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# Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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## CREATING PRAYER, SONG AND SACRED PLACE

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm  
January 11, 18, and 25  
(In person only)

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Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
Beginning January 12  
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Generously sponsored by Rob and Debbie Feldman

Friday at 7:00 pm  
January 28

Join us for this jazz-infused musical Service  
Led by Kendra Cogert and  
The Shabbatones

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# TOT SHABBAT

**Friday, January 28 at 6:00 pm**  
with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper  
at Temple Israel



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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# SHABBAT SERVICES

## Friday, January 7

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service (at Westerly School)  
(Zoom and Facebook Live)

## Saturday, January 8

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Shupper

## Friday, January 14

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

## Saturday, January 15

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Max Engerman

## Friday, January 21

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday, January 22

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

## Friday, January 28

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat  
7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

## Saturday, January 29

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Heather Axel

**Friday Evening Services and  
Shabbat Morning Services  
available to stream from our website**

<https://www.tilb.org/temple-israel-livestream/>

**Torah Study available via Zoom**

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

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BALANCE/PATIENCE

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



One of the issues that I have learned about now more than ever is the need for balance and the need for patience. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders (including executive committee, board members, committee chairs, and even committee members) are all working very hard at their volunteer work at TI, as well as with their work, families, or a plethora of retirement activities. It is so easy to work almost 24/7, given all the remote ways that we can work and

communicate.

A huge topic in so many professions is that of burn-out. Doctors, clergy, executive directors, teachers, postal workers (!) all grapple with burn-out and finding balance between self-care, while at the same time excelling at their work. Two of the biggest issues to fight burn-out are an organized, friendly work environment, but also in finding balance between work life and life outside of work. Realizing that it is okay to stop working and separate, as well as being allowed to do so, is so important. Family, hobbies, exercise, or just rest/down time are needed to recharge. The better the self-care, the better one will be able to perform at a high level and enjoy their profession.

We need to look at our professionals, our lay leaders, and our loved ones, and allow them regular time to refresh and renew in whatever way works for them. This should not be a sometimes thing, but a regular value built into our daily schedules so we can be the best that we are able. We need to encourage this. We need to prevent burn-out and look for signs of it at an early stage.

I think that emails are a blessing and a curse. They have made it so much easier to communicate. They can be overwhelming though even if all the junk is filtered out. It is difficult to make time every day to go through them all, to read and prioritize, let alone respond. Even more difficult is the time needed to respond thoughtfully. All the other activities of one's job need to be completed, as well as personal life activities... and the emails just keep coming. If emails weren't enough, texting is added to the fray and one begins to wonder when sleep gets worked into the day.

As we struggle for balance in general, the added convenience and burden of these communication tools add another layer that was not here 25 or more years ago. I would ask everyone to look at our clergy, staff, leaders, fellow congregants, and loved ones, and be patient when an email is sent but not answered quickly. The recipient has likely read it, is thinking about it, and maybe even be wanting to talk to others before responding.

Let's support each other in the effort to find balance as we strive to be the best we can be and avoid the downfalls of burn out. Also please have patience with the realization of the multitude of responsibilities and expectations we all have during any given day. As always, please send comments to [president@tilb.org](mailto:president@tilb.org).

KOL HANESHAMA: SOULFUL MUSICAL SHABBAT

Friday, January 14 at 7:00 pm



Our clergy with congregant Bill Shafton and David York will lead us as we celebrate Shabbat Shira and the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Musical Arrangements will be sung by our amazing Adult Choir.



TEMPLE ISRAEL, JEWISH LONG BEACH & ALPERT JCC PRESENT

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Shabbat & Luncheon

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Upcoming Dates:

Jan 22

Feb 26

March 19

May 14

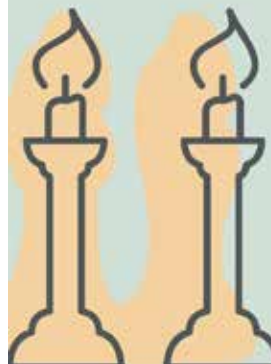
Free to our Senior Community!

Brief Shabbat Morning Service: 10:30 AM

Followed by Kosher Luncheon and

Entertainment

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## FINDING INSPIRATION TO LEARN "NEW TRICKS"

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



I am going through a major transition in my life which has me pondering, “can you really teach an old dog new tricks?” Well, according to Mythbusters (episode 74, March 14, 2007) you can! But somehow, as fun and as interesting as the episode was (almost as fun as one in which they try to herd cats) it wasn’t that comforting, since I am not, in fact, an old dog.

So, as any Ritual Practice VP should do, I looked to our texts. The Torah is full of people undergoing transitions and challenges; many happening late in life and not all happening by choice. Abraham was told to pick and leave his home for a new land. Sarah became a mother at an age most women would be great-grandmothers. Moses had to leave his bucolic life to rescue the Israelites from Egypt. Miriam grows up to be a prophet and leader of women. But while inspiring, the Biblical transitions are much grander in scale than my own “looking for a new job” situation.

While I was still mulling this over, I attended the Adult B’nai Mitzvah service on December 10, here at Temple Israel. It was a truly beautiful service, with each participant leading a prayer, speaking from the heart, and reading from the Torah. In the middle of the service, I realized that I had found my inspiration.

Here were a group of adults who are learned and confident in their fields, who decided to learn something new. And not only did they learn something new, but they learned it in a new language. And if that wasn’t challenging enough, after years of study, they stood before their loved ones, friends, and strangers to lead us in prayer. They each spoke very movingly about how their Torah portion related to their lives.

Brené Brown says that vulnerability is made up of uncertainty, risk, and emotional exposure. This definitely describes how I’m feeling as I contemplate the next phase of my life. But with the example of Jill, Kim, Morgan, Darrin, Rachel, Lydia, and Harriett, I’m inspired and encouraged as I push forward.



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS: MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

By Joanne Levy, Chair Foundational Statements Task Force

I am incredibly pleased and proud to announce that Temple Israel has new Foundational Statements! After 18 months of work, by an incredible task force, the Board of Directors approved the proposed Foundational Statements at the December board meeting.

### So, what are Foundational Statements and why are they important?

Every organization needs to define who they are and what their purpose is; their goals, and the core values that guide its members and leaders.

Foundational Statements are more commonly referred to as the Mission, Vision and Values and, for us, are defined as follows:

The **mission statement** is a clear, concise and powerful statement that expresses the reason why we exist or our sacred purpose. With memorable language, it inspires our congregants to support and participate in our community and what we do.

The **vision statement** describes what we will look like when we are living our sacred purpose or mission. Highlighting our hopes and ambitions for the future of our synagogue and congregation, our vision is designed to inspire an imagined future state and assist in the direction of our new strategic plan.

The **values statement** represents our deeply held core beliefs, the higher purpose connected to our mission. Values guide the choices members and leaders make in how we behave and treat others, and in decisions we make as we forward.

For us, as a synagogue, these Foundational Statements not only tell the outside world about who we are and why they might want to be a part of our community but provide a framework for our programming and how expenditures are determined. They are a constant reminder of the values we hold dear and how we interact with each other.

Further, our Foundational Statements reflect this specific moment in time. We used the most recent Mission and Vision Statements, written in 2012, as a starting point. Building on our history and work done by our predecessors, we incorporated the input and suggestions from the many focus groups convened during our rabbinic transition period in 2019. In addition, we compared our ideas with the Foundational Statements of other Reform synagogues.

Much has changed since our last statements were written in 2012. Our congregation is far more diverse, we have been through some tumultuous years, and have embarked on an exciting time with new leadership, a new Rabbi and Cantor! We are also in the process of defining how we will operate as we reopen our building after almost 2 years and are preparing to begin new strategic planning. The timing is perfect for adopting these new statements!



# FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS



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I am incredibly grateful to the task force that worked on this project. My Co-Chair, Laurie Arroyo and I, intentionally gathered a task force to represent the diversity of our Temple community in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation; we included Jews by choice, interfaith families, long-time members, some new to our Temple, clergy and staff. Our committee included members of the Membership, Social Action, and Ritual Practices Committees, and our ANDI Youth Group.

We created a document that is interdependent. In other words, each part can stand alone, but intentionally belongs together.

### **My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to:**

Laurie Arroyo for being my partner and sounding board for the past few years. We were blessed to be guided by the knowledge and wisdom of our Director of Education & Congregational Engagement, Sharon Amster Brown, and Rabbi Scott Fox.

And to the best task force imaginable:

Brandon Brown, Marielli Cardona-Rivera, Jared Goldin, Danny Levy, Justin Perlman, David Sacks, and Sheri Sinaga.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES STATEMENT

**Our mission and vision are inspired by the story of creation and our responsibility as the Jewish People to the ongoing repair of the world.**

The world began with a single spark. A beam of light emanated from a pinpoint in the very center of the hollow, empty space created by the contraction of the infinite. The universe was awakened. From those first moments of existence, continuing to spread, the light was placed in a single vessel. The act of creation in our Torah is one of fashioning order by recognizing, assembling, and arranging the substance of the universe. The story we are told is that the vessel was unable to contain the continually expanding light, all of the beauty in our world. In a giant explosion, it broke open, and the sparks and shards were flung near and far to the corners of our world.

Our task, then, is to make our way around this world and collect these sparks.

### **Our Mission**

Guided by Reform Jewish values, our mission is to engage in a journey of prayer, learning, and community that inspires us to transform ourselves and the world.

### **Our Vision**

As a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation, we are committed to being:

- Welcoming - accepting, diverse, inclusive, and accessible;
- Traditional and Relevant - honoring the past, embracing the present, and envisioning the future;
- Connected - creating opportunities to support and be supported, to build strong relationships, and to grow;

- Compassionate - engaging in and repairing the world in which we live;
- Sustainable - securing our future through a strong foundation of finance and inspired leadership.

### **Our Values**

We hold these core values as sacred in every initiative and interaction.

**Kehillat Chesed** - We foster a community that is inclusive and welcoming. We embrace diversity in its many forms through acts of loving-kindness and take pride in sharing Jewish celebrations, life events, and traditions together. *L'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation, we embark on this spiritual journey.

**Talmud Torah** - We are committed to life-long Jewish learning as a way of connecting to our past, present, and future. Our Torah Center program focuses on creating memorable moments for children of all ages and prioritizes quality experiences and meaningful relationships. Our Joys of Jewish Learning program provides learning opportunities for adults at all stages of their Jewish journey and strives to facilitate connections between learners based on a mutual love of community and the wisdom of Torah and Jewish tradition.

**Tikkun** - We are both commanded and moved to build, nourish and repair ourselves, our congregation, our Long Beach neighborhoods and partnerships, the greater Jewish community, and the world around us. We engage in Tikkun Atzmi (repair of the body and soul) through worship opportunities and study groups, understanding that personal growth forms the basis for community action. With a view towards Tzedek (justice) and our concern for the world we will leave to future generations, we embrace Tikkun Olam (repair of the world).

**These values are expressions of and bring us to a life of Kedusha (holiness) - one leading to the other; kindness to repair.**





**NEW SISTERHOOD BOARD MEMBER  
DEB KAPLAN-WYCKOFF**



Deb Kaplan-Wyckoff attended Temple Israel before kindergarten and has memories of attending events for children in the social hall during the High Holy Days. She was bat mitzvah and confirmed under Rabbi Wolli Kaelter and, while her confirmation class made things miserable for the rabbi, she later developed a fondness for him.

After attending UCLA, Deb worked as a VISTA Volunteer in Mississippi at a state psychiatric hospital. She later met her husband, Frank Wyckoff, when she worked as an Assistant Field Director with the Red Cross at Camp Pendleton, where he was an officer. They later married, lived in Long Beach, and joined Temple Israel. Deb worked as a technical trainer at Unisys and Frank taught ROTC at CSULB.

In the early 1990s, they moved to the Washington, DC area. Deb was recruited by Marine Corps Community Services to train users of a new merchandising system being installed at locations world-wide. Later as lead of the implementation team and senior training instructor, she wrote curriculum and trained hundreds of users of computer systems for a wide range of facilities.

Deb and Frank moved back to the Long Beach area five years ago to be closer to her mother Harriette, and Harriette's partner, Frank Weinberger. They rejoined Temple Israel and loved how welcoming and warm the congregation was. She became active in Sisterhood and NCJW, where she served as VP of Community Service. This is Deb's first time as a member of the Board of Sisterhood, where she is following in her mother's long history of involvement.

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)

**THE SISTERHOOD  
GIFT SHOP**

**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**

**Let's Do Lunch**



**Wednesday, January 19  
at 11:30 am**

**Taco Surf - on patio**  
10542 Los Alamitos Blvd,  
Los Alamitos CA, 90720

**Please RSVP by  
January 11 to Charmaine**  
[clw@tilb.org](mailto:clw@tilb.org)

**CHUTZPAH & SALSA:**

*A Live Theatrical Performance by The Braid  
(formerly Jewish Women's Theater)*

**Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 pm (In person only)**  
in partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning



The immigrant story you don't know and won't see anywhere else! Stories, poems, and songs written by Latin Jews reveal funny, poignant, and pivotal moments in their lives. One 14-year-old girl learns the lesson of social justice when her actions help a close family member "surface" in Argentina after she has "disappeared" during the Dirty War. A Sephardic Jewish woman from Mexico City can't understand why she's such an oddity in a small town in Oregon. A convert from Cuba is moved when members of her shul help to arrange a Catholic funeral for her beloved mother. These and other stories will move you and make you laugh. A winner for all!

**WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH  
Discussion and Q&A**

**Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 pm**  
(Zoom Link will be emailed out)



**Learn about Women's Heart Health  
with Dr. Elvis Cami,**  
*Medical Director of Advanced Cardiac  
Imaging at the MemorialCare Heart  
& Vascular Institute at  
Long Beach Medical Center*



### SOCIAL ACTION 2021 IN REVIEW

By Paul Levitt, *Social Action Committee Chair*

As the secular new year begins, now is a good time to furnish a report of the actions and activities that the Social Action Committee was engaged in during 2021.

**Organizations benefiting from congregational donations of either time, money or goods:** Catholic Outreach in Action, Care Closet, CityHeart, DAYS Long Beach, East Village Food Bank, Grey Panthers, Habitat for Humanity, Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion, Long Beach Community Table, Long Beach Community College Viking Food Pantry, JFCS Food Pantry, St Luke's Episcopal Church, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, We Care, Wrap the Kids

**Events that took place in 2021 via Zoom, at Temple Israel, or in the Long Beach Community:**

- A ceremonial wall raising ceremony was conducted at the 14th Pine/Pacific Habitat for Humanity Long Beach site
- A Workers' Justice Seder was held in conjunction with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, and South Coast Interfaith Council featuring Rabbi Scott Fox and Cantor Sara Hass from Temple Israel, Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels from Temple Beth Shir Shalom in Santa Monica, and Rabbi Cassi Kail from Temple Beth El in San Pedro. Representatives from the Long Beach Port truck drivers and Kroger grocery employees discussed the issues facing them and others in their professions
- The committee helped host the Lapid Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence featuring Rabbi Lee Bycel, which focused on refugees in America. Committee members provided handouts with opportunities for action by participants to compliment the issues presented in the study session and discussion
- Some 30 Temple Israel members and friends marched behind a Temple Israel banner at the Women's Reproductive Rights March held in downtown Long Beach
- Several drive-by, drop-off drives were held during 2021. The High Holy Days Food Drive netted about 250 bags of food picked up by JFCS Food Pantry and Long Beach City College Viking Food Pantry
- 75 hygiene kits were assembled and delivered to We Care and CityHeart, while the cold weather clothing went to the Grey Panthers specifically to assist senior citizens
- A Hanukkah presentation was given to congregants at the Los Altos United Methodist Church featuring reading of the Hanukkah story, the history and meaning of the menorah and dreidel, live music, sing-alongs, and fresh latkes

### Opportunities for congregational engagement

And finally, a Social Action section has been added to the congregational emails published on Mondays to post opportunities for individual actions by congregants.

Thanks to all, including committee members, volunteers, congregants, TI staff and clergy, who donated time, money or goods to make the events of 2021 so successful.

**With your support, 2022 will be another engaging year of Social Action at Temple Israel.**

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

By Jeremy Rosen



These next few months, my entry will be dedicated to a person who has singularly shaped my journey here in Israel. The timing is only fitting since I am writing close to our two-year anniversary together. Etay Hiba is the man who captured my heart. Unfortunately, I cannot gossip here with juicy stories of the Tel Avivian dating world (well I could from many second-hand stories), because my arrival at his doorstep was not so long

after my own arrival in Israel. I can, however, intimate a love story between one American and one Israeli, and to describe, in the general sense, who is the Israeli partner.

Who is he? Well to begin with, his family is itself a product of a cross-cultural love, between an Ashkenazi heiress and a Mizrahi refugee from Iraq. His mother is the daughter to the town-founder (of a suburb north of Haifa), diplomat, and Nobel Prize nominee. His father fled Iraq during the expulsion of the Jews from the Arab world after Israel's independence and landed here knowing only Arabic. In those days, the idea of intermarriage was especially taboo, as the sabra Ashkenazim were not so welcoming to the Mizrahi and Sephardic newcomers. His paternal grandfather initially disapproved of the union, saying that the civilized Ashkenazim should not marry with the barbaric Mizrachim. After an infamous game of chess, Etay's grandfather, about to be checkmated, flung the board across the room, and, embarrassed by his own lack of civilizing grace, was forced to acquiesce and approve the relationship. (Today, over 25% of Israeli children are born in mixed households.) Together, Miriam and Moshiko raised a religious family of five (of which Etay is the youngest), and rose to lead prestigious careers at Machon Raphael, a defense technology contractor for the IDF.

Our own journey together began in front of the lion statue, where I was standing. Down the alley came running this man, who invited me in for a coffee. Entering the apartment, with him standing on the inside of the door, and me not yet entered, he turned around and hugged me. It was a hug of reassurance and of seeing to this kidnapped tourist. From there I stepped over the doorsill. Looking around the flat, it was clearly the flat of a bachelor, well cleaned but with some clothes strewn in corners on the floor. Proudly, as the centerpiece of the living room, stood a white piano. On the wall were many photos of him, his sister, and her children. There were also a few of him and a couple exes. The bookshelf was crammed full of work papers. In the corner, yoga mats were rolled-up. In the kitchen, coffee was served from a Chemex glass pour-over. Piled were cookbooks of many different cuisines. It could be said the two halves of his upbringing came together so as to allow his history to repeat itself, and here in this apartment, were the building blocks to allow that journey to begin.



## THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



**ELIJAH SHUPPER**  
January 8, 2021

Hello! My name is Elijah Shupper and I'm becoming a Bar Mitzvah on January 8th, 2022. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Irvine Hebrew Day School in Santa Ana, where I started in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. My favorite subject in school is the reading part of English class. In my freetime I love to read books, play with my sister and my dog, and hang out with my friends. We play basketball every day at lunch.

In the summer, I love to go to Jewish sleepaway camp which is why my Bar Mitzvah party theme is Camp Elijah! I've been going to Camp Hess Kramer since I was 9. I always make new friends and we do a ton of fun activities together like mountain biking, gaga, and color wars game day. Next summer I hope to go for a full month.

My Mitzvah Project has been volunteering at the Alpert JCC. I recently got to work as the cashier for the JCC book fair which was fun for me and it felt good to be helpful in the community. My grandparents, Chana and Glenn Ham-Rosebrock, joined Temple Israel in 1974, and my mom, uncle and aunt became b'nai mitzvot here in the 1990's. I've been part of the congregation my whole life and I've loved every teacher I've had at Temple Israel. I'm really looking forward to this special day when I get to lead the service. Thank you to everyone who will celebrate with me.



**MAX ENGERMAN**  
January 15, 2021

My name is Max Engerman and I'm going to become a bar mitzvah on January 15, 2022. I go to Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos and am presently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I have been going to Torah Center since second grade, when we moved here from Santa Monica, and I want to continue going to Torah Center at least until I graduate high school. About four years ago, my family and I adopted our first rescue dog, a Spaniel mix. Her name is Pepper

and she is the best dog we have ever had; she loves to play with us and shows us her love every day.

Some more about me: I enjoy playing video games (especially Fortnite) with my friends and playing soccer. I have been on teams that have won championships as well as teams that have not won a single game. Regardless, I had fun, improved my skills, and made new friends. I also really like to lead. That is why I joined the Leadership class at my school. In Leadership, I get to work with my classmates to make posters to promote school functions and to hype-up the students for the events that we put on.

For my Mitzvah Project, I have been donating my time to tutor kids who are struggling with math. There are many students who need help keeping up and staying on track. Math is a subject in which kids can fall behind quickly and feel overwhelmed. I also teach the kids good study habits and take my time to ensure they understand the process. I love math and enjoy being able to assist others overcome their challenges. By helping and encouraging kids, my hope is that they will no longer feel frustrated and that math will become fun for them, or at least less not fun.

Finally, I like to tell jokes and make people laugh. I'll end with this one: Why did the skeleton go to temple?



**HEATHER AXEL**  
January 29, 2021

Hi! My name is Heather Axel and I'm becoming a Bat Mitzvah on January 29, 2022. I have been attending classes at Temple Israel since kindergarten. I'm currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Oak Middle School. I enjoy Broadway, and finally got the chance to see Hamilton, my favorite Broadway show, in Los Angeles, in December. I am currently learning piano and have been for 8 years.

For my Mitzvah Project I am making blankets for dogs and cats, toys for cats, and treats for small animals at OC Animal Care. I love all animals and wanted to help them. I have a dog of my own and he means everything to me. I wanted to do whatever I could to help other animals find a loving family and a warm home. I decided to help out at OC Animal Care. OC Animal Care takes in thousands of dogs, cats, bunnies and other pets each year! In addition to the daily feed, shelter and medical care provided to each pet at their shelter, OC Animal Care strives to be proactive in placing pets by offering monthly adoption events. Please help me with my Mitzvah Project by donating to my GoFundMe page.

<https://gofund.me/177cae91>

Thank you to everyone who has supported me along my journey to become a bat mitzvah.





## FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERS



### The Nehorai Family

The Nehorais are delighted to join Temple Israel! They moved here from Brooklyn in August of 2020. They have three kids (ages 10, 8, and 5) who attend Irvine Hebrew Day School.

Rivka is a painter and an art educator. Her website is [www.rivka.gallery](http://www.rivka.gallery). Elad is a writer, activist, and, by day, a marketer. His website is [eladnehorai.com](http://eladnehorai.com).

The Nehorais were previously part of an Orthodox community in Brooklyn. For many reasons, they have gone post-denominational and are interested in building community with those outside of the Orthodox world as well.

They have been particularly impressed by how accepting Temple Israel congregants have been, and we're drawn to the thoughtfulness and strong values of so many of the Temple Israel congregants they have met. They look forward to building with Temple Israel in the coming year.

## Temple Israel Welcomes New Members

**James and Barbara Kahn**  
**Kevin Giser and Emma Rees**



Leon Neumann and Janice Wood on the birth of their grandson Luca Feivel Neumann born on December 15, 2021 weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces and 19 inches in length.



**ETHAN  
BARNHART ROSS**

Temple teen activities this month have been great! Many teens attended the Silent Disco event on December 10th at Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills and danced to their favorite songs together. Teens from all over SOCAL came together for this event, and it was a blast. Our own ANDI Board helped with some of the programming for the event. There was also the equally successful 9th field trip to Algalita Marine Research and Education, with the mission to fundamentally shift our way of thinking on land and empower young people to think critically, demand action, and be agents for change. The 9th graders met at Seal Beach to learn about plastic pollution in the ocean and participated in a scientific study. Over 20 of our Temple Israel teens will be joining teens from all over SOCAL on January 7-9 for an in-person weekend retreat in Orange County. A big thank you to the Temple Israel Sisterhood and Orange County Jewish Foundation who provided funds, so that our teens could attend for free or at a very reduced cost. We can't wait! Our Madrichim have been doing very well in the classrooms. All 40 of them are working very hard in classes to assist teachers and help students.

## MEDITATIVE MORNING MINYAN EXPERIENCE WITH BILL SHAFTON

**Thursdays at 7:30 am**



Join Bill Shafton via Zoom for a meditative, musical morning minyan prayer experience. 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**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8a6hk3>

**CREATING PRAYER, SONG,  
AND SACRED SPACE**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (In person only)**

**March 8, 15, 22**

Teachers: Linda Keiles and Bill Shafton

Join Linda Keiles and Bill Shafton, as we take an innovative dive into the liturgy, using it as inspiration to create our own prayers, music, and ultimately, our own **Shabbat service on January 28<sup>th</sup>**. In our three sessions, we'll use different forms of expression (including personal essays, poetry, song, and more) to explore the blessings of our heritage and create our own expression of prayer and Torah. No experience necessary; each one of us has something meaningful to say.



**INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM  
WITH RABBI FOX**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (In person only)**

**January 12 - May 4**

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.

**Cost: \$200 plus the cost of text books**



**DEMOGRAPHY AND DIVERSITY:  
WHO ARE THE JEWS OF 2022?**

**Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)**

Teacher: Professor Ari Kelman



The 2021 Pew Center's survey of American Jews offers a snapshot of American Jewish life as we enter the third decade of the 21st century. Who are America's Jews and how do we count them? What do they say they do and what do they say they believe? How do they understand their connections to Jewish community and tradition? What experiences do they share and where can we see divergences within American Jewish life? Join Professor Ari Y Kelman, who served on the survey's advisory committee, for a wide-ranging discussion about what we know - and what we don't yet know -- about American Jews in 2022.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87818524124>

**ISRAELI CURRENT EVENTS  
WITH DANNY EHRLICH**

**Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30 am (Zoom Only)**

Understanding the Israeli Political System: What does right & left mean in Israeli politics? Are we seeing the emergence of new social/political partnerships which transcend older ideological lines?

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041414315>



**Danny Ehrlich** was the Founding Director of the Tehilla Aliyah movement and Director of Yeshiva University's Communal Services and of the Bnei Akiva Zionist Youth Movement. Since making aliyah, Danny has been the editor of the Amiel Publications Project and worked for the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers, while serving the Jewish community of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles as Cantor. As a noted Holocaust Educator, Danny leads Keshet groups in Poland and other parts of Europe. He has Master's Degrees in Community Social Work and Jewish History. As a licensed Tour Guide and pioneer in Jewish-Christian relations, Danny has served as Israel Tour Educator for a wide variety of Jewish and Christian groups, and he appears as guest speaker and scholar in residence at churches and synagogues all over the world.

Please RSVP for all JIL Programs to Charmaine clw@tilb.org



**Drop-In Arts And Crafts Clatch**

**Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm  
(In-person Only)**

Teacher: Eve Lunt,

*Temple Israel congregant and Torah Center Art Specialist*

Calling all creatives! Come to the Art Room for some adult arts and crafting time. There will be an organized project each month, but you are welcome to bring whatever you are working on to share your knowledge with the group. Our goal is to inspire each other in a supportive and creative way.



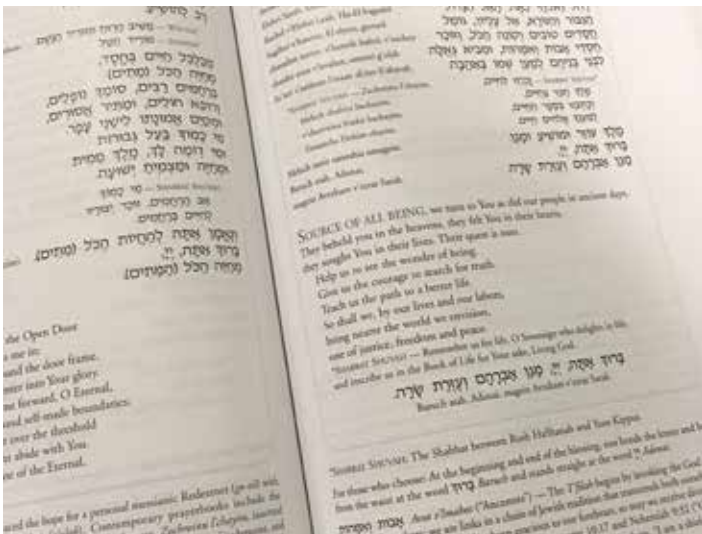
**INTERMEDIATE HEBREW**

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm (in person only)  
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23**

Teacher: Janet Liss

This six-week class is for people who want to learn in a fun and encouraging environment some basic blessings that we use often, as well as a standard prayer recited at every service. Prayers will depend on who enrolls in the class and interest level for specific prayers. We will look at the meaning of the prayers, as well as learning the Hebrew.

**Cost: \$80, including learning materials**



**COMING HOME:  
AN EDUCATIONAL CONCERT  
AND HAVDALAH  
WITH CANTOR COOPER**

**Saturday, January 29 at 7:00 pm  
(In person and Livestream)**

In this educational concert, we will explore songs about coming home, coming together, and ways in which we can make the world, our home, a better place. It will feature songs based on our sacred texts. Join me as we explore melodies, both old and new, together.

**HOME COOKING AND CROWD PLEASERS:**

*Soft Pretzels and Cinnamon Rolls*

**Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 pm (In person)  
at home of Justin Rudd (address upon RSVP)**

Teacher: Justin Rudd

In this delicious session, Justin will take participants through the steps of soft, gooey cinnamon rolls with a cream cheese frosting (like at Cinnabon!), and soft pretzels (like at Wetzel's!). Don't miss this very tasty and sweet evening in the kitchen! Bring a bottle of wine to share, if you'd like!

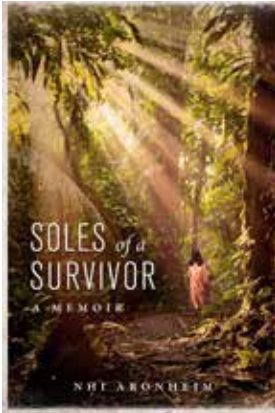


## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Discussing

*Soles of a Survivor: A Memoir* by Nhi Aronheim

Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm



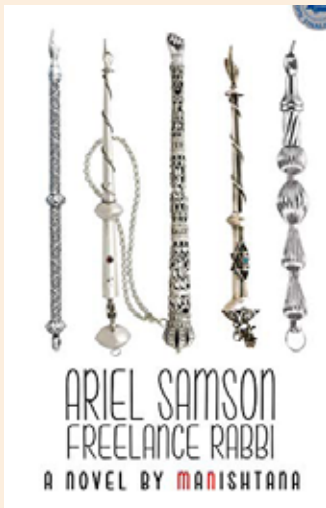
*Soles of a Survivor* isn't just another inspirational survival story. It's about the lessons Nhi learned about humanity, diversity, and unconditional love since arriving in the United States. She now has a deeper appreciation for the parallels between the Jewish and Vietnamese cultures, and others. After she met her Jewish beau, they got married. She eventually converted to Judaism, though the process was challenging for an Asian woman adopted into a Christian household. Her story

shows it matters less what religion we're part of, as long as we radiate goodness to those we meet. Now she relishes being a Vietnamese Jew.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285748108>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am



The Social Justice Book Group began in 2020 with a presentation by a local African American minister in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the explosion of related (including Jewish and Latinx) social/legal justice activities and literature, much of it focused on presenting a more objective and fact-based American history. The Group selects, reads (in increments), and discusses books about these events, with a focus (similar to how many reform Jewish scholars study Torah)

on how the issues confronted by these books impact us and what responsibility we might have, and how to address them in our own lives.

Currently reading *Ariel Samson, Freelance Rabbi* by MaNishtana

To participate, email Jared Goldin

[jalangoldin@gmail.com](mailto:jalangoldin@gmail.com)

## SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS

**A Conversation with MLK, Gandhi, Malcolm X and Daisaku Ikeda**

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

You will not want to miss SCIC's 30th MLK Celebration on **Sunday, January 16 from 3-5 pm** when you will be able to ZOOM in on an interfaith discussion as if Dr. King, Gandhi, Malcolm X and Dr. Ikeda were all in the room! Interspersed will be musical numbers from Pacific Unitarian Universalist Church and Joshua Silverstein (<https://thejoshuasilverstein.com/>), an award-winning actor, comic, writer, beatboxer and educator, named by Jewish News Service as "one of the best beatboxers in the world" who has collaborated with artists like Slash from Guns and Roses.

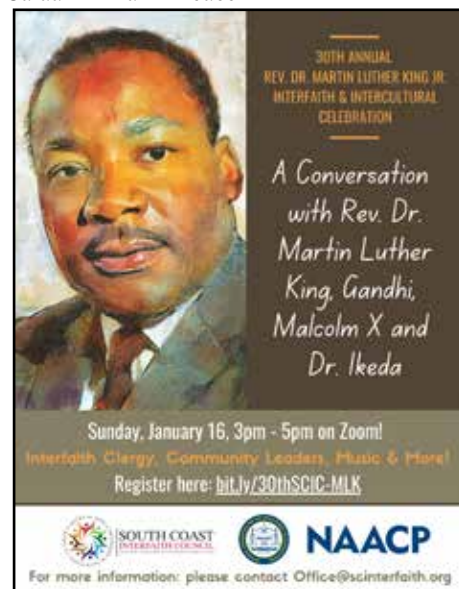
Joshua frequently performs for The Late Late Show with James Corden on Drop The Mic and the stand-alone, half-hour TNT/TBS series by the same name. His solo show, "The Joshua Silverstein Show," received rave reviews during its preview at Greenway Court Theater in Los Angeles and when it ran at the Bootleg Theater in Los Angeles where he was accompanied by a three-piece band while interweaving personal narratives of race and gender in America. Using pantomime, beatboxing, rapping, and spoken word, Joshua created a show that continues to "inspire, challenge, provoke and motivate."

An educator, Joshua has facilitated theater, improvisation and spoken word workshops, as well as in-school residencies designed to create a safe and open space where students of all ages engage in the freedom of creative expression. He also co-hosts/co-produces Emmy award-winning Downbeat 720, a high school open-mic.

Joshua is an original member of Norman Lear's DECLARE YOURSELF ROAD TRIP SHOW, a 3-year spoken-word/musical performance tour encouraging Americans to register and vote.

You can register for this special MLK Celebration by going to [bit.ly/30thSCIC-MLK](http://bit.ly/30thSCIC-MLK). And for more information, email [office@scinterfaith.org](mailto:office@scinterfaith.org).

Shalom ~ Salaam ~ Paz ~ Peace





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Jean Feldman  
Ronald and Sylvia Hartman  
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# Yahrzeit Observance

## "Zecher Tzadik Livracha"

*The memory of the righteous are a blessing*



### January 5-11

Laurette Abraham \*  
 Maurice J. Abramson \*  
 Evelyn Ackerman  
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 Ann Rabenn Bursak \*  
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 Rosine Harlot  
 Fagel Herbstman  
 Cheryl Ito  
 Rabbi Wolli Kaelter \*  
 Jack Kaiser  
 Ruth Katz  
 Lena Klubock  
 Hannah Pearl Kogan  
 Miriam Lazzar \*  
 Donald Leff \*  
 Marilyn Sue Leff \*  
 Gwen Levey  
 Rose Levin \*  
 Roy Lurie  
 Julia Celia Moreno  
 Sherman Moreno  
 Sanford Mosenson  
 Lillian Schoen Newman  
 Isaac Pieser \*  
 Charles Plotkin  
 Libbie Rabenn \*  
 Lynn Raphael  
 Sonia Richman  
 Lewis H Roth  
 Ben Rubin  
 Zachary Clark Ruchames  
 Min Sachs  
 Burton Schild \*  
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 Fannie Schumow  
 Jennie Schumow  
 Bernard Senzel \*  
 Sidney Sharzer  
 Adolph Shiman  
 Jack Spiegel

Kate Stein  
 Bernard Trattner \*  
 Mendel Turner  
 Sidney Weinberg \*  
 Hassia Weiner  
 Menchim Mendel Z'vi Watz \*

### January 12-18

George Albert \*  
 Herman Alevy \*  
 Adolf Aron \*  
 Rabbi Irving Axel  
 Harold Bernstein  
 Irving Blatt  
 Lena Butler  
 Edward Cameron  
 Malka Chester \*  
 Max Dworkin \*  
 Steven Eagle  
 Ted Ellis  
 Jack Friedman \*  
 Rosa Glaser  
 Joan Gordon  
 Don Gordon  
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 Anna Reed \*  
 Maurice Rogers \*  
 Roberta Rosenbloom \*  
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 Ines Sassoon  
 Charles Savitz \*  
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 Arlene Solomon \*  
 Ida Spiegel  
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 Michael J. Strok  
 Milton Winnik \*  
 Max Wisotsky  
 Melvin Witkin  
 Sara Zimmerman

### January 19-25

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 William Brodsky  
 Peggy Brown  
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 Sam Cardenas  
 Ella Cohn \*  
 Jennie Crystal \*  
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 Robert Kaller \*  
 Betsy Kanarek  
 Julius Lederer \*  
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 Jacob Locks \*  
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### January 26 - Feb. 1

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 Clifford Bleich  
 Shirley Blumberg  
 Cathenia Kinslow Briggs  
 Graciela Cardenas  
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 Shirlee Collins  
 Maurice Mark Davis  
 Margie Edelman  
 Herbert Frank Feibleman  
 Rabbi Norman Frank Feldheym  
 George Feldman \*  
 Ruth Gordon  
 Arylene Hope Grant  
 Frances Gross  
 Dwight Jaffe  
 Margaret Josephson  
 Julia Kelen  
 Max Levin  
 Michael Levy  
 Sylvia Kurtz Lewis  
 Sara Mosk \*  
 Judy Namak  
 Fred Neuburger \*  
 Lois Present  
 Murray Saltzman  
 Shirley Schnee  
 Edith Kadison Schneider \*  
 Rose Silverman  
 Norman Slomann  
 Harold Spellens \*  
 Dan Spellens \*  
 Harry Stenge \*  
 Helen Perkins Strok  
 Joseph Webster  
 Stanley Weinstein  
 Hyman Wisotsky  
 Bill Wood

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





# 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 Scott Fox**  
*Tzedakah projects at the Rabbi's discretion*
- Cantor Kelly Cooper**  
*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*
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*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*
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*Funds Torah Center projects*
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*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  
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*Please make checks payable to TI Foundation*

- Temple Israel Preservation Fund (TIP Fund)**  
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- The Speizer Youth Development**  
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*In support of Jewish camping, Israel experiences, and other informal Jewish educational programs*

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*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

Reva & Seymour Alban in loving memory of Reva's father, Otto Steinberg.  
Cindy & David Arana in memory of Leo Jacobs, beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather.  
Carol Beckerman in loving memory of her sister-in-law, Lori Small Beckerman.  
Christina & Kip Boatwright in loving memory of Christina's father, Leo Flores Sr.  
Falina & Saul Budeshtsky in loving memory of Falina's father, Boris Tsipkis.  
Saul & Falina Budeshtsky in loving memory of Saul's mother, Gita Budeshtsky.  
Elaine Davis in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Hannah Malin.  
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Lyn & Joel Epstein in loving memory of Lyn's grandmother, Sadye Angel Eisenberg.  
Lidia Fahlk in loving memory of her dad, Alfred Neumann.  
Linda C. Fox in loving memory of her mother, Miriam Yuter Chodos.  
Lea & Dennis Gerber in loving memory of Lea's father, Zev Hausknecht.  
Marvin Glickman in loving memory of his mother, Minnie Glickman.  
Anne Gundry & David Hillinger in loving memory of Anne's mother, Cherry Gundry.  
Tari & Alain Hirsch in loving memory of Tari's uncle, Donald Eisner.  
Jerry & Joanne Levy in loving memory of Jerry's grandfather, Gilbert Katz.  
Joanne & Jerry Levy in loving memory of Joanne's close friend, Randi Carp.  
Jerry & Joanne Levy in loving memory of Jerry's grandmother, Ida Katz Haith.  
Joanne & Jerry Levy in loving memory of Joanne's mother, Shirley Schnee.  
Jerry & Joanne Levy in loving memory of Jerry's grandfather, Michael Levy.  
Thomas & Gail Levy in loving memory of Thomas's mother, Dorothy Charlotte Levy.  
Margaret Locke & Bill Giser in loving memory of Margaret's father, Robert Locke.  
Eva & Harry Lowenstein in loving memory of Eva's mother, Amalia Apel.  
Carol Masters in loving memory of her mother, Sadie Dover.  
Carol Masters in loving memory of her father-in-law, Al Masters.  
Daryl & Sandy Phillips in loving memory of Daryl's father, Ted Phillips.  
Daryl & Sandy Phillips in loving memory of Daryl's aunt, Flora Spellens.  
Daryl & Sandy Phillips in loving memory of Daryl's grandmother, Fannie Phillips.  
Ruth & Al Rudis in loving memory of Ruth's father, John Edelstein.  
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Libby Wilson in loving memory of her father, Max Fleischer.  
Barbara Wolfe in loving memory of her husband, Harry Wolfe.  
Ed Zwieback & Mona Panitz in loving memory of Ed's father, Louis Zwieback.

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Binnie & Jack Berro welcoming the arrival of Robert Craig Alban Seislove, grandson of Bob & Jeannie Alban.  
Judy Glantz in honor of Stacey Glantz.  
Jill Fisher Granek in memory of Dale Halliday, beloved husband of Jeanne Halliday.

Sylvia & Ron Hartman in memory of Mark Hardy, beloved husband of Heidi Hardy.

Nancy Hartstein in gratitude to the Temple Israel staff for their caring comfort and support.  
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- 1 Tawny Correa & Rachel Van Raalte - 11 years
- 2 John Burkholder & Barbara Pollack - 38 years
- 3 Daniel & Rebecca Buckley - 12 years
- 4 Marvin & Hannah Finnley - 36 years
- 7 Matthew & Emily Miller - 5 years
- 10 Elad & Rivka Nehorai - 12 years
- 11 Glenn & Michele Newman - 19 years
- 13 Gregory & Melanie Basich - 14 years
- 17 David & Terry Braunstein - 57 years  
Greg & Lisa Endelman - 24 years
- 18 Paul & Martha De Young - 30 years
- 19 Marshall Blesofsky & Susan Sklar - 47 years  
Laszlo Fodor & Morgan East - 2 years
- 20 Daryl & Sandy Phillips - 49 years
- 21 Mark & Elizabeth Thompson - 49 years
- 29 Jeffrey & Laura Engerman - 17 years



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on the death of her friend, Marcel Solomon

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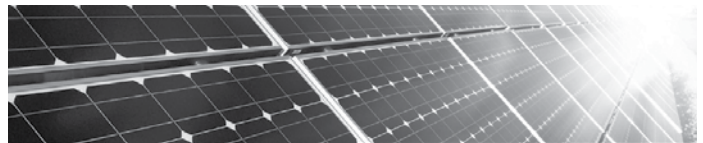
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