

April 2024 / Adar II /Nisan 5784

100th Year Anniversary History of Temple Israel BOOK RELEASE

Join us as we welcome

Cantor Jonathan Friedmann, PH.D. Lapid-Shapiro Scholar-in-Residence

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28

Friday Evening

Following Shabbat Services - 7:00 pm A Temple is Born: Jewish Long Beach in 1923

Saturday Morning:

Torah Study 8:45 am
Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach: Exodus 33:12–34:26
"Lead this people forward"
Long Beach as a Promised Land

Sunday Morning Book Talk:

10:00 am Centennial by the Sea: 100 Years of Temple Israel





Please RSVP to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

Generously sponsored by the Temple Israel Foundation's Lapid-Shapiro Fund



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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SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE HONORING DAVID YORK

for sharing his Musical Gifts with us for 25 years

Friday, April 19 at 6:30 pm



Get Well Wishes

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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 5

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 6

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center 10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike and Meditation

Friday, April 12

Congregational Retreat Shabbat at Home

Saturday, April 13

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

Friday, April 19

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service Honoring David York for sharing his Musical Gifts for 25 years

Saturday, April 20

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Sawyer Chesnin

Friday, April 26

Lapid-Shaprio Scholar-in-Residence Weekend 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 27

8:45 am Torah Study with Cantor Jonathan Friedmann, Ph.D. 11:00 am Senior Shabbat & Luncheon

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THE TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE GALA

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



So, I bet you thought that David Letterman invented the Top 10 List? Well, you would have thought wrong! Actually, it was Randy Cohen, a nice Jewish boy from Charleston South Carolina who deserves the credit for originating this longstanding comic bit for Letterman. Randy, a three-time Emmy award winner and an accomplished author, wrote for television and print media, including The Late Night Show.

"The List" made its debut on Late Night in September 1985. To launch his new bit, Letterman first showed several other lists, including McCall Magazine's contest to create a list of the Top 10 sexiest men over 60. Following that, Letterman presented his own Top 10 List of words "that almost rhyme with peas," none of which actually did. And the rest was history! Letterman continued with his Top 10 list throughout his run hosting late night television.

In homage to this little piece of nostalgia, I now present my **Top 10 List of Reasons Why You Should Attend the Gala:**

- 10. I checked your calendar. You are not busy!
- 9. Everyone eats. You have to eat anyway. There will be really great food and drink.
- 8. It's a chance to get dressed up. How often do you get to wear that gorgeous outfit and your expensive jewelry?
- 7. Avoid FOMO! All your Temple friends will be there.
- 6. Support your fellow congregants who have worked tirelessly on the Gala. They will know if you show up. Don't disappoint them. Much gratitude goes to:

Justin Perlman, VP of Resource Development and the person responsible for everything.

David Jacobson, our intrepid co-chair, and entertainment guru. David will play the role of host, Ralph Edwards, for the evening's theme, "This is Your Life" the popular TV show from the late 1950's. Like on the show, our "surprise guest" will be Temple Israel. We will have voices and videos from the past to entertain you!

Debbie Feldman, Co-chair of the event and our fabulous auction. Deb is coordinating all the live and silent auction items and, if you know Deb, you know there will be coveted items (with apologies to the 10th Commandment). Of course, Deb is still on the hunt for more items, such as fun, themed home parties, vacation condos, tickets to theater and sporting events, restaurant gift cards, golf packages and more! If you can arrange any of these items, please contact Deb! (See reason 4 below!)

Leah Lieberman will create the beautiful decorations. It's always a treat to see what Leah dreams up.

Rob Feldman, Auctioneer. Need I say more?

And, of course, thanks to Eric Shatzkin and our incredible and hard-working staff, Mike Jackson, Charmaine Weiner and everyone else behind-the-scenes, who are working hard to make our Gala a spectacular success.

5. You are competitive, right? Win some of the many great auction items, including the Hollywood Bowl and Dodger tickets, a Mammoth Mountain condo, Magic Castle entry for four people, reserved parking space for High Holy Days (priceless!), Newport Theatre Arts tickets, Long Beach Aquarium tickets and much more.

You will NOT want to miss out on the opportunity to own a special limited edition 100th Year Anniversary Mezuzzah made from reclaimed stain glass shards from our pre-renovation windows. Renown glass artist Paula Prager is creating these unique art mezuzzahs that are a piece of our Temple history.

- 4. Donations are tax deductible. (Read the fine print. I am not a CPA, so please consult your tax advisor.)
- 3. This is our Temple's most important annual fundraiser. Be a part of it.
- 2. Celebrate our 100th Anniversary. You will have to wait another 100 years to get a chance like this.

And the number one reason to attend the Gala (drumroll please) It will be fun!!!

Finally, as I researched the idea of Top 10 Lists, I thought we should have our very own Temple Israel's Top 10 List of sexiest men over 60. Please submit your nominations to *president@tilb.org*. Entries must be received no later than sundown Friday, May 10 to be eligible. The REAL #1 reason to attend the Gala is to see WHO makes the list!

See you at the Gala!



RITUAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE MESSAGE



RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



Well the Rabbi turned to me and he smiled

He said, "Come and pray with me, Come and pray for a while" I said, "Rabbi, there's no one around Either they're all sleeping late Or they went out of town" I've gotta get a minyan of Jews Hold on, hold on...

(Words by Lauren Sturm, to the tune of I've Gotta Get a Message to You by the Bee Gees)

The Saturday Morning Services Song was performed and recorded by Kol HaLayla (Voice of the Knight), a Jewish a cappella group at Rutgers University, in the spring of 5759 (1999). It portrays a common reality: while many people come to Friday night services, the services on Saturday morning are often sparsely attended. This situation is familiar to us here at Temple Israel. Historically, Reform congregations in the United States held their main services on Friday nights because many congregants worked on Saturdays. Temple Israel didn't have any Saturday morning services until Rabbi Wolli Kaelter initiated them when he came in 5715 (1955); however, these have always been less popular than the Friday night services. Many people come to Temple on Saturday mornings for Torah study, but the service that follows (unless there's a B'nai Mitzvah) typically has just a handful of regulars, with occasional visitors or people who come to say kaddish. Why do people not come to services? Perhaps I should ask the question the other way around: why is it that I do go to Saturday services?

I did not attend synagogue growing up: other than for about four weeks before my Bar Mitzvah (and an occasional friend or family Bar Mitzvah), I'd never set foot in a synagogue. Later, in graduate school, I was involved for a few years with a student-run congregation. We joined Temple Israel because my daughter, Carmel wanted a Bat Mitzvah, and our first visit was on a Saturday morning because culturally, I come from a place where Saturday is the main service. In the months leading to Carmel's Bat Mitzvah, we attended regularly because she needed to familiarize herself with the ritual. But that was five years ago; why have I continued to attend? In part, it fulfills a need, connecting with community and with tradition (I rarely come on Friday nights because it interferes with our Shabbat dinner). It is also driven in part by responsibility: if I want Saturday services to happen, then I need to be a part of them.

Saturday morning services at Temple Israel are changing. The Sarah and Wolli Kaelter Sabbath Fellowship service, which used to be held at our Temple once a month, has moved to the Alpert JCC since returning from the pandemic. Last year we also initiated a Shabbat morning meditation and hike which meets once a month at the El Dorado Nature Center. These programs bring Shabbat morning experiences to people who otherwise wouldn't attend services; but they also mean that on many Shabbat mornings, our Temple doors are closed. So how can we make sure to have

a minyan every Shabbat morning, for members, new visitors, and kaddish sayers? If you feel it's important, then there's one thing you can do: come and join us.

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



Listen to The Saturday Morning Services Song on YouTube https://youtu.be/cglDNBsMOEs

TOT SHABBAT

Generously sponsored by Lauren Friedman

Friday, April 26 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



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, April 27 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

RSVP

Call Anneleise Thompson (562) 426-7601 https://jewishlongbeach.ticketspice.com/senior-shabbat



TI SISTERHOOD 100 YEAR

Attendees were treated to a progressive 3-home event capturing three eras of Sisterhood history. This included the iconic foods of those eras and best of all, recollections by long-time members Binnie Berro and Rhoda Orenstein.







Sisterhood Women's Night Out

Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

at El Torito - 5242 Lakewood Blvd

Cost \$40

includes soup or salad, entree, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages

RSVP by Thursday, April 4 to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

EASY "PEAS-Y" PLANT-BASED COOKING

In partnership with Joys of Jewish Learning

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm

Teacher: Martine Korach, JJL Committee Chair



Ever thought about eating more plant-based (aka vegan or vegetarian) foods, but were worried about the time it takes? Want to reduce meat and dairy consumption while also getting food on the table quickly and easily? Don't want to have to order online or go to a specialty store? Not sure if you'll like plant-based

options? Join us for some quick plant-based recipes that include pantry staples -- all from ingredients found in your average supermarket.

Cost \$10/person
Please RSVP to clw@tilb.org



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

We're looking for a few new members for the 2024-25 Board.

If interested, please contact Renee Florsheim raflosheim@yahoo.com or Robin Lilien robinlilien@earthlink.net



THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 18th Picnic at Wardlow Park at 12:30pm. BYO lunch – drinks and noshes provided.
- June 10th Board Installation Dinner details pending



WELCOME NEW MEMBER - WILLOW LOVE



Let's all welcome our newest congregant, Willow Love, who became a member this month. Willow has developed friendships with several other Temple Israel congregants through Jewish Long Beach and being a member of the Alpert JCC since her son was in preschool there. She has felt a deep connection to Temple Israel since the passing of her husband, Alan Love, in 2021.

Willow has 2 children. Her daughter Nicolette is 22 and a junior at CSULB, majoring in Psychology, and her son Jaxon is 16 and a high school junior at Sato Academy of Math and Science in the engineering pathway. Willow put her career as a Fashion Designer and Design Director on hold and has been a full-time mom for many years, focusing on her family and her own personal journey. Additionally, she has helped mentor other parents to be advocates for their own children with special needs.

Willow loves to exercise (Tae Bo, spinning, yoga, etc.), and is an avid cyclist and outdoor enthusiast. She and her children are passionate scuba divers, especially Nicolette who is a Certified Dive Master and is using her expertise to develop her honors thesis about marine conservation efforts in Bonaire, the Dutch Caribbean, where she is currently living. Willow is an expert seamstress, a crafting fanatic, and enjoys decorating for parties. She enjoys cooking, especially for and with others. In her free time, she volunteers in her local neighborhood community for events at the Alpert JCC and looks forward to becoming more involved with NCJW, as well as temple events, study groups, and volunteer opportunities.

Willow grew up in Massachusetts, spending summers on Cape Cod, and receiving a degree in Fashion Design from Syracuse University. She moved to California in 1992 to join the garment industry, where she met her late husband, Alan. Alan was a Reform Jew and Willow became Jewish by choice. She is looking forward to continuing her growth and recovery while she makes new and meaningful connections at Temple.



Shabbat at Home is a unique program that gives us an opportunity for our Temple Israel family to share the joys of Shabbat with a potluck dinner in the warmth of congregants' homes. Shabbat at Home will take place on Friday night, 4 Nisan 5784 (**April 12**, **2024**), the same evening as the congregational retreat. There will be no services at Temple that night.

BE A HOST: Please know that you are performing a Mitzvah by welcoming other congregants into your home. All you have to do is to provide the table settings; your guests will bring dinner. Temple Israel will provide to you a list of your guests and their contact information, and some helpful hints for celebrating Shabbat in your home. Please sign up on the web form below or call the Temple office by April 1.

BE A GUEST: If you prefer to participate in this wonderful program by providing a portion of the Shabbat meal and attending as a guest, please fill out the guest portion of the web form or call the Temple office by April 1, and we will match you to a host.



To sign up as guest or host, please visit https://forms.gle/9gp5mKEtrr32PeFV9 or scan the QR code, or call the Temple office.



TEEN (KESHER) UPDATE / THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



TEMPLE ISRAEL esher 8th-12th Grade



Jacs Ferdman
TC Madrichim Rep

Happy National Women's History Month! From Bella Abzug, Anne Frank, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Golda Meir to Rebecca, Sarah, Leah, and Miriam, all have become our "Wonder Women," portraying courage and spreading acts of Tikkun Olam around the world. While celebrating Jewish female role models, we also remember the inspiring acts of Queen Esther, as we prepare for the holiday of Purim. We can't wait for the Teen

"Beauty and the Beast themed" Purim Shpiel which will be performed for our Torah Center families on Sunday, March 24th. All the teens involved in the Shpiel have been working non-stop: from rehearsals on weekdays to practicing at home, they have been dedicated to making this year's Shpiel a "Tale as Old as Time."

During the month of March, the 11th-12th grade Kesher teens attended a Shabbaton program in Los Angeles, where they were able to observe Shabbat and connect with a larger Jewish community, having Shabbat dinner at two Orthodox families' homes in the Pico Robertson neighborhood. They also went to the Skirball Museum and Canter's Deli in the Fairfax area.

The Madrichim continue to work hard in our classrooms, bringing their passion and love of community to our Torah Center. They truly are "making a difference" every Torah Center session.

And with that, the annual Make a Difference Day at Temple Israel allowed students and teens alike to participate in creating change in our wider community.

We are grateful for another wonderful month of the Kesher program!



THIS MONTH'S BAR MITZVAH



Sawyer Chesnin April 20, 2024

My name is Sawyer Chesnin and I'm super excited to become a bar mitzvah this month, and to celebrate with all the important people in my life. I've attended Torah Center at Temple Israel since pre-school, and value the teachers who've taught me so much about Judaism and to read Hebrew. I especially appreciate the friendships

I've made at Temple Israel. I'm a 7th grader at Rogers Middle School, where I'm on the Honor Roll. I love playing all

sports, and am currently on both club soccer and Friday Night Lights flag football teams (my parents won't let me play tackle but I want to!). I have an after-school job walking our neighbor's dog, Teddy, and I volunteer at the Western Museum of Flight. This is the perfect Mitzvah Project for me, as I aspire to be a pilot. At the museum, I teach visitors about vintage planes and the history of aviation. I'm a big music fan and enjoy bouncing around the basketball with friends in my free time.





SOCIAL ACTION: BREAKING THE FAST WITH OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

By Bobbi Horowitz

On Sunday, March 24th, I, along with a few other Temple members, attended the Interfaith Iftar dinner at the Masjid Al-Sharif mosque in Long Beach. It was a delightful community gathering where we celebrated Ramadan together. Several clergy from local churches and a synagogue shared reasons for fasting, each being very similar. After a variety of presentations, we prayed together and shared a delicious meal. It was a warm and welcoming environment and I met many interesting and wonderful people. Given the opportunity, I encourage other congregants to attend these special community events.



KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



If I am being honest to you, the reader, writing this column in the last few months has become especially challenging. I am trying my best to avoid this blog becoming an angry and despairing rant or another nasty political column, as the original goal was to write about life in Israel, which, as someone who moved across the world to be here, is supposedly something to brag about, even if it comes with rough edges; however,

after a year that closed onto the brink of civil strife, and then the explosion of a real war, in the most horrific way possible, it can be hard to think of anything else to write about, or to think about anything at all.

This morning, I read a column in the Haaertz daily paper that captured the experience of being Israeli in these days:

Since October, more and more people around me have been trapped in some appalling complacency, drunk on the edge of an abyss. As if months and months of war, recession and sanctions were so intolerable that they unwittingly chose disconnection. Now they walk among us as spirits, incredibly functional, beneficial to society, but not really with us. It's understandable. The terror of October 7, the early fear of war on two fronts and a large-scale uprising in the territories and mixed cities, the incessant flood of horror stories from the party in the bad guys, from the kibbutzim near the Gaza Strip, from the testimonies of the abductees who returned all this was and still is unbearable, and at a certain moment the alert body can no longer and seems to calm down on its own. Therefore, it is also difficult to shake the feeling that it is not apathy that we see here, but exhausted numbness; And that Israeli political consciousness is now better described in psychological terms. The Israelis have absorbed enough, and can no longer.

When Israelis say that every day since October 7th is October 7th, this is what we mean. Of course, life continues; even during much worse wars and situations, life continues. But I can attest that also me, myself, are among the spirits. I wake up and go to work every day, see friends and celebrate birthdays and holidays, and open the paper and read another story from a returned hostage, another story of Israel losing support in the world, and another story of inaction and indifference from our government. But in the going about these actions the joy and the anger have left, there is only left to go through the motions that are so well practiced, to hold onto a normalcy for survival's sake, for sanity itself has already been long lost. Even with all the aforementioned, whether for survival or from insanity, that other slogan, shouted on the streets of the protests and bursting forth from lips directly from the heart, "I have no other country," grips tighter onto the heart.

INTERFAITH GREETINGS

Jerusalem: Crossroads of Three Abrahamic Faiths

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

Join the South Coast Interfaith Council for "Jerusalem: Crossroads of Three Abrahamic Faiths - an Educational Symposium." Aziza Hasan (Executive Director NewGround, a Muslim-Jewish partnership) will be part of the conversation on the historical, religious, and cultural significance of Jerusalem in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions.



Join us to learn about the historical, religious and cultural significance of Jerusalem from academics, clergy, and community leaders of the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faith traditions.

Sunday, April 21, 3:00-6:00pm

The Pointe Conference Center at California State University Long Beach 1250 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840

For more info: office@scinterfaith.org or 562-983-1665



South Coast Interfaith Council & Academy of Judaic, Christian and Islamic Studies

April's Interfaith Holidays

- 4-9 Eid ul Fitr (Muslim)
- 4-13 Vaisakhi (Hindu, Sikh)
- 4-20 First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- 4-22 to 30 Passover-Pesach (Jewish)
- 4-26 Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
- 4-28 Palm Sunday (East Orthodox Christian)

Salaam, Shalom, Peace



THE GREAT SEDER MATCH UP

Do you have extra room for a guest at your Passover Seder? Are you looking for a Seder to attend?

Temple Israel's Ritual Practices Committee will try to match up hosts and guests to share a Passover Seder service. If you have an extra seat at your seder table, or if you are looking for a place to celebrate the seder, please sign up on the web form below or call the Temple office.

To sign up as guest or host, please visit https://forms.gle/5hTaPXnv9Xedr5z26 or scan the QR code, or call the Temple office.





PASSOVER FESTIVAL SERVICES

Tuesday, April 23 and Monday, April 29

Yizkor will be observed **10:30 am**

(In Person and Livestream)



TI's Social Action Committee and CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) present

HARRIETTE ELLIS WORKERS JUSTICE

PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm at Temple Israel

Led by Cantor Kelly Cooper and Rabbi Neil-Comess Daniels

Please Join us as we relate the Passover story of Jewish people's Exodus from their oppression in ancient Egypt to the current context of tourism and grocery workers seekning an end to the suffering and injustice they experience.

RSVP via bit.ly/WorkerSeder2024



Our Seder is welcome to people of all ages and faiths.

Scan QR Code to sign up



LET'S TALK ABOUT ISRAEL

Thursdays at 7:00 pm April 25, and May 23

Facilitator: Mark Dressner, Temple Israel Past President



A 10-part Israel educational curriculum, offered by URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) and ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America).

The curriculum is based on the framework of the "4 Hatikva Questions" – "To Be," "A People," "Free," "In Our Land," taken from the penultimate line of Israel's National anthem "Hatikva."

It is a resource to address all of Israel's complexities in a safe and thorough way, focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Sessions will include: Introduction to the concept, Peoplehood, Democracy, Israeli General Elections, Home-Land, The Kotel, Israeli Judaism, The "O" Word, and Morality of War .

THIS IS OUR STORY... NOW WE WANT TO HEAR YOURS

In partnership with The Next 100 Years Campaign Committee

Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 pm Following the History of Israel Book Talk

Join us for an afternoon of memories about our home away from home here at Third and Loma. Together, we will recall some of the highlights of the past 100 years and the many blessings and stories along the way.



RSVP requested for all JJL Programs to Charmaine clw@tilb.org

MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: As They Made Us

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month

Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 pm

Facilitator: Amy Lipeles, Temple Israel congregant



A film written and directed by Mayim Bialik, As They Made Us follows Abigail, a divorced mother of two, who is struggling to balance the dynamic forces within her dysfunctional family as she attempts to cultivate new love. Her father Eugene (played by Dustin Hoffman) has a degenerative condition that he and his wife Barbara (played by Candice Bergen) refuse to

accept, and her brother Nathan has been estranged from the family for decades. A self-appointed fixer, Abigail attempts to mend her complicated family's dysfunction before it's too late.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM:

A Panel Discussion featuring Judge Dan Lowenthal and Doctoral Student Taryn Williams

Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

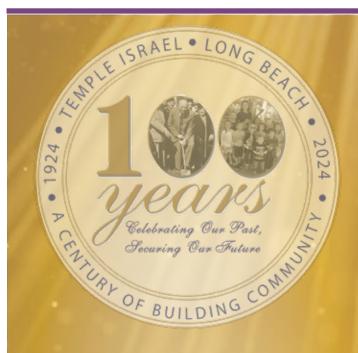
Moderator: Adolfo Guzman-Lopez, Southern California Public Radio Reporter and Temple Israel Congregant



The Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement teaches that it is the obligation of the government to ensure that no one is unjustly accused, convicted, or punished. There is growing evidence that race and poverty play a role in determining who gets arrested, who gets a fair trial, and how those convicted are sentenced. The Torah commands "Tzedek, tzedek tirdof," or "Justice, justice you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). The sages explained that the word "tzedek" is repeated not only for emphasis but also to teach us that we must be just in our pursuit of justice, that our means must be as just as our ends.

Join us for an important and fascinating conversation about Criminal Justice Reform from the perspective of fighters

for social justice Judge Lowenthal and Taryn Williams.



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

THIS IS OUR STORY...

NOW WE WANT TO HEAR YOURS

Sunday, April 28

Temple Israel Gala This Is Your Life Saturday, May 11

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



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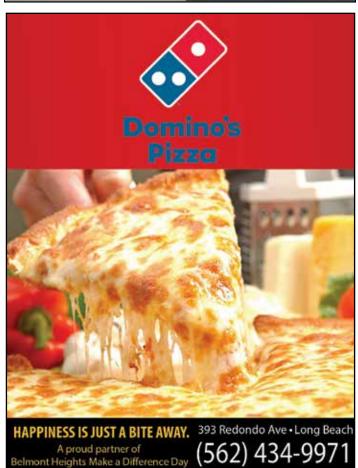
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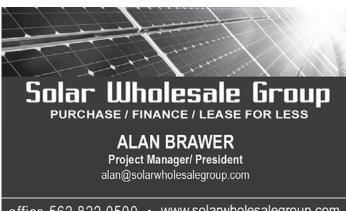


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