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JUNE SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, June 7

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 8

8:45 am Torah Study with Joy Ladin (Zoom only) 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Kobi Siegel

Friday, June 14

6:00 pm Kol HaNeshama Musical Shabbat

Saturday, June 15

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Mason Smeltzer

Friday, June 21

6:00 pm Shabbat Service at Wardlow Park (3457 Stanbridge Ave, Long Beach)

Saturday, June 22

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

Friday, June 28

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, June 29

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



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JULY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, July 5

5:00 pm Shabbat in the Park (before Munciple Band) at El Dorado Park

Saturday, July 6

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

Friday, July 12

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, July 13

8:45 am Torah Study followed by Kaddish Prayer (No Morning Service)

Friday, July 19

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, July 20

8:45 am Torah Study followed by Kaddish Prayer (No Morning Service)

Friday, July 26

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat at Alpert JCC 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, July 27

8:45 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Ella Reyes

> Before our 6:00 pm Services, please join us for our Pre-Shabbat Oneg Wine & Cheese Reception beginning at 5:30 pm

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STATE OF THE TEMPLE

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



This month, I have the privilege of presenting the State of the Temple to you. For those of you who attended the Annual Meeting on June 2nd, this article will sound a lot like my presidential address. For those of you who were unable to attend, this is what you missed.

Most of you experienced the joyful events of our 100th anniversary year – and what a year it was! Behind the scenes, your Staff, Clergy, Board and members of committees worked hard to present new and exciting programs for our Temple community, addressing issues to improve processes and

solve problems and initiated plans that will ensure success as we move into the next century. At this time, I want to acknowledge this past year's accomplishments and those individuals who were instrumental in bringing projects to fruition, thank those who have served our community, give you a picture of our current state and share some of the challenges and hopes for our future.

To start, let me kvell about our 100-year anniversary celebration, culminating in the incredible and successful This is Your Life Temple Israel Gala. "Thank you" does begin to express my heartfelt gratitude to VP of Resource Development, Justin Perlman and his gala cochairs, Deb Feldman, managing logistics, and David Jacobson, writing, directing and emceeing the program. This year's Gala introduced a new online bidding program that was a bit challenging but a necessary step into the future and will only get better with experience. Supporting the leadership team were dozens of other volunteers too many to be listed here, but you know your contribution was greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to Leah Lieberman who created the design that transformed our social hall into a sparkling space to set the mood AND that seated 245 guests! Hats off to Charmaine Weiner, Kara Liu and David Rosen for helping our members navigate this new system. Andi Levine played a critical role behind the scenes making sure the bidding system worked for everyone. As always, Paul Levitt worked his sound-system magic. Thank you to Rob Feldman, auctioneer extraordinaire. Accolades go to glass artist Paula Prager and a team of volunteers who repurposed one of the unused stained-glass windows into commemorative mezzuzot. These are mezuzahs still available for purchase online and you can select the one you want at the Temple office. There are a few silent auction items left including spaces at the fun "parties" still available that can be purchased online as well. The preliminary results from the gala are in (drum roll please...) We raised more than \$175,000! Our next century is certainly off to a great start.

Temple Israel has earned accolades for our rich and creative Joys of Jewish Learning catalogue. This 100th year calendar of events was exceptional thanks to JJL Chair, Martine Korach, our clergy, staff and everyone who planned, presented and attended the yearlong celebration and educational events. Some of the most notable events included the Pilger-Scholar weekend with Rabbi Leah Hochman, the Cantors Concert, Natasha Feldman's cooking class, the Birthday Party weekend with Julie Silver and Craig Parks, Jazz Under the Dome with Rabbi Fox, Cantor Cooper, Eric Hirschhorn and Matt Winkler, and the Lapid Shapiro weekend featuring Jonathan Friedman with the release his new book about Temple Israel, Centennial by the Sea. We will conclude our yearlong celebration at Joe Jost's on June 6th when we celebrate our mutual 100th birthdays.

I deeply appreciate the challenging and demanding work of your Board of Directors and committee volunteers. Thank you to all of you who have served in leadership capacity this year. We successfully negotiated contracts for both Cantor Cooper and Rabbi Fox, ensuring clergy

stability for years to come. Thank you to Norma Stein for steering the HR Committee, to Kathy Kreida for leading our Membership Committee, to Kate Sachnoff chairing the Social Action Committee and to Ron Artstein for Ritual Practices. Looking to the future, we developed a strategic plan under the leadership of Rick Burney. The four major segments of the plan, Engagement, Outreach, Capacity and Communication, will guide the actions of your Board for the next 3-5 years.

As president, I am privileged to meet with the Rabbi on a weekly basis, during which I am grateful for his sincere, open and collaborative partnership. This year, I initiated weekly meetings with our Executive Director, Eric Shatzkin, which has enhanced communication between the professional staff and lay leadership. As I stated during my High Holy Days address, upgrading our website and calendar were a top priority. Eric and his staff have made important improvements to make the calendar easier to use and up to date. Our website is still a work in progress with more enhancements over the next few months to provide even more functionality. I have asked our past presidents to attend our monthly Board meetings on a rotating basis taking advantage of their institutional knowledge and experience. Additionally, we are now meeting together as a group semi-annually for a wide-ranging discussion and serve as a sounding board for me.

Security has always been important at Temple Israel and became even more critical after October 7th. To that end, Linda Burney and Reggie Reyes co-chair the Security Committee and at the end of last year, secured a significant grant to enhance our building security. as a result we have installed internal locks on sanctuary doors, specialized window film on the front windows and a state-of-the-art camera system. Over the next year added improvements to the synagogue security will include more secure front doors and fencing around the back of the building. The Security Committee held safety training sessions this year for the Board, staff and Shabbat Greeters. We are grateful to Meredith Burke of the Secure Committee Network, for her expertise and commitment and willingness to continue to help with our safety and security.

Fiscal planning and responsibility are central to our Temple's health and stability. Thanks to all of you who make your annual commitments, support temple activities and by your generous donations to the Next 100 Years Campaign. Because of you, we are financially stable and better positioned to enter our next one hundred years! I speak for the entire congregation in saying thank you to Amy Lipeles and Susie Amster for their stalwart leadership co-chairing the Next 100 Years Campaign. This last year, our cash accounts grew by \$468,000 and legacy pledges grew by more than \$2 million dollars! Lea Gerber as Treasurer has been instrumental in leading the Budget and Finance Committee's work to develop the annual budget and oversite of the income and expenses for the Temple. Mark Sharzer, President of the Foundation, has in addition to the normal Foundation responsibilities, and will assume responsibility for continuing the great work of the Next 100 Years Campaign.

Temple Israel finishes its first one hundred years with an active, vibrant congregation, an engaged and growing Torah Center, wonderful clergy, senior staff and employees. We have a dedicated Board and many valued volunteers. We are financially stable and positioning ourselves to thrive into the future. As good as the previous year has been, Temple Israel still faces challenges. We have always operated with a very lean staff and, as such, occasionally struggle to meet all the needs of the temple. As a first step, Rabbi Fox has engaged student rabbi intern for next year. Additionally, we are looking for a tech and communications person to improve communications with our membership. The Torah Center is bursting at the seams creating added challenges for space and staff. And as we grow and thrive, parking will remain a problem, so please remember to be respectful when parking and mindful of our neighbors by not encroaching on their driveways.

Finally, on a personal note, thank you for allowing me to be your president. Together, we can ensure that the next century will be as wonderful as the last one.



RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



The first time I led a prayer was at a Shabbat dinner at Rutgers University, when I was in graduate school. Shabbat dinners typically drew anything between fifty and a hundred students, and I was an occasional participant. That evening, as the dinner was coming to a close and the singing began, someone handed me a cup of wine and asked me if I would lead the community in bentsching – the blessing after a meal. I had been a

member of the community for many months, maybe even a year, so I was familiar with the local custom and ritual (Orthodox style: full length, with much singing); still, the request took me by surprise, and I was mentally unprepared. With only a few seconds to make a decision, I accepted the cup, and launched into the zimmun (invitation to blessing), followed by birkat hamazon (the blessing itself). It went fine, though it did leave me a little rattled.

Jews have held lay-led services for millenia; the custom is so old that requirements for a lay service leader are spelled out already in the Talmud: humble, accepted by the people, familiar with songs, with a pleasant voice, and an expert in reading scripture, in study, and in all of the blessings (Taanit 16a); a different place in the Talmud adds the requirement of having a grown beard (Chullin 24b). Here at Temple Israel we have many lay service leaders who bring a host of talents – musical, liturgical, poetic – and often relieve or augment our professional clergy. We also occasionally hold collaborative services, where all congregants are invited to contribute a piece to the service (look for one coming up in July).

In order to strengthen our lay service leadership, we will hold a retreat on Tuesday, 12 Sivan (June 18) in the evening. The retreat will be led by Cantor Cooper and Rabbi Fox, and is open both to current leaders and to congregants who are interested in learning to lead services. It will focus on some of the practical aspects of leading a service that is meaningful to and resonates with the congregation. We hope that this retreat will be a step in developing a community of lay service leaders who share experiences and learn from each other. Whether you are a seasoned service leader or just interested in learning, we hope you will join us!

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



DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO LEAD SHABBAT SERVICES?

LAY SERVICE LEADERSHIP RETREAT Tuesday, June 18 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Led by Cantor Cooper and Rabbi Fox

Are you interested in leading services? Come learn about practical aspects of leading a service that is meaningful to and resonates with the congregation.

RSVP to <u>VPRitualPractices@tilb.org</u> or the Temple Office





MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, July 19 following 6:00 pm Shabbat Services

Join us for refreshments, games for adults and kids

No cost to attend Please RSVP by July 17 to clw@tilb.org



WE ARE GRIEVING SINCE OCTOBER 7TH (BLACK SHABBAT)

By Sheri Sinaga, Student Rabbi (AJRCA) and Member of TI's Board of Directors



Leviticus 16:1 starts after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they came too close to the presence of the eternal, and God spoke directly to Moses. God spoke about the ritual steps of Yom Kippur, the way of atonement.

But you can only imagine that Aaron, having lost his two sons, was full of grief. The Torah tells us that Aaron was silent (Leviticus 10:3). In fact, what Moses tells Aaron to do, is to prepare

the ritual step by step for Yom Kippur. There is a section in the Yom Kippur rituals where the high priest comes in and he asks God for forgiveness, for himself and his own family. You have to wonder whether Aaron was searching in his heart and thinking of the ways this could have happened to his sons? Could he have stopped the errors of his sons? The guilt that Aaron felt from the loss must have been overwhelming. Leviticus 16 models for us a negative and unhealthy response to grief.

Aaron is not allowed to tear his clothes and wail, instead what he is asked to do is to turn up and continue his priestly work. Rambam states that Aaron was silent despite his grief because he believed that his sons would be honored in their deaths. The Torah is silent about mourning for Aaron's family. What about his wife Elisheva, his surviving sons, Eliezer and Ithamar and even the Hebrew congregation, where was there place to mourn? Aaron's wife may have been allowed to grieve. If so, she would have gone to her community of women, maybe ripped her clothes, wailed with the community mourners, and grieved the loss of her two sons.

Even though in the time of Aaron as High Priest, there was no ritual to show his grief, later priests came with a practice for mourners that was done during the time of the Second Temple. This ancient wisdom from the Talmud for grieving is called: "Who are they who circle to the left?"

"Who are they who circle to the left? A mourner, an excommunicant, one who has someone sick at home, and one concerned about a lost object" (Minor Tractate of Talmud: Semahot).

During the time of the Second Temple, mourners could not enter the Temple on the first or second day, but on the third day of mourning they could. But they had to go in a different entrance and walk the mourner's path. While everyone else was walking to the right, they were walking to the left. Imagine the scene – the great courtyard where most people are walking in one direction, and a few were walking the other way, into oncoming traffic.

For the mourners, the entire community saw them. And unlike

today, when people are not sure what to say to someone who has suffered a loss, the Hebrew community was instructed to say, "Malak" – this means, "Tell me your story."

The community would stand next to the mourner. They would listen to the mourner. No advice. No debate. No discussion. The only thing they did was to bless the mourner with these words: "May the one who dwells in this house comfort you." In addition, the mourner could see others from the community who made it through the path of mourning, and return to the regular flow of life, which can give hope that they too will recover from the deep pain of grief.

Since October 7th, we have been in deep grief. We carry the grief in our hearts, our minds and in our bodies. The continual waves of suffering and heartbreak is taking place on a daily basis for us Jews. Our students on college campuses are steeped in grief with the tsunami of hate and vitriol towards them. Our congregation that has family members in Israel are wracked with fear, anxiety, and grief. We are carrying deep grief, individually and as a community, here at Temple Israel.

Rabbi Sharon Brous recently authored a book called "The Amen Effect." Rabbi Brous contends that it is through honoring our most basic human instinct-- the yearning for real connection-that we reawaken our shared humanity and begin to heal. This kind of sacred presence is captured by the word amen, a powerful ancient idea that we affirm the fullness of one another's experience by demonstrating, in body and word: Amen -"I see you. I hear you. You are not alone."

I encourage each one of us, as members of this spiritual community of Temple Israel, to reach out to each other. When you see each other, instead of saying "how are you." Say, "Malak" – "Tell me your story." Then just listen. No judgement. No advice. No political debate. Just being in the presence with the other members of our Temple Israel community. And when they said their peace, bless them. May we say, "Amen – I see you. I hear you. You are not alone in this grief." And in the words of the ancient blessing for those who grieve, "May the one who dwells in this house comfort you. Amen – I see you. I hear you. You are not alone."





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SOCIAL ACTION - HARRIETTE ELLIS WORKER JUSTICE SEDER

By Myron Wolin, Social Action Committee

On April 18, Temple Israel's Social Action Committee (SAC) and Clergy and Laity for Economic Justice (CLUE) hosted the 8th annual Interfaith Worker Justice Seder at Temple Israel. This year the Seder was renamed in honor of beloved Temple member Harriette Ellis, of blessed memory, who was the primary organizer behind Temple Israel's Worker Justice Seder every year since 2016.

More than 90 Temple members, community members, and local hospitality workers participated and enjoyed a delicious dinner. Cantor Kelly Cooper, SAC members, Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels of Beth Shir Shalom of Santa Monica, Rabbi Daniel Mehlman of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, and CLUE members created a Haggadah that wove together the traditional Passover story of the Jewish people's Exodus from their oppression in ancient Egypt, with the contemporary stories of workers seeking an end to the oppression and injustices they currently experience.

Haggadah readers included current and past presidents of the Temple Board, Harriette Ellis's daughter, Deborah Kaplan-Wycoff, other Temple members, interfaith community leaders, pastors, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) members, a field representative of Assembly member Josh Lowenthal, and a member of the Jewish Long Beach Board. Workers in the hospitality industry gave testimony in the reading of the haggadah of their successful struggle to achieve a union contract at a local hotel, and their success in passing Measure RW in the recent Long Beach elections that will raise their minimum wage. It was also noted that there is a current struggle to raise the minimum wage of airport workers.



KOL M'YISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



In "normal times," which make up a minority of my nearly five years in Israel, one of the great privileges of living in this crossroads of the world is the close and cheap proximity to European destinations. So, on this past Passover holiday, Etay and I packed our bags and a haggadah and made our own crossing of the seas. The itinerary included gorging of Italian carbs, seven days of suffering and Italian architecture, travelling south

until we reached Florence to meet up with my mother and sister, and finally a few days of eating pasta until we became one with it. To anyone worrying, fret not, the steak and chianti sustained us well until the righteous rewards came (and honestly were culinary highlights of the trip within their own rights).

Of course, this trip fell in the majority status of "not normal times." Always a topic of debate, especially in this period of increased antisemitism, many friends try to go to all lengths to hide their Israeliness while abroad, removing Magen David necklaces and speaking English. In my case, I do not typically wear any obvious symbols, and I speak to Etay in English. Despite this, however, exposure to antisemitism is not new to me, and I could not be brought to hide my Jewishness. Yes, I received some less then enthusiastic looks, but whenever someone asked me where I am from, I answered, proudly, "Israel".

These "escapes" from Israel usually prove harder than obvious: Israel follows you. "Wherever you go, there is always someone Jewish," and they are the Hebrew-speaking kind. Serendipitously, to get to Florence we would be staying in Bologna for two nights, where a fellow olim friend is studying for a semester. Preceding our arrival, some distressing news was relayed back to Tel Aviv. Word got out among some of the fellow students at the academy in Bologna that three Israeli students would be welcomed into the halls, and so they planned a protest against the "genocidal, messianic settlers": the South African olah kibbutznik, the gay Tel Avivi, and the Arab-Israeli.

Our stay in Bologna also happened to coincide with the Italian Liberation Day by Americans from Italian Fascism, a national day of revelry. As we exited the train station, Etay spotted several blocks down, fireworks and cheering. Excited to take part, I abruptly stopped him, seeing red, white, green, and black flags. We decided to take a different street to the Airbnb. Descending onto to the bar-lined plazas that night, we met with the group of three Israelis. Meeting us there was the boyfriend of another exchange student from the Netherlands who my friend met at the academy. Shortly after he arrived, while introducing ourselves, he asked where we were from. "Israel, and where are you from?" "Iran," he responded. A fellow architect, he had left Iran over a decade ago. And, sharing drinks, stories, and laughs, there we passed the night, two olim, two sabras, a Palestinian, a Persian, and Netherlander.





Miriam Sterling June 1, 2024

Hi my name is Mira Sterling. I am in the 7th grade at Newcomb Academy. In school I play the oboe and my favorite subjects are science and English. I also do robotics. Besides school I am very passionate about soccer. I play club soccer for California Rush. I love Angel City and the Lionesses soccer teams and my favorite soccer player is Lucy Bronze. For my Mitzvah Project

I helped with the Caring Community here at the Temple which was a very meaningful experience for me because my Bubbe, Cheryl Eiser z"l, helped to get this started at our Temple. I am excited to become a Bat Mitzvah on June 1.





Kobi Siegel June 8, 2024

Hi, My name is Kobi Siegel and I am really excited/nervous for my Bar Mitzvah on June 8. I am currently a student at Stanford Middle School, and for the past 7 years, I have been deeply involved in competitive swimming. The sport has not only taught me discipline and perseverance but has also allowed me to form lasting friendships and valuable skills. My passion for the ocean has led me to participate in

the Junior Guards program for the past 3 years, where I have honed my knowledge of ocean safety and developed a strong connection to marine life and environmental conservation.

Additionally, I chose to dedicate my time to the SPCA LA animal shelter for my Mitzvah Project. Working with animals has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I have learned the importance of compassion and care for all living beings. This project has solidified my commitment to helping those in need and has left a lasting impact on me. Oh, and I really want to get a dog and this helped me get experience with dogs.





Mason Smeltzer June 15, 2024

My name is Mason Smeltzer and I attend McAuliffe Middle School. I was born on May 31, 2011, 27th of Iyyar, 5771. I play football and lacrosse and my favorite subjects in school are English, History and PE. I am thankful for my friends and my loving family. I am proud of the Jewish education I've received at Torah Center and would like to thank all of my teachers, Rabbi

Fox, Cantor Cooper and Jay Alhadeff for helping me throughout my Bar Mitzvah journey. I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and will continue my Jewish education here at Temple Israel and look forward to being a part of ANDI.





Ella Reyes July 27, 2024

My name is Ella Reyes and my Bat Mitzvah is on July 27, 2024. I am looking forward to celebrating this special day with my family and friends. In my free time, I enjoy participating in a variety of sports. My current favorites are softball, volleyball and tennis. This year has been exciting because our school team won the division championship for volleyball, and I was selected for the club All-Star

softball team.

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered at the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House as part of the McBaker program. I chose this project because I love to bake and I can bring some joy to the the families staying at the house with my freshly baked treats. It always makes people feel better when they come home to the smell of fresh cookies. Please consider donating to the LB Ronald McDonald House at *rmhcsc.org/longbeach*.





TEMPLE ISRAEL esher 8th-12th Grade



Sadie Brown
ANDI Presidnet

With the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, Kesher teens were sure to make the most of their time together before taking a bit of a break in the summer. This past month has been full of creative activities, reflecting on years past, celebrations, and honoring the senior class.

In preparation for the end of year Havdallah service and showcase, teens wrapped up their artistic workshops

which consisted of dance, visual art, music, and cooking.

Meanwhile, our ANDI Board is looking forward to next year and had elections! It was an important morning full of thoughtful speeches which left the teens feeling confident about the incoming board who will be installed very soon!

After a wonderful school year, the entire Torah Center community said farewell at closing day. Kesher teens had some final time working in classrooms as madrichim, one last class session of their own, and attended the all-school assembly. At the assembly, the senior class was honored for the first of many times, the madrichim were recognized, all of the Torah Center teachers were thanked, and of course, there was a slideshow.

Last, but certainly not least, the teens put together a beautiful Kesher Havdallah Service and Showcase. The night included a special dinner for the graduating seniors' families, delightful music, many meaningful speeches, beautiful artwork, Madrichim, ANDI Board, and Teen Council recognition, a fun dance routine, a memorable Havdallah experience, lots of tasty treats, and yet another slideshow featuring the Class of 2024.

The evening then transitioned into the final ANDI event of the year- the Lock-In. It was a long night of games, snacks, and sweet songs, as the teens did a final send off of the seniors and enjoyed each other's company once more this year.

Special thanks to all of the adults that have supported the teens and have made the Kesher program truly incredible. Shoutout to Kara Liu, Sharon Amster Brown, Linda Keiles, the 8-12th Grade Torah Center teachers, Cantor Cooper, and Rabbi Fox!

The Kesher teens are excited for their own summer plans ahead and eventually being back together in the fall! L'hitraot!

SENIOR HAVDALLAH AND ANDI LOCK IN SATURDAY, MAY 26





INTERFAITH GREETINGS

June ~ National Pride Month

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council



Pride Month commemorates the 6-28-1969 Stonewall Uprising when NY City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club, setting off an uprising against police by both patrons and residents of the neighborhood, lasting six days;

becoming the catalyst for the gay rights movement in the U.S. Starting out as Gay Pride Day, it has grown into Pride Month.

Faith for Pride is a national initiative of the Interfaith Alliance, defending LGBTQ+ communities and Pride celebrations. It involves Jews, Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, and others working together in tandem with their congregations to counteract the "message of anti-LGBTQ+ rights legislation in statehouses around the U.S." Contact the Interfaith Alliance for ways in which you can be a part of this effort. Trainings started at the end of March and are continuing. There are also other ways you can play a part.

The Reform Movement, beginning with Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) in 1965, "called for decriminalization of homosexuality ... and has successfully advocated for key advances in LGBTQ+ equality, including federal hate crimes legislation, marriage equality and more, becoming the farthest-reaching transgender rights resolutions of any major religious denomination" in 2015. The URJ suggests many "potentially lifesaving actions [we] can affirm and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, and advocate for LGBTQ+ rights during the month of June and throughout the year."

- Hosting a Pride Shabbat
- Normalizing pronouns in our community and beyond (use the URJ Quick Guide to Pronouns
- Contact Gov. Newsom and our State Legislators and urge them to condemn attacks on LGBTQ+ people
- Contact our Members of Congress, urging them to reintroduce the Equality Act to provide civil rights protections for all LGBTQ+ people
- Share the 2003 resolution on Transgender and Bisexual Rights from the URJ
- Order and read Mishkan Ga'avah: Where Pride Dwells: A Celebration of LGBTQ Jewish Life and Ritual from the CCAR Press

Our pledge to LGBTQ+ equality is "guided by our Jewish text and tradition. The first story that we read in the Torah teaches that every person is created b'tzelem Elohim – in the holy image of God (Genesis 1:27). "Let us continue this holy work.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace!

TOT SHABBAT

Generously sponsored by Lauren Friedman

Friday, June 28 at 6:00 pm with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper Followed by a FREE pizza 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

PJ Library Summer TOT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JULY 26 AT 5:00 PM
AT THE ALPERT JCC POOL



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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FAMILY SHABBAT IN THE PARK

Friday, June 21 at 6:00 pm at Wardlow Park (3457 Stanbridge Ave)

Join us as we light candles, share kiddush and challah and joyfully welcome Shabbat together at Wardlow Park. Bring your own dinner, drinks, chairs and blankets.



SHABBAT IN THE PARK

Friday, July 5 at 5:00 pm at El Dorado Park

Join us as we light candles, share kiddush and challah and joyfully welcome Shabbat together at El Dorado Park. Followed by the Municipal Band playing. Bring your own dinner, drinks, chairs and blankets.

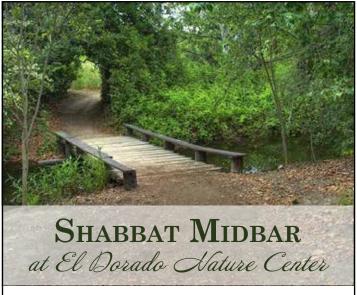


Got Shabbat? Service

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Friday, June 28 at 7:00 pm

Join us for this jazz-infused musical Service led by Kendra Cogert and the Shabbatones



Saturday, July 6

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

Torah Study at 8:45 am Dike and Lleditation 10:00 am

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GARDENING WORKSHOP AND JEWISH LEARNING

Saturday, June 1 at 2:00 pm

Location: The Liu Home

Teachers: Kara Liu, Amy Rosenberg, 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!



TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT: PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT IDENTITY

Tuesday, June 11 at 8:00 pm

Panelists: Rabbi Fox, Kevin Priest, Sheri Sinaga, and Rachel Van Raalte



The moment of receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai was a moment so powerful that its echo reverberated down the generations to the present day. To ritualize this moment the 16th century Kabbalists of Safed created an evening of all-night study (Tikkun Leil Shavuot), which concluded with

a service at the break of dawn. Tikkun Leil Shavuot celebrates a moment of truth and wonder which remains eternally alluring. Join us, as we embrace this tradition of study, celebration, and wonder.

This year's Shavuot learning will focus on a conversation about Jewish identity and how it impacts the other identities we hold dear. The evening will begin with a panel discussion about the intersection of LGBTQ+ and Jewish identities.

TORAH STUDY WITH JOY LADIN, TRANSGENDER POET

Saturday, June 8 at 8:45 am Zoom Only

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 can think about the position of those who don't fit prevailing ideas of gender, then and now.

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/163280737



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, and episodes of her online conversation series, "Containing Multitudes," are available at JewishLive.org/multitudes.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Discussing the Book *Khirbet Khizeh* by S. Yizkar **Wednesday**, **July 10 at 7:00 pm**



It's 1948 and the Arab villagers of Khirbet Khizeh are about to be violently expelled from their homes. A young Israeli soldier who is on duty that day finds himself battling on two fronts: with the villagers and, ultimately, with his own conscience.

Published just months after the founding of the state of Israel and the end of the 1948 war, the novella Khirbet Khizeh was an immediate sensation when it first appeared. Since then, the book has continued to challenge and disturb, even finding its way onto the school curriculum

in Israel. The various debates it has prompted would themselves make Khirbet Khizeh worth reading, but the novella is much more than a vital historical document: it is also a great work of art. Yizhar's haunting, lyrical style and charged view of the landscape are in many ways as startling as his wrenchingly honest view of modern Israel's primal scene.

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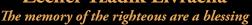
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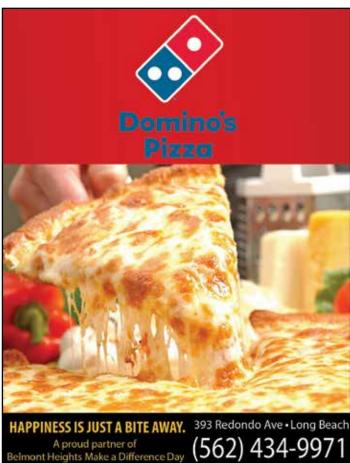
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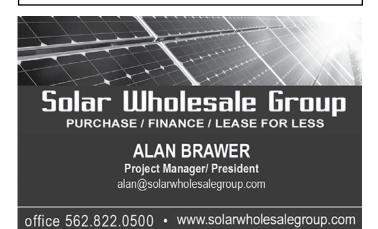


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