



**KOL YISRA'EL • THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL**

*Celebrating 100 Years!*



September 2023 / Elul 5783 / Tishrei 5784



*Join us for the*  
***High Holy Days***  
 2024 / 5784



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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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## TOT SHABBAT

at Temple Israel

Friday, September 22 at 6:00 pm  
with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper  
Followed by a FREE dinner!



Tot Shabbat is a fun, informal, child-centered Shabbat Service, designed especially for children, their loved ones. Through songs, prayers, stories, and Torah time, children love this Service! Free Pizza Dinner provided. Please RSVP to Michelle at [mdt@tilb.org](mailto:mdt@tilb.org)

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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.

## SEPTEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

### Friday, September 1

6:00 pm Shabbat at the Beach (Rosie's Dog Beach)

### Saturday, September 2

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center

10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike and Meditation

### Friday, September 8

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Soulful Musical Shabbat

### Saturday, September 9

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

### Friday, September 15

7:30 pm Erev Rosh HaShanah

### Saturday, September 16

10:00 am Rosh HaShanah

### Friday, September 22

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, September 23

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

### Friday, September 29

6:00 pm Sukkot Service

### Saturday, September 30

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Sukkot Festival Service



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### T'KIAH

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



We are commanded - not to blow the shofar - but to hear its sound. In a few days, the evocative sound of the Shofar will call us back to our home for the High Holy Days. Together, we stand spell-bound, as the sound resonates throughout the Temple building and stirs something in each of us. Personally, I love being part of the Shofar Choir. It is one of my favorite mitzvot and one reason I look forward to attending High Holy Days Services. If you would

like to learn how to blow the shofar and participate, I encourage you to let the office know - no audition required!

So, what brings you to Temple Israel for the High Holy Days? There are as many reasons to attend as there are members in our congregation. It may be the connection to ancient traditions, being part of the chain of Jews throughout the centuries. Or perhaps you attend because you are honoring your family tradition and are reminded of sitting with your parents, grandparents, and siblings. Maybe you find being together as a community is a way to become reenergized Jewishly. For many of us, we look forward to seeing good friends whom we may have not seen for a while. All of these are reasons enough to attend High Holy Day services. Whatever YOUR reason, I truly hope you will join us, as together we observe Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur at Temple Israel as a community. And by the way, lest we forget, this holiday season begins with Selichot on September 9th, followed by the High Holy Days, then Sukkot September 29/30, and concluding with Simchat Torah on October 7th. Be sure to check out these wonderful and meaningful programs and services.

It is important to address concerns we have heard about why you might be reluctant to return to the Temple building. First, of course, COVID, while diminished markedly, is still a concern for congregants. Even though we have relaxed restrictions, our COVID Advisory Committee remains on-call to advise us if we need to pivot. We are also keenly aware that safety and security issues are serious problems for Jewish communities worldwide. I want to let you know that (thanks to the excellent work of our Security Committee co-chaired by Linda Burney and Reggie Reyes), we have secured a \$160,000 grant for security upgrades. This is reassuring news! Many of the changes will be obvious, while others will be less visible.

And, for those of you who have enjoyed the convenience of livestreaming, I certainly understand. But it is fair to say that watching services on a screen simply does not compare to the live, in-person experience in our beautiful sanctuary. We miss you and want to see you!

Hearing the Shofar is only a mitzvah when you have the intention to listen to its call. For 5784, let us gather together and hear the Shofar for High Holiday Services at the Temple.

L'Shanah Tovah

## OUR ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS CAMPAIGN

Dear Temple Israel Family,

**Teshuvah - Returning** - This is the time of year when we turn to reflect on the year that is coming to a close, turn inward to examine ourselves, and turn ahead to commit to transforming ourselves to be our best.

**Reflection** - In this year, we look back at Temple Israel's 100 years of building community in the Long Beach Jewish community. Throughout this time, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to one another and to our Jewish teachings and values. Our staff and lay leaders continue to work together to care for our congregation and honor our traditions, while keeping one another safe - often creating new traditions in the process.

**Examination** - We are a congregation of diverse backgrounds, identities, and viewpoints. Yet we have remained a community of shared values who cares deeply about our world and one another. This allows us to continue to thrive and evolve in our ever-changing world while showing compassion for each other.

**Transformation** - Our community's future is filled with promise! We look forward to being engaged and inspired by the spiritual leadership and teachings of Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper. We continue to seek opportunities and new and innovative ways to revitalize and reengage our members, and create an even more dynamic community as we celebrate our Centennial Anniversary.

For Temple Israel to continue to thrive, transform, and remain a caring community, we rely on each of you, our members, for your support. We encourage you to help through our annual High Holy Days Campaign. This campaign is critical to our ability to budget and plan as we prepare for this new year and navigate what lies ahead. Please take this opportunity to provide additional support for our amazing synagogue community.

Soon you will be receiving a formal appeal letter for our High Holy Days Campaign. Thank you in advance for your meaningful contribution. May you, your family, and our congregation be blessed with good health and a sweet new year.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu



**RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE**

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



Private Yehuda Weiner was killed by Egyptian artillery near the Suez Canal on 15 Elul 5728 (September 8, 1968), during the War of Attrition between Egypt and Israel. His brother, lyricist Ehud Manor, wrote several songs expressing his loss and grief. One song, written about two years after Yehuda's death, expresses a longing for the days when the family was together; its opening line is "Next year we will sit on the porch and count migrating birds."

Manor's colleague, composer Nurit Hirsh, wrote a slow melody to match the emotion of the song. Producer and singer Shlomo Zach, who was the manager of Ilanit (the intended performer), noticed that with a change of meter and tempo, the melody worked well as a happy tune; the lyrics, too, could be read not as a longing for the past, but as a bright outlook towards the future. When Ehud Manor was presented with the melody, he was initially surprised by the upbeat tune; he was however open to this version, and even tweaked some of the words to match the song's new, optimistic mood. Thus came into being the familiar song, *Bashana Haba'ah*.

The song instantly became an international hit. It became popular in the United States after being featured in a commercial for El Al that aired on American television. The song was translated and performed in English, German, French, and Japanese, and the melody was used (with different lyrics) for songs in Persian and Turkish. And because the words *Bashana Haba'ah* – "in the coming year" – are repeated in each verse and in the refrain, the song became associated with the festival of Rosh HaShanah, both in Israel and abroad.

Optimism is often associated with a new year. In his piyyut (hymn) for Rosh HaShanah, Ahot Ketannah, 13th Century poet Avraham Hazan of Girona takes the Talmud's wish that a year may conclude together with its curses (Megillah 31b), and complements it with the line "may a year begin together with its blessings." The story of the song *Bashana Haba'ah* is a lesson in turning sadness into optimism, and a change from looking back to looking forward. As we enter a new year, may we all find a way to turn our curses into blessings, and enter the new year with a positive outlook.

Please share your thoughts with me on this or other issues at [VPRitualPractices@tilb.org](mailto:VPRitualPractices@tilb.org)



The opening of *Bashana Haba'ah*, in the composer's handwriting.



**SHABBAT AT THE BEACH**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1 ~ 6:00 PM**

Rosie's Dog Beach - 5000 E. Ocean Blvd.

**TORAH CENTER MEET & GREET**

**5:00 PM**

Come and meet some of our teachers and new Torah Center families, and connect with Torah Center friends!



**SHABBAT MIDBAR**

*at El Dorado Nature Center*

with Rabbi Fox & Cantor Cooper

**Saturday, September 2**

Meeting at the grass area picnic tables  
at the rear of the parking lot

*Torah Study at 8:45 am*

*Hike and Meditation 10:00 am*



**TIME TO JOIN  
THE TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD  
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023-2024!**

Your membership in our Sisterhood is important to Temple Israel. We hope to continue the tradition of operating a Judaica Gift Shop, donating to Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), participating in the JFCS adopt-a-family program during the holiday season and selling Rosh Hashanah Honey to give to friends and families. We hope you will bring your creative ideas to Sisterhood this year and help us expand our fundraising efforts.

PLEASE complete the enrollment form on this page to renew or initiate your Temple Israel Sisterhood membership and return it with your check (sorry no credit cards accepted) to our treasurer, Robin Lilien. We look forward to seeing you at our 2023-2024 Sisterhood events.

We wish you a healthy and peaceful year.

Gail Levy (949) 433-4038 Gail.levy913@gmail.com	Melissa Campbell (714) 403-3931 mpcampbell807@gmail.com
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 22 at 1:00 pm** - Fruit and/or vegetable table arrangement class at Temple Israel cosponsored by Sisterhood and Joys of Jewish Learning (Details pending)

**November 5 at 1:00 pm** - Cooking class by Norma Stein and Debbie Feldman at Temple Israel and cosponsored by Sisterhood and Joys of Jewish Learning (Details pending)





**THE SISTERHOOD  
GIFT SHOP**

The Gift Shop will be open  
during Torah Center  
Wednesdays at 4:30 pm and  
Sundays at 9:30 am  
and by appointment.  
Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829





**WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**  
Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 pm  
Taco Surf - 10542 Los Alamitos Blvd



**Cost: \$30**  
Includes entrée,  
non-alcoholic beverage,  
tax and gratuity  
**Please RSVP by September 6**  
to Charmaine  
[clw@filb.org](mailto:clw@filb.org)

**2023 - 2024 Membership**

**ANNUAL SISTERHOOD  
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

*Please help us continue to support Temple Israel by becoming a new member or renewing your membership.*  
**Thank you!**

**SISTERHOOD TORAH CIRCLE**

Sarah ~ \$36  
Rebecca ~ \$54  
Leah ~ \$100  
Rachel ~ \$180

Make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood  
(Sorry no credit cards can be accepted)

Membership Renewal  
 New Membership

LAST Name: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail check to:  
Robin Lilien  
3291 Druid Lane  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720



# ק ש ר K ESHER

TEMPLE ISRAEL

## Keshher

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Sadie Brown**  
ANDI President

Our Keshher Teens have had a great summer of fun! While youth group programming, Torah Center, and Madrichim were on pause for a couple of months, the teens stayed busy. Many of them spent time at Jewish summer camps, including URJ Camp Newman, Camp JCA Shalom, and Camp Mountain Chai, along with other secular camps. Additionally, lots of teens spent this summer traveling to various places around the world, from Tahoe to Japan, and from France to England. We even had several teens attend the JCC Maccabiah Games in

Israel, where they got to meet and compete with other teens from across the globe!

Throughout each and every one of these incredible experiences, Keshher teens got to explore new places, grow as individuals in immersive settings, learn new skills, further develop their leadership abilities, reunite and create friendships, and expand their Jewish identities along the way through prayer and connection.

Our Keshher Youth Group, ANDI, installed a new board of amazing and talented teens in the beginning of the summer that are very excited to bring engaging and meaningful programming and experiences to the teen/youth community at Temple Israel. So far, they have met several times to bond and collaborate while working together to plan out the various events of the year. ANDI is looking forward to their Welcome Back Potluck and Havdalah at the Park as summer concludes. In September, they return to their regularly scheduled programming, comprised of several retreats in and out of state, teen-led programming for younger Torah Center students, and partnered events with other Temple Youth Groups and non-Jewish youth organizations across Southern California.

Keshher had an awesome summer and can't wait for another amazing year!



Temple Israel is excited to welcome the Mermelstein Family!

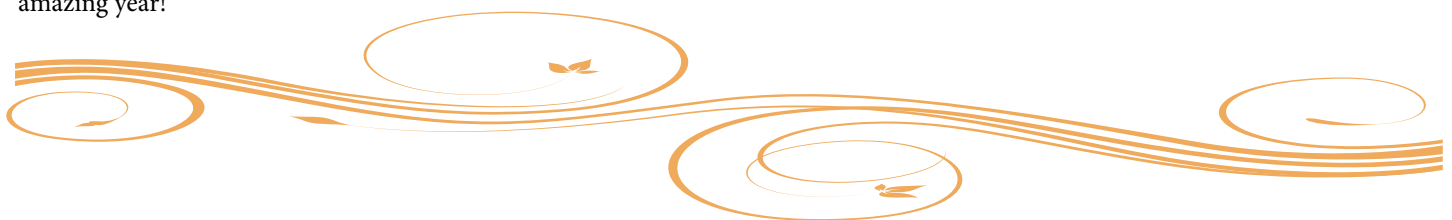
For the past year, Michael Mermelstein and Cassie Stiftl, along with their sons Moshe and Albert, have enjoyed being a part of our loving and active Jewish community, where they met and made new friends, and so decided to join Temple Israel.

Michael grew up in Long Beach, grandson of Mel Mermelstein, a Holocaust survivor. During his high school years, Michael connected with his Jewish roots and sought to become a Bar Mitzvah. He is an attorney in Long Beach and a member of the Long Beach Bar Association and Long Beach Barristers. He is also on the board of the Auschwitz Study Foundation.

Cassie is a Marketing Manager for a non-profit. She and Michael lived in Oakland for 5 years before moving back to Southern California. After living in Orange and Huntington Beach, they moved to Long Beach in 2021. Moshe is three and attends Temple Beth David Preschool. Albert is a newborn and is very, very sweet.

In their free time, Michael, Cassie, and the boys love to go to the El Dorado Nature Center, and other parks around Long Beach. They spend time gardening in their backyard, enjoy reading, and going to Torah study. They look forward to becoming involved in temple volunteer opportunities and other study groups.

Please welcome Michael, Cassie, Moshe, and Albert to Temple Israel!





## KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



### Friday Afternoon

As the pots simmer, with just a wisp of steam escaping between their no longer perfectly fitting bodies and lids, the sun starts to sink low in the sky. It sinks below the horizon line, set high against the densely packed apartment blocks of the city. The eyes adjust to the dimming streets, the dotted white plaster walls becoming soft as they fall into uniform shadow, and the white glow of the sun cresting above their roofs becomes a blazing halo. But a wisp of a breeze rustles the leaves, combining with liberation from the sunrays direct beating, so just the slightest of cooling is felt upon the skin. The streets have emptied out, rumbling away on the last busses home before the service stops for Shabbat. The war of the day has ended, and this city that never stops, not even for corona or bombs or Yom Kippur, becomes silent. Hushed and still. Golden and shaded and hazy in the late afternoon sun. The only sound to catch is the bird's tweet and the steady drip of the city's air-conditioning units.

And for its foot soldiers, baked and completely sweated out, unfamiliar to this moment of respite, deep in the enemy of rests' territory, they find themselves exhausted. Completely eviscerated of energy and languishing in the unbearable discomfort of such a state. Where the nerves tingle and the bones ache from their previous exertions, and any last reserves from the busy week this Friday was entered with had been drained far below the red line. The mind, frayed from the normal stresses of the city, and pushed further by the stresses of the juggling act to complete all the tasks before the Sabbath is buzzing, compounded by dehydration from the heat heavy to the point where no amount of water drinking can keep up. But now all is drowsy and calm, with one last mission remaining. And it doesn't matter if there was one last dish you really wanted to prepare, or one last spot of the house to clean, or how interesting the page of the book is you are reading. One last mission presses itself onto you, whether you are resting in the shade of one of Tel Aviv's great Ficus trees or sheltering in the air-conditioned living room, the golden sun in rays dappling in between the leaves or the curtains. The body finds itself unable to move, the mind unable to focus. The eyelids drift, by no volition of their own, closer and closer together. The Sabbath bride, a few hours early before it's designated holy arrival, spoils the wedding and meets her groom, and into sleep you drift.

## JOIN OUR CLERGY IN ISRAEL SUMMER 2024



## TEMPLE ISRAEL & TEMPLE MENORAH DISCOVER ISRAEL TOGETHER Led by Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper

**JUNE 19-30, 2024**



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**JJL WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm  
(Zoom Only)**

Discussing the book, *Shanda* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin



In her deeply engaging, astonishingly candid memoir, author and activist Letty Cottin Pogrebin exposes the fiercely guarded lies and intricate cover-ups woven by dozens of members of her extended family. Beginning with her own long-suppressed secret, the story spirals through the hidden lives of her parents and relatives—revealing the truth about their origins, personal traumas, marital misery, abandoned children, religious transgressions, sexual identity, radical politics, and supposedly embarrassing illnesses. While unmasking their charades and disguises, Pogrebin also showcases her family’s remarkable talent for reinvention in a narrative that is, by turns, touching, searing, and surprisingly universal.

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

**SHABBAT SUKKOT LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI BILL CUTTER**

**Saturday, September 30 at 11:30 am**

During this thought-provoking lunch and learn, Rabbi Cutter will be talking about “Past and Future” in the poetry of Yehuda Amichai, Israel’s “poet laureate,” and a master of describing hope and despair in the same stanzas.

Please RSVP to Charmaine [clw@tilb.org](mailto:clw@tilb.org)



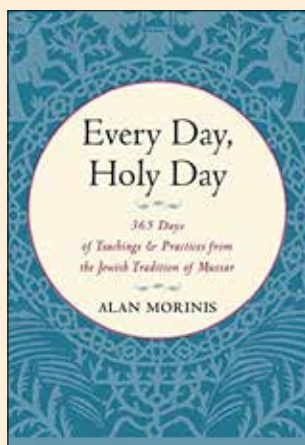
**About Rabbi William (Bill) Cutter** is an old friend of Temple Israel. In addition to inaugurating two of our rabbis when they were young, Rabbi Cutter worked alongside Rabbi Wolli Kaelter, our Rabbi Emeritus of blessed memory, for years. He completed Yale University in 1959, Hebrew Union College in 1965, and UCLA in 1971, where he received his doctorate in Modern Hebrew and Comparative Literature. He has written on Israel reflections in modern literature, educational theory, and the pastoral rabbinate, having founded HUC’s program in clinical pastoral education. He would like to add that Sharon Amster Brown was a favorite student of his at HUC, whose luminous career he has followed with great pride.

**WEEKLY JJL PROGRAMS**

**MUSSAR STUDY GROUP**

**Every Other Wednesday at 9:45 am  
September 13 & 27 (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. With 26 traits 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 & Dan 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 studying Paul’s Letters.

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







# *Celebrate Temple Israel's 100 Year Anniversary*

*with these upcoming events*

*Join us as we spend this year celebrating our 100th Anniversary  
with special programs throughout the year*

**Pilger Scholar-in-Residence  
Rabbi Leah Hochman  
October 27-29**

**Cantor's Concert  
Saturday, November 4**

**100 Years of Hanukkah Lights  
Friday, December 8**

**Guest Speaker, Natasha Feldman  
(Chef and TV Personality)  
Thursday, January 18**

**ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND  
CELEBRATION  
Shabbat Services  
with Singer Songwriter, Julie Silver  
Friday, February 9  
100th Anniversary Party  
Saturday, February 10**

**Family Concert  
with Singer-Songwriter Craig Parks  
Sunday, February 11**

**High Tea & Temple Israel Stories  
Sunday, March 3**

**Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence  
Cantor Jonathan Friedmann  
History of Temple Israel  
Book Release  
April 26-29**

**Temple Israel Gala  
Journey Back to 1924  
Saturday, May 11**

**An Evening at Joe Jost's  
100 Years of Long Beach Fun  
Thursday, June 6**

# High Holy Days

2023/5784

## HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

**Erev Rosh HaShanah: Friday, September 15**

7:30 pm Teen Service

7:30 pm Service

**Rosh HaShanah: Saturday, September 16**

10:00 am Service

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

3:30 pm Saturday, September 16

**Kol Nidre: Sunday, September 24**

7:30 pm Service

**Yom Kippur: Monday, September 25**

9:00 am Service

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

2:00 pm Family Service

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

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

**Rosh HaShanah: Sunday, September 17**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Rosh HaShanah

Family Celebration in the Park

(*Bandsbell at Recreation Park - 4900 East 7<sup>th</sup> St.*)

**Yom Kippur: Monday, September 25**

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 will be using its own streaming platform to livestream our services. All High Holy Days Services will be streamed live, but for the safety and security of our membership, our livestream will also be password protected. To obtain the list of passwords for services, please email [Charmaine](mailto:Charmaine@templeisrael.org) in the Temple office. Services will also be posted on Temple Israel's Facebook and YouTube channels, following the live broadcasts.

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

## SELICHOT PROGRAM & SERVICE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

7:30 pm Refreshments

8:00 pm Art Project with Eve Lunt

9:00 pm Service

## LULAV & ETROG SETS

\$50 STANDARD SET

\$80 SUPERIOR SET

**Order by Wednesday, September 6**

## SUKKOT SERVICES

**FRIDAY**

September 29 ~ 5:30 pm  
Wine and Cheese in the Sukkah  
followed by Service at 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY**

September 30 ~ 10:30 am  
Followed by Oneg in Sukkah

## SIMCHAT TORAH

### SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION CONSECRATION CEREMONY

**Friday, October 6 at 6:00 pm**

### SHABBAT MIDBAR

at El Dorado Nature

**Saturday, October 7**

Torah Study at 8:45 am

**Yizkor Service at 10:00 am**

Simchat Torah Hike and Celebration at 10:30 am



WELCOME THE NEW YEAR AT TEMPLE ISRAEL'S

# ROSH HASHANAH Family Celebration in the Park

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 ~ 10:00 A.M.**

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

**LOCATION:**

**BANDSHELL AT RECREATION PARK**

4900 East 7th Street

**JOIN OUR TZEDAKAH WALK!**

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

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**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE OF A KIND CELEBRATION!**

**COST:**

**NO CHARGE TO ATTEND - RSVP REQUESTED  
SUGGESTED DONATION \$20 PER FAMILY**

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**

**Contact Charmaine if you would like to help!**

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Dear Congregant,

It's tradition to remember loved ones no longer with us during the High Holy Days. We would like to give you the opportunity to honor that tradition by listing those names in our High Holy Days Memorial Book. Keeping with Temple Israel tradition, the book will be distributed on Yom Kippur at the Yizkor Service.

Please list your name and those you wish to remember below. If you need more space, you can use the reverse side of the form. **Please print names legibly, listing must be received by September 11.**

**Remembered by:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name(s)

- Check here if you would like to list the same names as last year
- Check here if you would like an email confirmation of names listed

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of loved ones you wish to remember below: (PLEASE PRINT)	

**LISTINGS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

*It is customary to make a donation in honor of those remembered.*

<b>Suggested donations in increments of "Chai" or \$ 18</b>						
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$36	<input type="checkbox"/> \$72	<input type="checkbox"/> \$108	Other \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check		<input type="checkbox"/> Credit/Debit Card on File				
<b>PLEASE ENTER YOUR CREDIT/DEBIT CARD INFORMATION BELOW - SIGN, DATE AND RETURN I AUTHORIZE TEMPLE ISRAEL TO CHARGE MY MASTERCARD OR VISA.</b>						
CC Number:						
Exp Date:		Security Code:		Amount \$		
Print Name:						
Signature:				Date:		



# Yahrzeit Observance

## "Zecher Tzadik Livracha"

*The memory of the righteous are a blessing*



### September 6-12

Herman Albert  
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### Adolfo Guzman-Lopez, Lysa Saltzman, Jordan and Elyanna Guzman

on the death of step-father and step-grandfather, Cecilio Sanchez

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on the death of Herman Rubin

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### Encouraging Unity; Promoting Peace!

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council



Did you know that The South Coast Interfaith Council brings together roughly 150 different faith organizations throughout Long Beach, the South Bay, and parts of northern Orange County? SCIC is anchored in the sharing of our human identity and is based on mutual understanding, respect, and love by affirming our diverse religious and cultural differences and commonalities.

Effective communication is crucial for encouraging unity, promoting peace, and raising cultural and religious awareness. By promoting religious literacy through multiple forums, better understanding of each other develops and works contrary to prejudice and ignorance. One of the ways the SCIC has found to encourage this is through Interfaith Cafes. Café attendees assemble in small groups addressing faith topics and shared personal religious histories, along with questions and revelations that elicit comments like, "That's what we do, too!" further contributing to one's own development and growth, clarifying doubts and misconceptions. Maneck Bhujwala, who serves as mobed or priest for the California Zoroastrian Center in Westminster states that they "break down the wall of ignorance that most of us have. They help remove the fear of the unknown."

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- 2 Nico & Elisa Turien - 28 years
- 3 Alan & Robin Lilien - 34 years
- 4 Geoffrey & Sandra Carr - 63 years
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- 6 David & Shari Alpern - 25 years  
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- 8 James & Barbara Kahn - 44 years
- 9 Neil & Laura Chasin - 34 years  
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Cliff & Laurie Gerstman - 33 years
- 11 Howard & Ava Weiss - 47 years
- 12 Hayim & Joy Zadaca - 30 years  
Michael & Virginia Kahn - 14 years
- 13 Ian Desberg & Gwen Schwimmer - 15 years  
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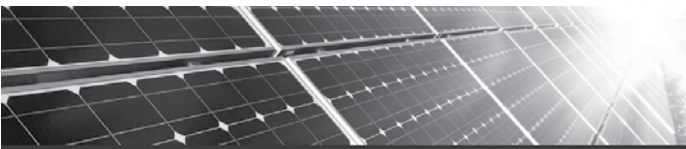
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Together, let's explore the role superheroes and superheroines have played for American Jews in their attempts—successful and not—to design, create and use powerful personas to explore their complex roles in families, for friends and within American society. We will look at secular heroes and observant heroines and find the power in the everyday and extraordinary people who populate our imagination.

**Sunday, October 29**

**9:45 am Morning Class**

**Disruptions and Re-Formations: Making Judaism Out of Chaos**

We are in the midst of a wildly disruptive period of American Jewish life. What can we learn from earlier Jewish experiences of great ruptures and disruptors as we navigate through the end of the pandemic and uncertain social and political futures?

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