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Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

February 2022

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CHANGING FACES AND SPACES OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

with Zachary Benjamin,
CEO Jewish Long Beach

Thursdays at 7:00 pm
February 3 and 10

(Zoom Only)

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Joys of Jewish Learning
and Sisterhood

are thrilled to present

CHUTZPAH & SALSA

A Live Theatrical Performance by The Braid

Sunday, February 6

2:00 pm

(Zoom Only)

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MOSES: PROVOCATIONS FROM A DISABLED PROPHET?

A Special Torah Study with
Rabbi Julia Watts Belser

Saturday, February 12

8:45 am

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The Next 100 Years Campaign has currently raised over two million dollars that will allow Temple Israel to continue to maintain our beautiful facility and continue services and programming for our community.

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TOT SHABBAT

Friday, February 25 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!

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 4

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

Saturday, February 5

8:45 am Torah Study
10:30 am Shabbat Moring Service Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Kelson

Friday, February 11

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

Saturday, February 12

8:45 am Torah Study (Zoom Only)
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Alex Hill

Friday, February 18

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 19

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

Friday, February 25

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat
7:00 pm Healing Service with JFCS

Saturday, February 26

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

**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>

ROSH CHODESH

Tuesday, February 22

If interested please contact Judy Blumenthal
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our mission is to engage in a journey of prayer, learning, and
community that inspires us to transform ourselves and the
world.

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



What a challenging last 2 years for each and every one of us. COVID-19 has thrown a wrench in so many of our lives' events, whether big or small. Under the direction of our Senior Staff and leadership, Temple Israel has been constantly pivoting to assure the safety of our congregants.

Throughout the last two years, Temple Israel has had a Reopening Task Force. The purpose of this group has been to bring the most up to date medical

knowledge as well as well as community school and business standards to the Temple to help make the best decisions to keep our community safe and healthy. This group was initially thought to be a temporary, short-term group. It has been led by our Executive Director, Eric Shatzkin, includes four physicians, the TI board President (who currently is also a physician), a high school principal, a Torah Center teacher, a senior congregant and community leader, and our Director of Education and Congregational Engagement Sharon Amster Brown.

This group met recently, and it was determined that the likelihood is that this Task Force would need to be in place for the foreseeable future. As it has transitioned from a temporary task force to an ongoing committee, we have now renamed it The COVID Advisory Committee. As a standing committee, we also recognized the importance of having it lay-led as opposed to staff-led (although staff will still be actively serving on the committee). The committee will now be chaired by Dr. Carl Schultz, EMS Medical Director of Orange County and Professor Emeritus of Emergency Medicine UCI. We will be meeting once a month, and more often if deemed necessary.

Throughout the pandemic, the philosophy has been one from the Jewish ethic of emphasizing the importance of saving even one life. The group makes recommendations based on the current science, and then shortly thereafter we create policy to enact the latest recommendations for the Temple community. The challenge has always been to find the balance between normalization and safety. Much of this has been mitigated with the advent of vaccinations and easy availability for all.

The current policy for our community is that it is a requirement to be vaccinated to enter Temple Israel. If you are not vaccinated and age 5 and above, you must have a negative COVID test taken within 24 hours to enter the building (exceptions for testing are for those who have had COVID in the previous 90 days). Masks are ALWAYS required and must fully cover nose and mouth. Consistent with latest guidelines, these masks should be N95, KN95, or people can double-mask, with surgical mask on bottom and cloth mask on top. A single cloth mask is no longer thought to provide enough protection at this time.

One of the challenges we have faced is whether we require proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test, or do we trust that as a religious institution living in sacred partnership, that this trust will not be betrayed. The argument for asking people to show proof is so you can catch people not telling the truth, but this does not necessarily provide greater protection. As an example, during the 48 hours after a recent Bar Mitzvah service, at least 2 congregants had results of positive COVID tests. Both congregants were compliant with our guidelines, and their showing proof would not have changed the results.

At this point we all must decide as individuals, for anything we do, about how much risk we are willing to take. At Temple Israel we are trying to maximize safety by requiring vaccines, testing within 24 hours if not vaccinated, and appropriate mask wearing. With all these precautions and protections, one must then decide if you feel safe enough to enter, or the risk factor is enough to avoid.

I am so proud and thankful that we continue to livestream, Zoom, and have Facebook Live so that we can include as many people as possible to our programs and services while people are still making the choice to participate from home. As always, I welcome your opinions on this issue. We have been hearing all sides. Please email at president@tilb.org

Temple Israel, Jewish Long Beach and the Alpert JCC
present

Senior Shabbat & Luncheon

**Saturday, February 26 at 10:30 am
at the Alpert JCC**



A brief Shabbat Service
led by our clergy

Followed by Kosher Luncheon and
Entertainment by the Jazz Angels
sponsored by
Rabbi Wollie and Sarah Kaelter
Sabbath Fellowship Fund

FREE TO OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY

RSVP to alpertjcc.org/j-adult



THE SCHIMSKY FAMILY



Kendra and Jeff met at a Jewish singles dance (The Chai Hop) in Huntington Beach, on the 18th of February 1995. The strikingly beautiful Kendra Miller had just completed her Masters in Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and was starting her very first post-collegiate [adulting] job at Fluor Daniel. This first job would be the last time she would use her degree. In saunters a delight to the eyes (yours truly) who had freshly decided to only date Jewish women because, according to his life plan, he was now of the marrying age. He graduated from UC Santa Cruz (go Slugs!) with an Economics degree he would never use, and worked for Disney Consumer Products in the digital art department he created. Although they didn't know it then, this would be the start of something very special. The two lovebirds married on 10/18/1998 *and none of you were there*. They decided to make their family home in Belmont Shore — the midpoint between Burbank and Irvine — an address that hasn't changed since they were wed.

Kendra grew up in Cypress, the younger sister of her parents' two children. Roberta still lives in Cypress and is a retired teacher, and Stanley Miller (of blessed memory) worked for the Air Force as a civilian in Contracts. Kendra was an over-achiever as a hobby. She went to Cypress High School where she received honors, internships, awards, and accolades that made her a great fit at UCLA for her undergraduate degree. She swam in high school and had a very unfortunate perm that was memorialized in her senior picture; a decision she still regrets to this day. Kendra has been a Realtor for the better part of two decades and has been the top performer in her office for seven years straight, and is one of the top 100 single agents in the country for Keller Williams. Because of her love of reading, she is a member of the Hadassah Book Club and volunteers through the Long Beach Public Library to teach adults to read.

Jeff grew up in Lakewood, the elder brother of his parents' two children. Jeff's parents were married at Temple Beth Shalom. The Magical Arnold (a retired Financial Planner) and the Mystical Rita Schimsky (a retired medical Office Manager) still live in Lakewood and remain surprised that Jeff ever made anything of himself, or that Kendra ever fell for his nonsense (some of which you are reading right now.) Jeff grew up in the Jewish community here in Long Beach; Bar Mitzvah'd at Temple Beth Zion Sinai,

first job as a counselor at Camp Kadimah at the J, Godol of Long Beach's own Mogen David AZA (Home of the Cosmically Aware), and Summer Stock performer. Truth be told, he tried out for Summer Stock just to get out of Hebrew High School. Also, he had hair — but it was pink and mohawked; a decision he doesn't regret. He attended PACE at LB Poly (The Best High School in Long Beach) and was a Varsity letterman in golf. Jeff is the IT Director for North America for an advertising firm headquartered in Long Beach called Designory. He has worked there for over 20 years. Jeff is also a proud Freemason and has held statewide offices, one of which had his Masonic brethren referring to him as "Very Reverend Schimsky" (say that three times fast.)

Jeff and Kendra made two people (we all know it was mostly Kendra), Sloane (16) and Levi (11). Sloane is a Sophomore at Wilson (she went there to spite her father, a rival Jackrabbit) and is a member of the golf team and The Lawyer's Guild. She is a brilliant writer with a razor-sharp wit, a natural leader, and a true friend. She is currently serving as the Honored Queen (President) of the Long Beach Job's Daughters Bethel. Sloane doesn't believe it when her father tells her she should write comedy, but instead has her intentions currently focused toward becoming a veterinarian. Levi is in 6th grade at Rogers and is a sports enthusiast (baseball, tennis, basketball, and golf), gamer, and terrific friend. Levi is a Long Beach Little League Allstar. The Hebrew Heatslinger throws fire from his left arm and has his dreamy hazel eyes focused on "The Bigs" as a career, with a backup plan of playing in the NBA. He is planning on having his upcoming Bar Mitzvah in Israel, where his sister celebrated hers.

Jeff and Kendra were drawn to Temple Israel for its diversity and warmth. A great place to raise a couple of Jewish kids that would ultimately become positive, fulfilled, and contributing Jewish adults who would further go out and make or adopt Jewish kids of their own. You get the idea... It is all about making great Jewish people and lovingly handing down the gift of our Hebrew Heritage.

*Join us for our
New Member Recognition
Havdalah*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:30 PM

(Zoom and Facebook Live)





SISTERHOOD PASSOVER CANDY FUNDRAISER

Order your Passover candy now for 2022 until **February 24**. There is no shipping charge as the orders will be delivered to the temple and we will hold distribution opportunities once received. Be sure to check the box for "billing and shipping address are the same". **Proceeds from the sale benefit Temple Israel.**

Click on the link below to start your order

<https://shop.misschocolate.com/index.asp?PID=70078>



**HOW TO BAKE
BLACK AND WHITE COOKIES
AND PASSOVER GRANOLA
WITH AMY LIPELES**

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm
(Zoom Link will be emailed out)



**PICTURES FROM OUR HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
NOVEMBER 11**



**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*



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



THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH



ABIGAIL KELSON
February 5, 2022

My name is Abigail Kelson, and I'm becoming a Bat Mitzvah on February 5, 2022. I'm in the 7th grade at Marshall Academy of the Arts, and began going to Torah Center in preschool.

For my Mitzvah Project I chose to work with Long Beach Community Table. Every week I pack and deliver groceries to the food insecure throughout Long Beach. It feels good to be helping people.

At home I like reading Agatha Christie mysteries. I also enjoy cooking, and I really want to do more baking. I roller skate with a team (as much as I can with the pandemic and all of the Hebrew school) and I want to do roller derby. My most important hobby is art, and I'm strongest in drawing, sketching and illustrating.

Once I'm a Bat Mitzvah, the thing that I'm looking forward to most is becoming a madrichah and working with the teeny ones.



ALEX HILL
February 12, 2022

Hello everyone! My name is Alexander Hill but you can call me Alex. I am becoming a Bar Mitzvah on February 12, 2022. I am currently in 7th grade at Tincher Middle School. I have lots of friends and like to hang out with them. My hobbies include: Boy Scouts, studying Hebrew, karate, and playing games with my friends. I have 2 long-term goals. My first goal is to become an Eagle Scout. I have been in Scouts since 2nd grade as a Cub

Scout. My current rank in BSA is First Class and I should be able to achieve my Eagle rank in the next few years! My second goal is to become a Black Belt. I have been doing karate at Power Of One since I was 5! I am currently a 2nd degree green belt so I am well on my way!

For my Mitzvah Project, I have been volunteering at a senior assisted living facility here in Long Beach. I help the activity director by coming up with craft projects and assisting in other planned activities. I love calling out the BINGO letters! We also do crafts, word searches, and coloring pages, but really it is just about engaging with the seniors on a personal level. I chose this as my Mitzvah Project from the time I had spent previously doing crafts and projects at my Grandma Sandy's assisted living facility. They really enjoy the time I spend working with them. I am working with Tina, the activities director, who is amazing!

She gave me a lot of valuable input and ideas. She has helped out with everything and more.

I have been attending Torah Center since I was in kindergarten when my family became members of the temple. I would like to thank all the teachers who have helped me along the way and guided me here. They truly all have been awesome!



BRANDON BROWN
ANDI PRESIDENT

The teens in the Keshher program had a nice relaxing winter break. Sadly, the SOCAL Teen Retreat that was supposed to take place January 7-9 had to be postponed. It is now scheduled to take place February 25-27. We are all still very excited to attend this event and appreciate the financial support of the Temple's Sisterhood. Coming up on January 30th, ANDI will be holding auditions for this year's Teen Lion King themed Purim shpiel. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday after the audition date and will be on Zoom and in-person,

depending on the most current COVID-19 situation. We can't wait for you to hear us roar on Sunday, March 20th at the Torah Center Purim celebration. Finally, on Sunday, February 6th, the Keshher program has a program-wide arts field trip. Local artist and activist Jose Loza will be our special guest. Mr. Loza will be taking us on a walking mural tour of Long beach and guiding us in creating our own artistic pieces based on self-identity. Special thanks to the Rabbi Moskowitz Keshher Arts Fund for making this exciting program possible.

Get Well Wishes

<i>Mitch Albert</i>	<i>Darrin Hammer</i>
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<i>Colleen Carver</i>	<i>Michelle Vadon</i>
<i>Joel Epstein</i>	<i>Ed Zwieback</i>
<i>Steve Gratch</i>	



KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



For new and frequent readers alike, I am continuing my journeys in Israel this month on the topic of actually dating an Israeli. Sharing your background with your partner is always one of the joys of dating, and this is only heightened when those two backgrounds involve being from two completely different countries. To share new music, foods, traditions, and language can provide endless new conversation topics and bonding moments.

Etay can certainly wow with his culinary skills, and we enjoy passing many hours together in the kitchen. Technically, the grocery shopping that makes those times possible falls under my jurisdiction, but he rarely passes up an opportunity to join along on my weekly venture to the Carmel Market. Rounds at the market typically take me to many stores to find all the desired items: from the butcher: beef ribs, sausages, and turkey throat; from the Asian store: okra, Thai pumpkin, and sticky rice; from the vegetable stand: Turkish spinach, Jerusalem artichokes, leeks, heirloom tomatoes, cabbages and eggplants; from the spice stand: turmeric, paprika, cinnamon, coriander seeds, cumin, sumac, nutmeg, mustard seeds, and white pepper. This list serves only to exemplify some of the more tantalizing selections.

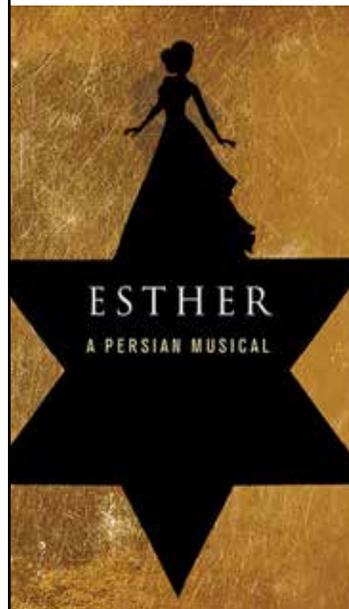
Situated at the crossroads of East and West, the market of Tel Aviv can be overwhelming with its variety. It only serves in Etay's favor, then, to join me on my weekly expeditions, as he helps steer me to the best stalls and uncover the exotic secrets hidden there within. Advice on choosing only the choicest produce or the correct dairy product (as they all seem exactly the same here) is vital for providing for the following kitchen adventure. In between shopping, we welcome a stop at the concessionaires there, who offer unpassable delicacies. While I carry the groceries, he can be seen enjoying rewards of a bureka to snack on and a bouquet of flowers to grace the Shabbat dinner table.

While Etay takes the lead in the cooking, I do not mind taking the lead in the eating, alongside our friends who frequent over often to enjoy the dishes pouring from the kitchen. There have been a few times, in my defense, however, when whipping up a dish I missed from home, I have shown some surprise culinary skills myself.

In his kitchen, a recipe from his proud cookbook collection provides inspiration, and is mixed with memories from his childhood and travels across Europe. Greens and meats from the market are endlessly combined with onions sautéed in fresh olive oil and spices filling the apartment with salivating aromas and creating food bubbling with warmth and flavor. Peppers large and small, green and red, sweet and spicy, dry and fresh, seeds and grown, must be carefully handled to gently coax out their flavors and create well-balanced dishes while taking care not to burn them. It is definitely true that certain new culinary skills have been picked up during my time here.

Counting Down to 100 Years!
**CELEBRATE TEMPLE ISRAEL'S
98TH BIRTHDAY!
AND PURIM**

Saturday, March 19th at 7:30 pm
Adult Purim Shpiel



*Temple Israel's
Annual Gala*

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**Saturday
May 14**



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 3RD - 6TH GRADE SHABBATON



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CHANGING FACES AND SPACES OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Thursdays at 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)

February 3 and 10

Teacher: Zachary Benjamin, CEO Jewish Long Beach



The ability to persevere against existential threats is a characteristic that has defined the Jewish people for millennia. However, the face of contemporary antisemitism is rapidly evolving. The garish, cartoonish, and obvious expressions of traditional antisemitism are giving way to the subtle, subversive, persuasive, and deeply dangerous tactics of a new brand of anti-Jewish hate. Online spaces, college campuses, and other environments are teeming with increasingly well-organized and well-funded anti-Semitic movements, cloaked in the rhetoric of politics, populism, and human rights, that are compelling young Jewish people to abandon both their Zionist principles and their Jewish identities as a perceived condition of joining other meaningful social efforts. Learn about contemporary sources of anti-Semitic intimidation, where it thrives, its goals, how to identify it, and how we as engaged Jewish community members must equip ourselves and our children with the necessary tools to both stand up to and educate others against new strains of this age-old scourge.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86860737189>

CHUTZPAH & SALSA:

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

Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 pm (Zoom Only)

in partnership with Temple Israel Sisterhood



Performance will be a one-time, live performance.

Recording will NOT be available afterwards.

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.

Invite your friends and family for this exciting performance and opportunity. Q&A will follow performance.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85824919911>

[Donation Link](#)

SPECIAL TORAH STUDY MOSES: PROVOCATIONS FROM A DISABLED PROPHET?

Saturday, February 12 at 8:45 am
(Zoom Only)

Teacher: Rabbi Julia Watts Belser



When God sends Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery, the prophet famously says no. Why? Moses describes himself as “slow of speech and slow of tongue” — in other words, a stutterer. While some commentators consider Moses’ stutter as “a challenge to overcome,” this session sets Moses’ story into conversation with the life experiences and activism of contemporary disability communities. We’ll

grapple with spiritual and political questions about access and equity, invisibility and silence, as well as state violence and shame—and explore the power of spiritual leadership that centers disability wisdom.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85839852510>

DROP-IN ARTS AND CRAFTS CLATCH

Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm
(In Person Only)

Teacher: Eve Lunt, Temple Israel congregant
and Torah Center Art Specialist

Calling all creatives! Come to the TILB 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.



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

TORAH CENTER PARENTS' COFFEE WITH RABBI FOX

**Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am
(in person only on the Temple's front patio)**

Come join Rabbi Fox for coffee and conversation, and enjoy this opportunity to connect with Rabbi and meet some other parents. We'll discuss a few current events, explore some big Jewish questions, and have a little fun along the way. For current Torah Center parents only, please.



CREATING PRAYER, SONG, AND SACRED SPACE

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
March 8, 15, 22
(In Person Only)**

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 March 25**. 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.



PRAYER 101 MINI-SESSION WITH CANTOR COOPER

Ahavat Olam/Ahavah Rabbah

**Friday, March 11 at 6:15 pm
(In Person and Zoom)**

Teacher: Cantor Cooper

Let's dive deeper into the prayers that we recite at services. We'll translate them, look at their origins, and explore why the sages felt it was important that they be included in our liturgy. Looking forward to studying them with you!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84013136372>



THE ORGAN AND MUSIC OF THE REFORM MOMENT

**Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 pm
(In Person and Livestream)**

With Organist David York and Cantor Emeritus Marvin Finnley



Did you know that Temple Israel has a pipe organ? While some associate the sound of the organ with the church, the organ was the principal instrument of accompaniment for Shabbat worship in the Reform movement from the mid-19th century until recent times. Join Cantor Emeritus Marvin Finnley and Organist David York

for a look at the history of the use of the organ in the Reform movement, concluding with a tour of the organ loft at Temple Israel.

MEDITATIVE MORNING MINYAN EXPERIENCE WITH BILL SHAFTON

Thursdays at 7:30 am



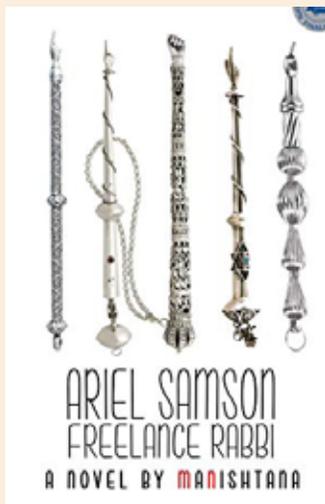
Join Bill Shafton via Zoom for a meditative, musical morning minyan prayer experience. The 35 minute prayer service will feature new music and contributions from the Temple Israel community. Collaboratively, we will explore the weekday morning prayer liturgy and encounter our own meaning and holy fun.

Zoom Link

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

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



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SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS

You are Invited

By Roni Love, SCIC Member

The Pandemic has made it necessary for all of us to make better use of the internet, enabling Zoom and YouTube to help us meet each other virtually. This increased ability has also assisted the South Coast Interfaith Council in developing and providing a great variety of successful and unique programs. This new year, 2022, promises even more opportunities to connect...hopefully in person as well as virtually.

In pursuit of our mission to “promote mutual understanding, respect, appreciation and cooperation among people of faith in the Greater South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach-West Orange County area by extending hospitality, fostering community, offering educational opportunities, providing moral leadership, sharing in service, serving the youth and working for justice,” we invite you to join in with programs such as: Interfaith Cafes, Spirituality Through Meditation, Courageous Conversations Over Coffee, SCIC’s 68th Annual Assembly, Grief and Loss During the Pandemic, Religion 101, Understanding and Addressing Racial Disparities in Health Care, Celebrating the Awakening of Human Connection, Educational Justice: Challenges and Opportunities, A Workers Justice Interfaith Seder, and SCIC’s Spoken Word Visions of a Hopeful Future.

Courageous Conversations, for example, highlights critical issues such as race, religion and the dire need for de-polarization in our society. We invite each of you to visit the South Coast Interfaith Council webpage at scinterfaith.org and go to “Upcoming Events.” Find out more about each of the above listed programs and feel free to message our office with any questions or comments. We hope to remain connected with you and to support each other as we explore our beautiful diversity and that which ties our communities to each other.

SHALOM-SALAAM-PAZ-SHANTI-HER PING-PEACE



Joanne Schnee Levy, Miriam Berro Krugman, and Michelle Berro

WE RECOGNIZE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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Michael Tate and
 Ruth Cooperman
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Cliff and Laurie Gerstman
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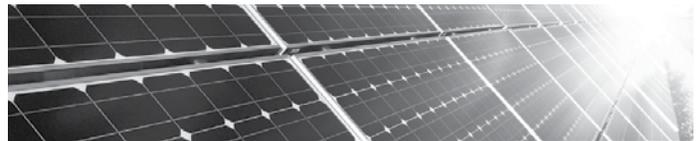
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