graduate studies in Aeroacoustics. He joined Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, as a Flight Test Engineer, worked at many remote test sites, and continued as a Flight Test Manager at McDonnell Douglas Corp, in Long Beach, for a total of 34 years. He was a registered Mechanical Engineer in the State of California and an Associate Fellow of A-I-Aeronautics-Astronautics.

Ed, together with his wife Mona Panitz, has lived in Naples, Long Beach, since 1996.

Ed has been active at Temple Israel for many years. His children, David & Nancy, had their B'nai Mitzvah at Temple Israel. In the 1970's, Ed served as Chairman of the Temple Board of Education. He was a founding member of one of the oldest Temple Havurah groups of which he and Mona continue as members. Ed and Mona joined the Torah Center Grandparents Program at its inception and are now with the 12th grade class. Ed also was a member of the recent Rabbi Search Committee.

Ed has many interests, including earning certificates in online classes in genetic studies. He is an avid researcher in Jewish genealogy and user of advanced technology. He supports the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering, including reviewing Scholarship applications. Ed believes in lifelong fitness, including yoga, bicycling and kayaking.



JEWISH THOUGHTS DURING A PANDEMIC

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



Members of the Ritual Practice committee share uniquely Jewish wisdom and dilemmas during this time of pandemic.

I found that my Torah portion from my Adult B'nei Mitzvah in 2007 still gives me practical wisdom and is amazingly applicable to the Covid 19 world:

(Numbers, Chukat, Chapter 19 verses 14-19)

“When a person dies in a tent, whoever enters the tent and whoever is in the tent shall be unclean for seven days... anyone who touches a person who was killed or who died naturally, or human bone, or a grave, shall be unclean for seven days... thus cleans him by the seventh day. He shall then wash his clothes and bathe in water, and at nightfall he shall be clean.”

-and today re Covid 19:

One may return to work seven days after symptoms started and 3 days after fevers have resolved and symptoms improved, whichever is longer.

My Torah portion dealt with how one cleans oneself after touching the dead. This was the portion that had been waiting for me as a physician. On the surface, the portion boils down to “wash your hands”. This clearly is very helpful and applicable to our situation in the world today.

Washing one's hands though, cleansing, may be even deeper. Not only have you cleansed yourself but you are ready for the next encounter. You have now separated yourself from the previous encounter and may arrive fresh for the new encounter. This momentary separation and cleansing provides spiritual and psychological separation in order to enter each new encounter refreshed and untainted from what has just taken place. This way of framing the cleansing process is useful not only just as a person but even more so as a physician going from one patient to the next.

Infectious disease is nothing new, turning up repeatedly in the Torah. During this crucial time please continue to follow advice of experts – physical distance, facial covering and excellent hygiene. When this has passed we will hug again.

Jewish lessons in living through COVID-19

by Sheryl Stahl

I have seen and read these words so often that they might have become passé, but they continue to inspire me:

הוא הנה אומר, אם אין אני לי, מי לי. וכשאני לעצמי,
מה אני. ואם לא עכשיו, אימתי

[Hillel] used to say: If I am not for myself, who is for me? But if I am for my own self [only], what am I? And if not now, when? [Pirke Avot 14]

When my insecurities gang up on me, Hillel reminds me that it is not only acceptable but expected that I advocate for myself. If I start cocooning and immersing myself in my own troubles, I'm prompted to look outward and help others. And when I'm wallowing in my misery, I get the gentle kick in the tush to get moving now.

But what can I do when all these needs compete with each other? When my need to focus on positive things runs into the reality of living in the time of COVID-19? Or when my wish to connect with my neighbors conflicts with their need to remain isolated? When I can't act now, but must wait for health officials to release us from sheltering in home?

Just as I do when I'm faced with several different projects at work or at home, I remind myself that I can't do everything at once. I try to spend some time each day doing something creative and life-affirming. I love to work in my garden, taking the time to watch the butterflies, bees, and birds in the yard. On my inside days, I work on a quilting projects and focus on the colors and texture of the fabric. Then I take some time to think about the outside world. I check the news for the latest on the corona virus. And then I check in with my parents, and other family, friends, and neighbors.

Shabbat by Ron Artstein

I'm trying to reflect about how I'm going through this time of working from home. In terms of Jewish practice, I think one of the challenges of the past two weeks has been how to keep Shabbat distinct from weekdays, now that we're home all the time. Of course we have our Shabbat dinner and kiddush and our Shabbat bagel breakfast, but other than that I'm struggling to find ways to make Shabbat different.

Chametz

A few days ago we noticed another ritual practice that is related to the situation: this year we are much more methodical than we have ever been about clearing out and finishing up the chametz before Pesach. Part of the reason is that we're eating at home and cooking more, and concentrating our grocery shopping to make fewer trips, so this naturally lends itself to more planning. But another factor is probably a way of dealing with stress: having a list with all our chametz items and checking them off as we consume them gives some illusion of control in these uncertain times. Just yesterday we found a bag of chametz candy (Kit-Kat) stashed away in an unexpected place; the kids were very generous in offering to get rid of the problem before Pesach...



**SISTERHOOD BOARD MEMBER
KATHY KREIDA, MEMBER-AT-LARGE**



Kathy was born in Santa Monica and, with the exception of when she attended college, has lived in Long Beach her entire life. She graduated from California State University at San Diego with a degree in child development and did graduate work at Pacific Oaks College working with emotionally disturbed preschool children.

She worked as the Program Director for the Torrance-South Bay YMCA, directing 10 separate before and after school childcare sites. Kathy also worked as the Program Head for Maude Booth a State funded preschool program for low-income families. When her children were young Kathy was the computer teacher at their elementary school and then developed her private tutoring business, Beach Learning Center.

Kathy and her husband, Alan, have been married for 36 years and have two children, Ellen (33) and Matthew (30). They have been active members of Temple Israel for 30 years. During that time, Kathy served on numerous Temple committees including Torah Center, Sisterhood Board, and Religious Practices. She has served as a Gala Chair and was awarded Volunteer of the Year. Her husband, Alan, served as president of Temple Israel from 2005 to 2007.

Now retired, she has a therapy dog named Murphy who goes into public schools and helps struggling readers. Kathy enjoys kickboxing and weight training as well as volunteering. Kathy rejoined the Sisterhood Board this year. She previously held several board positions from 2012-2018 including co-VP of Programming. We are delighted to have her back.

SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE!

Let's connect online with Zoom for some schmoozing! Bring your beverage of choice (wine, tea, coffee, Quarantini*). We look forward to chatting with everyone.

**On two dates in May from 3:30-5pm:
Monday, May 4 and Monday, May 18.**

We plan to offer more dates for June.

Sisterhood members will receive an e-mail with the Zoom information.

Send any questions to sisterhood@tilb.org.

***Quarantini Recipe**

Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz. Vodka or gin
- 1.5 oz. Lemon juice
- 1 Tbs. Honey
- 1 Tbs. Water
- Optional Vitamin C



Directions:

1. HONEY SYRUP: Microwave honey and water, and stir until you have syrup.
 2. SHAKE: Add vodka or gin, lemon juice and honey syrup to a martini shaker. Optionally add Vitamin C. Whisk to combine. Then add ice and shake it.
 3. STRAIN: Strain into an iced martini glass.
- Optional: Rim glass with Vitamin C.

SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION

The Sisterhood Board Installation will be done online with Zoom **Monday, June 8 at 7pm**

We are sorry we cannot have our annual dinner meeting this year. You can join the Sisterhood Board on this call. Sisterhood members will receive an e-mail with the Zoom information.



The Sisterhood Board approved a \$9,000 donation to the Temple at this difficult time. The Temple's income for this year has been impacted by the Covid-19 shutdown. Sisterhood wants to show our continued support.



**JOIN US ONLINE
Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 am**

**THE SISTERHOOD
GIFT SHOP**

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL
HIGH SCHOOL
 PROGRAM



JOHANNA BROWN
 ANDI President

Hi everyone! I hope you are all doing well during this strange time. Normally, I get the chance to tell you all about the amazing events that our teens here at Temple Israel attend, however, this is a little different. Due to the circumstances of COVID-19 and the self-distancing requirements, we have been unable to be together in person. Most, if not all, of our scheduled events and gatherings have been canceled for the remainder of the year, bringing great sadness to my friends and me. A lot of what you

hear right now is the negative of this situation; the fact that people can't be together, b'nai mitzvah being rescheduled, and the lack of normalcy in our everyday lives.

While this is all very true and valid, this experience has taught me what the word community really means. Through online ANDI meetings or Zoom Havdalah celebrations, I have learned that we don't have to be together in a physical space to have community. It is the people you make your relationships with that creates the meaningful community that we all know and love. I would like to challenge everyone to take this time to reflect on all of "the good" happening in your life even when life is difficult and reach out to someone you care about. I know how important community is to me and I can only imagine how this Temple Israel community has changed our lives for the better.

TORAH CENTER CARAVAN



**TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES
 OUR NEW RABBI
 RABBI SCOTT FOX
 BEGINNING JULY 1**
 Join us this Summer
 for Shabbat Services and programs
 and meet our new Rabbi

BE PART OF THE GROWING EXCITEMENT!

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

WE WANT TO
thank you
 VERY MUCH

Special Thank You to our Temple Israel Sisterhood for their generous donation of \$9,000 to Temple Israel during this challenging time.

Steve Gordon, Temple President,
 the Temple Board of Directors,
 and the Budget Committee

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Sandra Yavitz
Audrey Zahler
Barry and Rita Zamost
Marvin Zamost and Linda Haley

* Of Blessed Memory



May Anniversaries

- 2 Myron Wollin and Cynthia Gordon - 38 years
- 4 Gary and Regina Roberts - 24 years
- 9 Bob and Ronni Kaplan - 49 years
- 15 Gerry and Kathy Fishkin - 32 years
- 17 Kenneth Chesnin and Gwen Shaffer - 12 years
- 18 Cary Feibleman and Kim Savage - 34 years
Gerald and Nancy Graham - 7 years
- 19 Glenn and Stacey Levine - 19 years
- 20 David and Mercedes Facterman - 20 years
Bert and Alexis Rabenn - 47 years
- 21 Ron and Betsy Cheek - 54 years
- 23 Seth and Amy Goldman - 22 years
- 24 Jim and Rochelle Anderson - 34 years
Bill and Sharon Coleman - 34 years
Brian and Laurie Garabedian - 33 years
Carl and Elise Hartman - 33 years
Daniel Hart and Sheila Carter-Hart - 28 years
Joe and Phyllis Parmet - 56 years
- 25 Lloyd and Nancy Blum - 22 years
Mark and Amber Sokolowski - 8 years
- 26 Andrew and Sara Hass - 7 years
Linda Reiss-Klein and Lynn Zdonek - 1 year
Gary and Lisa Marschall - 18 years
Bob and Phyllis Wallis - 52 years
- 27 Daniel and Lauren Feldman - 8 years
Marvin and Lory Glickman - 64 years
Linda Keiles and Leslie Ciletti - 13 years
David Tillman and Karen Zoller - 41 years
- 28 Rick and Terri Dobrofsky - 14 years
- 29 Barry and Kendra Cogert - 32 years
Michael and Cheryl Laven - 26 years
Harold and Gerda Seifer - 65 years
- 30 Paul and Marian Martin - 27 years
Jeffrey and Sheryl Stewart - 27 years



INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Addressing Our Community's Evolving Needs

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

As we navigate through our new reality during the Coronavirus pandemic, the board of directors of the SCIC has diligently kept in constant communication, assessing our community's evolving needs and discussing ways in which to fulfill the SCIC's commitment of cultivating communities of compassion while honoring our State government's wise call for social distancing.

We are currently working on the following programs in addition to our DAILY INSPIRATION: JUST FOR YOU initiative, a daily inspiration from our sacred faith traditions, reminding us that faith and hope will forever prevail; allowing us to successfully journey together as one united interfaith family.

- **SILVER LININGS: RESPONDING WITH COMPASSION**
A weekly video will be posted every Monday featuring a clergyperson or lay leader sharing insights from their faith tradition to help answer the question, "How do we respond to crises as individuals and as a community?"
- **FRIENDS & FAITH** - Join us for a weekly online gathering of community members simply coming together to talk with one another; helping avoid feelings of isolation during this critical time.
- **LIGHT IN DARKNESS: MONTHLY SPEAKERS SERIES**
Begun in April, the SCIC hosts a monthly online event featuring a well-known, inspiring and uplifting guest speaker to bring light into the darkness.

Go to www.scinterfaith.org or to Facebook - South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC) for the above presentations!

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER - LEAN ON US!

SHALOM-SALAAM-PAZ-SHANTI-HER PING-PEACE





Yahrzeit Observance

“Zecher Tzadik Livracha”

The memory of the righteous are a blessing



May 6-12

Suki Berro
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For the past two years, Jacob Ben-Shmuel has been the Standby Elder Cunningham in the National Tour of *The Book of Mormon*. He is also an avid writer and composer, and his musical *Brad Knows Nothing* was part of the developmental reading series at the 2018 New York Musical Festival.

You can find Jacob on Instagram here: @jacob_benshmuel



Matt DeAngelis

Originally from Boston Massachusetts, Matt DeAngelis, in June of 2009 made his Broadway debut in the Tony winning production of *Hair*. Later, Matt launched the 1st National tour of *Green Day's American Idiot*, and continued in 2014 with the 1st National Tour of *Once*. Matt returned home to Broadway in the hit musical *Waitress*. He then toured the country with the *Waitress* National Tour.

You can learn more about Matt: @mattdeangelis22



Christine Dwyer

Christine Dwyer hails from right outside of Boston, MA. Immediately after graduating college, Christine booked the principal role of Maureen Johnson in *Rent* and left to tour the country. After finally moving to NYC, Christine booked the 2nd national tour of *Wicked* and soon took over for the role of Elphaba. Christine later played Elphaba on Broadway for several years, returning time and time again to play her dream role. Christine left *Wicked* to play Sara in the new rock musical *Murder Ballad*.

In 2016 Christine opened the first national tour of *Finding Nev-*

erland. Christine was last seen in the National Tour of *Waitress* as Jenna.



Arielle Jacobs

Arielle Jacobs most recently starred as Princess Jasmine in the smash-hit Broadway musical, *Disney's Aladdin*, and will soon be starring in the highly anticipated new musical *Between the Lines* at Second Stage Theatre Off-Broadway. She made her Broadway debut starring in the musical *In The Heights*. Ms. Jacobs originated the role of Gabriella in the first national tour of *Disney's High School Musical*, and continued to astound audiences with starring roles in *Wicked* on Broadway, *Rent*, and *Into the Woods*.



Olivia Oguma

Olivia Oguma is currently starring on Broadway in *Mamma Mia!*, and has starred in *Les Miserables*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Disney's High School Musical* (1st National), and numerous Off-Broadway, film and TV appearances!

Check her out on Twitter and Instagram: @olioguma



Jelani Remy

Jelani Remy - A New Jersey native, is currently starring as Eddie Kendricka in *Aint Too Proud*. Past shows include: *Disney's The Lion King (Simba)*, *Disney's High School Musical (Chad)*, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, and *The Apple Boys (Jack)*.

Check Jelani out on Instagram and Twitter @itsjelaniremy
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Mackenzie Thomas

Mackenzie Thomas currently sings the soprano role in *Mystère* by Cirque du Soleil. Previous credits include: *Zarkana* by Cirque du Soleil, *One Night For One Drop* 2019 by Cirque Du Soleil, *Mamma Mia!* (Broadway and 2nd National Tour), *Disney On Classic* (3 Asian tours), and performances with

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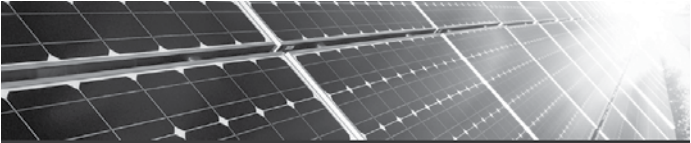


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Sunday, June 7, 2020

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View the 2020-2021 New Board Nominees on Page 4.

