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# Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

September 2022

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The Next 100 Years Campaign has currently raised over three 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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# Join us for the *High Holy Days* 2022/5783

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## TOT SHABBAT

Friday, September 23 at 6:00 pm

at Temple Israel

Followed by a FREE pizza dinner!



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 Statement** 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.

## SHABBAT SERVICES

**Friday, September 2**

6:00 pm Family Shabbat

**Saturday, September 3**

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Collaborative Congregant Led Service

**Friday, September 9**

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

**Saturday, September 10**

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Flom

**Friday, September 16**

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, September 17**

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

**Friday, September 23**

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, September 24**

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

**Friday, September 30**

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, October 1**

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

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## THINGS...

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



### Security

One of the most important duties of leadership and staff is providing security for temple members. Linda Burney will be chairing our reinvigorated Security Committee. On August 21st at least 10 TI members attended an Active Shooter Training Session sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom. They will be bringing what they have learned back to TI.

Another aspect of security is maintaining the health of our members, specifically regarding Covid. Our Covid Advisory Committee, including doctors and nonmedical TI members, meets monthly and as needed, to provide guidelines for TI. The August meeting took place within two weeks of LA County coming out of the highest tier of transmission. One of the parameters reviewed are average cases over the last 7 days per 100,000. This is based on reported numbers which is greatly underestimated given that most people are doing home testing only. Because of the still very high prevalence of Covid it is recommended that, excluding Torah Center which is following school guidelines, everyone still remains masked within TI walls. Until the numbers decrease to a low-level tier, when the chances of sitting next to someone with Covid is very low, masks will remain a requirement. Though one might protect themselves wearing a mask, if the person next to you is unmasked, the double protection is lost. Threats such as Long Covid, prolonged symptoms, and death still occur. Let's all do our best to stay well.

### Why?

Why as an adult are you a member of Temple Israel? Would you be a member if you did not have children at Torah Center? What would make TI matter for you separate from your children?

A recent article from the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) asked parents why they had their children at Temple religious school. One parent responded with, "I want my son to feel connected to his community." Another said, "So my daughter has a safe space where she is embraced, accepted, and encouraged to be her authentic self." A third said they want their child to, "Understand what it means to be a mensch (a good person) and how to help make the world a better place."

The following questions were asked - This year we have a chance to awaken and ask:

1. What about Judaism and Jewish learning feels especially meaningful at this moment?
2. How can I share what I value about Judaism with someone starting a new year of Jewish learning? How can I remind them of the gifts of our tradition?
3. Who do I know who is involved in Jewish education, and how can I thank them for the work they are doing to help nurture our children?"

How would you answer these questions as well as the other 3 questions above? I would love to hear at [president@tilb.org](mailto:president@tilb.org)

## The Board of Directors

Your new Board had a recent leadership retreat filled with team building, exploring of different styles of leadership, learning about important aspects of TI organization, and studying a bit of Torah and Jewish wisdom. There is a great energy and enthusiasm by lay leaders and staff. During our next meeting we will be discussing the creation of our Policy and Procedures manual for staff and board. We will also be announcing all standing committee chairs for the year as well as updating on High Holy Day planning. Anyone is invited to attend board meetings, and if you want to see minutes from previous board meetings, just let us know.

### SELICHOT PROGRAM

**Saturday, September 17 at 7:30 pm**

Please join us Saturday night for our Selichot program. Selichot gives us a chance to reflect on the past year. It is a time to consider and reconsider the choices we have made, and what we would like to change in the upcoming year. With this in mind, Amy Rosenberg and the clergy will be guiding us as we work on a small, recycled, art project that encourages hands-on creativity and self-reflection. These art pieces are intended to be used as vessels to create rituals throughout the High Holy Days season and beyond. You do not have to be an artist to attend. We hope you will join us on what promises to be a very meaningful journey.



### LULAV AND ETROG SETS

**STANDARD \$50  
SUPERIOR \$80**

**Please contact  
Charmaine  
by Sept. 19**





**GOD WAS IN THIS PLACE AND I DID NOT KNOW**

By Sheryl Stahl, VP Ritual Practices



Four snippets:

In Genesis 28, Jacob has left Be'er Sheva on his way to Paran. In the evening, he picks a spot to sleep. He has a dream in which he sees a staircase or ladder with messengers of God going up and down. God appears beside him and says that this place would be given to his descendants. When Jacob wakes up, he says in wonder, "Surely God is present in this place, and I did not know it!"

Dr. Susanna Heschel shared a memory about her father, Abraham Joshua Heschel. "When he came home from Selma in 1965, my father wrote, 'For many of us, the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.'" (<https://forward.com/opinion/212971/>)

In her book, *God in the Wilderness*, Rabbi Jamie Korngold (also known as the Adventure Rabbi) quotes Rabbi Abraham ben Maimonides: "In order to serve God, one needs access to the enjoyment of the beauties of nature, such as the contemplation of flower-decorated meadows, majestic mountains, and flowing rivers. For all of these are essential to the spiritual development of even the holiest of people." Rabbi Korngold uses this as a jumping off point to find moments of mindfulness observing the world around us.

In Exodus, 25. God says, "And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." God describes in great detail what the structure and the decoration should look like.

So, what is the point of these four scenarios? First, there are many ways to connect to God: in the sanctuary, in a random spot when you are traveling, in nature, and when doing sanctuary. Basically, wherever you are and whatever you are doing can become a sacred moment. There is no one "only" path to a Jewish spiritual life.

Which leads me to my other point. There are many opportunities to get involved at Temple Israel: inside the building or in other places; indoors or out; using your words, or your hands, or your feet. With the New Year coming, this is a great time to check out the Ritual Practice committee or any of the other TI committees.

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**Temple Israel Celebrates 100 Years in February 2024.**  
If you want to learn more about how you can support this campaign, please contact Eric Shatzkin, Executive Director at [ejs@tilb.org](mailto:ejs@tilb.org).

*Welcome New Members*  
*Christopher & Jamie Gravell*  
*Jessica & Joshua Hoppes*  
*Seth & Julie Liss*  
*Alysa Turkowitz & Gwen Lewis*  
*Jonathan & Mindy Wagner*  
*Mitch & Janice Wellstead*





**The Lasker Family**

Temple Israel extends a warm welcome to new members Katherine and Daniel Lasker. The Laskers met at Colgate University in New York and moved to California 12 years ago, when Katherine was placed in Los Angeles as part of the Teach for America program. Daniel is a financial advisor and Katherine now teaches in the Los Alamitos school district. They lived in Belmont

Heights until 3 years ago, when they moved to Seal Beach. They have 3 children, Margot age 5, attends McGaugh Elementary, Max is 3 years old and Walter is one. We look forward to getting to know Daniel, Katherine, and their children!



**The Gravell Family**

Please welcome our new members, Jamie and Chris Gravell and their son, 5-year-old Ben! The Gravells moved to Long Beach this past January and we are so pleased that they have joined our community.

The Gravell family moved here from West Los Angeles, where Jamie was completing her PhD at UCLA from 2013-2020. Prior to WLA, they lived briefly in Dallas and Modesto as part of Jamie's post-doctoral year. During

those years, they were members of Adat Shalom in West LA, and Temple Emanu-El in Dallas. Jamie grew up in a small unaffiliated egalitarian shul in New Jersey that her great grandparents founded. Chris grew up close by in Huntington Beach.

After moving to Long Beach, Ben attended pre-K at the Alpert Jewish Community Center and is now starting Dual Immersion kindergarten at Riley Elementary. He will be a part of our Torah Center this fall. It was during Ben's time at the ECC, that the Gravell's learned about Temple Israel and decided to join us.

Jamie is an assistant professor of educational technology at CSU Stanislaus and teaches remotely online most of the time. She commutes to Northern California once a month. Prior to graduate school, she was a high school social studies teacher in Washington DC. Chris is a transactional attorney for Frandzel, Robins, Bloom & Csato in downtown LA and works both from home and his office downtown.

In their "spare time," Jamie loves to knit, crochet, sew, and needlepoint/cross stitch – any needlecraft, really. Chris is a fan of tabletop and collectible card games. They both love to read and are sports fans, watching, attending and playing. Jamie is a national officer for her sorority and supports collegiate chapters in Hawaii, California, Texas, and Louisiana.

The Gravells are very excited to be a part of the TILB family and look forward to meeting everyone, especially other families with elementary age children, or those who enjoy crafts or games!

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

By Jeremy Rosen



One of the greatest things to do when you live in a bustling city like Tel Aviv is simply to... escape. On the rare occasions that you are presented with a car and the summer heat is still bearable... never hesitate! Find a few friends, put on your hiking shoes, pack the grill, and go.

After two hours northbound, the city is long behind you, and for a while the rolling hills and minaret adorned towns of northern Israel have been your view. After descending the cliffs surrounding the Kinaret and climbing the other side, you have arrived in the Golan Heights. Standing here, traces of the political drama over these hills is scarce in one of the most verdant spots of the country.

Walking over the land, many dry bushes and burned patches of land dot the hot earth. In the distance, a ribbon of green nestles into a small dip in the land. Descending, you reach a lazy stream barely able to move through the thick reeds drinking thirstily from its waters. Here, you turn and follow its path. The shallowness of the valley is only a deception, for as you walk, you enter deeper into its fold, and soon "canyon" becomes a more appropriate name.

The thickets again disappear but give way unto the namesake of the "Hexagons Stream." The ground and walls became fractalized into thousands of polygonal stone pillars. In a natural basin, the water pools are clear and cool. Surprisingly sized fish bubble the surface. After changing from hiking to bathing clothes behind the privacy of a tree, you can jump from one of the columns into the refreshing waters (don't worry, the jump really isn't that high, and the water is deep). After some splashing and picture taking, the river continues.

Deeper it digs itself into the earth, and soon the path splits from its shores. The green of the trees follow the river descending below you, and above the walls you make a wide, winding loop, until it is your turn to descend again too with the river. In this deeper, more secret part of the river, a biblical oasis reveals itself. The roots of large fig trees gnarl the path, and their strong branches bridge overhead to close the small gap left between the canyon walls. On their branches gently dangle a small bundle of their fruit, still green in the early summer. In the filtered light, below your feet, small lizards dart. Myrtle and lander flowers provide anchorages for gathering bees and fragrance the air.

Around a last bend, in this Eden, I was not just writing when I said the troubles of Israel disappear in this place. On the shore, some kibbutznikim in their sandals and tank tops prepare Turkish coffee on a gas burner. A group of Orthodox school boys have a snack in the shade. And in the distance, in front of a magnificent waterfall, Arab children egg each other on to jump from higher rocks into the pools.



Temple Israel Sisterhood welcomes all women; Temple members as well as non-members. Please support Temple Israel Sisterhood by sending in your dues today, so that we may continue to support our Temple and our community. We strive to have interesting events where women can interact and provide support for what we value at Temple Israel.

Your dues help pay for Sisterhood activities, social events, and projects. In addition to dues, our Sisterhood raises money for the Congregation with fundraising through our annual fundraiser and Temple Israel Gift Shop sales. We also support WRJ national and district operations, and the YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects.)

Thanking you in advance,

*Peggy Brady and Debi Felsenthal*  
Vice Presidents, Membership

**2022 - 2023 Membership**

**ANNUAL SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

*Through your annual membership dues, we can touch virtually everyone at Temple Israel and our community.*

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 **THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP** 

**Beginning Sunday, September 11**  
the Gift Shop will be open  
during Torah Center hours,  
Sundays, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Wednesdays, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Stop by and check out the Sales Table!**

It will also be open by appointment.  
Contact Elyse at (562) 429-8626

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ALL GOOD WISHES  
FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
THROUGH THE COMING YEAR

*Temple Israel Sisterhood*



**HAILEY FLOM**  
September 10, 2022

Hi! My name is Hailey Flom and I'm becoming a bat mitzvah on September 10, 2022. I'm an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at McAuliffe Middle School, and my favorite subject is history. I read all the time and my favorite books are the Percy Jackson and Harry Potter series. I love music and sing often for my family and friends. Also, I play Minecraft a lot and I am in the process of building Hogwarts with a few of my friends.

For my Bat Mitzvah Project I created cards to give to a senior center to brighten their day. Since COVID made seeing people much harder, I wanted to make sure that our older community knew they weren't alone. The cards contain a positive message and/or quote, and a handmade drawing. I'm very excited to become a bat mitzvah, and thank you to everyone who will be there celebrating with me.



Mazel Tov to Rochelle and Jim Anderson on the engagement of their daughter Kylie Batovsky to Derek Tiffin

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*in honor of marriage of Audrey Zahler's grandson*

Joshua & Stacy Flom  
*in honor of their daughter, Hailey's Bat Mitzvah*



TEMPLE ISRAEL  
**Keshher**  
8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade



**RACHEL NISENHOLTZ**  
ANDI PRESIDENT

The Keshher teens are getting ready to go back to school! At school, we are playing sports, making music, and focusing on our academics. Our Keshher Youth Group ANDI ended off this summer with a Board meeting and pool party. We played fun mixers, hung out in the pool, and ate good food. We are working on creating new merchandise for ANDI this year and an incredible year of events.

The ANDI Board has decided to design hoodies for Board members and t-shirts for all of the ANDI members. Our Keshher teens are looking forward to the start of Torah Center this month. We are ready to start class, become madrichim, and are excited for the upcoming teen Rosh HaShanah service!



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

**September 14 at 7:00 pm**

Discussing the Book, *The Convert* by Stefan Hertmans



In this dazzling work of historical fiction, the Man Booker International–long-listed author of *War and Turpentine* reconstructs the tragic story of a medieval noblewoman who leaves her home and family for the love of a Jewish boy.

What begins as a story of forbidden love evolves into a globe-trotting trek spanning continents, as Vigdis undertakes an epic journey to Cairo and back, enduring the unimaginable in hopes of finding

her lost children.

Based on two fragments from the Cairo Genizah—a repository of more than three hundred thousand manuscripts and documents stored in the upper chamber of a synagogue in Old Cairo—Stefan Hertmans has pieced together a remarkable work of imagination, re-creating the tragic story of two star-crossed lovers whose steps he retraces almost a millennium later. Blending fact and fiction, and with immense imagination and stylistic ingenuity, Hertmans painstakingly depicts Vigdis's terrible trials, bringing the Middle Ages to life and illuminating a chaotic world of love and hate.

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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

**Every other Wednesday at 11:00 am**  
**This month - September 7 & 21**  
**(Group Meets on Zoom)**

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.

To participate, email Jared Goldin  
[jalangoldin@gmail.com](mailto:jalangoldin@gmail.com)



## TI's Rabbi Harvey B. Franklin Library

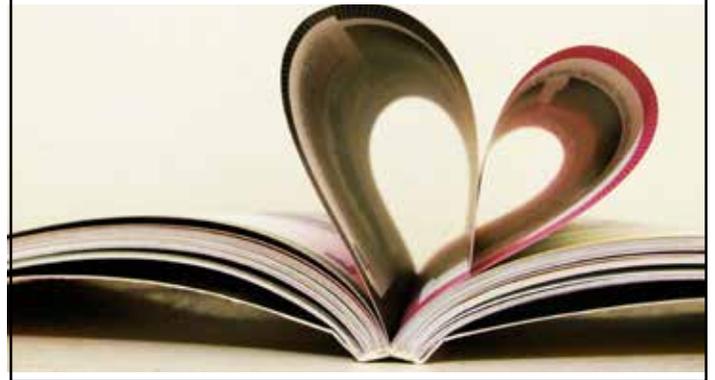
### DO YOU LOVE LEARNING, INFORMATION, AND BOOKS?

Volunteers are needed to help transform the TI Library into a space which welcomes and is more useful to all members of the congregation.

**Two types of help are needed:**

- Library Committee members to help brainstorm and shape the collection going forward.
- Readers to share stories with our Torah Center classes (from 3-year olds through the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) once school opens in Fall.

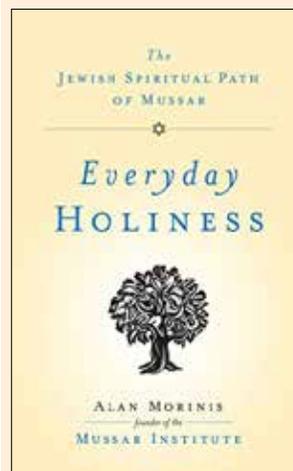
**Please call Renee Florsheim at (562) 453-9705 if interested.**



## MUSSAR STUDY GROUP

**Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am**  
**September 7 & 21**  
**(Zoom Only)**

Facilitator: Trish Goldin



Mussar is a system of introspective practices that can help you identify and break through the obstacles to your inherent holiness, using methods that are easy to integrate into daily life. The program laid out in the book *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar* by Alan Morinis focuses on 26 traits (middot) - such as loving-kindness, strength, generosity, compassion, honor, and equanimity - each of which takes center stage for a week of contemplation and exercises, in order to develop and refine

that quality in yourself. Our study group meets every other Wednesday morning to work on one or more Mussar soul traits. Come join us!

Zoom Link: <https://www.rabbishefagold.com/love-and-truth/>



# TORAH CENTER OPENING DAY

Sunday, September 11

## RICK FAHLK MEMORIAL HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>!

Bring donations of non-perishable food items to Temple Israel leading up to Yom Kippur. Torah Center families are invited to kick-off our food drive by bringing canned food on TC Opening Day Sunday, September 11th



## *Installation Weekend for Cantor Kelly Cooper*



**PLAN TO JOIN US  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
NOVEMBER 4 - 6**



# High Holy Days

2022/5783

## HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

**Erev Rosh HaShanah: Sunday, September 25**

7:30 pm Teen Service

7:30 pm Service

**Rosh HaShanah: Monday, September 26**

10:00 am Service

**Tashlich: At The Beach at Belmont Pier (Ocean at 39<sup>th</sup> Place)**

3:30 pm Monday, September 26

**Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 4**

7:30 pm Service

**Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5**

9:00 am Service

12:30 pm Yom Kippur Forums  
(In Person and Zoom)

2:00 pm Family Service

4:00 -7:00 pm Yizkor, Afternoon, N'ilah Services  
Havdalah - following N'ilah (approx. 7:00 pm)

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

**Pre-Rosh HaShanah: Sunday, September 25**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Pre-Rosh HaShanah

Family Celebration in the Park

(At Recreation Park Band Shell - 4900 East 7<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5**

Children's Programming depending on sufficient registration

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Grades K-3

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Grades 4-6

**Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00 pm**

(at Temple Israel)

## STREAMING SERVICES ONLINE

Temple Israel has a streaming platform that will be used to live stream all services. Services will also be streamed live on Temple Israel's Facebook and YouTube channels.

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

<https://tilb.livecontrol.tv/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TempleIsraelLongBeach>

<https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelLB>

Services will also be available to be viewed  
later at your convenience.

## SELICHOT PROGRAM & SERVICE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

7:00 pm Art Program

8:30 pm Refreshments on Patio

9:00 pm Service

## LULAV & ETROG SETS

\$50 STANDARD SET

\$80 SUPERIOR SET

**Order by Monday, September 19**

## SUKKOT SERVICES

**SUNDAY**

October 9

5:30 pm Wine and Cheese in the Sukkah

6:00 pm Service

**MONDAY**

October 10 ~ 10:30 am

Followed by Oneg in Sukkah



## SIMCHAT TORAH

**TORAH CENTER**

**SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 pm**



**SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE**

**Monday, October 17 ~ 10:30 am**

Followed by Oneg

Yizkor will be observed

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR AT TEMPLE ISRAEL'S

# PRE-ROSH HASHANAH Family Celebration in the Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 ~ 10:00 A.M.

**Family-friendly Rosh HaShanah Service**  
Led by Rabbi Fox, Cantor Cooper, and Sharon Amster Brown

**NEW LOCATION - RECREATION PARK BAND SHELL**  
4900 East 7th Street

## JOIN OUR TZEDAKAH WALK!

Follow the Giant Apple on a walk - raising funds for 3 charities.

**Music • Crafts • Apples & Honey and Much More!**  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE OF A KIND CELEBRATION!

### COST:

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# September Anniversaries

## SCIC INTERFAITH GREETINGS

### RUTH MESSINGER ~ INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP ON LGBTQ ISSUES

By Roni Love, SCIC Member



NYC Pride Parade 2016, Ruth Messinger marches alongside AJWS's then-Exec. VP Robert Bank, board members, staff and supporters.

Photo by Jeff Zorabedian

In July of 2016, Ruth Messinger retired as president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), one of the world's foremost faith-based relief and development agencies. As its president "it is hard to overstate Ruth's contribution to the fight for lives of dignity and prosperity around the world. Her witness and unstinting advocacy for those whose voices don't always get the attention they should, have been an inspiration" wrote Robert Radtke, president of Episcopal Relief & Development, in 2016.

It is through this legacy that many of us came to know Ruth Messinger. However, what you may not know is that under her leadership, AJWS has become one of the largest and most significant funders of and leaders in LGBTQ advocacy around the world. Radke noted, "As Ruth once shared with me, the targeting of discriminatory laws against specific minority groups is one with which the Jewish people have considerable experience." Over the years, AJWS has continued to broaden support in developing countries working to advance human rights of LGBTQ people and to end discrimination, stop violence and hate crimes, work for justice and create lasting change.

Radke further wrote, "As a tribute to Ruth and her leadership, Episcopal Relief & Development is proud to support this important work of American Jewish World Service. The world faces many seemingly intractable problems and so, through interfaith and ecumenical cooperation, Episcopal Relief & Development seeks to magnify our voice and impact by joining together with those whose values are consistent with ours, and who are doing extraordinary humanitarian work. AJWS' contributions in this area are second to none. We are proud to partner with AJWS."

Abraham Joshua Heschel has said, In a free society, where terrible wrongs exist, some are guilty, but all are responsible. Let us continue this ethic, along with AJWS, Episcopal Relief and Development and our interfaith partners... TOGETHER!

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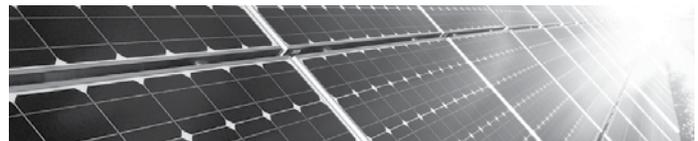
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# **SELICHOT PROGRAM**

**Saturday, September 17 at 7:00 pm**

Please join us Saturday night for our Selichot program. Selichot gives us a chance to reflect on the past year. It is a time to consider and reconsider the choices we have made, and what we would like to change in the upcoming year. With this in mind, Amy Rosenberg and the clergy will be guiding us as we work on a small, recycled, art project that encourages hands-on creativity and self-reflection. These art pieces are intended to be used as vessels to create rituals throughout the High Holy Days season and beyond. You do not have to be an artist to attend. We hope you will join us on what promises to be a very meaningful journey.