



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

*Celebrating 100 Years!*



May 2024 / Nisan / Iyar 5784

**Join Us For Our 100th Anniversary  
GALA**

**TEMPLE ISRAEL**

*This is Your Life*

A Celebration of a Century of  
Memories and Milestones

**Saturday, May 11 - 6:00 pm**  
Temple Israel - 269 Loma Avenue

Cocktail Attire



**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

Generously sponsored by Lauren Friedman

**Friday, May 24 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.

## MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

### Friday, May 3

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

### Saturday, May 4

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center  
10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike and Meditation  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service /  
Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Axel

### Friday, May 10

5:30 pm Guest Speaker Avraham Yarden  
7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama Musical Shabbat

### Saturday, May 11

8:45 am Torah Study  
11:00 am Senior Shabbat & Luncheon

### Friday, May 17

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, May 18

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah of Maggie Kimmerling

### Friday, May 24

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat  
7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service / Billy Joel Shabbat

### Saturday, May 25

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah of Harlin Shatzkin

### Friday, May 31

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, June 1

8:45 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike and Meditation  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service /  
Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Sterling

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**GALA RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



As Winter turns to Spring and our lives are filled with outdoor activities, I want to encourage you to join me for two very important events at the Temple. Both are relevant to our community in different, yet very similar ways. **Please join me at both the upcoming (and fabulous) 100 Year Anniversary Gala on May 11<sup>th</sup>** and at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your attendance and participation in these two events are integral to creating and nurturing

Temple Israel's community into the next 100 years.

As you read this, we are in the final countdown to the gala and excitement is building. A lot of hard work and love has been put into making this an event to remember and a huge success. There are a few things I want to share with you about that event and why you won't want to miss it. Having said that, call the Temple office to find out if spots are still available. If so, sign up!

The Gala, our most important fundraising event of the year, will be an elegant celebration showcasing the light Temple Israel brings to our members and to the outside community. The room will be beautifully decorated with special lighting and tables arranged in the shape of a menorah. Dinner will be catered by the renowned Parties by Panache and the entertainment, emceed by David Jacobson, is modeled from the late 50's TV show: "This Is Your Life". If you know David, you know it will be both informative and fun.

Apropos to Temple Israel starting a new century, our silent auction is going online with bidding beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue up to 7:00 pm the night of the Gala. For the first time, this means if you are unable to attend the gala, you won't be left out and can still bid and win! Check your email for instructions on how to register at this website: <https://qtego.us/qlink/tilb>. Once you have registered, be sure to read "Frequently Asked Questions" and see how easy it is to start bidding. Take a look and don't miss out!

Here is a small taste of what you will find on the bidding website: tickets to the Magic Castle, Long Beach Aquarium, and the Distinguished Speaker Series Season, with many more items. There will be a special "Palm Desert Experience" that includes 2 nights in a hotel, tickets to Marvin's Magic Theatre, and dinner at Arnold Palmer's restaurant. We have partnered with a fundraising company that offers exclusive travel opportunities which can be customized and include fabulous accommodations, and depending on the trip, may include airfare and a car. In 2023, Joanne and I purchased an Ireland package through a silent auction and had a fabulous travel adventure! Possible destinations include Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, the Greek

Isles, an African Safari, Costa Rica, and Spain.

I don't want to give away too many secrets, but let's say our live auction, with Rob Feldman, auctioneer extraordinaire, will be a highlight of the evening. Here are a couple items to pique your interest: Box seats at the Hollywood Bowl to see Herbie Hancock, and seats behind Home Plate for the Dodgers. Oh, and there is so much more.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not urge you to attend the **Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Join us for the pre-meeting annual budget discussion followed by bagels, schmooze time, and then the meeting. This is your Temple! Come and hear updated reports from the Board, Senior Staff, ANDI Youth Group, and our Clergy. Your attendance and participation are vital and inform our future.

I look forward to seeing you at both the Gala and the Annual Meeting.

**YOM HA'ATZMAUT**  
**Guest Speaker**  
*Avraham Yarden*

**Friday, May 10 at 5:30 pm**  
followed by Shabbat Services



**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**

*Billy Joel Shabbat*  
*A Shabbat service with prayers*  
*set to music by Billy Joel*

**Friday, May 24 at 7:00 pm**

Written by Dan Spector,  
sung by Dan and Cantor Cooper.

Bill Shafton and Rabbi Fox on guitar,  
Ronni Cohen on drums, Barry Cogert  
on bass, and David Jacobson on sax.





RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



Israel's Memorial day is one of the many small festivals and memorials that fall between Passover and Shavuot (others include Holocaust Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, Lag Baomer, and Jerusalem Day). In Israel, Memorial Day is always the day before Independence Day; the official dates are 4-5 Iyyar, though this year both are postponed by one day because of Shabbat. The memorial symbol in Israel is a small flower, native to the region, which flowers

between April and May and looks like clusters of little red balls. The red balls are actually made of bracts, or modified leaves, which encircle and protect the flowers within (whose color is yellow). The bracts do not fade, and the flowers remain bright red long after they've been picked and dried. In English, the flower is known as red everlasting or red cudweed, and in Hebrew it is called dam ha-makkabim ("blood of the Maccabees").

The name of the flower alludes to a legend that a flower grew wherever the blood of a warrior was spilled during the Maccabean revolt (167-160 BCE). This legend is of dubious origin - other sources indicate that the flower's Hebrew name was given to it in the 1920's by botanist Ephraim Hareuveni; the "blood" term also appears in the plant's scientific name, *H. sanguineum*, given to it a century earlier by Bohemian botanist Vincenz Franz Kostelecky, as well as in some of the plant's Arabic names. The flower was associated with fallen soldiers during Israel's war of independence, and appears in several poems from the period; other red flowers would have been inappropriate - the red poppy was the memorial symbol of the British occupying forces, and the red anemone was associated with British paratroopers and their red berets.

The flower's popularity as a memorial symbol brought it close to extinction in Israel in the 1950's, and it was among the first plants to receive protected status in the 1960's. Live flowers were replaced by stickers, and for decades, Israelis wore a sticker with the word yizkor and a picture of the flower on Memorial Day. A few years ago, commercial production began in Israel, and live flowers can now be purchased as a memorial symbol (the flower is still protected in the wild). Dam ha-makkabim is a perfect metaphor for Israel's Memorial Day: a local flower that never fades, which has been brought to the brink of extinction, yet still survives.

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

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YOM HAZIKARON (ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL DAY)

Join us for an evening of Hebrew songs in observance of Israel's Memorial Day

Sunday, May 12 at 7:30 pm

Bring an instrument, your voice, or just your presence. The event will take place at a congregant's home. Must register for address. Please register online or call the Temple Israel office to register. <https://sites.google.com/view/tilbhenefshar>



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, May 11 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>





### SISTERHOOD PICNIC AT WARDLOW PARK

**Saturday, May 18 at 12:30 pm**

BYO Lunch - Drinks and Noshes provided  
Please RSVP to Charmaine [clw@tilb.org](mailto:clw@tilb.org)



### WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT APRIL 11



### SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER

**Monday, June 10 at 6:30 pm**

at George's Greek Cafe  
5252 Faculty Ave., Lakewood

Cost \$40 per person

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



### THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be  
open during Torah Center  
Sundays at 9:30 am  
and by appointment.

After May 19<sup>th</sup> open by appointment Only.

Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829

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### SOCIAL ACTION - CLIMATE TZEDEK NEWS OIL VEY!

By Nancy Levy, Climate Tzedek Subcommittee



Temple Israel's Climate Tzedek group is looking for a team of environmentally conscious members to assist with our new campaign to keep the law (SB 1137) in place, limiting oil wells near neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, and other sensitive areas.

We will be working in conjunction with RAC-CA (Religious Action Committee of California) and Dayenu - A Jewish Call to Climate Action, along with a broad coalition of environmental groups, to stop the oil and gas industry from overturning a law that was voted on and passed two years ago, thanks to the hard work of these groups.

It is crucial to keep SB 1137 in order to...

- **Protect Public Health** - Families in California should not have to breathe the toxic pollution and suffer the health complications produced by neighborhood drilling.
- **Protect the Environment** - This law will prohibit the development of new oil and gas wells in sensitive areas which will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Protect Democracy** - The oil and gas industry has spent \$20 million dollars to force a November ballot referendum and overturn SB1137.
- **Social Justice** - Black, Indigenous, and people of color in California are most likely to live near oil extraction. (Our neighbors in Wilmington, and many areas of Long Beach are severely impacted by oil well pollution).
- **Jewish Values** - "See to it that you do not spoil and destroy My world; for if you do, there will be no one else to repair it."

Rabbi Akiva says: One may establish a tannery on any side of a city except for the west, as the winds blowing from that direction will bring the odors in to the city (Mishnah Bava Batra 2:9). Our sages teach that if a building pollutes the area around it, then the building should be placed away from the community.

The Keep The Law campaign kickoff will be held at Temple Israel of Hollywood on Sunday, May 5th from 1-4pm (Let's carpool!) This will be a fun day to learn more about the campaign, meet many like-minded Jews from SoCal, and find out what actions we will be taking to spread the word by the November election.

For more information, please contact Nancy Levy  
[nlevy4ape@gmail.com](mailto:nlevy4ape@gmail.com) or Kate Sachnoff  
[VPSocialAction@tilb.org](mailto:VPSocialAction@tilb.org)

### TORAH CENTER 3RD-6TH GRADE RETREAT







**THIS MONTH'S B'NAI MITZVAH**



**Samantha Axel**  
**May 4, 2024**

Hi! My name is Samantha Axel and I'm becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 4, 2024. I have been attending classes at Temple Israel since preschool, and I am excited to continue my journey with Temple throughout high school. I'm currently in the 7th grade at Oak Middle School, where I'm part of the Show Choir. I love playing soccer and I have been playing piano since I was 5.

I am adventurous, caring, funny, and very crazy. If I have any free time, I love going on hikes, hanging out with my friends, and I love baking. This is why for my Mitzvah Project, I go to the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach a couple times a month to bake cookies for the families that are staying there. Additionally, I'm raising money to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities. More information about Ronald McDonald House Charities: For 40 years, RMHCSC has been helping families by providing a "home away from home" during a child's hospitalization, and by providing a true camp experience for children with cancer. Please help with my Mitzvah Project by donating to my GoFundMe page. <https://gofund.me/ef772a36>

Thank you to everyone who has supported me along my journey to become a bat mitzvah.

**TEEN KESHER UPDATE**

(8TH - 12TH GRADE)



**Carly Ferdman**  
**Madrichim Rep**

With the year coming to a close and the Keshet teens back from spring break, the final events of the year are already happening. Over spring break, some of our Keshet teens went on college tours, traveled, worked, and hung out with each other. We just recently had our Congregational Retreat at PALI Institute. The teens had a great time doing activities, having fun together, and seeing snow! Our next event is an exciting one! The Spring Retreat at Camp Bob Waldorf is our last NFTY

event of the year. Some of the activities will include dog therapy, sports, quilling art, big fun, and many other amazing things to do. For our seniors, this is their last NFTY event ever. It will be full of tears, laughter, and many memories.

In years' past, the Keshet teens have concluded the school year with a special Friday night service, but this year, things are a little more interesting. We are having an end-of-the-year Havdalah Service on Saturday evening, May 25. There will be showcases with various forms of self-expression by the teens like dancing and cooking. The teens have been working hard on preparing to showcase their talents at the service. The Havdalah Service is also a special way to say farewell and thank you to our graduating high school seniors, as they head on to a new chapter in their lives.



**Maggie Kimmerling**  
**May 18, 2024**

Hi! My name is Maggie Kimmerling and I am super excited to continue my Jewish life as a Bat Mitzvah this month. I have attended Torah Center at TI since kindergarten, and value the teachers and staff who have taught me so much about Judaism and my Jewish identity. I especially appreciate all of the important friendships and connections I have made at Temple Israel. I am a 7th grader at Rogers Middle School, where I am on the Principal's Honor Roll. For

my Mitzvah Project I have been volunteering at the Alpert JCC Senior Luncheon, and at Temple Israel's Tot Shabbat Friday night service. This is a great opportunity for me, as I love socializing and helping all ages of people, especially in our Jewish community. I have also volunteered at the Alpert JCC Purim carnival. This was a great experience for me, and improved my multi tasking skills! I am a very social person and love playing tennis, swimming, and hanging out with friends in my free time. I hope you can join me as I am called to the Torah on May 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Harlin Shatzkin**  
**May 25, 2024**

Hi, my name is Harlin Shatzkin, and I can't wait for my Bat Mitzvah on May 25th! I've been attending Torah Center with most of my classmates since preschool, and we all have worked really hard this year in preparation.

I am a 7th grader at McAuliffe Middle School. At school, I really enjoy art and history, and for my after school hours, I have been very involved with competitive gymnastics since I was little. For my summers, I really look forward to and love Jewish sleepaway camp, and have attended Camp Mountain Chai for six summers. In my free time I enjoy time with my friends, hanging out and listening to music. I invited Taylor Swift and Harry Styles to my Bat Mitzvah, but I don't think they'll be able to come.

For my Mitzvah Project, I was involved in activities to protect and clean our environment, participating in beach clean-ups and raising awareness of the effect of pollution on our southern California coastal wildlife. If you are looking for an organization that really works to rescue and care for birds and animals that have been hurt by pollution or injured/orphaned because of the loss of habitat, I encourage you to donate to Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER - LISA MARCUS



Temple Israel welcomes Lisa Marcus to our congregation! Lisa is the sister of temple member Richard Marcus.

Lisa grew up in Laguna Beach and attended UC Irvine. After graduation, she moved to Oregon, where she lived for 5 years, and then to Washington state where she raised her two sons, Daniel (29) and Joshua (25).

Lisa and her partner, Mike, recently moved to Long Beach to be closer to family. Their household includes their dog, Rosie, and cat, Tinker. Daniel joined them here in December. Joshua lives in Idaho with his finance' Morgan.

Lisa has worked as an administrator for a construction company for over 12 years doing document control, managing contracts, as well as handling bids and any other work as needed. This has allowed her to continue with the same company even after the move to So Cal. In addition to her work, she enjoys baking, reading, writing poetry and painting.

Lisa is looking forward to becoming part of the Temple Israel and Long Beach Jewish community and we are looking forward to getting to know her too!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER - GABBY MEGHIDDO



I first heard about the Temple through Sylvia Manheim, a family friend, upon moving to Long Beach, and recently have been seeking to join "community" in general, and the Jewish community in particular. This is likely influenced by the War in Israel, which has inadvertently impacted me emotionally, and my desire to feel closer to a group of people who can relate to this topic.

As an only child, I grew up in West LA, before immigrating to Israel with my parents at the age of twelve. Upon completion of High School, and the Israeli Military, I returned to the US, to pursue bachelor's degrees from the University of Arizona, in both Exercise Physiology and Psychology. I desired to attend Medical School and to somehow create a career from my passion for learning about the body and mind. I took the road less traveled, and enrolled at Semmelweis University, in Budapest, Hungary, following my parents' footsteps of getting a European education (both graduated from the University of Rome in Architecture). Upon completion, I returned to Israel and began Residency first in Orthopedic Surgery, and later transferred to Psychiatry. During my training at Tel Aviv University, I also heavily invested in studying Psychotherapy with the intent of treating patients with a more holistic approach.

In 2019, just before Covid, I decided to step away from my practice and move to Long Beach, to be closer to my parents who live in the area. This period sparked an appropriate time for career reflection, integration, and an awareness that I was not fulfilled in the field of Clinical Medicine. I have since been slowly transitioning towards a path more aligned with Health and Wellbeing, and am open to new entrepreneurial, consulting, teaching, and creative opportunities that may arise at the intersection between mental health and wellness in their various forms and I hope to impact the community in this way.

When not investing time in my studies or career, I would self-describe as a "foodie." I have spent many hours in the kitchen and have a passion for all things food. I view this as a delicious and creative form of giving and receiving love and enjoy spoiling friends and family with edible concoctions that my impulsive side feels compelled to create. My style ranges from Middle Eastern, Asian, American, Italian, Mexican, and fusion, and can also include savory and baked goods. I cook with enthusiasm, aim to please, and enjoy using food as a medium to bring friends and family closer together.

In my spare time, I enjoy practicing Yoga, singing, piano, playing beach volleyball, and looking for groups of local Cuban Salsa dancers hoping to get a Rueda going. I am a happy owner of two cats and a Golden Retriever named Cara, and I can be spotted all over town taking long walks with her. This also implies that I am often covered in fur and have learned to call this my "golden glitter." I am a firm believer in the positive impact of raising animals, and the emotional well-being that develops in their presence.

I hope to become more involved in the Temple Israel community and aspire to make lifelong connections with like-minded individuals.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JULY 1, 2024!

Look for information about our new online renewal and payment!





**EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AT OUR CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT  
APRIL 12-14, 2024**



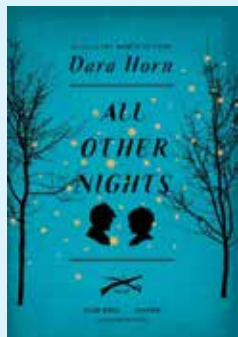


**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Discussing *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn

**Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm**

Facilitator: Cheryl Lee



How is tonight different from all other nights? For Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, it is a question his commanders have already answered for him. Based on real personalities such as Judah Benjamin, the Confederacy's Jewish secretary of state and spymaster, and on historical facts and events ranging from an African American spy network to the dramatic self-destruction

of the city of Richmond, *All Other Nights* is a gripping and suspenseful story of men and women driven to the extreme limits of loyalty and betrayal. It is also a brilliant parable of the rift in America that lingers a century and a half later: between those who value family and tradition first, and those dedicated, at any cost, to social and racial justice for all.

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

**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 CA 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.

**MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION:**

**As They Made Us**

*In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month*

**Tuesday, May 21 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.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT ISRAEL**

**Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 pm**

Facilitator: Mark Dressner  
Temple Israel Past President

**MAY'S TOPIC IS**

**ISRAEL'S GENERAL ELECTIONS**

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

Come and learn how voting occurs in Israel compared to the United States. Also learned what happened in the last election to determine the Prime Minister.



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



## GARDENING WORKSHOP AND JEWISH LEARNING

**Saturday, June 1 at 2:00 pm**

**Location: The Liu Home**

Teachers: Kara Liu, Amy Rosenberg,  
Temple Israel Congregants  
Rabbi Michal Loving

Kara Liu, our Temple Israel Youth Director, welcomes you to her urban farm organic garden. Come enjoy seasonal fruits and vegetables as we tour the garden. Feel free to ask questions about the many fruit tree varieties, learn about home garden recipes, and Kara's favorite, compost. Special guests: Amy Rosenberg and her composting worms!



## TORAH STUDY WITH JOY LADIN, TRANSGENDER POET

**Saturday, June 8 at 8:45 am**

In this study session, we will study Bamidbar from a trans perspective - reading it in terms of the ideas about what we now call gender that it reflects, both so that we can compare those ideas to our own, and so that we can think about the position of those who don't fit prevailing ideas of gender, then and now.



Joy Ladin is the author of a memoir of gender transition, National Jewish Book Award finalist, *Through the Door of Life*; Lambda Literary and Triangle Award finalist, *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective*; and ten books of poetry, including her new collection, *Shekhinah Speaks*, National Jewish Book Award winner. Two new books – *Family*, a poetry collection, and *Once Out of Nature*, a collection of essays

on the transformation of gender, are forthcoming in 2024.

Ladin's work has been recognized with a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Fulbright Scholarship, an American Council of Learned Societies Research Fellowship, and a Hadassah Brandeis Institute Research Fellowship, among other honors. Her writing is available at [joyladin.com](http://joyladin.com), and episodes of her online conversation series, "Containing Multitudes," are available at [JewishLive.org/multitudes](http://JewishLive.org/multitudes).



*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*

**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**

**WE RECOGNIZE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

**LIFE MEMBERS**

Julie Alban  
Reva Alban  
Jack & Binnie Berro  
Jean Feldman  
Ronald & Sylvia Hartman  
David Tillman & Karen Zoller

**RABBI'S CIRCLE**

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Howard & Karen Ort

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**Living together in a diverse society.** By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council

Holidays give us an opportunity to celebrate values that bring friends, family, and community together...connecting us through togetherness, generosity, and gratitude. They make us feel special, revealing what we value. May is Jewish Heritage Month and is celebrated each May in the US and Canada, acknowledging the achievements of Jewish Americans and Canadians. May is full of holidays (including our own Lag B' Omer) celebrated by interfaith communities throughout the world. Below are some of the many! Note that Bahá'í, Jewish, and Muslim holidays begin at sunset the evening before the date listed.

**May 4** - National Day of Prayer

**May 5** - Coptic and Eastern Orthodox Christian: Easter - marking Jesus' resurrection and filled with services including midnight masses and processions reflecting on Christ's victory over death. It's a time of renewal and hope, celebrated with traditional foods and community gatherings.

**May 15** - Buddhist: Buddha's Birthday - celebrating the enlightened one's birthday. Buddha was an Indian prince who left home, seeking life's truth, and becoming Buddhism's founder.

**May 17** - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

**May 23** - Bahá'í: Declaration of the Bab - honoring the day that a revelation was sent to Bahá'u'llah, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith. Many followers refrain from work on this day.

**May 26** - Jewish: Lag B' Omer/Counting of the Omer - between the seven weeks of Passover and Shavuot, having agricultural and spiritual significance it marks both the spring cycle of planting and harvest and the Israelites' journey out of slavery in Egypt (Passover) and toward receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai (Shavuot).

Holidays of many of the world's religions share themes of peace, thankfulness, forgiveness and caring for others - ethics for living together in a diverse society. You may wish to experience a holiday that is new to you, sharing in its beauty.

Salaam, Shalom, Peace

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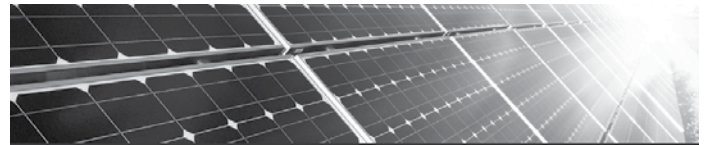
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**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

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