



# Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

October 2020 • Tishrei/Cheshvan 5781



## Join us for Sukkot

Sukkot Shabbat Services  
Friday, October 2 ~ 6:00 pm

Sukkot Festival Services  
Saturday, October 3 ~ 10:30 am

Come use the Temple Sukkah!  
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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.



## Celebrate Simchat Torah With Us!

Friday, October 9 ~ 6:00 pm  
During Shabbat Services

Saturday, October 10 ~ 10:30 am  
Simchat Torah Festival Services  
(including Yizkor Memorial Service)

Sunday, October 11  
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# Tot Shabbat

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Friday, October 16 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

*Colleen Carver  
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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.

## SERVICES AND TORAH STUDY ZOOM LINKS

Friday Evening Services - 6:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87165332931>

Saturday Morning Torah Study - 8:45 am

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

Shabbat Morning Services - 10:30 am

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

*(Please Note: if there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
a different link will be provided)*

Services are also streamed on Facebook Live

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



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## THE TORAH AS WATER

By Rabbi Scott Fox



We have a number of different ways that we refer to the Torah. Some call it a book, others liken it to a tree, but the image that has always been the most striking to me is I think one of the least expected. In a handful of texts sprinkled throughout the rabbinic canon writers liken the Torah to water. There are a number of reasons for this, the rabbis like to draw natural metaphors for any number of ritual practices, objects, and beliefs, and our tradition has always had a deep connection to the natural world,

as have we. They also say that it is a source of sustenance to the people who study it. I'd like to suggest one other reason as well, and that has to do with this time of the year.

At this point we have emerged from the central celebrations of the High Holy Day season. We have warmed up with Selichot, marked the new year with Rosh HaShanah, and done the deep inner work we are called to on Yom Kippur. We have spent a week enjoying the natural beauty of our world with Sukkot and we conclude it with the celebration of Simchat Torah. It seems like odd timing. Wouldn't it make sense to finish the reading of the Torah before the end of the year, and then pick up the new year with the first Torah portion? Instead, we read that first Torah portion four weeks after we celebrate the new year. In the intervening time we read any number of other sections, including the very end of the Torah as we celebrate a cycle of reading coming to a close.

What a beautiful way to begin a new year, ironically with an ending. The Jewish sense of time is not like others, rather than seeing things on a straight line with a finite beginning and end, we see them in a circle. At the beginning of the year, we take a look at the cycle of things and that can offer a reminder of hope. If things can end, so too can they begin.

And so we come back to the image of Torah as water. We end the year having read through the entire Torah, each week reviewing its well-worn words and stories. It would be understandable to then place the work aside, finish up the last handful of verses in Deuteronomy and move on to the Prophets, or any other body of Jewish literature, but we return back to the beginning because there is still more to learn from it. If you review carefully the texts that talk about the Torah as water, they rarely describe the physical object, or even the words themselves, but instead almost always make mention of water when talking about what we learn from the ancient text. Like a spring, we drink in the words of the sacred books, and as if by miracle the well continues to yield and does not run dry.

This Simchat Torah, as we celebrate, I invite us to revel in the gift of our sacred word that continues to bring sustenance to us year after year, the same texts with new meaning, new inspiration. May it renew our faith that the well of inspiration, Torah or not, does not have to run dry, and that we live in a world of abundance. Let us drink in the words, starting with our first verse...

## VIRTUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS:

### How We Made It Through These HHD's Using A Computer As The Connection Between Each Other

By Cantor Sara Hass



If three months ago, someone asked me if I thought the HHD's would happen as they just did, I am not sure what I would have said. We were finally getting adjusted to our new norm of praying, although it is ever evolving, and now we were faced with wondering how to create a meaningful High Holy Day prayer experience. With little time, we created a task force of incredible minds and committed lay leaders, including myself, Christina Boatwright, Howard

Ort, Mark Dressner, Steve Gordon, Jerry Levy, Paul Levitt, Joanne Levy, Eric Shatzkin, and Rabbi Fox. Together, we worked tirelessly to create an experience that would be as close to "home" as is possibly could. The incredible Paul Levitt, our audio/visual magician, along with Jerry Levy, a photographer in his own right, worked their magic to encapsulate Temple Israel's HHD's through the faces of this community. Rather than focusing on the building or the sanctuary, Paul's camera lens captured the faces that help to make this community the diverse and special place that it is. David York and our phenomenal quartet brought us closer together, as they shared the music that inspires us year after year.

On a personal note, this experience allowed me to learn new skills and experiment with ways to connect with our community on a deeper level. I can now add "video creator and editor" to my resume... pretty cool!

Sushila Love was the glue that put it all together. Her creativity and ability to help us feel as though we were sitting in the sanctuary. Joslyn Sarshad, our glorious soprano, mixed all of the music, as each singer recorded themselves from their own homes. It was clearly a team effort and one that was truly life changing.

I am so proud to be a part of this community and one that will do whatever it takes to create a home for our community, whether it is inside our beautiful building or sitting in our own living rooms.

May this year be one of renewal and strength. A year filled with abounding blessings, spiritual restoration, and continued community connection.





### VOLUNTEERS, EXTRAORDINAIRE

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



Over the last 6 months, our conversations, activities, meetings, and virtually everything we have done over that time, have been dominated by the Coronavirus Pandemic (after writing this sentence, I smiled at my use of the word “virtually.” There was no pun intended, but it certainly fits our current landscape). I have written about alternative programming, and the efforts of clergy, staff, and lay leaders alike, to develop meaningful opportunities for our engagement. My

article last month dealt with the High Holy Days, and what our experiences could be, given the current limitations. It is my hope that when reading this, you are coming off a meaningful High Holy Day experience. I further hope that when we welcome in year 5781, our wishes of Shanah Tova will be done face to face, with handshakes and hugs.

This month, I would like to share with you an observation I recently made. As president, I have the privilege (some might use a different word, but I’m going with privilege) of attending a whole bunch of meetings. These meetings are typically Zoom gatherings of various committees. Some of these groups I gave a shout-out to during my remarks on Rosh HaShanah, but there are others who are equally deserving of our thanks and appreciation. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Rabbi Transition Committee** – Co-chaired by Melissa Newman and Jan Stein, this is a group of people who have been charged with easing Rabbi Fox and his family’s transition into our community. They are the folks who have arranged the meet and greets. They have developed the opportunities to “Ask Rabbi Fox.” And they produced the fabulous interview conducted by Adolfo Guzman Lopez. At the most recent meeting I attended, one of the agenda items was to evaluate the events that have been done so far, as well as to discuss additional ways for Rabbi Fox and the congregation to become further acquainted.

**High Holy Days Task Force** – This committee, led by Rabbi Fox and Cantor Hass, had the extremely difficult task of trying to make the High Holy Days something more than simply another set of services for us to watch on our computers. And while Rabbi and Cantor were responsible for the spirituality of our experience, the technical aspect was an enormous component of the project. I would like to express a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Paul Levitt, Jerry Levy, Adam Brown, and Sushila Love, for their effort, creativity, and dedication. The number of hours they put into this was above and beyond. It was largely behind the scenes, and unknown to most, but well deserving of our appreciation.

**Re-entering the Building Task Force** – I wish I could say this group no longer needs to meet, but sadly, that’s not the case. Even with no real end in sight, this committee is meeting on a regular basis, evaluating current conditions, and discussing what makes sense for us to do, in addition to what not to do. Thank you to Eric Shatzkin, for recognizing the need, and for putting this very talented group together. Thank you also to all those serving on the committee, and for lending us your expertise. It is greatly appreciated.

**Budget and Finance Committee** – In addition to the ongoing work of developing and monitoring our budget, this committee is engaged in the study of our long term financial sustainability. This project was the brainchild of our treasurer Rick Burney, and is a much needed evaluation of our anticipated revenues and expenses. It is just getting started, but the various data are falling into place. As a fluid project, it will be updated as time goes on, with actual figures taking the place of assumptions.

**Next 100 Years Campaign** – Thank you so much to Amy Lipeles, who envisioned what this committee could do, and who did not stop cajoling all of us until the results of her efforts began coming to fruition. Thank you also to Janet Schultz and Susie Amster, for partnering with Amy to lead this group on its very important goal of providing financial sustainability to our beloved synagogue.

**Temple Israel Foundation** – The Foundation is a completely separate entity, but its charge is to raise and manage funds for the benefit of Temple Israel. Alan Lilien, as newly installed president of the Foundation, oversees a board of trustees dedicated to making good financial decisions.

**Personnel Committee** – The complexity of human resources functions and responsibilities are often and easily overlooked. Not anymore. Under the direction of committee chair Linda Burney, our newly formatted personnel committee is helping to develop processes and procedures for the many important human resources tasks that are so crucial to any place of business.

**Digital Engagement Task Force** – Alan Lilien (yes the same Alan Lilien who is Foundation president), has spearheaded the development of our digital presence, or more specifically, the creation of our new website. This project is long overdue, and I thank Alan and his team for the terrific work they have done.

**Ritual Practices Committee** – What’s a temple without a ritual practices committee? Thank you to Mark Dressner for chairing this essential component of who we are and what we do.

**Board of Directors** - There is no way I could provide a list of committees without mentioning our board of directors. This is a group of 21 individuals who have donated a significant number of hours for the benefit of our temple. From developing and implementing policy, to evaluating and making financial decisions, the board’s primary responsibility is that of representing its constituency, our congregation.

Each of these committees and task forces are engaged in their own individual slice of temple business. There is, however, one common denominator that I have witnessed in nearly every meeting I’ve attended. When I look around the Zoom Room, and listen to the participants, I realize that every single comment, and every single question, is motivated by one shared goal: How do we make, and keep Temple Israel the great place that it already is? Everyone has preferences. Some are in line with other’s desires, and some are not. Either way, the commitment and passion displayed by all, I find to be breathtaking, and makes me proud.

I consider myself truly fortunate to be working with all these exceptionally talented individuals. And we, as a congregation, are equally as fortunate to be the recipients of all their hard work.



## USHPIZIN אושפיזין

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



The celebration of Sukkot is so much fun because it is centered around being with others, enjoying each other's company in a meaningful way. This will be quite a challenge this year as we still have the need to physically distance ourselves. Oddly, in many ways this restriction has added a way to be together that we had never anticipated. I have attended game parties with friends and family from several states. Pesach was actually quite

amazing being able to attend a local seder virtually (Thank you!) and the second night having a family seder virtually with family in the bay area, Florida, and New York. Our own Temple Israel online havdallah has added a new dimension to many of our weeks.

I challenge you to reach out for Sukkot. Build your sukkah if that is your custom. Virtually invite people to your sukkah. Dine together on line. Take part in the nightly lulav and etrog ritual. If you do not have a sukkah then create your own virtual sukkah. Specifically plan nightly meals with friends or family using zoom or facetime or whatever mode works for you. Partake in the ritual, have a meal together, and just have fun.

One of the most intriguing elements of Sukkot is that of the Ushpizin. This is an Aramaic word for guests. Not only does one invite guests that are living and can attend in person or virtually, but you also should be inviting guests who are no longer living. The significance of inviting guests began when Abraham invited three guests into his tent. In spirit the following guests are always present: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, and David. An interesting conversation for families would be to discuss what would you say to any of these ancestors? What would you ask? What would you share with them? With whom would you most like to talk? We can also make this more personal – which departed family members would you invite each night? Who else outside the family would you invite? In this tragic year of a pandemic would inviting someone who died too early from Covid 19 to your Sukkah to mourn and remember be meaningful?

The rituals of our year bind us together as a people. The Jewish calendar puts us slightly off kilter with the calendar and rituals of non Jewish people. There is something magical about being together as one but also being just slightly different from others around us. We feel it more this time of year with the density of ritual days. I revel in it. Lastly, Jewish holidays never fall “early or late this year”, they fall exactly at the same time every year. As always, if you have any comments, please contact me at [VPritualpractices@tilb.org](mailto:VPritualpractices@tilb.org)

Be on the lookout next month for our new column Kol m'Yisrael – A Voice from Israel.

## HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!

By Andrea Friedenthal

3,000 pounds! Let me say that again: 3,000 pounds! That's how much food we gathered, due to the generosity of you, our congregants. It's the largest collection we've ever had. We hope you found it easy to participate, and Long Beach City College was ecstatic with the results. Enjoy the photos below, where you can get a sense for how much food was collected, truckfuls of bags. Thank you also to all of you who schlepped, shopped and dropped by to say hi, and especially, thank you to our loyal volunteers, without whom we couldn't have done it. We had a lovely time schmoozing safely, and thank you to Kathy Hagerman-Beizer for the donation of masks. They were a great design and we could breathe comfortably. And as always, thank you to Paul Levitt, who is always there whenever needed. AND...lastly but certainly not leastly, our Executive Director, Eric Shatzkin who helped us with logistics and arranged the PayPal link for those of you who wanted to donate money. This was amazing as well - we had one anonymous donor who started us off with a \$2,000 donation (yes, THREE 0's!) and many more generous donations as well! All in all, over \$3,300 was donated. That money will be used to help our vetted organizations choose to shop for themselves with the money (they get better wholesale deals) or ask us to shop in quantities if they don't have the staff. We want to support them in whichever way will work for them.

**Thank you to all those who volunteered for our High Holy Days Food Drive, as well as our June/July Food Drive:** Lin Adler, Laurie Arroyo, Ron and Carmel Artstein, Amy Berger, Tila Carroll, Minday and Taylor Casas, Cecelia Danziger, Deborah Fabricant, Lydia Fahlk, Amanda Fisher, Dan Frank, Lauren Friedman, Steve Gordon, Anne Gundry, Amy Guy, Jeanne Halliday, Chana & Glenn Ham-Rosebrock, Bobbi Horowitz, Naomi Lieserowitz, Paul Levitt, Jerry & Joanne Levy, Jackie Love, Lucas Moore, Lydia Pinto, Jean & Barry Potter, Kate Sachnoff, and Roni Shevick

Thank you again to all who participated, helped, donated and contributed! I feel so grateful to have you all as my community. Your generosity, it's overwhelming!





**SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE!  
With Scavenger Hunt At Home**

Let's connect online from home with Zoom and have a fun scavenger hunt!

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

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

Send any questions to [sisterhood@tilb.org](mailto:sisterhood@tilb.org)

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

**Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm**



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.

Holly 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 at CSULB in the OLLI program.

Please RSVP for zoom link to Charmaine [chw@tilb.org](mailto:chw@tilb.org)

**THE SISTERHOOD  
GIFT SHOP**

The Gift Shop will be open by appointment only,  
Monday through Friday between 10 am and 3 pm.  
Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626

**BID FOR A CAUSE! ONLINE AUCTION  
November 1-30**



Temple Israel Sisterhood will be hosting an online virtual auction beginning November 1. Since our in-person fundraisers have been cancelled, we have created a fun, online way to shop for new, donated items, as well as Temple

Israel gift shop items!

We will have everything from home items, collectibles, and jewelry to Judaica.

Instructions for donating a new, unused item will be sent in an email to the entire congregation.

All proceeds will go to Sisterhood and benefit Temple Israel.

**WOMEN'S NIGHT "IN"  
Thursday, November 12**

On November 12, Sisterhood will present a DIY (Do It Yourself) art activity. Each participant will make a beautiful Hanukkah door decoration to hang in their home.

**Through the generosity of Sisterhood, the cost will be supplemented and each participant will only pay \$20 for this project.**

Sign-ups are limited please RSVP by November 5th to Debi Felsenthal at [djfelsenthal@earthlink.net](mailto:djfelsenthal@earthlink.net). Once your reservation is received, information regarding payment and distribution of art supplies will be provided.

**We had a fun Sisterhood ZOOM BINGO  
event on August 26th!  
Congratulations to our winners who received  
Starbucks' gift cards.**

- Robin Lilien
- Elyse Gordon
- Laurie Garabedian
- Michele Samit

**Everyone had a great time making an apple tart  
with Amy Lipeles online**





TEMPLE ISRAEL  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
PROGRAM



Sasha Pullman  
*ANDI President*

As the school year begins for the members of our ANDI board, we are excited to return to some of the events and holidays that we know and love. After enjoying such a great first day of Torah center, the excitement to come back to our larger Temple Israel community is in full force!

While we are unable to have our Rosh HaShanah Teen Service as we usually do, we are beyond excited to try out some experimental ways of celebrating the holidays! Together, virtually of course, we are going to enjoy cooking a

wonderful dessert to enjoy the new year with a sweet start. We are also looking forward to a lovely poetry and art program for Yom Kippur. We are all so happy to have such a fun and creative space to celebrate amongst our friends.

While we would normally be getting ready to attend NFTY SoCAL's Fall Kallah, we can use this opportunity to connect with other temple youth groups. Between sharing programming, expanding relationships, and the ability to have new leadership experiences, we have no doubt that this is going to be a very enhancing experience for us all. What comes with such unforeseen times such as these, is the ability to expand our horizons so much more than we could have previously thought to. We can carry with us these relationships extending out from Temple Israel, into our larger Jewish community, providing an incredible amount of love and support.

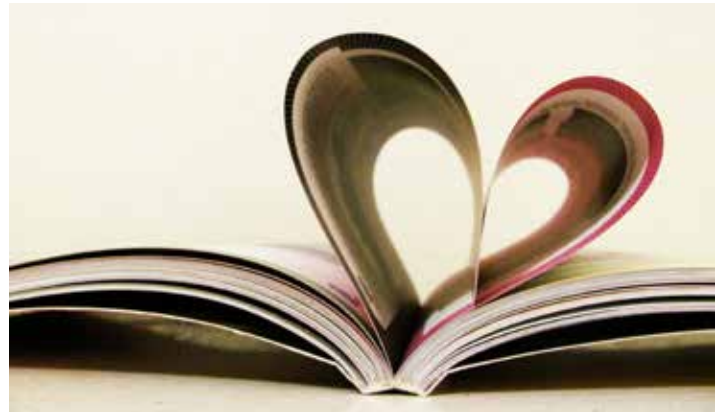
**LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP OUR CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY?**  
Would you like to contribute in a meaningful way?

We are looking for a Chairperson for our awesome Temple Israel Library

Responsibilities include:

- Managing the library inventory to be sure books are organized and maintained.
- Making new acquisitions for the library.
- Thinking about ways to engage our congregants with the library.
- Coordinating volunteers for Torah Center on Sunday mornings, for reading to the kids and helping to coordinate book check out / check in.

If interested, please contact incoming VP of Education Bobbi Horowitz at (562) 243-1735 or at [bobbi.horowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbi.horowitz@yahoo.com), or Educator Sharon Amster Brown at [sab@tilb.org](mailto:sab@tilb.org)



**ASK RABBI FOX**

Ask the Rabbi is a new weekly video segment that will help our community get to know Rabbi Fox. Send in your questions for Rabbi Fox and we will post his answers weekly (Thursday afternoon) to Facebook and the TI YouTube Channel.

Submit your questions to: [Tltransitioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Tltransitioncommittee@gmail.com)

**SHABBAT**  
**Anything Goes!**

**Fridays at 4:00 pm**

Facebook Live - <https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelLB/>

Join Sharon Amster Brown and Eric Shatzkin for a review of the week, fun chat about topics of interest, and a discussion with a special guest for the week.



**BEGINNING HEBREW**

**Tuesdays at 7:00pm**

**October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1**

Teacher: Deborah Lewis

Have you ever wanted to learn the Alef Bet but thought that you just could not do it? It was too hard. You are not good at languages. You do not 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 be reading Hebrew! 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**

**Please RSVP to the Temple Office**



**Temple Israel Proudly Welcomes  
DR. JILL BAKER, LBUSD SUPERINTENDENT**  
**An LBUSD Update and Vision for Excellence & Equity**  
**Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm**

Join us for a special evening with LBUSD Superintendent Dr. Jill Baker. Dr. Baker's presentation will provide participants with information on how the district is continuing to respond to the global pandemic and preparing for the future in LBUSD.  
**Please RSVP to [clw@tilb.org](mailto:clw@tilb.org) for Zoom Link**



**MOVIE DISCUSSION: UNSTRUNG HEROES**

**Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm**



Steven Lidz is 12 years old and his world is fracturing. Overwhelmed by his life with an ailing mother and an emotionally distant father, Steven runs off to live with his two wildly eccentric uncles, Danny and Arthur. Baffled by the tragedies surrounding him, Steven finds solace in the idiosyncrasies of his Uncles' strange and wonderful world. It is there that he begins the journey from boyhood innocence to a young man's

understanding of life.

**Available on Amazon Prime Video.**

<https://www.amazon.com/Unstrung-Heroes-Andie-MacDowell/dp/B004KCQOE0>

**Joys of Jewish Learning  
in Partnership with Sharsheret  
IT'S A FAMILY ISSUE:  
HEREDITARY CANCER AND  
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**



**Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 pm**

**Panelists:**  
**Karen Lappen**, MS, CGC, Genetic Counselor, MemorialCare Long Beach OBGYN  
**Briana Schwarz**, Florida Regional Director, Sharsheret, **Seth Kogan**, OBGYN and TI Congregant

*1 in 40 Ashkenazi Jews - men and women - are carriers of the BRCA mutations. Expanded testing for numerous other mutations are allowing more families to take proactive measures than ever before.*

**Learn the latest in genetic testing, cancer prevention, and how it impacts men and women in your family.**



# HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL



Dear Temple Israel Family,

We, the Past Presidents, represent many decades of leadership at Temple Israel. However, none of our experiences could have prepared us for a year like this one. Unable to gather in person as a community for prayer, study, reflection, celebration, healing and caring for one another, our staff and lay leaders needed to find new ways to engage us virtually. We are very appreciative of their incredible commitment and all the hours that went into creating the services and programs we are fortunate to experience this year.

During these High Holy Days, our committees and staff have been innovative, while being cognizant of the importance of allowing us to connect via many of the traditions and customs that are a part of Temple Israel. One of those traditions for many years now has been to forgo the annual High Holy Day appeal from the bimah so as not to disturb the spirituality of our Yom Kippur service. We continued that tradition this year and are reaching out to you via letter and email.

For Temple Israel to thrive as well as engage our congregants, we rely on each of you, our members, for support - through your participation, your feedback and ideas, and yes, your financial commitments. Many of our congregants are struggling and in need of Temple Israel more than ever. In this unprecedented year, the success of our High Holy Day Campaign is critical to our ability to budget and plan for the spiritual, educational, and social support our mishpacha deserves. Please join us in renewing your commitment to our synagogue community. Allow us to keep our virtual doors open to all who choose to connect through our Temple. And may the day soon come when we can welcome you in through our physical doors as well.

Thank you in advance for your meaningful contribution. May you, your family and our congregation be blessed with good health and a sweet new year.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu!  
Your Past Presidents,

*Mark Beizer, Linda Burney, Marc Coleman, Jay Eiser, Joyce Feldman, Rob Feldman,  
Ron Hartman, Jonathan Kass, Steven Keiles, Alan Kreida, Mark Levinstein, Alan Lilien,  
Jim Linden, Amy Lipeles, Jan Stein, Howard Vogel, Phyllis Wallis*



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**Your generous contribution to our community's High Holy Days Campaign  
supports our congregation's operational budget.**

**We thank you in advance for your support!**

**My contribution for 2020 / 5781 is:**

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# SUKKOT

October 2-9

**Festival Services**

**Friday October 2 at 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 am**

We invite families to take pictures  
in their sukkah and send them to us.

Email Sharon at [sab@tilb.org](mailto:sab@tilb.org)

Families are invited to use the Temple's sukkah. Call the Temple Office during the week and let us know what time you want to come by and we will have a table, chairs, and the lulav and etrog ready for you!

Watch your emails for a link to special Sukkot prayers and for short videos through out the week of Sukkot fun!

# SIMCHAT TORAH

**Festival Services**

**Friday, October 9 at 6:00 pm**

Featuring Live Music, and spotlighting families  
having fun, dancing with the Torahs

**Saturday, October 10 at 10:30 am**

Yizkor will be observed

**Sunday, October 11**

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**Sunday, October 11**

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## TEMPLE ISRAEL

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*Celebrating Our Past, Securing Our Future*

### A CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

What began as a dream in the minds of our founders has emerged into a meaningful, one hundred year reality. It has been an extraordinary odyssey.

As we commemorate Temple Israel's past, we look to the future. Through this campaign we have the opportunity to increase our impact and endow our core values of spirituality, learning, community, Torah and Tikkun Olam.

#### WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is an investment fund. The principal is protected in perpetuity and earned investment income may be used to supplement the Temple's annual operating budget.

#### WHY ENDOW?

Endowment is about strengthening the fabric of Temple Israel by providing a permanent source of support that bolsters the operating budget. A gift to an endowment is a gift that will endure.

#### WHY GIVE?

An endowment is the most effective way to ensure the long-term sustainability of Temple Israel. Long after the endowment is created, the principal remains intact, generating income to support and enhance the congregation.

#### SECURE OUR FUTURE:

Become part of our Legacy Society. Your gift is a way that you can give back forever.

#### SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED TO OUR CAMPAIGN TO DATE:

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- 10 Charles and Victoria Brodsky - 10 years
- 11 Vanessa Rubinstein and Devon Lyon - 12 years  
Naomi and Amanda Fisher Leiserowitz - 12 years
- 13 Lawrence Rosenthal and Katherine Sachnoff - 24 years  
Scott and Beth Sterling - 13 years
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- 21 Gerald and Joanne Levy - 36 years
- 22 Alan and Kathy Kreida - 37 years
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Howard and Dove Mayo - 21 years
- 24 Meir and Melodee Levy - 21 years  
Randy and Robin Schafer - 38 years
- 25 Eric and Jenifer Levy - 11 years  
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By Roni Love, SCIC Member

This past August 9th I was privileged to ZOOM onto Synagogue Tikvat Jacob's program featuring Mohammed Al Sawami - peace builder, interfaith activist and author of *The Fox Hunt*, described by the New York Times Book Review as "a gripping account of terror and escape," a 2019 Nautilus Book Award winner, and a 2019 National Jewish Book Award finalist!

Born in Yemen he was deeply suspicious of both Judaism and Christianity, but after being given a copy of the Bible by a Christian teacher, he was confronted by the teachings of both the Torah and New Testament which, surprisingly to him, echoed the teachings of his Quran. "It says in both the Quran and the Talmud, 'Whoever saves a life saves the entire world. Thus began his journey to interfaith commitment and activism which ultimately saved his life when in 2015, a small group of strangers helped rescue him from an almost certain death in Yemen, amidst its brutal civil war.

Mohammed is committed to the interchange of core values defining our three Abrahamic traditions of Islam, Judaism and Christianity, advocating interfaith learning and action across Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities and by fostering an environment of learning, respect, and social change. He has encouraged interfaith work through his founding of and work with Abrahamic House and his peace activism with Yemeni Peace Project, speaking on topics as far ranging as Islamophobia and antisemitism, youth empowerment, the refugee crisis, overcoming disabilities, building bridges: interfaith dialogue across Islamic, Jewish, and Christian communities and steps we can take.

A major motion picture based on his book is now in production from Fox 2000 Pictures. Marc Platt, producer of *La Land* (nominated for Best Picture), and Josh Singer, Academy Award winner for best original screenplay - *Spotlight*, are developing a movie based on Mohammed's autobiography, "a story of an improbable escape as riveting as the best page-turning thrillers. *The Fox Hunt* reminds us that goodness and decency can triumph in the darkest circumstances."

Thanks to the following where you can read more (also, read his book!): Jewish Journal, Grace Cathedral's Forum, Abrahamic House, Yemeni Peace Project!

...peace, shalom, salaam, shanti, paz, her ping...



# Yahrzeit Observance "Zecher Tzadik Livracha"

*The memory of the righteous are a blessing*



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### Marvin Glickman

on the death of his wife Lory Glickman

### Kaller Family

on the death of Ruth (Paddy) Kaller

### Viviane & Henrique and Elana Levin

on the death of father and grandfather Leao Raskin

### Sheri Sinaga

on the death of Catherine Valle Friedman



# TEMPLE ISRAEL FUNDS

Tzedakah is a central mitzvah of Judaism. It humanizes both the giver and the recipient. It acknowledges an important occasion, honors a person for a job well done, or pays tribute in sympathy.

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*Funds programs for Temple families in need*
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*Fund for Families in need*

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*Funds for Torah Center*

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- Torah Center Scholarship**  
*Assists with Torah Center fees and scholarships*

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*Assists with Torah Center fees and camp scholarships*

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- ANDI**  
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- Jack Bard Memorial**  
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*For social action and programming needs*
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Sandy & Daryl Phillips in memory of Jeff Jacobs, beloved husband of Nancy Jacobs.  
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To Barry & Rita Zamost on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Emery Cooper born on September 15, 2020.

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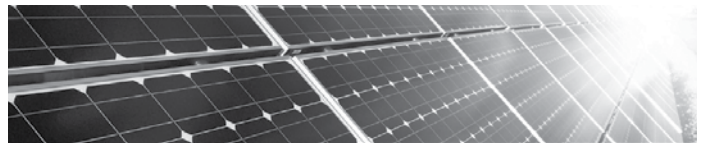


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Winner of the 2019 Association of Jewish Libraries Jewish Fiction Award, *Memento Park* is the story of a son who learns more about his father than he ever could have imagined when a mysterious piece of art is unexpectedly restored to him. After receiving an unexpected call from the Australian consulate, Matt Santos becomes aware of a painting that he believes was looted from his family in Hungary during the Second World War. To recover the painting, he must repair his strained relationship with his harshly judgmental father, uncover his family history, and restore his connection to his own Judaism.

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**Copies of the book may be purchased at Temple Israel, local bookstores, or online. Also available on Kindle.**

