



TEMPLE ISRAEL
LONG BEACH

Kol Yisra'el

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

April 2023

Nissan/ Iyar 5783



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

LONG BEACH, CA
Sunday, April 30, 2023

Festivities and Check-in
11:30 am
at Temple Israel

We have many DIFFERENT PROJECTS that benefit Long Beach non-profits and we need all the help we can get.

Register for projects below
www.mybelmontheights.org/bhmadd



YOUR DONATION OR LEGACY GIFT WILL HELP FUND OUR FUTURE!

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. Contact the office to find out how you can be involved and contribute to our future!

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PASSOVER FESTIVAL SERVICES

Thursday, April 6
and
Wednesday, April 12
Yizkor will be observed
10:30 am
(In Person and Livestream)



GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE

Friday, April 21 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a musical jazz-infused
Shabbat Service
led by Kendra Cogert and
the Shabbatoners



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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.

APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, April 7

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 8

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 14

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama: Soulful Musical Shabbat

Saturday, April 15

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 21

7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, April 22

8:45 am Torah Study

11:00 am Senior Shabbat and Luncheon (Alpert JCC)

Friday, April 28

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat welcoming Sharsheret

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Saturday, April 29

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Weiner



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

By Mark Dressner, Temple President



I would like to take the opportunity this month to recognize Temple Israel lay people who have been such a great support to me over the last two years. Many of these people not only have been great support for me personally but also may not be known to the greater community for the work they do in making our synagogue life so rewarding and successful. I do risk forgetting someone in doing this but please forgive and let me know. We can **go out for pie**.

Steve Gordon – as Immediate Past President his calm demeanor and listening skills have provided me so much support. He is the go-to support for others as well.

Bobbi Horowitz – always good for a laugh and a shoulder, so graciously agreed to move from VP of Education to VP of Membership during her last year on the board and totally embraced the role.

Laurie Arroyo – also always such a great counsel when I need advice. She worked hard and with a welcoming smile as VP of Membership. She even agreed to stay on the board an extra year so we could benefit from her board institutional memory. She is also always dependable to cheerfully deliver board announcements at service.

Lysa Saltzman and Ron Artstein – who both write clear and detailed minutes for anyone to view. Even more, they worked tirelessly over the last two years to make some changes and tighten up our bylaws so they are consistent with our 2023 practices.

Sheryl Stahl – a friend I can always call on who has been on the Ritual Practice Committee for many years and became VP of Ritual Practice always advocating and reminding us about important aspects of being Jewish that should not be forgotten.

David Rosen – for taking up the tough job of VP of Resource Development, pulling in David Jacobson (now for the second time) to chair the gala, but also prioritizing becoming a dad and knowing when to step back.

Justin Perlman – If you don't know him, please go out of your way to meet him and his wife Marielli Cardona. They are the future of Judaism and just great to be around. He graciously joined the leadership team in the role of VP of Resource Development and does his best juggling all the balls with a smile.

Kate Sachnoff and Paul Levitt – for helping create the new position of VP of Social Action and bringing social action to the prominence it should be in Reform Jewish life. Kate often provides a calming voice at Executive Committee meetings and through email feedback to me.

Karen Ben-Shmuel – who is our VP of Education this year and said to me that she would step up and take whatever position I need just because it was me asking.

Linda Burney – always there as a counselor to listen and give advice. She was a crucial volunteer heading the busy Human Resource Committee (and staying on longer than desired to shepherd me through) and then volunteered to lead the Security Committee helping to secure a \$166,000 grant.

Norma Stein – who took over Human Resource Committee and is always available for advice and with a shoulder.

Rick Burney – as treasurer put together our sustainability plan with an acute analysis of temple finances. Rotating off the board he then spontaneously stepped up to lead our strategic plan before I needed to even ask.

Past presidents of Temple Israel – this group has always been there for support and words of encouragement kindly offering their wisdom and advice. We invite an ex-president to all board meetings to learn from their experience and institutional memory.

And finally...

Jerry Levy – our treasurer for the last two years, who said YES over pie! I hope that I can be half as good support to you as Steve Gordon has been to me.

And

Matt Davis – nobody can be involved in leadership without the support of their significant other who listens, offers suggestions, and spends time without you. Also remember to always tell your spouse when you say “no” to doing something, so they don't think that you are always saying “yes” to everything asked of you.

STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

By Rick Burney, Strategic Planning Chairperson

I wrote about our strategic planning efforts in the March bulletin. We are making good progress. As of March 23, 2023, we have engaged and gathered input from 63 people, including four different focus groups as well as individual discussions with our professional staff, volunteer leadership, and congregants. Any congregant may have a voice in this process. If you wish to share your thoughts and/or express your hopes and vision for Temple Israel, please email us at StrategicPlanning@tilb.org





KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



Since the announcement of the current government's agenda to reform the judiciary, thousands, and then tens of thousands, and then hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets in protest. On a rainy Saturday, after the newly formed coalition announced their proposed judicial reform package, some 40,000 people quickly filled up Habima Square and overflowed into the surrounding streets. Most of the people here were veterans of anti-Netanyahu protests,

holding paraphernalia from the long running campaign. But for the next three months, as the government unrelentingly pushed forward even the most extreme points of the reforms, the consensus and the demonstrations against grew, with the umbrellas replaced by a sea of blue and white.

While certainly the requisite fiery speeches are delivered, booming over the background, something more unusual can be felt in the atmosphere. Many people describe it as feeling like Israeli Independence Day celebrations. In between the speeches, artists perform modern Israeli dance on the stage, and drum circles beat away on the street. Major popular musicians perform songs of hope and the beauty of the land. Vendors push their way through the crowd as parents buy bagels for their children. Together the crowd, hundreds of thousands, sings Hatikva. Despite being one of the country's largest and most sustained protests, violence has not marred them. The people are here to celebrate and fight for the Israel they believe in.

In a dramatic 48 hours this week, Netanyahu fired his defense minister after he warned against the security risk the reforms were causing. In the middle of that night, over 500,000 people spontaneously took to the streets. The next morning a nationwide strike was called, as people headed to demonstrate in front of the Knesset. For hours, as Netanyahu continually delayed giving a speech, we waited. Even in this moment of intense anger and fear, the spirit of the movement persisted.

Recently, when two Temple Israelites were visiting Israel we met up at a wine bar on Nachalat Binyamin, a trendy pedestrian street intersecting Rothschild Boulevard. They pointed out that their trip started out in Europe touring Jewish communities that are no longer. Around Israel they toured many impressive historical and religious sites but still in the perspective of looking backwards. But here, on this street, they saw today's Israel. Young people were celebrating with contemporary Israeli pop music played loudly. On the walls was street art in Hebrew. We were sitting just a block away from the city's main gay bar. And going between the bars a group of Chabbadniks lit Hannukah candles and sang with the revelers.

The protests represent something very similar to me. Jews of every sort are there to make their voice heard. In a rare moment for this country, leftists and rightists stand together. Gays and religious conservatives stand together. Tel Avivis and Peripherniks stand together. People who had never protested before and veteran protesters stand together.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATION FORM

Board Nominations Time!

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

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

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

Once accepted on the board, requirements include:

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

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Israel,
Steve Gordon, Immediate Past President

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

Name: _____

Name: _____

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



**SHOWING APPRECIATION TO
OUR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS**

*Our Annual
Complimentary
Temple Israel Sisterhood
Brunch*

**IS ONCE AGAIN BEING HELD
AT OUR TEMPLE!**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023
12:30 pm**

Entertainment
Cantor Kelly Cooper will entertain us
with Broadway Show Tunes

Door Prizes

Brunch is NO COST for Sisterhood members
in good standing

Non-members...for \$36 you can join our Temple Sisterhood
at the Brunch and your afternoon will be free of charge!

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH**

Please RSVP to
Peggy Brady peggybrady1@dslextre.me
Debi Felsenthal djfelsenthal@earthlink.net

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON!**



**YOM HASHOAH
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
IS APRIL 17**

Please support this fundraiser with your
donations to the Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Let's all share the light together.



**THE SISTERHOOD
GIFT SHOP**



**The Gift Shop is open
during Torah Center hours,
Sundays, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesdays, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 28 at 7:00 pm**- Shabbat welcoming Sharsheret sponsored by Sisterhood
- **June 4 at 1:00 pm** - Flower Arranging
- **June 11 at 2:00 pm** - Jews in American History by the Braid in partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning



*Ladies of Temple Israel,
join the fun...join the Sisterhood Board!*

We're looking for a few new members for the 2023-24 Board.
If interested, please contact Renee Florsheim
raflosheim@yahoo.com or Robin Lilien robinlilien@earthlink.net





A WARM EMBRACE: REFUGEE SHABBAT

By Kate Sachnoff, VP of Social Action



Heartfelt appreciation filled our sanctuary at the Refugee Shabbat on March 10th as we welcomed Afghan and Ukrainian refugees who courageously spoke about their experiences. Shabbat music laced with poetry and Jewish teachings on welcoming the stranger filled the service. The CEO of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) has said “We used to help refugees because they were Jewish; now we help refugees because we are Jewish.” Joe Goldman, Western Region Director of HIAS updated us on policy changes and challenges and encouraged us to engage at any level we can. HIAS has been supporting refugees since the 1880’s. That could include many of our forebears! Joe announced exciting news, that JFCS Long Beach/West OC is on the verge of taking on a major new role in supporting resettlement through HIAS. Trip Oldfield, CEO of JFCS, revealed more details of the plans.

Two Afghan women, Reema and Masoma, who have been resettled with help of the NCJW HIAS Welcome Circle described their individual journeys and demonstrated their admirable progress in learning English. They discussed their professional and personal development over the past 11 months. They continuously acknowledged the importance of the constant support of the Welcome Circle and other supporters here in their success and they were gratified to becoming independent women. Members of the NCJW Welcome Circle from Temple Israel include Gail Levy, Cynthia Gordon, Natalie Swit, and Michele Samit.

The two Ukrainian women who spoke are dear friends who met in law school in Ukraine 20 years ago. Zhanna joined her family, who had left the USSR as Jewish refugees with the help of HIAS, in the U.S. shortly after that. Oksana built her life and career as an attorney representing children and others in need of guardianship in Kyiv. The two were chatting on the phone when the first explosions were heard a year ago.

Zhanna translated Oksana’s remarks into English for her to read. Oksana described how, after enduring months of the sound of explosives detonating all around them, a winter with sporadic heat and lights and living in fear, she decided it was time to take her 14 year-old daughter to safety. After barely a month in the US, she is keenly focused on learning English so that she can

find work, and helping Anastasiia adapt to 8th grade at Rogers Middle School. Their HIAS Welcome Circle includes Kate Sachnoff of Temple Israel and several other Jewish neighbors who have banded together with Zhanna to embrace Oksana and Anastasiia as family. They are raising funds to help cover rent and other expenses for the family.

If you would like to help, NCJW has an Immigration Fund that contributes to the Afghan Welcome Circle at NCJW.org. JFCS Long Beach has graciously agreed to be the fiscal agent of the Oksana Welcome Circle. Check out www.JFCSlongbeach/Oksana. All donations are tax deductible.

DIVERSE SOCIAL ACTION INTERESTS IN OUR CONGREGATION

By Kate Sachnoff, VP of Social Action

Over 100 congregants responded to the Social Action Survey that was emailed out in December of 2022, offering their perspective on priorities for issues the Temple should address, methods of advocacy, and their interest in participating.

The TILB Mission statement reminds us that “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).” The survey was conducted to gain and understanding of the Congregation’s specific interests and assess willingness to engage in action towards social policy and direct service goals that can help repair our world.

Antisemitism and hate crimes ranked as the highest concern, with reproductive health, gun violence prevention, racial justice, domestic violence/child abuse/trafficking, homelessness/housing, and environment occupying the next highest tier of concerns.

Approximately 80 percent of respondents felt that the Social Action Committee should impact these issues through collecting goods, donating funds, or fundraising to support effective organizations working on these issues, and/or educating the congregation on the issue. Approximately 60 percent of respondents supported educating lawmakers and policymakers on the issues (within the bounds of 501c3 religious organization regulations) and/or providing volunteers to offer direct services. A full 51% said they are willing to write letters or postcards on issues and approximately 40 percent said they would make phone calls or send emails to elected officials, participate in family friendly social action activities, research information, or collect or donate needed materials.

Fifty percent of the respondents replied that they are 65 or older, the rest spread fairly evenly among other age categories.

In discussing these results with the Board of Directors, we noted the high response rate and level of willingness to engage. The issues interests and methods endorsed are diverse, leaving room for the Social Action Committee to zero in on items that are timely and attract volunteer leaders.



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SADIE WEINER
April 29, 2023

TEMPLE ISRAEL
Keshher
8th-12th Grade



NOE SANTANA
Teen Council
TC Rep

Our Keshher teens have been very busy! Our 8th graders went on a comparative Judaism field trip to attend an Orthodox Shabbat service at The Community Shul in Los Angeles. After the service, families from the shul had them back to their homes for a beautiful Shabbat lunch and further conversation. Our 9th graders went on a field trip to Algalita Marine Research and Education, where they learned about plastic pollution in our oceans and how they can help make a change for the better. All of our Keshher teens came together for a meaningful art project with Eve Lunt, one of our amazing art specialists, which focused on tikkun olam and self-repair. Our ANDI Board hosted a “Games in the Dark” event for our 6th and 7th grade junior youth group. Everyone had a great time and can’t wait to get together again! Looking forward...our Keshher Program is gearing up for our two weekend retreats together: the teen track at the Congregational Retreat at Camp Alonim in Simi Valley and the NFTY SOCAL Teen Retreat, which will take place in Orange County. ...**VERY BUSY!**



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am
at The Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy
followed by Luncheon and Entertainment

Entertainment funded by
Temple Israel’s Sarah & Wolli Kaelter
Sabbath Fellowship Fund

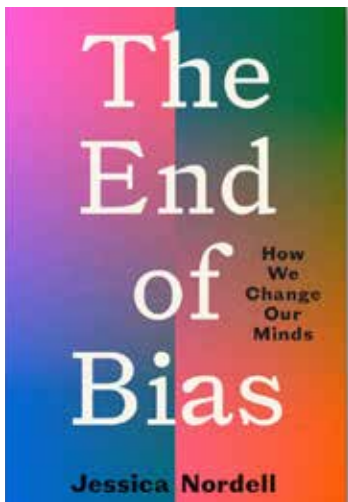


SOCIAL JUSTICE MULTI-MEDIA GROUP

**Sunday, April 16 at 7:00 pm
(Group Meets on Zoom)**

Discussing the book, *The End of Bias* by Jessica Nordell. A transformative, groundbreaking exploration into how we can eradicate unintentional bias and discrimination, the great challenge of our age.

To participate, email Jared Goldin
jalangoldin@gmail.com



**Next Month
(Group Meets on Zoom)**

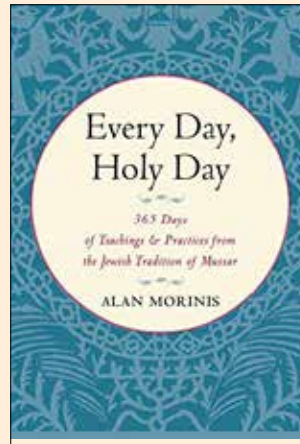


Meet to discuss *Goodbye Columbus* (available on Vudu, Prime and Apple). Neil Klugman (Richard Benjamin), a young librarian in New Jersey, has eyes for Brenda Patimkin (Ali MacGraw), a beautiful Radcliffe student. Although they are both Jewish, Brenda's family is much wealthier and more conservative than Neil's. As their relationship matures, their differing cultural backgrounds cause Brenda's mother (Nan Martin) to have trepidations about the couple. As their disparate ideas about sex and birth control come to the fore, their feelings for each other are tested.

To participate, email Jared Goldin
jalangoldin@gmail.com

MUSSAR STUDY GROUP

**Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am
April 26 (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 *Every Day, Holy Day* 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://zoom.us/j/988492918>

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY FROM A JEWISH POINT OF VIEW

**Mondays at 9:45 am
(Zoom Only)**
Facilitator: Jo Ann Schneider Farris

Jews and Christians read the same stories differently. Explore and discuss the New Testament from a Jewish perspective and learn more about the Jewish roots of Christianity. Currently going through the book of Hebrews.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82285979629>

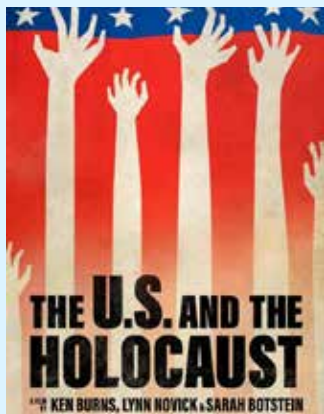


JOYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

TV MINI-SERIES DISCUSSION:

*A History To Be Reckoned With –
The U.S. and The Holocaust*

Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm (Zoom only)



The U.S. and the Holocaust is a three-part, six hour series that examines America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the twentieth century. Americans consider themselves a "nation of immigrants," but as the catastrophe of the Holocaust unfolded in Europe, the United States proved unwilling to open its doors to more than a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of desperate

people seeking refuge. Through riveting firsthand testimony of witnesses and survivors who as children endured persecution, violence and flight as their families tried to escape Hitler, this series delves deeply into the tragic human consequences of public indifference, bureaucratic red tape and restrictive quota laws in America. Did the nation fail to live up to its ideals? This is a history to be reckoned with.

Can be watched on PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/>

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87375182081>

MOVIE DISCUSSION:

Gentlemen's Agreement

Saturday, April 22 at 7:00 pm (Zoom only)

Facilitator: Jonathan Kass,
long-time congregant and big movie fan



Nominated for eight Academy Awards and winning three, this film provides an intense look at Anti-Semitism in post-WWII America. Gregory Peck plays a non-Jewish journalist who, tasked with writing about Anti-Semitism, pretends to be Jewish to try to experience this bigotry first-hand. He finds that the trauma of Anti-Semitism reaches far beyond his professional experiences,

ultimately affecting his private life and that of his family.

Can be watched on Amazon Prime: <https://www.amazon.com/Gentlemans-Agreement-Gregory-Peck/dp/B002YTK9X8>

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85244162087>

KATELLA DELI HISTORY AND TASTING

Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 pm

Who doesn't love our local Jewish deli, Katella Deli? This community staple has been serving up bowls of matzah ball soup and plates full of pastrami for over half of a century. Come learn more about the history of this beloved restaurant and enjoy some delicious food as well. Limited to 20 participants. **Cost: \$25 per person**



PRAYER 101:

Shalom Aleichem

Friday, May 12 at 6:00 pm (before Services)

Teacher: Cantor Kelly Cooper

In these prayer classes, we will dive deeper into the meaning of each prayer that we study. We will translate them, study their origins, and explore various interpretations, including our own. When you re-approach these prayers in our liturgy during services, they will likely be even more meaningful to you.

JEWISH COOKING IN AMERICA

SESSION THREE:

My 1950's Dinner Party

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

Teacher: Eve Lunt, *Torah Center Teacher and long-time congregant*



When Mrs. Maisel meets Don Draper and Gee-Willikers, sparks will fly faster than you can say "Lucy, I'm home!" at this 1950's-themed cooking class. We'll be de-mystifying the classic Jell-O-Mold and rolling up cute as can be Cocktail Weenies. Break out your skinny ties and poodle skirts for what promises to be a colorful and very cool Daddy-O good time. Costumes encouraged! **Cost: \$15 per person**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL JJL PROGRAMS
TO CHARMAINE clw@tilb.org**



TEMPLE ISRAEL & TEMPLE MENORAH

DISCOVER ISRAEL TOGETHER
Led by Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper

SAVE THE DATES
JUNE 19-30, 2024



PASSIONATE JEWISH JOURNEYS
EDUCATIONAL & EXPERIENTIAL JOURNEYS CREATED WITH YOU IN MIND.
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**Join us for an evening of
Hebrew songs in observance of
Israel's Memorial Day
Monday, April 24 at 7:30 pm**

Bring an instrument, your voice, or just your presence.

The event will take place at a congregant's home.

Must register for address.

Please register online or call the Temple Israel office to register.

<https://sites.google.com/view/tilbhenefshar>




TEMPLE ISRAEL'S ESCAPE THE GALA

SATURDAY, JUNE 10



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 10
For our Annual Gala
Appetizers, Dinner,
Auction and Entertainment

This year we will be honoring
Linda & Rick Burney





MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

LONG BEACH, CA
Sunday, April 30, 2023

11:30 am - 3:30 pm
at Temple Israel

WHAT IS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY?

What started as Temple Israel's neighborhood project 10 years ago has grown into a large interfaith community project, supporting many local non-profits and impacting a variety of local communities. Temple Israel is working this year with the Belmont Heights Methodist Church with Being The Church Long Beach, The Belmont Heights Community Association, The LGBTQ Center Long Beach, to create an afternoon of giving back to our Long Beach community!

Some Projects Available

- Food Bank Facelift
- Painters Wanted
- Diggin' That Fence
- Make Your Mark: Parking Lot Striping!
- Giddyup! Help the Horse Farm
- Total ReSod!
- Farmer for a Day!
- Save the Wetlands!
- Plant a Giving Tree
- Cookies for Our Heros
- Flash Food Drive!
- Pet Literacy Program

Register for projects below

www.mybelmonthheights.org/bhmadd



INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Centering The Heart And Wholeness Of Latino Jews

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

Intercultural as well as interfaith speak to the diversity that has been my passion for many decades. This month I take the lead from Ariela Ronay-Jinich, a Jewish Latina researcher, offering her insights into Jewish community building centered on Latino Jews...many of whom are members of Temple Israel.

“Ronay-Jinich wrote, “It became very clear to me that I had reached my limit of how long and how far I had compromised my Latino, Mexican identity as a Jewish professional.” She noted that after entering parenthood, she now felt a heightened awareness that rarely, if ever, was Jewish programming intended for her or her family. “So, it really hit me that I had to create it for my family.” And she had the academic and activist background to do it. Supported from both the Rodan Family Foundation and Jewtina y Co. and fiscal sponsorship from Béchol Lashon and Jews of Color, she partnered with community members to create a monthly havurah and other culturally specific programming through an initiative called Olamim: Latinx Jewish Belonging for Families.

For many of the participants, concerns about cultural erasure fuel their motivation to pass traditions, culture, and language down with intentionality. Many express grief about things that aren't available in the community, such as Spanish-language Jewish programming. “The stakes feel very high in terms of what they transmit and how. People are handing me their heart. They're talking about their children, their identities, their families. It's so personal. It's really el corazón—the heart—of who they are.

“Our hope is to find out who our allies are. But our sense of community is not dependent on that. That makes it feel possible... We can have programming and spaces where we generate what we're hoping for.”

Ronay-Jinich is excited about focusing and disseminating her findings to help create an impact for Latino Jews, in the Jewish and Latinx communities more broadly, and for Jewish families navigating their intersecting identities in general. “This is an opportunity for institutions to learn and reflect. I'm excited that this work is really about people because that's an element often missing from racial justice work. I get to be in the heart not just of their grief, or strategies or behaviors for coping, but in the heart of peoples' empowerment. My hope is that this work can help Latino Jewish families enjoy who they are—together!”

Let us, as part of Temple Israel and the Reform Jewish community, take heed and open up even more possibilities of inclusion because that is what we stand for; that is what we are here for; that is who we are.

*Taken from newsletter: Jews of Color Initiative'09-22,

Centering the Heart and Wholeness of Latino Jews

Shalom Paz Shalom Paz Shalom Paz Shalom

TOT SHABBAT

Friday, April 28 at 6:00 pm

at Temple Israel

Followed by a FREE pizza dinner!



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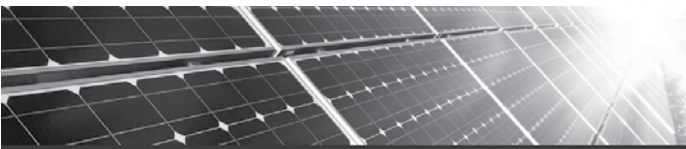
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