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Tot Shabbat

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Friday, December 18 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.

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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AN INVITATION TO KEEP PUSHING

By Rabbi Scott Fox



It takes friction to light a match. An intentional drag against a rough surface, a push. It always comes with a bit of magic to me when the inanimate match, sleeping for however long in its bed comes to life with pressed fingers and the flick of the wrist. A flame released from some home within discovered from its invisible shell sent round the wood to warm the splinter.

This is, of course, a necessary act around this time of year unless you prefer the lighter option, with built in rock and flint, when we bring out our menorahs to light candles as a part of the holiday of Chanukah. The light of this holiday like the match flame, one brought out by design, with a glow and bit of magic. This holiday, appropriately named the Festival of Lights, reminds us of the power of light during the darkest time of the year. During this season, the sun sets right around the time we finish work, and 8 pm carries with it a quiet reserved for 2 am during the rest of the year. The days are shorter, and while it's good to get rest, we need more light than the day can give us, so we light our lamps and live by artificial light to stretch out the waking hours. Our holiday of Chanukah reminds us to do this, to reach out and brighten our days, but I think it also shows us a little bit of how.

Chanukah in truth is a festival of defiance. The story goes like this... The Syrian Greeks take over Jerusalem, and force the Israelites to live differently than they chose. Many allow themselves to slink into this existence, living in such a way that doesn't express who they are for the ever-present path of least resistance, but there is a group that flees to the hills and stakes out camp against the warring Syrian Greeks. The history continues to chart the usual back and forth between fighting parties until finally the Israelites, under the leadership of the Maccabees succeed in retaking Jerusalem. The dedication ceremony reverberates today in our community as the celebration of Chanukah, literally: *dedication*.

The holiday is a symbol of the vibrancy of defiance, of pushing back. Of that moment of achieving a respite from the darker forces of the world for eight days. In fact, the story continues in the books of the Maccabees where after victory the family of leaders grow complacent. They turn lethargic in their rule, bereft of the charge of mission clarified by defiance against an enemy.

And so, like many great stories, this one offers us an invitation to keep pushing. This is the time of year when we start to settle into our couches, that comfy spot so long neglected by other activities. It is good and very important to rest, to learn not only to go with the flow of things, but to give ourselves time to recharge our batteries and unwind our minds. That said, sometimes, to keep our hearts alive we have to stay active, to push back at the course of things a little and against the dark and the cold. To find something that challenges us, or to challenge the lurking glaze of winter itself, pushing back, offering friction, and igniting a small but growing flame, eight nights in a row.

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.



ASK RABBI FOX

Ask Rabbi Fox is 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: TItransitionCommittee@gmail.com



US vs. THEM

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



I have mentioned more than once that when I come up with the thoughts I want to share with all of you in this space, I'm hoping those thoughts are worthy of your time. Over the last eight months, the horrific pandemic we are all living through has been a dominant theme. I have discussed the effects Covid has had on our congregation, as well as the great efforts so many have made for our benefit. To say that this virus has had a significant impact on all of our lives is

certainly an understatement.

I now find myself (along with everyone else) facing another headline in our community. The issue I'm referring to, in my mind, speaks to freedom and diversity, or more specifically, the freedom to be diverse. We have tried very hard to create a diverse congregation. But diversity comes in all shapes and sizes, including diversity of thought and opinion, as well as political opinion.

We are currently experiencing a great division, and I find that to be very sad. Much has been written and discussed about the need to come together, to heal, and to be gracious with each other. And while all of that is certainly true, there is another level I would like to explore.

Last year, in the December bulletin, I wrote an article called "A Sport's Fan Thoughts on Diversity." In that article, I playfully asked whether I could remain friends with people who root for my team's rivals. I then went on, still with tongue in cheek, to ask if skiers can have a relationship with snowboarders, and if those who love to read fiction, would be willing to dine with those who enjoy reading biographies. My queries continued with slightly less absurd examples. I wondered if folks with differing opinions on issues such as defense spending, taxation, and economic theory could co-exist. I then became so bold as to speculate about potential relationships between those who prefer blue cars vs. red cars.

All of these examples were put forth with a wry smile, but also with a very clear underlying message. My next scenario is presented with no humor (of course, some of you might argue that my previous examples were humorless as well, but that's another story for another day).

It is not uncommon for people to say things like, "we need to...." or "they still have to" when discussing political issues. Now, please don't get me wrong. I fully understand that most folks identify with one political party or another. And when they are discussing a goal they are hoping to achieve, it's not uncommon to express their hopes with "we and they" or "us and them." The implication, however, with those words, is an adversarial relationship, as opposed to a collaborative way of working together. It is my belief that only through cooperation, can productive results be achieved. I want to

be clear that I am not equating cooperation with agreement. Nor am I suggesting that differences of opinion shouldn't exist in order to succeed. What I am suggesting, is that the barriers to agreement are going to be far more difficult to overcome, when you start a relationship with "us vs. them."

On a national level, I suspect these differences I have described are pretty firmly ingrained, and likely to remain so. But this article isn't in a national publication. It's in our bulletin. And I believe, with all my heart, that we, as members of Temple Israel of Long Beach, not only have the ability to come together, we have an obligation to do so. Again, I am not advocating for everyone to be of the same mind for everything (my naivete only goes so far), but I do believe that our differences of opinion should not prevent us from enjoying the wonderful relationships we all share as fellow congregants of our beloved temple. There is so much our synagogue has to offer, Covid-19 notwithstanding, that it would be an absolute shame for those relationships to be compromised.

Differences of opinion are exactly that, a different belief in how things should be. With respectful dialogue, I find such conversations stimulating and invigorating. Sometimes, I'm able to persuade who I am speaking with, sometimes my opinion is changed, but most of the time, a conversation ends with neither of us changing our minds. But regardless of how the interaction concludes, with respectful dialogue, I genuinely believe we are both better off for having the opportunity to engage. And yes, I used the word respect twice, because it merits repeating.

I titled this article "Us vs. Them." And even though I am sometimes guilty of using those words when I speak, my hope is that we recognize that we are Americans, as well as Temple Israel members. We are all the "Us."

Accompanying this article is a photo of two next door neighbors, with different political preferences. More importantly, however, they also have a love and respect for each other, as friends and fellow human beings. Wouldn't the world be a better place if more people felt that way?





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SHAMMAI OR HILLEL/HILLEL OR SHAMMAI

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices



Chanukah has arrived. This is one holiday that is not in the Torah, Writings or Prophets - the Tanakh. This Chanukah story comes from the Apocrypha, Maccabees I and II. The holiday is full of different rituals though. One of the most interesting is the lighting of the candles in the menorah.

First, one has to often review the “correct” way to light the candles appropriately. One starts placing the candles in right to

left but light them, with the shamash, from left to right. Second, one has to wonder how this method was derived. This came out of a famous Talmudic discussion. Hillel was the proponent of starting with one candle and then adding an extra candle each new night. Night by night the candles and light increase. A distinctly different point of view was brought forth by Shammai. Shammai said that we should begin on day one with eight candles and then reduce by one each night. It is so important to note that though we do not start with eight and go down, in many in depth discussions of Chanukah the point of view of Shammai is discussed.

There is a much bigger lesson to learn from this candle lighting debate. Though we all light the candles in the way of Hillel, why is it so often mentioned about the way that we *do not* light the candles?

“So why does the law follow the rulings of the school of Hillel? The Talmud explains that the disciples of Hillel were gentle and modest, and studied both their own opinions and the opinions of the other school, and humbly mentioned the words of the other school before their own.” (<https://www.aish.com/jl/h/ccl/48943176.html>)

In light of the divisiveness in the United States at this time, what can we take home from this practice? Though one may not agree on how something should be done, or maybe even the end goal, by listening to diverging points of view we can strengthen our own view or even come to a new understanding that might transcend both points of view.

How do we then bring this inclusiveness of the other point of view home locally and even to our very own spiritual home, Temple Israel? We need to listen to each other, even if do not agree. We need to be present. Can we nicely engage in debate in order to understand and relate better to each other? One may not agree, but can we talk to each other nicely and grow from understanding someone else’s point of view? I would urge us all to emulate the school of Hillel, with kindness present your point of view to others and with equal kindness and intellectual curiosity and vigor, listen to a contrasting point of view. You might even try repeating and explaining that contrasting point of view, next time, ahead of your own.

As always please share any thoughts on this or other issues at VPRitualPractices@tilb.org

KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



The next year I left home again, but this time to start my studies at the University of California. When I would tell people that I accepted my offer, I received cautions before congratulations. When I finally arrived on campus, I learned that its reputation was not unfairly earned. Armored and armed with my pride and knowledge of Israel, I defended her and became a combatant of anti-Semitism amongst the student body. But despite this mar, the next three years passed as

might well be expected of any undergraduate until the summer after my junior year. I embarked on my second pilgrimage, this time with my friend Sam, my sister Maya, and a few cousins to boot. Unlike my first journey, we finally were able to reach Mecca - or here it is actually named Tel Aviv.

I instantly felt that the city vibrated and moved at a frequency resonating with my own. The streets, cafés, and bars impressed themselves as idyllic in an everyday relevancy that the rest of my relationship with Israel had not. Again came the time to return back to California. Thereafter, my final year of school started and too passed. As the end of the year neared the time for plans to be made arrived. That same friend, Sam, decided to commit her post-graduation year to teaching English in Israel. She was also sending me information about similar programs for internships in Tel Aviv. Between my educational commitments ending and my professional ones not yet formed, an opportunity to have an adventure abroad in a city that instantly gripped ahold of me, the chance to explore that city with a close friend, and simultaneously gain international experience while at the same time contributing to Zionist ideals...the process of applying for jobs in San Francisco became more torturous. In September I boarded one more time a flight bound for Tel Aviv.

**MEDITATIVE MORNING
MINYAN EXPERIENCE
WITH BILL SHAFTON**

Thursdays at 7:30 am

Join Bill Shafton via Zoom for the first in a series of meditative, musical morning minyan prayer experiences. The 35 minute prayer service will feature new music and contributions from the Temple Israel community. Collaboratively, we will explore the weekday morning prayer liturgy and encounter our own meaning and holy fun.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85826362108?pwd=eituNFpEQnJJNmQ1U0V6c0kxVEYrUT09>



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**Our drive-by drop-off times will be 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
and there will be someone at the curb to help you.**

Want to volunteer for an easy 2 hour shift?
Contact Charmaine clw@tilb.org
It's a great way to help the needy and
say hi to your temple friends!



Thank you to all who contributed to our Food Drive!

Our food drive monetary donations went to three very worthy organizations who are so grateful!

- Long Beach Community Table – Serving 3000 meals a week to shut-ins, seniors, vets and at parks and shelters.
- Skidrow Advocacy/East Village Food Bank - Serving the needy in West LB and downtown area.
- LB JCC – Providing the Wednesday meal to needy seniors for a week.



TEMPLE ISRAEL
HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAM



Jakob Friedman
Madrichim Representative

The teens started off the month with a madrichim meeting discussing how they can become better helpers and teachers, especially while Torah Center classes continue online. We discussed what we have been doing to make the classes more engaging for the children. We also talked with Rabbi Fox, who had some great input about being leaders to the children, and he had a few of the teens do some hypothetical scenarios with each other, really immersing them into a leadership role.

Our Torah Center teens are continuing with the Religious Action Center's Social Justice Academy, a series of online workshops. They started the REDI unit, which is about Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. The program has helped the teens be more understanding of others and taught them to be more inclusive. We had great discussions with Jewish teens from all around the nation, learning about inclusion and diversity together.

The teens are also looking forward to the ANDI Spooky Late Nighter, where we will be joining teens from other youth groups for some late night fun. We hope to have a fun and interactive night, connecting everyone back together. In these frustrating times, it's important to stay connected with our community.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Feed the Homeless

Since we can't feed the homeless at the Drop-in Center in person this year, please consider giving to our Homeless Assistance Fund to help the Drop-in Center continue their ongoing efforts to feed Long Beach's needy this holiday season.



B'NAI MITZVAH



RILEY RUBINSTEIN
December 5, 2020

My name is Riley Rubinstein, and I am being called to the Torah on December 5th. I live in Long Beach with my two moms, three wiener dogs, tortoise, and a fish. I am an eighth grader at Stanford Middle School.

I enjoy going to the beach and surfing. In my spare time, I love playing softball, volleyball, basketball, longboarding, and so many other outdoor activities. Although, I do have to admit that I love watching Netflix. My absolute

favorite shows are The Office and Greys Anatomy. I also love reading Harry Potter. I love traveling all around the world with my family the most, though. I have been to eight countries, and many of the states in the US. When I grow up, I want to be a surgeon.

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to volunteer at the JCC preschool where I started my Jewish education. I volunteer with the two-year-olds. They are so sweet and cute. I never realized how hard it is to tell kids to stop eating sand! They all call me "Mommy" because I am like a giant to them. I chose this project because I love spending time with little kids. This connects me to my Jewish identity because we always talk about helping people, and I am always keeping these kids from getting hurt, eating sand, jumping off trees, and so many other things. I hope that I have helped these children and that I have impacted their lives.



MICHELLE ALPERN
December 12, 2020

Michelle Alpern is a musical theater-loving eighth grader at Stanford Middle School who lights up any room she enters. Michelle has been studying for her Bat Mitzvah for more than a year (thanks to the pandemic that pushed back her date by many months). Michelle is a lover of dogs, so don't be surprised if you see her name on a veterinarian's office 15 years from now.

Michelle has grown up her entire life here in Long Beach. The youngest of three children, Michelle

is always sure to command attention to compete with her two older brothers, Jacob and Liam. Besides her dad, David, and mom, Shari, Michelle's heart has a special place in it for her dog Rugi (short for Rugelach, the tasty treats we get from Katella Deli), and our previous dog Shmutz, who sadly left us early in the pandemic.

Michelle's Mitzvah Project was working with Long Beach Animal Care Services where she dedicated many volunteer hours during 2019 and 2020 (pre-COVID) to be with the homeless and lonely animals that were residing there.

Michelle and family are looking forward to December 12 and are excited to share via the miracle of video conferencing.

Community Musical Chanukah and Shabbat Service



Friday, December 11 at 5:30 pm

Join us for a wonderful Community Chanukah Shabbat Experience. We will be joining together with Alpert JCC, Temple Beth Shalom, Congregation Shir Chadash as well as Rabbi Emeritus Howard Laibson and other community leaders to bring you a very special Chanukah experience.

We will light the chanukiah, sing our favorite Chanukah songs and bring in a beautiful Shabbat together as a community. You can join us on Zoom or Facebook live. All are welcome and we hope to see you there to bring light into our community.

Register in advance: <https://alpertjcc.org/event/community-musical-chanukah-shabbat-service/>

Temple Israel's Chanukah Shabbat Service

Friday, December 18 at 6:00 pm

with

special appearance from

THE SHABBATONES

and our

Got Shabbat Friends!



Daily Chanukah Candle Lighting and video will be on Facebook Live



JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING



SEEKING COMFORT IN TROUBLED TIMES

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
December 9 and December 16
Taught by Rabbi Scott Fox

The pandemic has been a difficult time for so many of us. We don't have the support networks and tools we usually have to care for ourselves and loved ones. In this class, we will reflect on our experiences during COVID, review other times in Jewish history when similar challenges have been faced, and learn about what our tradition has to offer for support and making meaning during such troubled times.



COMFORT FOODS:

Latkes Galore

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm
Teacher: Amy Lipeles

This year why not try a different latke as well? We will be making sweet potato/parsnip latkes that are delicious and (slightly more) nutritious!



STRIVING FOR RESILIENCY, PART ONE

Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 pm
Facilitators: Lisa Endelman and Greg Endelman

Licensed Educational Psychologists Greg and Lisa Endelman will explore resiliency through the development of competency based personal growth. After defining the concept of resiliency, they will offer strategies to help with the development of grit, growth mindset, scout mindset, and other related skills.



MOVIE DISCUSSION: JEWISH REFUGEE SOLDIERS IN THE ALLIED FORCES

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm
Facilitator: Barry Mitnick



This movie documents the as-yet-untold World War II story of young Jewish men who escaped certain danger at the hands of the Nazis and returned to fight them in Europe and North Africa. Told through the eyes of these men, the film chronicles the journey from Nazi victim to refugee and, finally, to Allied soldier.

Participants should watch the movie in advance of the discussion.

Available on Amazon Prime Video.

<https://www.amazon.com/About-Face-Jewish-Refugee-Soldiers/dp/B089VCPVTF#:~:text=Documents%20the%20as%2Dyet%2Duntold,in%20Europe%20and%20North%20Africa>

JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING



WINE AND TEXT STUDY

Thursdays at 7:00 pm
January 7, February 4, March 4,
April 15, May 27, June 17
Facilitator: Cantor Sara Hass

Come enjoy an evening of wine tasting and text studying, as we explore the Book of Psalms. Bring your favorite bottle of wine (or other beverage) and your thirst for knowledge, as we discover why these verses of comfort and consolation have aided the Jewish people for generations. We will meet once a month, and all are welcome!



VIRTUAL TOUR OF JEWISH NEW ORLEANS

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm
Facilitator: Roni Bossin



Did you know that in 18th century Louisiana, there was a law that forbade Jewish settlement? Did you know that New Orleanian Jews supported their brethren in the holy land as early as the 1850s? The virtual New Orleans Jewish history tour tells the tale of this community in a unique city and includes stories about the first Jew to arrive in New Orleans, the heroism of Holocaust survivors, major contributions to the establishment of the State of Israel, and much more.

The tour will be led by Roni Bossin, an Israeli-American professional New Orleans oral historian and storyteller.

Roni Bossin, AKA the Wandering Krewe, has been a professional New Orleans tour guide for over three years. Roni was born in the USA, and at age two made Aliyah to Israel with his family. He grew up in the Haifa area, served as an army medic in the IDF, and worked as a commercial attorney in Tel Aviv. Roni rediscovered his love for storytelling through years as a member and officer at Toastmasters International and has become an oral historian and storyteller on topics that cover New Orleans, Israel, and beyond.

SACRED TEXTS OF COMFORT AND RESILIENCE

Nachamu Nachamu Ami
(Comfort, Comfort My People)

Fridays at 9:30 am
January 15 and 22
Teacher: Rabbi Robin Foonberg

Our prophets provided comfort to the Israelites in their time and still provide comfort for us today. Together, we will take a look at some of their writings and discuss how they speak to us during our time of need.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

January 20 - May 26 ~ 6:00 pm
Teachers: Rabbi Scott Fox, Rabbi Michal Loving,
and Student Rabbi Miriam Hoffman

We invite you to join with learners of all backgrounds in our Introduction to Judaism course. The course will cover a broad cross-section of topics related to Judaism in a discussion-based format with experts in the field. This class is ideal for anyone looking to explore Judaism for the very first time, seeking conversion, or for folks who would like to fill in pockets of knowledge in a tradition that takes a lifetime to learn. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to your joining us.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83112102784>



COMFORT FOODS

Seven Species Salad

Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm
Teacher: Kara Liu



Wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olive oil and dates the taste of Tu B'Shevat. Join Kara Liu in getting ready for Tu B'Shevat with a yummy seven species salad

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INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Together in Faith and Hope

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

Actor, comedian, writer, director and producer Rainn Wilson, best known for his role as Dwight Schrute on NBC's *The Office*, was 2020's Gala headliner at the SCIC's 2nd Annual Virtual Gala on October 18. This year's cross-cultural and interfaith celebration was supercharged with inspiring moments, highlighted by musical performances from Abby Posner, a soul-folk-bluegrass-pop musician; Ronobir Lahiri, a North Indian classical sitar player; and Ramiz Siraj, a Sudanese musician living in France and performing worldwide. The afternoon radiated friendship, engaging connections and a feeling of inclusion and discovery.

The South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC) is the oldest and largest interfaith council in Southern California serving 35 cities in both Los Angeles and Orange counties. In 1953, the Council began as an ecumenical body comprised solely of churches representing the various denominations of the Christian faith. But in 2004 the Council, following an historic vote, was transformed from ecumenical to interfaith. Today we encompass over 150 faith communities with more than 1700 individual members.

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Temple Israel has been a prominent member of the SCIC since 2004 and was an ad hoc member in 2003. Rabbi Howard Laibson and Ed Green have both served as president while yours truly has served as secretary. Temple Israel has also been honored many times throughout the years at past Galas, Benefit Concerts and Annual Assemblies.

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- 14 Timothy & Karen Strelitz - 45 years
- 15 David Hillinger & Anne Gundry - 2 years
- 18 Burton & Michele Goldstein - 49 years
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- 21 Justin Perlman & Marielli Cardona-Rivera - 17 years
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- 22 Joshua & Stacy Flom - 13 years
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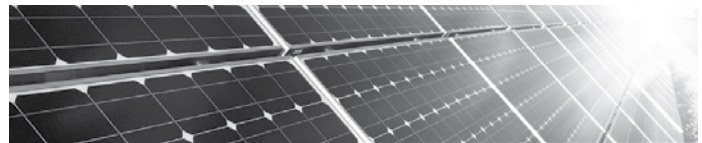


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