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PASSOVER TOT SHABBAT

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Friday, March 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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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 <u>https://zoom.us/j/987542891</u> (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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RABBI FOX'S MESSAGE

THOUGHTS ON COVID-19 AND PASSOVER

By Rabbi Scott Fox



I seem to have spoken to several people lately who have gotten the vaccine for COVID-19. Not a majority of my conversations, but whereas it was something off in the distance, a promise delivered via radio clips and hopeful yearnings, it now seems to be something arriving here in Long Beach, like a sweet cold wind rolling down the mountains into our beachy valley. Many of the people I've spoken to seem to be in some form of shock or surprise that this promise has arrived for them,

like they are somehow unworthy of the security it brings, and unsure what to do with the newfound relief caused by a heavy and constant weight lifted from their shoulders. It is no small thing to have the threat of a deadly virus constant and airborne. As more of us find our way to receiving the vaccine, and I hope you will get yours soon if you have not already, my thoughts turn to our central story.

This month we will again celebrate our Passover holiday under the quarantine arranged for our safety during the time of this pandemic. For many of us, this was our first family moment, our first holiday, in isolation, and perhaps our first realization of what this time would be like moving forward. Yes, it is strange to take work meetings from Zoom if you are used to going into an office, and it is jarring to remember that your favorite store was then closed because of the stay-at-home order, but not being with family is more than an inconvenience or discomfort, it disrupts our fundamental needs. I've long thought that holidays wouldn't have survived if they didn't include at their center a practice of gathering with people we are close with, the rest is simply details. We had such hopes a year ago, adapting our ages-old benediction "next year together." This year we are still separated.

But this year is different. While most of us will hold our seders much in the same way as last year, with fewer people around the table than we would have liked and with a computer or phone propped up so that we can see loved ones via black Zoom box, we embody a different part of the holiday story. Last year we were like the slaves in Egypt, fully entrenched in the throes of the plagues we so nervously joked about given the plague that had emerged around us. No Israelite knew when the plagues would stop, only that they were taking place and that they might lead to a way out. This year we round the corner of deliverance. This past year we have been slaves, next year may we be free.

The Passover Haggadah asks us each year to feel like we were slaves ourselves in the land of Egypt. We have felt that burden now twice on Passover, but it also asks us to feel as though each of us was personally freed from that same slavery. This year we may be nearer to that than in previous years. Our stories tell us something universal, something worth telling over and over again that captures an ultimate truth about the human experience that remains relevant year after year. The stories that don't speak this truth don't get retold, as tradition alone is not enough to keep tradition alive. Our stories have to somehow speak to us, and then we look back on them as a part of our tradition. This year our story reminds us of the inevitable course of things. Specifically, it tells us that there are difficult times, that these times will happen inevitably, but also that there is deliverance from these difficult things. Not with a promise for supernatural fits of magic to wow and punish powerful leaders into being unwilling changemakers, or the necessary end to what we would like to see gone, but the important reminder that just as challenges come consistently and unexpectedly, so too do solutions and redemption. So this year, as we hunker down in our Israelite homes ready to recite our story of Exodus again, we also get a shot in the arm.



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: <u>TItransitionCommittee@gmail.com</u>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TRANSITION AND CHANGE

By Steve Gordon, Temple President



There's a joke/truth out there that says death and taxes are the only certainties in life. When I'm feeling somewhat playful, I also add having to take out the trash as another inevitability. We all know, however, that the other absolute in our lives is change. Try as we might, there is no getting around the fact that change is going to happen, whether we want it to or not.

A great philosopher once said, "You can't have progress without change,

but not all change is progress." This speaks to the need for the concept of change to improve our lives. Technology, medical advances, and industrial innovation are all ways that change can lead to the betterment of our existence. It happens, we choose to accept or reject it, we adapt, and then we get on with our lives, hopefully in a better place than we were prior to the change. Be that as it may, there is still no escaping the fact that change can be disruptive, as well as anxiety provoking. I get upset when the box of breakfast cereal I typically eat each morning is empty and I have to eat something else. But that's another story for another day.

As if we haven't had enough change over the last few years, we are now experiencing another significant event, that is, the process of searching for a new cantor. I fully get that this happens. It would be naïve and unrealistic to expect the status quo to remain in place indefinitely. But after two Rabbinic searches, and a Pandemic that has fundamentally changed just about everything we do and how we do it, the thought of another major happening at temple is a bit daunting.

Despite the formidable nature of the task at hand, I take solace in knowing the strength of our congregation will allow us to do what we need to do, to get through it, and to successfully come out the other side. These are words I am writing in regard to the current cantorial search, but they equally apply to the other challenges we have faced and will continue to face.

The search for our Interim Rabbi was conducted during a time of stress, and resulted in a wonderful year with Rabbi Simon. And our most recent search has brought us Rabbi Fox, who has become a wonderful and invaluable part of our community. Anxiety and concern were present with each of those searches, but we did what we needed to do, we did it well, and we are thriving as a result.

The Pandemic, of course, has also turned our community, not to mention the entire world, upside down. But through the amazing dedication and innovation of our staff, in addition to the resiliency and support of our congregation, we are getting through this as well.

I would love to say, enough already, stop it! But I can't, and I

won't. We are going to give this search the full effort, dedication, and attention it deserves. I say that because you, our faithful and loyal congregants deserve it. There can be no other way.

When this article is published at the beginning of March, you will have had the opportunity to participate in a survey as to what you would like to see in our new cantor. I hope you all took advantage of that opportunity. The search committee, as well as the board, represent you, our constituents. We don't make decisions based on what we want, we make decisions based on what all of you want.

Now here's the tricky part. With a congregation of nearly 600 families, unanimity is virtually impossible. Over the last several years, I have had the pleasure of numerous conversations with many people. I encourage and welcome these interactions. It gives me the opportunity to hear and understand what people want, what they are looking for, and what their preferences are. I find the conversations to be sincere, genuine, and often quite stimulating. And, as expected, I find many differences of opinion. That's the reality, and is essentially impossible to be any different.

Striving for diversity, as we do, is a noble endeavor. But diversity also comes with conflicting desires, and, at times, desires that are significantly conflicting. A natural consequence of diversity is the inevitability of disappointment and/or dissatisfaction. It would be wonderful to please everyone in every way, all the time. Sadly, that cannot happen. But please know every effort is being made to make the best possible decisions, not only with our current search, but with all temple business.

You are the heart and soul of our congregation. Without you, Temple Israel does not exist. It is always the intention and desire among the professional staff and lay leadership alike, to hear you, represent you, and act accordingly, for the best interests of our beloved synagogue.

Death, taxes, taking out the garbage, and change. We cannot prevent them. But what we can do is pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and move on down the road, which, by the way, is a pretty terrific road. Now if you will excuse me, I need to check on my cereal supply.

Stay safe.

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*

PURIM 2021 / NEW BABIES IN OUR COMMUNITY















To Trish and Jared Goldin on the birth of their grandson, Guy Rostam Hassani Goldin born on January 9, 2021. We also extend congratulations to parents Amelia and Lee Goldin.

To Marcie and John Blumberg on the birth of their granddaughter Madison Danielle Blumberg born on January 28, 2021 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 20.47 in. long. We also extend congratulations to parents Nicole and Adam Blumberg.

To Laurie and Brian Garabedian on the birth of their grandson Aaron Max Slakter born on February 20, 2021 weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 18 in. long. We also extend congratulations to parents Alexandra and Logan Slakter, great-grandmother Arline Hillinger and uncle Zachary Garabedian.

To Karen Calechman and Jerry Prell on the birth of their granddaughter, Mabel Hallie Duncan born on February 19, 2021 weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. We also extend congratulations to parents Alison and Michael Duncan.

To Kathryn McDermott on the birth of her grandson, Mick Murphy born on February 24, 2021 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. We also extend congratulations to parents Caitlin McDermott and Michael Murphy.

RITUAL PRACTICE MESSAGE



PIKUACH NEFESH

By Mark Dressner, VP Ritual Practices

"Pikuach Nefesh—Saving human life is Judaism's highest mitzvah, superseding even the commandments concerning the observance of Shabbat. According to tradition, it was permissible to interrupt the ancient Temple sacrifices when necessary to save a life."

We are seeing a bright light finally at the end of the tunnel. With vaccines slowly coming out and being offered to the specified tiers we are getting closer and closer to once again being able to gather in person – actually look into each other's real eyes and not Zoom eyes.

Our clergy and staff at Temple Israel have done an incredible and meaningful job bringing so much of our usual activities to the virtual world from Shabbat services, Torah Study, havdalah, b'nai mitzvah, education, interviews, classes, and so much more. High Holy Days services were exceptionally rated on surveys. Our non-gala fundraiser was so much fun and brought in close to our budgeted amount.

"Mipnei seivah takum—"You shall rise before the aged" (Leviticus 19:32). We celebrate the multi-generational character of communities throughout our Movement, including the synagogue and Jewish professionals of every adult demographic who lead them. We must not take actions within our respective communities that would either stigmatize or compromise the health and well-being of the elderly and individuals with preexisting conditions who are considered most vulnerable to COVID-19."

We have had a ground swell of support in helping our members of the appropriate tier receive the vaccination for COVID-19. Given the extent of our congregants' involvement in the community, we have been able to identify opportunities to help our congregants (and associates) get vaccinated. I would like to call out by name those in our community who have helped in this process. The following assisted in contacting every member of our congregation who resides in Long Beach and is 65 or older: Gail Levy, Judy Leff, Natalie Swit, Catherine Benamou, Laurie Arroyo, Marcia Wertheimer, Deb Lewis, Jill Granek, Joanne Levy, and Bonnie Lowenthal. Through help from Freda Ross, Joel Brodsky, and Kathy Kreida we have been readily able to identify resources for getting vaccines. Through this "Caring Community" we have been able to get most of our seniors immunized, particularly those residing in Long Beach. As you read this, even TI pillar Harriette Ellis will have received both shots through a chain of help from our congregants. In early February I was able to provide the congregation, through our Friday eblast that contains the links to TI services and events, a link to KPCC/LAist with a comprehensive resource of how to obtain vaccines for second dose or first dose as well as answers to questions. Truly our members have stepped up working tirelessly to help each other, as teaching from Torah has encouraged us to do. There is no higher calling then saving a life!

We are getting closer to being together again. I so look forward to really putting my arms around others once more as we sing "*Oseh shalom…*".

(quotes from: <u>https://www.ccarnet.org/ccar-urj-guidelines-on-values-based-decision-making-returning-to-in-person-gatherings-covid-19/</u>)



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

> March 5 at 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

March 12 at 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

March 19 Tot Shabbat at 5:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service at 6:00 pm

March 26 - Two Services Healing Service at 6:00 pm with Jewish Family and Children's Service Late Shabbat Evening Serivce at 7:00 pm



PASSOVER CANDY PICK UP

If you participated in the Sisterhood Passover Candy Sale and have indicated you will pick up your order from the Temple, the following times are scheduled:

Monday, March 15 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm Wednesday, March 17 from 10:00 am -12:00 noon

You may drive by and we will bring your order to you during any of these times. Any questions, please call Maryse Fujimori at (714)588-8923

FIRST NIGHT OF THE JJL AND SISTERHOOD PASSOVER UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

(Other workshops to take place on Tuesday, March 16th and Thursday, March 18th see page 10)

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

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81677633443

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!

THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

New Havdallah sets and candles Coming Soon! The Gift Shop will be open by appointment only, Monday through Friday between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626

SISTERHOOD MEMBERS, WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!

We want to welcome you from a safe distance outside Temple Israel on Wednesday, March 3rd 11:00 am -1:00 pm or

Thursday, March 4th 4:00 - 6:00 pm to give you a gift

Even though we cannot get together as a group in person, we want you to know we are still thinking of you. This will be a contactless drive-by pickup event, and we will put the gift in the trunk or back of your vehicle.

Please e-mail us at *sisterhood@tilb.org* to let us know that you will be coming by to pick up your gift on one of the two dates/ times listed above.

We look forward to seeing you! Your Sisterhood Board

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Guest Speaker ChayaLeah Sufrin, Executive Director of Long Beach Hillel

Topic: The Chassidim Community and Life Inside the Community for Women



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-ofa-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 <u>3maryse3@gmail.com</u>

A VOICE FROM ISRAEL / HIGH SCHOOL

KOL <u>M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM</u> ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



Cutting through the center of Tel Aviv is King George St. beginning at Rabin Square (the site of Tel Aviv's city hall and a major central Tel Avivi gathering place) straight into the central market of Shuk HaCarmel, where it also connects with Allenby Street and Nahalat Binyamin. Along its journey, the street passes by Dizengoff Center, Gan Meir, and Jabotinsky House, all sites worthy of being written on in their own right.

Lining its entire length is an assortment of every type of shop imaginable. So, on busy Friday mornings, as the city prepares for the coming of Shabbat, the narrow sidewalks of King George become absolutely full of people. The street is packed shoulder to shoulder with people slowly shuffling along as no other pace is possible. But while the pedestrians move slowly, bus after bus whizzes by, creating deafening noise. This makes the sidewalk seem that much smaller as you duck just a little to avoid getting clipped. In the middle of all this commotion, two obelisks appear as the sidewalk crosses the mouth to a small alley. If you turn here, and follow the alley to its end, you will find....me! And one of the urban legends of this young city.

The typical blue Tel Aviv street sign, looking plain, is missing the short biography of the rabbi, hero, or whoever the street is named after, the usual practice, and just bares the non-name "Anonymous". Squeeze down the heavily shaded alley, where on one side stands a behemoth square Brutalist apartment block (typical of the city from the 60s till the 80s) juxtaposed on the other by much stouter Eclectic semi-ruins slowly being lost to romantic decay and the trees. Looking forward, guarding the approach, crouches a lion. During the day a tourist can be spotted taking a picture of their child riding the beast, but at night the lone traveler will find his haunted, glowing, red eyes ablaze. Coming onto the semicircular courtyard ending, you gaze back into the very founding of the city, when existed here only sand dunes and the Zionists trying to build their modern-Jewish utopia. The manse whose walls form the courtyard tells a story a little more off-colored than the traditional myth; although, its arched doorways, foggy stained glass, and sagging shutters add to the picturesque mystique. It is a story of the developer Shapira's great love for his wife Sonia, his great attempts to win her over, and his eventual failure. The lion (said to be inhabited by her restless soul), the alley's name (given after the city hall rejected Shapira's attempt to name it after her), and the bust of Sonia, half weathered away but still embedded into the cornice of the courtyard walls, are all clues to the case. The curious reader can continue their historical exploration at the attached web link. But while the rest of the Eclectic palaces from early Tel Aviv have had major surgery and now stand gleaming and imposing, the great love story and the dog-eared charm of the alley have kept generations of young couples and lovers coming to greet the lion. The old house is also the center of my own love story. http://www.thetowner.com/tel-aviv-streets/





planning, leading, and playing this month! We are looking forward to our virtual Purim shpiel which we have enjoyed working on in a different way than usual. Our cast is so excited to share this creative show with you, and we are beyond grateful to have had the help of Johanna Brown as our creative director throughout the process.

Our teens have had so much fun

Sasha Pullman ANDI President

Our youth group board is looking to hold more 678 events to get our younger members excited about

ANDI and give them the time and space to have fun with their peers. ANDI also looks forward to leading our Temple Israel havdalah for all of you on March 6th and are so glad to have this virtual place to share these moments with our community. As the year has progressed, it has been a great experience getting creative with online activities to do at events. In our upcoming event, we look forward to playing some new games with our friends from Faithful Central Bible Church and the youth group TEMPTY once again.

Some of our teens attended the virtual NFTY convention, during which they participated in programming about leadership, social justice, and teamwork, and worked with social justice organizations to make a difference. The URJ provides incredible programs for our teens, and it was so nice for our high schoolers to hear about NFTY in Israel and Heller High from a current faculty member as well as a passionate alumna from TI. We hope our teens take advantage of these incredible opportunities to broaden their horizons and connect deeper to their Judaism. If you have any questions about teen programs in Israel, please let us know!

We have continued our work on the end of the year 8th-12th grade service, which will be held virtually, but not without the passion and liveliness of our teens. I am always impressed by the creativity and commitment that all my peers bring to our work together. We have been brainstorming and planning together to develop different ways to bring fun and innovation into this event. We hope to see you all there on May 14th.

THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



ELOISE MILLER March 20, 2021

Eloise Miller is a 7th grader at Rogers Middle School. She lives in Long Beach splitting time between her mom & stepmom, and dad & stepmom. She has three young siblings, Emily who is 2, and Dolly and June who are 1-year old twins. She is a GREAT big sister to all of her baby sisters.

Eloise is an incredible student who loves school, playing volleyball, running, and spending time with her friends and family. She likes to travel and go on hikes. Her favorite

travel spot so far has been Hawaii but she would love to travel the world. She is a feminist and is an advocate for Black Lives Matter. In her downtime, Eloise loves to watch TV and her favorite show is Grey's Anatomy. She wants to be a doctor (possibly a surgeon) when she grows up.

For her Mitzvah Project she is participating in the Yad Vashem Twinning Project. Eloise has adopted the memory of Basziona Miller from Lativia who was born in 1929, and murdered, along with her family, at the age of 12. Eloise will be sharing her Bat Mitzvah with Basziona, who likely never had the opportunity to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah and learning about Basziona's life and her community.



ARAVAH MARCUS March 27, 2021 My name is Aravah Marcus. I am in 8th grade at Rogers Middle School, and next year I will start in the Wilson High School WAVE program which I chose because I want to take diverse and challenging classes. I live in Long Beach and live with my mom, dad, brother, and dog, Glida. I love the performing arts; I play the euphonium in my school's advanced band, and have been playing piano, dancing ballet, singing, and acting for as long

as I can remember. I love performing because it allows me to express myself and it makes both me and others happy. I also love reading and have grown up speaking Hebrew as a second language at home and visiting my family in Israel. For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered with Food Finders, a food rescue organization that collects donated food to give to people in need all throughout Southern California, which reduces both hunger and food waste. Before it was interrupted by the pandemic, I volunteered to pick up and deliver food. Though my bat mitzvah will be much different than previously hoped, I know it will be amazing. Since it is on Zoom, my family in Israel and other parts of the U.S. can join too! I can't wait!



FAMILY HAVDALAH EXPERIENCE Saturdays at 7:30 pm

March 6

Led by our ANDI Board

March 13

Led by Ron and Carmel Artstein welcoming the month of Nisan with children's Passover songs

March 20 New Member Recognition

March 27 No Havdalah - First Night of Passover

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81696359422

JJL WINE AND TEXT STUDY

Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 pm Facilitator: Cantor Sara Hass



Explore the Book of Psalms with us. 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!

JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

1960'S JEWISH IDENTITY AND AMERICAN FILM

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm March 3 and 10

Facilitator: Rabbi Scott Fox

Take a trip back to the '60's in this film class with Rabbi Fox. Have fun watching and discussing film clips that share about Jewish life in the 1960's, and how that informs how we live Jewishly today. Examine the questions of what makes something or someone Jewish, and review our own sense of who we are. A fun, informative, and reflective series of evenings.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89928662923

CREATIVE JOURNALING

Saturdays, March 6 and 20 at 7:00 pm

Facilitators: Linda Sunshine Keiles and Eve Lunt

A creative journal is the same as a written journal, except that it incorporates colors, images, patterns, and other materials. The hardest part is getting started! Instructors Linda Sunshine Keiles and Eve Lunt will share writing prompts, easy art hacks, and the encouragement to release your creativity using a visual journal with art supplies and your imagination. Material list provided upon registration.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506662959



JEWISH LONG BEACH TREASURE HUNT Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 pm



Discover some new locales, reconnect with much-loved favorites, and learn more about Judaism in Long Beach during Temple Israel's first Treasure Hunt! You'll be using clues to search for Jewish religious, secular, historical, cultural, and

culinary spots throughout Long Beach and the surrounding areas. You'll be able to take your search on the road. Bring your family and your camera!

Email <u>Charmaine</u> for clues.

PASSOVER UNIVERSITY

in partnership with TI Sisterhood

Monday, March 15 at 6:30 pm Passover Kugel 101 with Amy Lipeles (see page 7) Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm Text Study with Burt Goldstein

Join us to deepen your knowledge about Passover and study some texts about this central holiday in our tradition.

Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm Creative Passover Seders for 2021

Looking for some fresh ideas for your Passover seder this year? Join us for some recommendations on how to make this night different than all other nights.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81677633443

MOVIE DISCUSSION: LIVE AND BECOME

Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm Facilitator: Deborah Lewis



The magnificent, epic story of an Ethiopian boy who is airlifted from a Sudanese refugee camp to Israel in 1984 during Operation Moses. Shlomo is plagued by two big secrets: He is neither a Jew nor an orphan, just an African boy who survived and wants, somehow, to fulfill his Ethiopian mother's parting request that he "go, live, and become." Buoyed by a profound and unfaltering motherly love – both in his memory and in the arms of his adoptive mother – he

ultimately finds an identity and a happiness all his own.

Watch on *tubi* for free and then join us for the live movie discussion.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84058540265

JEWISH SONGS OF COMFORT AND CONNECTION: AN EDUCATIONAL CONCERT with Cantorial Soloist Kelly Cooper Perler



Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 pm

Please join Kelly Cooper Perler, as we explore Jewish songs that offer healing through comfort and connection. Learn about the background and correlation that each song has to our sacred texts. Let's come together through the uplifting power of music.



Friday, March 26 at 6:00 pm

Join Temple Israel clergy, in partnership with Jewish Family and Children's Service, for a new monthly Healing Service.

These deeply spiritual experiences will include meditation, prayer, and music. They are designed to build a community of healing; to bring well-being and wholeness to those facing challenges, and offer others the opportunity to help those in need feel supported.



WORKERS JUSTICE VIRTUAL SEDER Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Please join Rabbi Fox and Cantor Hass Temple Israel's Social Action Committee, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) and South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC) in a virtual Seder as we relate the Passover story of the Jewish people's path from slavery to liberation, and explore the connection with workers in their struggle for justice.

This event is free and welcome to people of all ages and faiths Please register by March 23 here: <u>bit.ly/Seder2021</u>





SOUTH COAST

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 Bobbi Horowitz look forward to sharing with you. Please take some time to watch <u>"At The Well"</u> video to learn more about Rosh Chodesh Circles before the meeting.

RSVP to Charmaine <u>clw@tilb.org</u> to receive the zoom link





WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB Discussing the book Naamah by Sarah Blake March 17 at 7:00 pm Facilitator: Joyce Lott

A dreamy and transgressive feminist retelling of the Great Flood from the perspective of Noah's wife as she wrestles with the mysterious metaphysics of womanhood at the end of the world.

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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.

MARCH'S FABULOUS GUESTS!



March 5 Anne Gundry

Temple member, past Board Member and co-chair of our recent Rabbi Search Committee



March 12 Matt Davis

Temple member, doctor and past Presidnet of the Alpert Jewish Community Center



March 19 Audrey Zahler

Long time member and Temple treasure!

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 <u>ejs@tilb.org</u> or Sharon Amster Brown at <u>sab@tilb.org</u>.





INTERFAITH GREETINGS GERDA SEIFER, ~ AGAIN ~ IN THE SPOTLIGHT! By Roni Love, SCIC Member



Temple Israel's own Gerda Seifer, Long Beach's local hero and Holocaust survivor, was to have been given a Spotlight Award last March by the SCIC at its 67th Annual Assembly. Due to the pandemic the event was postponed and now, a year later, it will ZOOM on Sunday, March 21st from 3-5pm at our 68th Annual Assembly: A New Awakening!

Sara Deen, Bayan Study Circle of Iqra Academy, Palos Verdes will be handing over the president's gavel to Susan Brooks of Temple Beth El, San Pedro and the 2021 Board of Directors will be installed.



Shabnam Mogharabi, Co-founder/CEO/ Executive Producer of SoulPancake and a New York Times Best Selling Author will be the Assembly's keynote speaker. Shabnam hails from southern California and both she and I served together on SCIC's Board – she, representing Lakewood's Baha'I community, and I, Temple Israel.

This year's list of Spotlight Award Honorees: Faith Leader ~ Imam Abdul Hafiz, Masjid Al-Shareef; Woman ~ Dr. Billie Jo Moore, SCI Buddhist Community; Man ~ Rev. Mark Pettis, Manhattan Beach Community Church; Youth ~ Aliyah Shaikh, Community Organizer-Jobs to Move America; and Gerda Seifer, Temple Israel of Long Beach! The SCIC is grateful for Gerda's commitment to sharing her story of persecution and resilience ... "inspiring others towards love and community." There will also be a special recognition of Jun Andrew Rose, Certified Nurse Attendant and COVID Hero "for her selfless sacrifice and dedication to outstanding patient care."

Let's celebrate Gerda's honor together by registering to attend on ZOOM: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/</u> <u>tZ0rdemoqjkrHdzjMCdhadvHQ2oEp3XpbBOM</u>. You may also register on the SCIC website: <u>https://www.scinterfaith.org</u> or on our Facebook page. If you wish, you may make a tribute in her honor by emailing <u>Office@scinterfaith.org</u>.

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