



KOL YISRA'EL • THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

Celebrating 100 Years!



October 2023 / Tishrei / Cheshvan 5784

PILGER SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH Leah Hochman

Generously sponsored by the Temple Israel Foundation's Pilger Fund



Friday, October 27

7:00 pm Shabbat Service

Looking Forward, Looking Back:
Lech Lecha and the First Jews of Long Beach

Saturday, October 28

8:45 am Torah Study

Lekh Lecha/L'khi Lach:
You Want Me To Do What?



7:00 pm Evening Havdalah / Learning

Location: Pam and Steve Keiles' Home
POW! KA-BLAM! HI-YA! Comics, Graphic Novels
and Jewish Superheroes for the 21st Century

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?



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.

If you are interested in supporting the campaign, or getting more information, please call the Temple office.

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TOT SHABBAT

at Temple Israel

Generously sponsored by Lauren Friedman

Friday, October 27 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**

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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.

OCTOBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, October 6

6:00 pm Simchat Torah Celebration/ Consecration

Saturday, October 7

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center

10:00 am Simchat Torah Celebration Hike and

Meditation

Friday, October 13

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Soulful Musical Shabbat

Saturday, October 14

8:45 am Torah Study

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

Friday, October 20

6:00 pm Pink Shabbat

Saturday, October 21

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service /

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



As we enter our 100th year as a congregation, we find ourselves in a remarkable place. We are led by talented, joyful clergy – partnering with stellar senior staff, dedicated employees, and we are financially stable. Not all temples are in this position, but it has not been just good luck. We have reached this point due to the hard work and commitment of our professional leaders coupled with strong lay leadership, willing

volunteers, and of course, YOU. Your generosity has allowed us to create programming for adults, teens, and children, with a Torah Center that is vibrant and exciting.

This past spring, we hired a consultant to help create a strategic plan for the next 3 to 5 years. Rick Burney and a dedicated core steering task force met a number of times, conducted dozens of interviews of congregants, and spent hours refining the input from all of the different sources. The strategic plan will focus on four main areas: Member Engagement, Relationships with the Local Community, Capacity Building, and Communications.

Here is a brief summary of each area, and if there is a particular area of interest where you would like to help in implementing and executing the plan, please let Rick know.

Member Engagement: In all of the focus groups one word came up more than any other one when asked to describe the Temple: Community. So why would Member Engagement be the first and perhaps the most significant area for the strategic plan to focus on? To be truly successful, we need the participation of our congregants – not just the volunteers and leaders who plan the events, but for members to show up to attend services, share an Oneg, socialize, and yes, to build a community. Engagement is key.

We know that, for a myriad of reasons, the pandemic being foremost, some of you have gotten out of the ‘habit’ of coming to the Temple. We know that being together, in person, seeing each other face to face, sharing a smile, a handshake, or a hug is JUST different, and it matters. That is why Member Engagement is the first area of focus of our Strategic Plan. We want you back!

ADD one (or more) events to your plan to come to the Temple every quarter. The new Joys of Jewish Learning catalogue is a good resource with amazing programs all through the year. In addition, because this is our centennial year, there will be a number of special events for everyone. Please take time each Monday and Friday to look at the weekly e-blasts and updates to the Temple Israel website calendar and plan to attend.

Relationships with the Local Community: A Jewish Long Beach survey found that there are many unaffiliated Jews in the Long Beach area. Become a Temple Israel ambassador to your Jewish friends and neighbors - please invite them to come experience all that we have to offer here. Our Social Justice Committee under the guidance of Vice President of Social Action, Kate Sachnoff and Committee Chair, Paul Levitt are already at work identifying local organizations who share our goals and values to partner with; there will be more to come on this.

Capacity Building: This is a ‘catch-all’ phrase for looking at our existing staff structure, current and future lay leadership, financial stability, and maintaining our beautiful building. Mark Dressner, our immediate Past President, has taken on the task of succession planning for the Board and building a strong pipeline for future leaders. If you want to become more involved, at any level, let Mark know. On the financial front, I would like to give a shout out to Amy Lipeles and Susie Amster who, for the last several years, have championed our Next 100-year campaign, helping our Foundation build a strong nest egg. It would be fantastic if we could have 100% of our congregation donate at whatever level is appropriate for you to help ensure our financial future. A special nod goes out to co-Chairs of the Annual Gala committee, Justin Perlman and David Jacobson who led a very successful annual GALA last June and will be doing it again next May (spoiler alert- you do not want to miss it!)

Communications: Great programming is of little value if only a handful of people show up. The Strategic Planning committee recognizes that we all lead busy, hectic lives – and that our programs would be better attended if the Temple provided more timely and complete information about upcoming events. To that end, we will be working to improve all aspects of our communication with you. I am personally committed to seeing that we make improvements to our website and calendar, so that they not only promote the Temple to the outside community but are effective and practical tools for congregant use. In doing so, we hope you will be able to schedule and attend activities and events of interest to you.

Strategic planning is one of the ways we put our “goals into action.” And, as we head into this High Holy Days season and our very special anniversary year at Temple Israel, I hope you will consider putting your best intentions into action by attending more events in person this year. Go to one of the special services, volunteer to serve on a committee, or be a Friday night greeter, all while building this wonderful community we call Temple Israel.

Our sages tell us the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, but then the next best time is today. As we enter our Centennial Year, join me in doing the work of “planting trees” to allow our children and our children’s children to sit in the shade that we make for them today.



RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



How much Hebrew is too much Hebrew? Jewish communities have struggled with this question for generations. In the 1910s, the non-Zionist Relief Organization of German Jews proposed to establish a technical university in Ottoman Palestine, with instruction in German, the language of science. The Zionist organizations, including the Teachers' Union, insisted on instruction in Hebrew, leading to massive protests and strikes. The clash, known as the War of the Languages, ended with a decisive victory for Hebrew, and paved the way for the opening of the Technion in 1924.

Meanwhile in the United States, Reform Judaism had almost completely turned its back on Hebrew by the beginning of the 20th Century. When a young Rabbinical student from Germany named Wolli Kaelter came to study here in 1935, he was shocked to find that services were conducted in English except for the Sh'ma and the Kaddish. But things were beginning to change: whereas in the early 1920s the UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, precursor of URJ) was strictly anti-Zionist, by 1937 the Guiding Principles adopted by the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) included both a commitment to a Jewish homeland in Palestine as well as the use of Hebrew in worship and instruction.

Hebrew engagement peaked in the United States in the 1960s and 1970s, with conversational Hebrew common in religious schools and summer camps. By the 1980s, however, the focus in Reform congregations had shifted from teaching Hebrew as a language to teaching Hebrew for prayer services. Yet a survey from 2019 by CASJE (Collaborative for Applied Studies in Jewish Education) found that parents and students value Hebrew for reasons beyond prayer – chief among them, the feeling that the Hebrew language is a vehicle for identity, engagement, and connection.

Here at Temple Israel we have diverse attitudes towards Hebrew. Some would like to see less Hebrew at services, while others would like to see more. We value our text studies in translation, but keep seeking meanings in the original. Congregants express a desire to know more Hebrew, yet our classes are undersubscribed. Where do we go from here?

To address this question, the Ritual Practices Committee will host an open meeting to discuss Hebrew in our congregation: where we want to be, and how we want to get there. The intention is to have a conversation that reflects all of our opinions; there is no particular end goal in mind. We would like to hear from those who want more Hebrew and from those who think we have too much already. We want to hear opinions from people who participate in services, in text studies, and in our education programs (also from those who do not participate). We want to

hear from our Torah Center students and their parents. So please come to our **RPC meeting on 2 Cheshvan (October 17) at 7pm at Temple**. If you are unable to come, please send your thoughts in writing: we want every voice to be heard.

Please share your thoughts with me on this or other issues at VPRitualPractices@tilb.org



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 am
at the Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy
followed by
Luncheon and Entertainment

Entertainment funded by
TI's Sarah & Wolli Kaelter Sabbath Fellowship Fund



Mazel Tov to Kathy & Alan Kreida on the birth of their grandson, Mason Guillermo Kreida born on September 12, 2023 weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. We also extend congratulation to parents Matthew & Maritza Kreida.





**MEET GAIL LEVY,
CO-VP OF SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP**



Imagine being a 5'2" female Vice Principal standing between two fighting high school cowboys in Oakdale, California. Imagine dressing up as the Cat In The Hat to read to elementary school children on Read Across America Day (a very special treat for the kids to read with their Principal). Or perhaps, picture a former University of Arizona Cheerleader "good girl" lecturing across the nation on HIV Prevention

Education and condom use to teachers as a consultant with the California Department of Education who found it difficult to say the word "condom" out loud. If these scenarios aren't confusing enough, then picture a young physical education teacher introducing aerobics and creating a full schedule dance classes in the 1970's while attempting to chair a PE department that had to go CO-ED with the boys!

Gail Levy has led an interesting life in the field of education. She earned her doctorate from the University of LaVerne in Educational Leadership. While living in Long Beach for the past 13 years, she has been President of JFCS, volunteered with Pathways to Independence as a mentor, a core member of NCJW's welcome circle for three Afghanistan students, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, chaired the Long Beach Cancer League Gala, chaired Visions for the Jewish Federation (now Jewish Long Beach) and tutored children at Miller's Children's Hospital.

Gail and her husband, Tom, have been proud members of Temple Israel for about 9 years. Perhaps the most fun she has these days is playing Mah Jongg with two different groups of women and enjoying her 7 grandchildren!

SMALL BOWL FLOWER ARRANGING



**Sunday, October 8
1:00 - 3:00 pm**

at Temple Israel

Join Debbie Abitz to learn tips while having fun with friends. **Cost \$25**

Please RSVP by October 5 to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

Women's Night Out

Thursday, October 12 at 630 pm
Outdoor patio at The 908

The cost is **\$30 for Sisterhood members** and **\$35 for non-members**, and the price includes a choice of entrée from a pre-selected menu, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity. RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org by October 10th.



Women's Night Out September 7



**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



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5 at 1:00 pm - Cooking Class: Take Your Brunch From the Usual to the *Unusual* by Norma Stein and Debbie Feldman at Temple Israel and cosponsored by Joys of Jewish Learning **Cost \$10**

November 15 - Sisterhood Lunch Date, details to follow



קשׁר

Keshher

TEMPLE ISRAEL
8th-12th Grade



Jacs Ferdman
Madrichim Rep.

Before the school year even started, Keshher teens were busy preparing for their roles in the Temple Israel community. The Madrichim went to JEA Day of Learning in OC and came out with a new understanding of creating fun, approaching with curiosity, and being in an environment of teamwork. They also attended their own orientation at TI and got to meet the teachers with whom they will be working. The ANDI Board also

prepared for the coming year by attending sessions and outlined roles and responsibilities needed; they are all so excited for this year and have already come up with amazing programs.

The Keshher teens have started another year with a bang, and we can't wait to see what 5784 will hold! On Sunday, September 10, we officially kicked off another year of Torah Center. The Madrichim were so excited to meet their students, and they look forward to establishing connections with the next generation of Jewish learners. Our 8th-12th grade students met their new teachers and learned about all the exciting Keshher plans for the coming year.

The Keshher teens attended our annual Erev Rosh HaShanah Teen Service, created by Evan Smeltzer, our ANDI Religious and Cultural Vice President. The Keshher Teen Council and ANDI Board all participated in leading the service. Special thanks to Bill Shafton for providing us with beautiful musical accompaniment. The service allowed us to become a tight-knit community of teens and offered enrichment for the year 5784. Our service was followed by a fun mixer led by our ANDI Membership Vice President Max Perler and a meaningful social action program led by our ANDI Social Action Vice President Kyla Farrell that helped us choose our social action emphasis for the year. The following weekend, the High Holy Day of Yom Kippur allowed the teens to reflect on their past year. We were able to participate in fasting and truly delve into being a Jewish adult.

As the High Holy Days passed, many of our Keshher teens went on the Fall Leadership Retreat with 120 Jewish Teens from all over SOCAL. We learned about social issues and activism, practiced our leadership skills, laughed with our new best friends, and prayed together. It was an incredible weekend.

CLIMATE JUSTICE: CREATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

By Dori Chandler and Kate Sachnoff

Did you know that Temple Israel has an active Climate Tzedek group working to repair our Earth? Climate Tzedek is led by URJ-CA and is part of the TI Social Action Committee. Through the efforts of congregants, we are supporting the transition of our communities away from fossil fuels and pollutants. We have worked to support policies at the statehouse with the Religious Action Center including a bill to stop corporations from putting referendums on the ballot with confusing language (is it yes or no?), a bill to require setbacks for oil drilling from schools and homes, and one to support the transition to electric school buses. We are continuing our battery collection project at the synagogue and are pleased to report high participation levels. We host a popular Shabbat Midbar, walk and meditation --- held the first Saturdays of the month at El Dorado Nature Center.

We are also continuing our efforts to "Get the Lead out of Long Beach" through a Facebook page and direct action opportunities, such as comments at City Council and media outreach. We aim to reduce the toxic lead exposure that children and residents of Long Beach experience. You can ask your city council member to require Long Beach Airport to provide data for how many of the small planes are choosing to utilize the unleaded fuel now that was recently made available. On September 14, several of us joined the Sierra Club and other community organizations on the Greenpeace Arctic Sunrise ship for a conversation about how to end drilling in Long Beach and how to make an equitable transition away from fossil fuels.

Climate Tzedek meetings are held on the 4th Friday of each month at noon on Zoom. All are welcome! (If that's not a time you can join in, we'll consider adding another meeting). Questions? Ideas? RSVP? Contact Kate Sachnoff, VP for Social Action, at VPSocialAction@tilb.org.

Thank you all for your continued support on these efforts and we look forward to another year filled with Torah, Mitzvot, and moving justice forward with our feet!



Hilary Frazer, Diane Levine, Dori Chandler, Joanne Levy, Kate Sachnoff, Odette Armour, Jerry Levy, Heather Raphael, (rear) Warren Blesofsky



KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL MAKING SHABBAT DINNER COOL AGAIN

By Jeremy Rosen



Now only the dustiest of reds holds back the darkness. I awake from my nap and realize it was much longer than I intended. Soon the guests will arrive, to celebrate the day of rest with the sacred meal. Before they do, it is time to make sure a set table greets them. Rummaging through the linens, my favorite tablecloth is the first one that manages to be found, but as I start gently prying it out of the pile, a voice behind me tells he would actually

prefer the other one. Together, we lift high and drape it over the two-person desk that serves on these occasions as our dining table. Plates, napkins, silverware, wine and water glasses, tahina, salads, the flowers now trimmed and balanced as not to tip the vase over, and a challah warm with skin browned and cracking and steaming are all weaved into place on the little table that could. Buzzing and flashing on, a message notification appears from a friend. "Hi, is it ok if I bring an extra friend with me tonight?" The perfectly fitted arrangement on the table becomes even more perfect as another plate manages to wedge its way onto the table. Now it is time to wash away the grogginess of the nap, the grime of the day, and the stress of the week. With a close shave from a new blade, an extra dab from the special cologne, and an ironed white shirt, I begin to feel the specialness of the day take hold. Still finishing the last grooming in the steamy room, a knock rasps upon the front door, and Etay's muffled voice greets the newcomers.

The flames of the twin Sabbath candles reach a low orange. On the plates, smears of sauces and spattering of crumbs leave the only record of the feasting that just concluded. Uncorking and passing a new bottle of wine, we are all too stuffed, or drunk, or tired to clear the table just yet, and so withdraw from the scene to the sofas. I escape to the kitchen, under the guise of finding the next bottle, for just a moment of private respite. In a guilty habitualness developed over the last few months, I open the news app to update myself on the latest scandals of the week. The weekend longread of the Haaretz daily reads "Making Shabbat dinner cool again for secular Tel Avivians." Sitting just in the other room, is a collection of young artists, poets, students, professionals, native, and adopted Israelis. Squeezed this week into my apartment, and the next week down the block, we gossip about the latest friend circle drama, debate the latest political developments, and discuss the progress on the next edition of their literary magazine late into the night. One of the most ancient of Jewish traditions, providing a cornerstone of the week in the modern, cosmopolitan, urban context of Tel Aviv, could not be any cooler.

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ISRAEL TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 pm

Come join Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper
to discuss the upcoming trip

Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org





Temple Israel Welcomes New Members



Please welcome **Alex, Elizabeth, Francis, and Milo Shindel** to our Temple Israel family!

Alex grew up in Whittier as a member of Temple Beth Ohr. He spent his summers going to Jewish sleepaway camp, initially at Hilltop, and then on the east coast, at Camp Equinunk. He continued to work at Camp Equinunk as a counselor until graduating from college. Alex received his degree in Biology at USC, then earned his medical Doctorate from SUNY in Syracuse, New York. Upon completing his medical training as a Gastroenterologist, he returned to work with his father at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

Lizzy was formerly a commercial actor living in New Orleans and had roles in multiple movies, television shows, and commercials, including working on a scene with Steve Carell in the Big Short. Not to be outdone, Alex appeared on the Jay Leno Show twenty years ago when he resuscitated his pet iguana who had drowned! Lizzy and Alex spent the early years of their marriage in Los Angeles while he completed his Fellowship training. They moved to Seal Beach in 2019.

Francis (Frankie) is five years old and is in kindergarten at McGaugh Elementary. Milo is four and in preschool. Alex believes that when he was growing up, the local temple was a large part of cementing his Jewish identity and education. Since getting married, Lizzie has been fully committed to raising their children Jewish. She and Alex are joining Temple Israel as Frankie and Milo are now at an age to develop their own Jewish identities and learn more about Judaism beyond celebrating the holidays with family.

When not working or spending time with family, Alex enjoys working out. He also loves watching as much college and professional football as he can squeeze into his busy life. Both he and Lizzy enjoy the outdoors and look forward to introducing their children to fishing and other outdoor activities. They want them to know how to bait a hook and roast a perfect S'more. A recent addition to the family is their Irish Wolfhound puppy named Hanukkah!

The Shindels are really excited to become part of this community and look forward to meeting everyone!



Temple Israel welcomes new congregant **Ruth Haberman**. Ruth grew up in Lakewood. Her parents joined Temple Israel in the 1950's and were active members until they both passed away in their eighties. Ruth enjoyed attending our Torah Center and was confirmed in 1960 with Rabbi Kaelter officiating. Both her children grew up at Temple Israel, became Bar and Bat Mitzvah and continued through Confirmation as well.

Ruth worked as the Activities Director at the Federation Towers during graduate school at CSULB in the 1990's. Working with seniors was always her passion, and she continued to do so for many years.

Ruth moved to Leisure World when she retired and has been active with clubs and classes there. This past April, recognizing that she was missing her connection to the Jewish Community, Ruth began attending Friday night Shabbat Services. The warm welcome she received from Rabbi Fox, Sisterhood members and people she had not seen in years, prompted her to rejoin "her Temple." She now feels like she has come home.



TEMPLE ISRAEL'S CARING COMMUNITY

Temple Israel's Caring Community provides its members the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of performing acts of G'milut Chasadim (deeds of loving kindness), especially during times of loss in our community. Our wonderful volunteers assist during meals of condolence and shiva minyans by helping set up and arrange food, cleaning up, and providing general assistance to the bereaved.

We are always looking for congregants to join our pool of volunteers, and signing up is not a commitment. We will reach out when assistance is needed and if you are available, we would welcome your help. If you are interested in learning more or signing up as a potential volunteer, please contact Charmaine or email Karen Ben-Shmuel at karen.benshmuell@gmail.com.

Thank you.
Lisa Hill and Karen Ben-Shmuel,
Caring Community Co-Chairs



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
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**

BEGINNING HEBREW

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
October 4 - December 13

Teacher: Janet Liss, Temple Israel congregant



Have you ever wanted to learn the Alef Bet but thought that you just could not do it? It was too hard. You are not good at languages. You do not want to embarrass yourself. Well, now's the time to put all those false beliefs to bed. This 10-week Beginning Hebrew class is painless and fun and by the 10th week of study, you will be reading Hebrew! We guarantee it.

Come join other adults who, just like you, want to read Hebrew too. This is not your father's or mother's Hebrew class!

Cost: \$100, plus the cost of textbook

SACRED AGING WITH RABBI FOX

Thursdays at 12:00 pm
October 12, November 9, December 14,
January 11, February 8, March 14

Every step of life brings with it unique experiences and opportunities. Join us as we explore the new frontier of roles and opportunities that come with sacred aging. We will examine the wisdom that comes with experience and talk together about the questions that make our lives meaningful. Join Rabbi Fox, as we explore Jewish questions and texts that speak to a meaningful spiritual life as we enter our golden years.



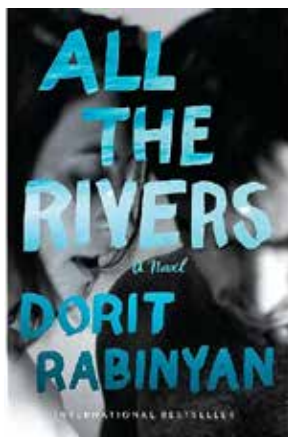
BANNED BOOKS DISCUSSION

Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 pm
at Temple Israel's Sukkah

Teacher: Matt Davis, Temple Israel Congregant

Judaism places a significant emphasis on books and written texts, considering them crucial sources of knowledge, guidance, and spiritual insight. To coincide with The American Library Association's Banned Book Week 2023, temple member Matt Davis will lead and facilitate a discussion of All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan. This book was selected from the "Jewish Banned Books" list from the Jewish Book Council. The novel is a beautiful and complex tale of an intercultural love story and how the personal becomes political. It shows how the juggernaut of social forces impacts joy and freedom. The program will take place during Sukkot, and we look forward to hosting this event at a time of gratitude and appreciation of the blessings of life.

Program limited to first 20 registrants to allow for group discussion.



ETHIOPIAN JEWRY:

WHERE THINGS STAND IN 2023

In partnership with the Social Justice Multimedia Group

Sunday, October 15 at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Simcha Schwartz, Executive Director,
Struggle to Save Ethiopian Jewry

Simcha Schwartz, Executive Director, Struggle to Save Ethiopian Jewry will lead a discussion about both the ongoing efforts to assist the remaining 5,000 to 10,000 Beta Israel Jews in Ethiopia (most of whom have family members in Israel) make Aliya to Israel, as well as challenges they face in both countries.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85397273692>



Please RSVP for all programs to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

**TORAH CENTER PARENT DISCUSSIONS
WITH RABBI FOX AND CANTOR COOPER**

Sunday, October 22 at 9:45 am with Rabbi Fox



Come join Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper for coffee and conversation and enjoy this opportunity to connect with the clergy and meet other parents. We'll discuss current events, explore big Jewish questions, and have a little fun along the way.

This opportunity is for current Torah Center parents only.

**CARING FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS:
WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 pm

Location: Education Center of the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village (7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach)
Enter at the south kiosk at Spring St. and El Dorado Park (as if going to the Nature Center)

As we read about Noah, we are reminded of our responsibilities toward caring for and protecting the animals around us. Join us, as we visit the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village in Long Beach and learn more about the ground-breaking partnership between private rescue, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) and municipal animal shelter, Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS). Speakers from both organizations will discuss the history of each agency, their programs and classes, as well as what is in store for the future. Additionally, you'll learn some tips for enriching the lives of your own household pets and get to take a tour of this remarkable facility! Please consider bringing new or gently-used blankets and towels, new dog/cat toys, or unopened dog/cat food or treats to donate.

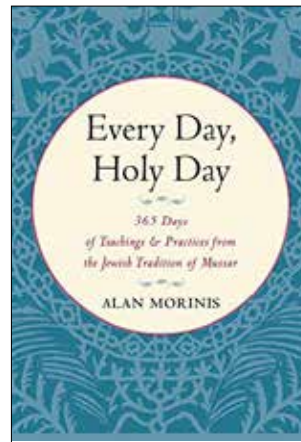


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Facilitator: Trish Goldin

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Friday, October 6 at 6:00 pm



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Torah Study at 8:45 am

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at 10:00 am



INTERFAITH GREETINGS

What you seek is seeking you

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

Jalaluddin Mohammad Rumi, also known as Mavlana-i-Balkhi, was a 13th Century Persian poet, Islamic scholar, and Sufi mystic, born in Afghanistan died in Turkey. Rumi was and remains a venerated poet and spiritual master for the way he looked at life, love, and the mysteries of the universe. You have doubtless read his poetry and if not, I invite you to do so as he captured the essence of humanity which he believed was tied to questions of meaning, purpose, death, and Sufism; that knowing yourself was a means of knowing God.

Rumi saw various paths leading to God ~ harmony and unity among the world's religions. At a time of religious war, he worked to unite the followers of all faiths, writing "My place is the placeless and my trace is the traceless." "Raise your words, not your voice." "There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled. There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled. You feel it, don't you?" "The wound is the place where the light enters you." "Actually, your soul and mine are the same, we appear and disappear in each other." "Life is a balance between holding on and letting go." "You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean, in a drop." "Don't be satisfied with stories, how things have gone with others. Unfold your myth." "It's your road, and yours alone, others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you."

"There's a field somewhere beyond all doubt and wrongdoing. I'll meet you there" because "love is the bridge between you and everything."

Salaam, Shalom, Peace!



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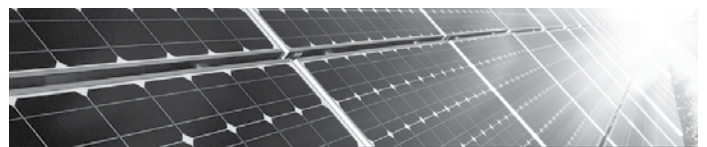
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CONSECRATION CEREMONY

Friday, October 6 at 6:00 pm

SHABBAT MIDBAR

at El Dorado Nature Center

Saturday, October 7

Torah Study at 8:45 am

*Simchat Torah Hike and Celebration
at 10:00 am*

