



# Kol Yisra'el THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

February 2021 • Shevat/Adar 5781

## Online Purim Celebration Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm

Join with us as we celebrate Purim together. Rabbi Fox, Cantor Hass, Sharon Amster Brown and Eric Shatzkin will lead the celebration as we read the Megillah, sing Purim songs, and have a fun Family Game Night!

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# TOT SHABBAT

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Friday, February 19 at 5:15 pm  
with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Hass



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.

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## 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/TempleIsraelLB/>

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### BRINGING RELEVANCE TO TU BISHVAT

By Rabbi Scott Fox



There are four Jewish new years. The first may be fairly obvious to some, Rosh HaShanah, literally “the head of the year.” The others less so, and their calendar significance has fallen mainly into obscurity over time. We don’t pay much attention to them, or at least to the fact that they mark a new cycle of the year. One of them has to do with a tax that we don’t really follow anymore, and another is often looped into a popular holiday. I will leave that one out. If you know or find it in a book

or the all-knowing Google, send me an email. I’d like to focus on one that has a very different history than the other three. It started as a popular holiday, fell into obscurity, and then rose again to popularity in recent times. Holidays, you see, only carry significance when we bring them value. The most profound ritual is void without anyone to practice it. The new year I am referring to is one we celebrate around this time of the year, the new year of the trees or Tu Bishvat.

The reason it fell into disuse is simple. Jews celebrated Tu Bishvat widely until our people were exiled from the land of Israel. Without living in the land of Israel, and without land really to call their own, Jews for many generations didn’t have the space to plant trees and celebrate their bloom. Jews celebrated the holiday, but the practice had to shift. Instead of planting trees, people celebrated their fruit, blessings offered over tasting the first natural food of the new season. Still today we celebrate different kinds of fruit, and many will find some new fruit they haven’t tried in a while so that they can say the shehecheyanu over the new experience. In our house, Dori and I usually scout out a dragonfruit or some rare tropical delight. Back in California, I picture us looking around for what is growing in our neighborhood. This land is so much like the land of Israel, fruits spilling out over fences, pomegranates bursting with seeds right on the branch. Southern California is known as a Mediterranean climate, our own little golden promised land.

Back to the history, Tu Bishvat was sparsely celebrated until the kabbalists got a hold of it. This innovative, creative, and deeply spiritual group from the 16th century brought several new things to our tradition and breathed all kinds of life into our ancient practice, among them much of our Friday night experience. They brought mystical significance to Tu Bishvat, adding a seder to the holiday complete with parallels to the four worlds of the kabbalah (more on that another time). This brought back this holiday somewhat but it still didn’t completely regain widespread practice until the 20th century, and that’s for two reasons.

The first is also reasonably simple, Jews returned to the land of Israel. Again people could celebrate the planting of trees in that ancient land, and it became a theme of the Zionist movement to

repopulate the modern state with trees.

The second is less obvious, and that is that we began to learn more about our natural world. We started to find out that our living was making significant negative impacts on the world around us. We learned that our world is fragile and our living in it is with a delicate balance. Our tradition has always had a strong connection to the earth and so the environmental movement captured our people’s hearts. It was only a matter of time before we began to find seeds for that marriage between Judaism and Environmentalism in our holidays. On Sukkot we build and live outside, on Shabbat we describe the canopy of the stars and our fragile earth, and lo and behold, there is an entire holiday just to celebrate trees.

I think that what rises and falls in practice shares where the heart of a community is, and so it is significant that we again celebrate Tu Bishvat as a Jewish People. Not only is our impact more evident now with the advent of new instruments that measure carbon levels and global temperatures, but we seem to need to return to our natural world. Especially now, when so much of our life is conducted online, I invite us to take this holiday as an invitation and perhaps even expand its practice. Enjoy our beautiful and bountiful world, and find yourself outside drinking in the sun and tasting the fresh and sweet air like a new fruit in your mouth. *Shehecheyanu*.



### ASK RABBI FOX

Ask Rabbi Fox is our weekly video segment that will help our community get to know our new rabbi. Send in your questions for Rabbi Fox, and if selected, we’ll video your conversation with him. Answers will be posted weekly (Thursday afternoon) to Temple Israel’s Facebook and YouTube Channel.

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



## A PERFECT STORM

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



The phrase “A Perfect Storm,” is often used to describe a series of events that occur at the same time causing significant damage as a result of the confluence of events. Right now, it feels like we are in the middle of a perfect storm. With the current surge of virus infections, hospitals and health care workers being taxed to the point of being unable to properly care for those in need, and death totals far exceeding all expectations, our world is

in complete turmoil.

What I’ve just described is only one piece (albeit a significant part) of the storm. The criminal and despicable behavior that occurred at our nation’s capital on January 6 make up another piece of the perfect storm. Please note that this article has nothing to do with politics. I’m talking about common decency here. Doing what was done that day is not partisan. Nor was it legitimate protest. It was criminal, plain and simple.

The first amendment of our Constitution guarantees the right to assemble. It does not allow for physical violence, property damage, or extortion. The fact that this happened at the same time we are all trying to stay safe and remain healthy is what’s making up the perfect storm. The anxiety that many of us were feeling prior to that day was only exacerbated by the horrifying visuals of our democracy being attacked.

That’s the bad news. The good news is we have a place. A place that allows us to take a deep breath, let our shoulders sag, and forget about the world, at least for a short time, until we have to get back to reality. The place I’m talking about is at the corner of 3rd and Loma in Long Beach. The word *sanctuary* describes a room in our synagogue that is used for engaging in religious worship. The word also, however, describes what we can find as members of our Temple Israel community.

I remember, as do all of us of course, the horrific day in September of 2001, when the unthinkable happened, and we were left gaping at the images on our televisions, images that nobody could have ever imagined.

That evening, a group of my neighbors gathered outside, and started singing God Bless America, as well as other patriotic songs. We held hands, formed circles and shed tears while at the same time providing each other with comfort. That comfort came from the fact that we were all Americans and were in this together.

Unfortunately, our current perfect storm prevents us from gathering as we would like. It prevents us from the physical closeness that we crave, and the ability to look into each other’s eyes with compassion, understanding and connection.

Those are things we cannot do. What we can do is remember we are all part of an amazing community, a community based on mutual respect, as well as a shared heritage, shared culture, and most importantly, a shared love for our synagogue.

It is at a time such as this when we need each other more than ever. I strongly encourage you to attend a Shabbat or Havdalah service. There are also so many other opportunities to be together, even virtually. The calendar of events is emailed out every week on Mondays and Fridays. I assure you there is something for everyone. All you have to do is look.

One of the definitions of family is, “a group of persons connected by a collective social, or other commonality.”


At Temple Israel, we are a family. And when a perfect storm hits, our family is who we turn to for comfort and support. That’s what we are here for.

**TI Membership Committee's  
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS & SCHMOOZE  
A New Program bringing individuals and families  
together. Our Second Event is for Belmont Heights**

**Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 pm**

In these times there cannot be too many opportunities to safely expand our friendship circles. As we look ahead and forward to Purim next month, we invite our members living in the Belmont Heights neighborhood to the second Zoom Neighborhood News & Schmooze at **3 pm on Sunday, February 21, 2021.**

We can accommodate 30 participants to allow everyone to be on the same Zoom screen when using a full-size monitor, and for each to have enough time to say a few words. **Please RSVP by February 14, 2021, by email to Karen Calechman at [Kcalechman@yahoo.com](mailto:Kcalechman@yahoo.com)** and get ready to join us on your phone/laptop/tablet, inside or outside or wherever you are comfortable, with a smile, a snack, a beverage, and a little story about an experience at Temple Israel you would like to share. Lauren Friedman has volunteered to be our host! Once you have RSVP'd you will be provided the Zoom link via a response email.





**NEXT 100 YEARS CAMPAIGN  
INTERVIEW WITH RON & SYLVIA HARTMAN**



**Amy:** Hi Sylvia and Ron. I am so excited to interview you and learn more about both of you. You are major contributors to Temple Israel's Next 100 Years Campaign through your recent \$500,000 cash gift. We are so appreciative of your support. Your donation has made a difference for the present and

future of Temple Israel.

**Amy: Tell me about your history and connection to Temple Israel?**

**Sylvia:** We moved to California from New York for Ron to work for one year when Carl was four and Bruce was one. We never left. We originally were members of Temple Beth David and when we moved to Lakewood Country Club in 1970, we decided to join Temple Israel. We had two more boys, Glenn and Gregg to complete our family.

**Ron:** I was actually president of Temple Israel twice (4 years in total 1977-79, 1987-89). The second time I was president, 10 years after my first term, the Temple was going through a difficult time. Rabbi Brown was leaving and there was a concern that the synagogue could go bankrupt, so I was called in to help out for another 2 years.

**Sylvia :** We have deep roots at Temple Israel. We have celebrated four B'nai Mitzvah here and raised our four sons here. All four are thriving in different areas. Carl is with the ophthalmology practice SoCalEye, which Ron founded 55 years ago. Bruce is involved with cyber security in the cloud and is a past president of his synagogue in northern California. Gregg is an orthopedic surgeon and lives in Simi Valley. Glenn lives in New Orleans and works as a musician. He plays with the New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars. We connect on Shabbat by sending each other photos of our Shabbat candles and exchanging phone calls.

**Amy: Why is the continuity of Temple Israel important to you?**

**Ron:** My father founded his synagogue in Queens, New York. It was a Conservative Synagogue. I had a strong example of involvement and philanthropy.

**Sylvia:** I grew up in a more modern Jewish home and was self-taught. I am more spiritual now. We connect with our Judaism through our kids and grandkids as well.

**Amy: What excites you about what is going on at Temple Israel?**

**Sylvia:** I have attended Torah Study and enjoyed it. I have also enjoyed being able to join in on Zoom even though we are currently in Idaho.

**Ron's Favorite Quote:**

*Organizations are always going to ask for money. Only Jews will give to Jewish organizations which is why it is up to the Jewish People to help and support Jewish organizations.*

Thank you so much for all you do for Temple Israel as well as many other organizations within the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Board Nominations Time!

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

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

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

Once accepted on the board, requirements include:

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

If you have questions, please call me at (562) 972-7640.

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Israel,

Joyce Feldman, Immediate Past President

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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





## PIKUACH NEFESH - TO SAVE A LIFE

By Dr Matt Davis, *Chair, Medical Advisory Team at Alpert JCC*

Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman, writing about science and religion for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), wrote: "...some people think of science and religion as being inherently in conflict, I think it's because they tend to define "religion" as "blind acceptance and complete certainty about silly, superstitious fantasies." Quite honestly, if that's what religion really was, I wouldn't be religious! In fact, it's not "religion" in general, but that particular definition of religion that is so often in conflict with science. Instead, my experience with Judaism has been that it embraces science quite easily...religion is about helping people create a deeper sense of meaning and a stronger sense of their values...I truly believe that science and religion can be brought together to improve ourselves, our society and our world."

As public health officials increase the widespread distribution of the vaccines to protect against COVID-19, it might be helpful to discuss what role religious organizations have to play in promotion of this massive public health campaign. Nearly 330 million Americans will need to be vaccinated.

A [December 2020 article](#) in Desert News, Utah's oldest continuously published daily newspaper, describes a Rabbi who was thrust into a position as vaccine advocate when some non-Jewish religions raised religious objections to vaccination. Recently Pope Francis said, "It is an ethical duty to take the vaccine, here in the Vatican we will start next week, I am also in line to take it." In December, the Vatican deemed that it was morally acceptable to be vaccinated against COVID-19, after some anti-abortion groups raised concerns about how the vaccines were manufactured. Some had suggested the coronavirus vaccines were made using cells from aborted fetuses. The cells are actually engineered and grown in labs from tissue acquired many decades ago, and are not made directly from aborted fetuses.

[The Orthodox Union and Rabbinical Council of America](#), citing "the Torah obligation to preserve our lives and the lives of others," said "we strongly encourage all those eligible to access the COVID-19 vaccination to do so. We hope and pray that such steps will help bring to an end the tragic toll that the pandemic has taken on our community and beyond."

URJ has a "[Judaism Under Quarantine: Helpful Content to Share with Congregants Right Now](#)" information page. Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, issued a statement on behalf of the Union for Reform Judaism, Central Conference of American Rabbis, and wider Reform movement to promote equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Advocacy for our most vulnerable populations and social justice advocacy can be a critical role of religion in regards to vaccine rollout.

The [National Muslim Task Force](#) on COVID-19 and the National Black Muslim COVID Coalition have jointly recommended receiving the mRNA vaccines "as directed by your physician or healthcare provider based on your risk and local public health

authority guidance." They added: "We understand that some communities distrust the system and have legitimate concerns over vaccines and vaccination protocols. So we recommend healthcare providers engage with minority communities - racial, religious, and otherwise - to address these concerns as the pandemic rages on."

All of us will have a part to play in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. All of us will need to make rational decisions rooted in our moral guidance. All of us will have an opportunity to truly heal our world.

The website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a [landing page](#) for patients on COVID-19 vaccines, including a helpful primer on 8 Things to Know About the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

## A NOTE FROM THE CANTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

As announced last year, Cantor Hass shall be stepping down from her role as Temple Israel's cantor in June 2021. We are truly thankful to Cantor Hass for all she has done for our synagogue during her six-year tenure, and wish her well in new endeavors. A Cantor Search Committee has been formed to find her replacement, working closely with Rabbi Fox and representing the full breadth of our diverse temple community.

The process of finding a new cantor will be similar in many ways to previous Temple Israel clergy searches, in that we shall be conducting interviews with a broad range of highly qualified candidates. However, unlike our recent rabbi search, there is no mandate in the institution's bylaws regarding the hiring of a cantor. Rather than a community-wide vote, the committee shall at the conclusion of its search submit a recommended candidate to the Board of Directors, who will then vote on whether to extend a job offer to that candidate.

Another notable difference between our recent rabbi search and the search for our new cantor is that due to COVID-19, all interviews are being held virtually. In accordance with the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) guidelines for interviewing during the pandemic, we will not be inviting any candidates for in-person interviews or performances; rather, the entire interview process shall be held online.

There will be opportunities for the Temple Israel community at large to express views on what is being sought in our new cantor, and we shall actively keep you informed as to the committee's progress in the months ahead. We are eager to begin the exciting task of installing our newest clergy member, whom in partnership with Rabbi Fox will help assume the evolving musical, spiritual and pastoral needs of Temple Israel's community in 2021 and beyond.

Leslie Ciletti & David Jacobson  
*Cantor Search Committee Co-Chairs*

*Committee Members:* Mark Beizer, Rick Burney, Kendra Cogert, Danielle Jackson, Seth Kogan, Bonnie Lowenthal, Justin Perlman, Bill Shafton. *Ex Officio:* Rabbi Scott Fox, Steve Gordon



**PASSOVER CANDY SALE IS COMING!**

Order by **March 1** to get all your favorite treats! Sisterhood is launching an online Passover Candy Sale from February to March. There will be no shipping charges for delivery to the Temple, and Sisterhood will have contactless pick-up available at the Temple. If you are interested in purchasing candy and/or other gift items, click on the link below to see the wide variety and selection offered. **Proceeds from the sale will benefit Temple Israel.**

[Barton's Link](#)



**ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!**

Do you knit, crochet, paint, or do something else crafty? Sisterhood is beginning to plan a **Craft Fair** where you can show and sell your one-of-a-kind creations. We are targeting **summer of 2021** (dependent on status of event restrictions), so get your wares ready for this exciting event!

**If you are interested in participating, please call or email Maryse Fujimori at (714) 588-8923 or [3maryse3@gmail.com](mailto:3maryse3@gmail.com)**



**A BLESSING FOR FRIENDS!**

*(modified from JewBelong.com)*

Gathered here, together with our friends, we are so greatly blessed. We close our eyes, imagine our hands linked together to remember the warmth of this community. Tonight we gather with friends from near and far, Some we have known from years past and other from just yesterday. Sometimes weeks go by without our speaking but we eventually connect virtually. We bond by sharing our experiences, our ideology, our sense of humor and our opinions. We are all friends bound by this community. The energy that brings people together is a mystery and a gift. We thank God for this community and our friends that have phones that they answer, emails that they respond to, provide shoulders to lean on and hopefully soon, hands to hold. May we always remember the exquisite value of friendship and community and be good friends in return. Amen.



**GAME ON!**

**February 24 at 7:00 pm**

**Come join us for some fun and online games  
See your friends, have some laughs**

Zoom Link will be sent out.

**COOKING CLASS**

**PASSOVER VEGETABLE KUGELS**

**Monday, March 15 at 6:30 pm**

Join Amy Lipeles as she teaches us how to make Passover Vegetable Kugels

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

A Zoom Link will be emailed to the congregation

**Recipe for Passover Vegetable Kugels**

- 1/2 cup margarine or butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 1 cup unpeeled, grated Granny Smith apple
- 1 cup peeled, grated sweet potato (1 small)
- 1 cup peeled, grated carrots (about 2)
- 1 cup matzo meal
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. grated nutmeg
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar (can omit)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease muffin tins and set aside (can use mini muffin tins for 18, or regular muffin tins to make 9). In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients. Divide into muffin tins. Cover with parchment followed by aluminum foil. Bake 30 minutes. Increase oven temperature to 350 degrees. Remove paper and foil and continue cooking until firm and golden brown, about 10 minutes more. Enjoy!

Sisterhood Members, if you are interested in joining the Temple Israel Sisterhood Board, please send an e-mail to:

[sisterhood@tilb.org](mailto:sisterhood@tilb.org)

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Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626**



### KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL THE BUBBLE

By Jeremy Rosen



As many of you may have noticed by my multipart introduction, while I am a staunch Zionist and love Israel, my life and experience here center around Tel Aviv - a distinction necessary to make. Why? To the Israeli, Tel Aviv is an island of sex, nightclubs, drugs, immodesty, beach bums, leftist values, and hedonistic living in an otherwise decent Jewish country. To the Tel Avivi, the world ends at the walls to the city. These walls might be metaphorical,

but they are also quite physical: to the north lies the HaYarkon River and the park upon its banks (one of the hidden gems of the city, and an urban nature retreat for the Tel Avivi); to the east cuts the Ayalon River with the nation's central railway and Israel's only real urban freeway paving its banks; and to the south is Shalma Road, the most dramatic example of just how real the walls are. On the Tel Aviv side mid-rises squeeze in as dense as possible while on the opposite side (still technically within the city limits) virtual nothingness; here the wall is easiest to imagine, as the buildings look truly crowded behind a medieval fortification. The truest of Tel Avivi has no known incentive to cross these limits. Most only will do so to visit family for Shabbat dinners or to make it to Ben Gurion Airport. The unlucky ones, which include myself, have to make the journey daily as part of our commute.

This barrier between the metropolis and its hinterlands is given, appropriately, a more ephemeral and nonchalant term: the Bubble. In a worrying country, Tel Avivis live untroubled. Somehow, when the rest of the country is under red alert from rocket attack, no alarms sound here. It's even said to rain less in Tel Aviv. So when it comes time to leave, the Bubble can feel more like a force field. First as you head outward for your journey, the idyllic streets of the city center open into wide thoroughfares. The car traffic and adjoining noise soars. Any escape to side streets ends as they terminate and funnel back onto the thoroughfares, the superblocs of the army headquarters, the shopping malls, the central bus stations, and museums filling in the space. The weight and the shadows of the sentinel skyscrapers, shoulder-to-shoulder along the Ayalon, impose down upon you, trying to physically repel you back towards the refuge of the city. Their message has time to sink in as you suffer the traffic resulting from seemingly every person in the country jamming HaShalom interchange - its tunnels and bridges and roads full. Infinite buses and taxis endlessly vie to inch ahead of one another. The scooters seep through any crack left between them. If somehow you willed yourself through all this, you did it. You left Tel Aviv. Now you can say that you have entered Israel.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Jordan Guzman  
*TC Representative*

Our teens rang in the secular New Year with a return to Torah Center and madrichim duties. This month has consisted of several informational meetings, as we prepare for activities in the coming weeks and months.

The teens met to discuss this year's teen Purim Shpiel which will be virtual. They have met for several rehearsals already and are excited to share their work with all of the Temple Israel community on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Torah Center Purim Celebration.

This month's Madrichim Program meeting included a surprise visit from Temple Israel member Jeff Salisbury who gave an inspirational talk about exploring one's core values. The madrichim learned how they can have several different core values that make up their character and that core values such as leadership and compassion are vital to success in not just the program but in everyday life.

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade class had an opportunity to learn all about the Sikh religion with a visit from Gagandeep Kaur Mann who facilitates interfaith youth programs for Los Angeles and Orange County. They were able to ask questions and find common ground in both of our faiths.

Our youth group ANDI got together with their friends at TEMPTY and FCBC for a night of All Things Hamilton. The ANDI board shared a beautiful havdalah as part of this fun evening.

Finally, the members of the Teen Council began to discuss and distribute the parts for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Program end of year service which will also be held virtually. We are hoping, however, that we can record some sections of the service at the temple to strengthen our connection not just with the building that some would call home but with the people that value the holiness of the building and the everlasting bonds that Temple Israel has created.





## B'NAI MITZVAH



**IVAN VAN DIVORT**  
February 20, 2021

Hi, I'm Ivan Van Divort. I've been preparing for my Bar Mitzvah in these tough times and doing so I've faced some challenges. Meeting with Cantor and Rabbi has sometimes been difficult due to the unreliable technology but I have enjoyed getting to know them better. I'm nervous about my Bar Mitzvah on zoom, but I guess I'll have a good story for the future.

I'm in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Rogers Middle School where I play the Tuba. I also enjoy playing video games with my friends and going to the beach to bodyboard. I'm looking forward to traveling again so I can see my family in Washington. I love to go fishing and tubing at Lake Chelan.

Like my brother I have also done my Mitzvah Project with Long Beach Spay and Neuter. I was able to adopt 2 special needs cats named Tibby and Joey and able to take care of them. I have always loved animals and helping these cats makes me very happy. They have been great companions during COVID! If anyone would like to adopt or foster a cat, I would love to talk with them



**GABRIEL ASRAF**  
February 27, 2021

Though Gabriel Asraf was born in Toronto, Canada, he acclimated to life in California quickly. He is an avid skateboarder (has all the bruises and cuts to prove it!) and enjoys surfing with his brothers; David and Jack and friends. In fact, he wants to open his own skateboarding shoe label.

He adores all dogs and can eat chicken nuggets daily. Some of his hidden talents include being a master of emulating foreign accents, as well as being able to effortlessly shape his tongue into a clover leaf! Additionally, if you ask any of his teachers, they will confirm that he is a skilled artist, no less. He has been featured in several national television commercials and international fashion print campaigns. While he may not appreciate his curly mop, we all love the Jewfro! He has traveled to countries like Sweden, Israel and Turkey and he is dreaming of one day surfing in Hawaii.

For his Mitzvah Project, Gabriel will be writing to the elderly in our congregation who have been isolated during this pandemic. This strikes a cord with him as his grandparents live in other countries and have been isolated from their families and grandchildren, too, during this time. Gabriel is currently in 7th grade at Mcauliffe Middle School. His Bar Mitzvah date is set for February 27, 2021.

## CARDS FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL SENIORS

Mckenna Rosenberg, 5th Grade Torah Center Student

Over the summer, when I found I had some extra time on my hands, my mom, brother and I started making cards out of art we painted to give to our neighbors. Over time, our one-of-a-kind cards turned into a small business. Each card is made with love. We thought it would be a fun way to share some love by sending some mail to those who are lonely during this time of quarantine. We decided to email Sharon Amster Brown to see if we could get names and addresses of seniors at Temple Israel. After discussing it with Sharon, we all thought it would be nice to invite others to get others involved with this project. We shared this idea at Torah Center tefillah and invited families to participate in a follow up call with Sharon and our family.

On the call, I presented a few ideas about creative card making and how people can do this project at home. I am happy to report that Lenore Roth, Gabriella and Victoria Mendoza and their mom Amber, Emma Boatwright and her mom Christina, Miriyam and Ari Fisher-Leiserowitz and their moms Naomi and Amanda, and Ayva Bambadji and her mom Connie, all agreed to join us and make cards for seniors within our Temple community. Working together, we sent out over 50 handmade, one-of-a-kind, cards made with love. It's also been really nice to receive mail back from the seniors – our new pen pals! This project showed us that a little kindness can make us all feel better during this challenging time. If you would like to join us in the future in making cards for seniors, please contact Sharon Amster Brown who will put you in contact with our family.



# JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING



## BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS

**How Purposeful and Ongoing Estate Planning Can Enhance Life for You and Your Loved Ones**

**Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 pm**

Facilitator: Curtis Kaiser, JD, MBA

Join us for this important presentation about how we best prepare to leave a legacy for those who will survive us.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85958509553>



## COMFORT FOODS: BABKA

**Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm**

Teacher: Eve Lunt

Join Eve Lunt for a delicious evening, as we make bubbe's chocolate babka. Butter, cinnamon, sugar, and lots of love - a recipe you're gonna love!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85451525005>



## FAMILY GENEALOGY

**Mondays at 7:00 pm**

**February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22**

Teacher: Sheryl Stahl

Have you been meaning to get around to doing your family history but haven't found the perfect moment? Here it is! "In this class, we will go over the basics of finding and organizing records about life in the United States, immigration to the United States, and life in the "old country" (wherever that may be). Participants of any age are welcome - you just need an active curiosity and a little patience with diving into databases.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89873249413>

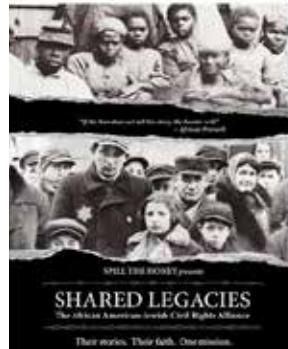
## MOVIE DISCUSSION

**Shared Legacies:**

**The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance**

**Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm**

Facilitator: Kate Sachnoff



The crucial historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation are revisited and revived in this utterly fascinating, urgent call to action. The modern alliance between African-Americans and Jewish Americans dates to the NAACP founding in 1909. Since then, both groups have endured segregation and racism, from the codified bigotry of southern Jim Crow laws, to blatant bias in real estate, employment, higher education and politics. Common cause was found in the turbulent '60s Civil Rights era, as Jewish leaders backed Dr. King's efforts at racial equality and harmony. Yet, the relationship has frayed in recent years, as a once mighty bond of support and respect has seemingly faded, been forgotten, or ignored. Pivotal events come alive through a treasure trove of archival materials, narrated by eyewitnesses, activists, Holocaust survivors, and leaders of the movement. This potent, inspiring story of unity, empathy and partnership validates the ubiquity of the human experience, and how freedom and equality for all can be achieved only when people come together.

Watch on YouTube beforehand and then join us for the live discussion.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299197568>

## STRIVING FOR RESILIENCY PART TWO

**Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 pm**

Facilitators: Lisa Endelman and Greg Endelman



Licensed Educational Psychologists Greg and Lisa Endelman will continue to explore resiliency through the development of competency-based personal growth, offering strategies to help with the development of grit, growth mindset, scout mindset, and other related skills.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86343556437>



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO PRAY TOGETHER FRIDAY SERVICES ONLINE SCHEDULE

**Fridays at 5:40 pm**

**(or 6:40 after the Healing Service)**

A "Musical Prelude" to our Shabbat Evening Services  
*with David York on piano*

**Februaury 5 at 6:00 pm**

Camp Shabbat / 4th-6th Grade Family Service



**February 12 at 6:00 pm**

Celebrate Temple Israel's  
97<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**February 19**

**Tot Shabbat at 5:15 pm**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 6:00 pm**

**February 26 - Two Services**

**Healing Service at 6:00 pm**

*with Jewish Family and Children's Service*

**Late Shabbat Evening Service at 7:00 pm**

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

## A NEW VISION FOR ROSH CHODESH CIRCLES

**Informational Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm**

Are you a person looking to create deeper connections with other women and play an active role in building relationships within our Temple Israel community? Rosh Chodesh Circles usually occur on the first day of the new moon. They are inspired by Jewish ritual where women gather on a regular basis to reflect, connect and create intentions. Do you want to learn with women about topics of mutual interest? Are you willing to make a commitment to meet once a month for six months?

If you are interested or curious, please attend our informational zoom gathering on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. The planning committee comprised of Cantor Hass, Judy Blumenthal, Gail Levy, Michelle Gordon, Sara Linden, and Bobbie Horowitz look forward to sharing with you. **Please take some time to watch ["At The Well"](#) video to learn more about Rosh Chodesh Circles before the meeting.**

RSVP to Charmaine [clw@tilb.org](mailto:clw@tilb.org) to receive the zoom link



## 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.

[Zoom Link](#)



## WE RECOGNIZE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

### LIFE MEMBERS

Julie Alban  
Seymour and Reva Alban  
Helen Barrad\*  
Jack and Binnie Berro  
Jean Feldman  
Ronald and Sylvia Hartman  
David Tillman and Karen Zoller

### RABBI'S CIRCLE

Richard and Amy Lipeles

### TEMPLE DOME

Mark Beizer and  
    Cathe Hagerman Beizer  
Clifford Corman and  
    Deborah Fabricant  
Elaine Davis  
Joe and Laurie Dempsey  
Hank and Joyce Feldman  
Seth and Amy Goldman  
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Alan and Kathy Kreida  
Michael and Cheryl Laven  
David and Irene Leib  
Alan and Robin Lilien  
Howard and Dove Mayo  
Howard and Karen Ort  
Aaron and Violeta Stolpen

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Laurie Arroyo  
Ron Artstein and Nancy Hall  
Beverly August  
Michele Berro  
John and Marcie Blumberg  
Jim and Peggy Brady  
Michael and Suzanne Brodsky  
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    Ruth Cooperman  
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Libby Wilson

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Beatrice Aron  
Joshua and Amy Axel  
Bruce and Michelle Baral  
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David and Sharlee Bergman  
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Myron Wollin and Cynthia Gordon  
Sandra Yavitz  
Audrey Zahler  
Barry and Rita Zamost  
Marvin Zamost and Linda Haley  
\*of blessed memory



# 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.

## FEBRUARY'S FABULOUS GUESTS!



### February 5 David Jacobson

David is a father, entrepreneur, and currently Co-Chair of the Temple's Cantor Search Committee



### February 12 Steve Gordon

Steve is a long-time Temple member, works as an insurance broker, and currently serving as the Temple President



### February 19 Alan & Robin Lilien

Alan is currently the Temple Foundation's President and Robin currently serves as the TI Sisterhood President



### February 26 Jeremy Rosen

Jeremy grew up at Temple Israel and is now living abroad - in Israel! Read his article on Page 8

**Do you have any suggestions of people you would like Sharon and Eric to interview, or do you have any comments you would like to share about or for the show? We're always looking for potential guests! Email Eric Shatzkin at [ejs@tilb.org](mailto:ejs@tilb.org) or Sharon Amster Brown at [sab@tilb.org](mailto:sab@tilb.org).**

## INTERFAITH GREETINGS

### Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity - A Time Such As This

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



**SOUTH COAST  
INTERFAITH COUNCIL**  
SERVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1988

In light of the events of January 6, 2021 ...“We dream of a country where the politics of fear, white supremacy and American nationalism are supplanted by diversity, equity, equality, inclusion, freedom, and justice. We dream of a country where native-born and naturalized citizen, immigrant and migrant, neighbor and stranger, host and foreigner, young and old, straight and gay and, where Blacks, Browns, Asians, Whites, and Indigenous people of the land, strive to live peacefully together in view of our common humanity and interdependence.”

We pray today for calm and peace and respect for our Constitution and democracy. We pray in gratitude to the many organizers, volunteers and voters who helped to bring about this historic moment, electing the first African American to the U.S. Senate from Georgia. We know this does not happen without a long-term effort to build community power and promote values of racial, economic and gender equity. We offer gratitude to Black organizers and the multi-racial, cross sectional coalitions of people who toiled to lift up the vision of a collective future that we can believe in.

We decry all efforts to misguide, manipulate, threaten and coerce through violence or force. We lament the ugly reality that those actions expose: the deep roots of white supremacy, violence, and anti-democratic power that run deep in American soil.

As people of faith, we will not bend nor cower to hatred, violence and evil on any front. Rather, we will adhere to the divine command, “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.”

We pray today for all those who are fearful and frightened. We pray for the safety of all in our country. We pray for those who need relief, support, vaccines, a medical bed or medical supplies, release from prisons, jails, detention centers in the midst of COVID outbreaks, a warm place to sleep, a living wage, and a re-ordering of our national priorities. We pray for our elected public servants in this moment, that their lives be safe and that they have the courage to act with integrity and moral conscience. We pray also for those who took part in the violent actions in our Capitol and for those who have willingly sanctioned and supported those acts. We pray that somehow, we may reach them and connect with a vision of our common humanity and shared future. We pray for our betterment as a nation that we strive, not to be the most powerful nation, but to be the most fair, the most equitable, the most compassionate. May we commit together to the building of that “more perfect union. Love, Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity.”

*The Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity is a statewide California organization connecting clergy and people of faith to make the criminal justice system more just, the immigration system more fair and more humane ~ the work of social justice. They are non-partisan and not aligned with any candidate or party nor do they endorse or support candidates for office.*



# Yahrzeit Observance

## "Zecher Tzadik Livracha"

*The memory of the righteous are a blessing*



### February 3-9

Ruben Baines \*  
 Mazaltov Berro  
 Sarah Chester \*  
 Maurice Chodosh  
 Mrs. Cheryl Eiser  
 Gerald Fishkind \*  
 Frances Gross  
 Annette Kaiser  
 Betsy Kanarek  
 Miriam Lapid \*  
 Richard Leff  
 Nancy A Locks  
 Myron Miller \*  
 Sara Morris \*  
 Lois Mosenson  
 Sara Mosk \*  
 Rima Rabb  
 Morris Ross  
 Joseph Ross  
 Bella Rubenstein  
 Brenda Schoenbrun  
 Joseph Seifer \*  
 Toby Sharzer  
 Thelma Ruth Shevick  
 Steven Solomon  
 Belle Stern \*  
 Zelda Greenberg Stotland  
 Helen Perkins Strok  
 Ruth Wishner

### February 10-16

Jack Yitzchak Ben-Sabat  
 Roberta Bernstein \*  
 Martin Bleich  
 Laura Bohem Roos \*  
 Dorothy Brindze \*  
 Benjamin Carmel \*  
 Marvin Crystal \*  
 Clara Davis Endelman  
 Harold N Epstein  
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 Carl Hartman \*  
 Leah Heft \*  
 Recha Heim \*  
 Gitta Hoffman  
 Charles Joffe  
 Mollye Kadner  
 Manuel Kaplan  
 Morris Krieger \*

Larry Lieberman  
 Frances Megdal  
 Lorraine Merrick  
 Sarah Sacks Miller  
 Audrey Miller  
 Michael Musicant  
 Mrs. Helen Schneider Penn \*  
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 Thelma Polsky  
 Milton Riskin  
 Leon Samuel \*  
 David Schneider \*  
 Judie Senfeld  
 Roslyn Shohen \*  
 Ethel Shefrin Singer  
 Jerry Stuhlbarg  
 Marie Van Raalte

### February 17-23

Nancy Albert Allan  
 Lenore Aron \*  
 Sonia Balan \*  
 Mathilda Berro  
 Vida Ann Bleich  
 Israel Blumenthal  
 Alden Bohlig  
 Lyle H. Bowman  
 Helen Brenton  
 Harry Browarny  
 David L Calechman  
 Miriam G. Carbo \*  
 Kim Dickson  
 Mollie Fabric \*  
 Anna Fabricant  
 Ivan Faigen  
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 Eric Felsenthal  
 Kurt Fleischer  
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 Marilyn Gale  
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 Beatrice Hartman \*  
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 Moses F. Kohl \*  
 Henry Lager  
 Katie Lasky \*  
 Miriam Levinstein  
 Jacob Levy  
 Roberta Meyer  
 Harry Peyser \*  
 Dr. Irv Pilger \*  
 Mr. Alexander Polsky

Rose Reed  
 Marc Joseph Reiss  
 Rosalea Resnik \*  
 Gertrudis Rios  
 Ken Ross  
 Max Sack \*  
 Herman Sacks  
 Harry R. Sahanow \*  
 Ida Schwartz  
 Freda Segal  
 Michael Segal  
 Lindsey Ruth Shevick  
 Jeanne Strum  
 Elizabeth Vogel \*  
 Israel Wasserman  
 George Weiss  
 Mark S. White \*  
 Lewis Wolberg  
 Dorothy Yudin

### February 24 - Mar. 2

Evelyn Linden Baldwin \*  
 Louise W. Bard \*  
 Mrs. Beatrice Bragin \*  
 George Danchik  
 Jake Dobrofsky  
 Buddie Edelman  
 Charlotte Eiser  
 Mildred Epstein  
 Ralph Feiwell \*  
 Julius W. Feldman \*

Conner Firstman  
 Ethel Fleisher  
 Hannah Mayer Franklin \*  
 Reyes Soto Gaglio  
 Albert Gurewitz  
 Judge Moses Hartmann \*  
 Sally J. Hileman \*  
 Ethel Himmelstein \*  
 Sarah Horowitz \*  
 Herman Kaufman  
 Sydelle Levin  
 Ida Levin \*  
 Rose B Levin  
 Barry Levinson  
 Joey James Lipeles  
 Joel Livne  
 Pauline Lowenstein  
 Sally Diane McKibben  
 Philip Megdal  
 Stanley Mitnick  
 Maurice Moreno  
 Herbert N Samuels  
 Henry Sassoon  
 Rosaline Sisholtz Maurer  
 Mr. Mark Speizer \*  
 Eva Sreiberg  
 Anne Stern  
 Aaron Tillman  
 Tilly Weil \*  
 Rose Wolfe  
 Helen Wolff

*\* These names are permanently inscribed on our memorial wall and will be read in perpetuity.*

## CONDOLENCES

**Jessie Butler**

on the death of her son-in-law, David Ruimy

**Selma & Bryant, Jacob, Joshua and Madison Lee**

on the death of mother and grandmother Rosa Martinez

**Florine Karabenick, Andrea Karabenick & Aaron Morris,  
 and Jonathan Karabenick**

on the death of husband and father Edward Karabenick





# 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.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL FUND

- General Fund**  
*For the support of on going congregational activities*

## DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

- Rabbi**  
*Tzedakah projects at the Rabbi's discretion*
- Cantor Sara Hass**  
*Tzedakah projects at the Cantor's discretion*
- Educator**  
*For benefit of the Torah Center and its teachers*
- President**  
*For special projects at the President's discretion*

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

- Homeless Assistance**  
*Helps those in need pay first and/or last month's rent*
- Caring Community**  
*Funds programs for Temple families in need*
- Nancy Leff and Donald Leff Memorial**  
*Purchases Chanukah gifts for children of needy families*
- Yad B'Yad**  
*Purchases kitchen and catering supplies for Yad B'Yad*

## BOOK FUND

- Library Fund**  
*Purchase of library books*

## MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

- Rabbi Wolli & Sarah Kaelter Sabbath Fellowship**  
*For Sabbath Fellowship senior programming*
- Stan Solomon Building**  
*For building repairs*

## MUSIC FUNDS

- Rob & Debbie Feldman Family Got Shabbat**  
*Funds quarterly alternative music service.*

- Music Patrons**  
*Funds musical programs*

## CAMP FUNDS

- Paula & Michael Avchen Campership**  
*Camp/trip program for children in financial need*
- Lester Elbert and Corinne Van Boemel Memorial Campership**  
*Camperships for those in financial need*

- Lipeles Family Camp & Adult Shabbaton**  
*Fund for Families in need*

- Jewish Campership**  
*Camperships for those in need*

- Miriam Berro Krugman**  
*Helps teens participate in the URJ Mitzvah Corp.*

## TORAH CENTER FUNDS

- Torah Center Fund**
- Polly Alevy Memorial Education**  
*Funds for Torah Center*
- HUM (Horim U'Morim)**  
*Funds Torah Center projects*
- A. Estin Comarr Memorial Torah Scholarship**  
*Funds scholarships for Torah Center*

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

- Roselle & Herbert Sommer Scholarship Fund**  
*Assists with Torah Center fees and camp scholarships*

## PROGRAMMING FUNDS

- ANDI**  
*Programs for our teens*
- Jack Bard Memorial**  
*For Jewish programs of interest to the congregation*
- Social Action**  
*For social action and programming needs*
- Joys of Jewish Learning**  
*Funds adult education programs at the Temple*



**TEMPLE ISRAEL FOUNDATION  
ENDOWMENT FUNDS**  
*Please make checks payable to TI Foundation*

- Temple Israel Preservation Fund (TIP Fund)**  
*Funds building beautification and refurbishment*
- The Speizer Youth Development**  
*Funds youth activities*
- Pilger Lectureship**  
*Funds annual guest speaker lectures*
- Lapid-Shapiro**  
*Funds annual lectureship programs and Torah Center educational programs*
- Syd Lemmerman Jewish Camping and Youth Fund**  
*In support of Jewish camping, Israel experiences, and other informal Jewish educational programs*

To make a donation, please check off any fund above to which you would like to donate and fill out the form below.

Tear out this sheet and mail to: **Temple Israel - 269 Loma Avenue, Long Beach CA 90803**

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## CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH JANUARY 10

*We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Israel by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through generous contributions*

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Denny & Judy Blumenthal in loving memory of Denny's sister, Lauren Blumenthal.

Susanne Cameron & Jackie Fritz in loving memory of their dad, Adolf Stone.

Mindy Casas in loving memory of her mother, Gigi Ellis.

Kurt Charipper in loving memory of his father, Bret Charipper.

Leslie Ciletti & Linda Keiles in loving memory of Leslie's grandmother, Isabel Buyer.

Barry & Kendra Cogert in loving memory of Barry's mother, Barbara Cogert.

Danny & Cecelia Danziger in memory of Hans Danziger, beloved father, and grandfather.

Jean Feldman in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Rose Feldman Levine.

Debi & Dan Felsenthal in loving memory of Debi's mother, Arlene Solomon.

Elizabeth & Terry Fiskin in loving memory of Elizabeth's mother, Ursula Fleischer.

Renée Florsheim in loving memory of her mother, Eva Herzberg Florsheim.

Leon Fultheim in loving memory of his mother, Helga Fultheim.

Ross & Mireya Gonzalez in loving memory of Zumbal Yojay, grandmother of Ross.

Steve & Michelle Gordon in loving memory of Steve's mother, Joan Gordon.

Alain & Tari Hirsch in loving memory of Alain's father, Edmond Hirsch.

Alain & Tari Hirsch in loving memory of Alain's uncle, Henry Zelnick.

Sandra & Gerald Joffe in loving memory of Sandra's mother, Gwen Levey.

Donald & Andrea Kaiser in loving memory of Donald's parents, Sara & Jack Kaiser.

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Dorothy Levin in loving memory of her brother, Lewis H. Roth.

Alan & Robin Lilien in loving memory of Alan's father, Sam Lilien.

Nancy & James Linden in loving memory of Nancy's father, Herman Littky.

Diane & Marc Merrick in loving memory of Diane's uncle, David Hochstat.

Mark & Susan Paletz in loving memory of Mark's father, Newt Paletz.

Mona Panitz & Ed Zwieback in memory of Morris Gold, beloved father of Mona.

Daryl & Sandy Phillips in loving memory of Daryl's father, Ted Phillips.

Janet Pottebaum in loving memory of her husband, Harold Pottebaum.

Janet Pottebaum in loving memory of her aunt, Della Hanna.

Janet Pottebaum in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Dorothy Fadick.

Lenore Roth in loving memory of her grandmother, Anne Stedman.

Herman Rubin in loving memory of his wife, June Renee Rubin.

Robin & Randy Schafer in loving memory of Robin's mother, Grace Flitt.

Carl & Janet Schultz in loving memory of Carl's father, Irwin Morris Schultz.

Louis & Norma Schumow in memory of Fannie Schumow, beloved mother of Louis.

Elizabeth & Mark Sharzer in loving memory of Elizabeth's grandparents, Beatrice, and Jacob Sigoloff.

Mark & Elizabeth Sharzer in loving memory of Mark's father, Sidney Sharzer.

Sheri Sinaga in loving memory of her father, Dr. Hulman Sinaga.

Sheryl & Jeffrey Stewart in loving memory of Sheryl's grandfather, Belmont Musicant.

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Rita & Barry Zamost in loving memory of Rita's father, Robert Abelsky.

Barry & Rita Zamost in loving memory of Barry's father, Isadore Zamost.

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5 Mark & Cathe Beizer - 43 years  
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8 Donald & Stacey Moore - 18 years  
9 Philip & Jacqueline Fritz - 46 years  
11 Jeff & Nancy Barrad - 37 years  
13 Alan & Rosecarrie Brooks - 49 years  
14 Brian & Rachel Farrell - 23 years  
Larry & Maggie Kosmin - 31 years  
15 Leon & Barbara Shoag - 57 years  
17 Andrew & Eve Lunt - 31 years  
20 Jack & Binnie Berro - 66 years  
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22 Martin & Charlotte Axel - 51 years  
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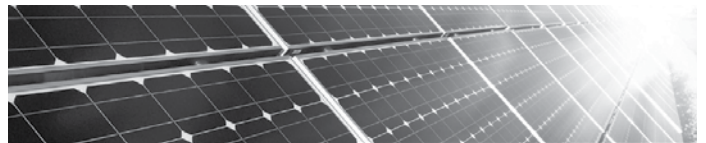
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