



Kol Yisra'el
THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL



January 2025 / Tevet-Shevat 5785

Temple Israel presents

BROADWAY SHABBAT

LED BY CANTOR KELLY COOPER

Friday, January 31st



**YOUR DONATION OR LEGACY GIFT
WILL HELP FUND OUR FUTURE!**

Temple Israel's Foundation oversees the investment of your legacy gifts to allow Temple Israel to continue to maintain our beautiful facility and continue services and programming for our community.

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

New Member Recognition Shabbat

Help us welcome our newest members prior to Services, for an interactive program designed to build relationships and introduce new members to others of our Temple community.

A special art project is planned for the children!

Evening Schedule

Reception and Program 5:00 pm
Broadway Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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TOT SHABBAT

Friday, January 24 at 6:00 pm
with Rabbi Fox and Cantor Cooper



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

Get Well Wishes

Cheryl Avirom
Saul Budeshtsky
Colleen Carver
Miriam Elisheva
Joel Epstein

Darrin Hammer
Jennifer Hirsch
Kevin O'Grady
Sam Sanderson
Joseph Schleich

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, January 3

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 4

8:45 am Torah Study at El Dorado Nature Center

10:00 am Shabbat Midbar Hike & Meditation
at El Dorado Nature Center

Friday, January 10

7:00 pm Kol HaNeshama - Musical Shabbat Service in the Round

Saturday, January 11

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Brodsky

11:00 am Senior Shabbat Service (at the Alpert JCC)

Friday, January 17

6:00 pm Got Shabbat? Service

Saturday, January 18

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Emma Boatwright

Friday, January 24

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 25

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Gabriella Mendoza

Friday, January 31

6:00 pm Broadway Shabbat / New Member Recognition Shabbat

Saturday, February 1

8:45 am Torah Study

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Molly Perler

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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.



OBVIOUS SOMETIMES ISN'T

By Jerry Levy, Temple President



When Joanne and I returned from a recent trip to Denver, I found that my phone was going off at 2 AM! Naturally I checked the alarm and notification settings and found nothing. Perhaps it was a recently installed app, or perhaps an update to a previously installed app that was causing the problem. So I eliminated a bunch of apps and waited cautiously to see what would happen at 2AM. *Beep-beep!*

Next step was to turn the sound down completely and place the phone on 'do not disturb'. *Beep-beep.* I was becoming frustrated and tired and a bit grumpy due to lack of sleep. I visited two stores and found no help there, other than to 'start fresh' by returning my phone to the original factory settings. *Beep-beep!* I contacted Google directly and was not surprised that they had never heard of this problem before. *Beep-beep.* They suggested it was probably an email virus. Over the next few days, I eliminated over 75,000 emails, and it still *Beep-beep* at 2 in the morning!

In the middle of the ordeal, we went to Japan and with my phone on local time, *Beep-beep* still happened at 2 AM. I ran a virus scan checking for malware, but the scan was clean. Not sure what to do, and since my phone was somewhat outdated, I traded my formerly trusty phone for the new model. Is it something in my Google settings, because that night the now very familiar 2 AM *Beep-beep* was back.

At this point I was so frustrated, and having tried everything I could think of, I needed a good night's sleep. I put the phone on the far side of the house but when I heard the *Beep-beep*, everything became crystal clear, and my laughter woke up Joanne. The culprit all along was my Casio watch, which when I changed from Mountain Time back to Pacific Time, I must have set the alarm by mistake.

At the end of the day, I found a few 'positives' along with the negatives of lost time and lost sleep. For one thing, I cleaned my phone and removed thousands of emails and apps I never use. I have learned new things about my phone, and maybe the most important lesson is that sometimes the obvious assumption might not be right.

What does any of this have to do with Temple Israel, other than to give ample evidence that your president might be subject to the 25th amendment. It is common to assume that even with all our community's diversity, that we are all pretty much alike. Yet we know that with different ages, backgrounds, political perspectives, and varied upbringing, the chance to misunderstand one another is more than possible. The Torah describes when Nadab and Abihu (the first two sons of Aaraon, the first high priest of Israel and brother of Moses) offered 'unauthorized fire' to honor God, a fire came out and consumed them since

it was not from the altar of burnt offerings. Is it possible that Nadab and Abihu, who might have had the best of intentions, were simply misunderstood? In these troubling and occasionally contentious times, it is more important that we try to understand the perspective of our fellow congregants. And you might just find that things aren't always what they appear.

It is with great pride and pleasure that we can inform the community that Temple Israel's Sharon Amster Brown, having been nominated by our Senior Staff and leadership, has been selected as the Distinguished Educator Honor Recipient by her national organization, the American Association of Reform Educators (AARE).

Sharon will be presented with this honor at her upcoming Educators Conference held in January 2025.



Mazal Tov Sharon!

We're so proud to have you as our Director of Education and part of the leadership team of our community!



SHABBAT MIDBAR
at El Dorado Nature Center

Saturday, January 4
Meeting at the grass area picnic tables at the rear of the parking lot

Torah Study at 8:45 am
Hike and Meditation 10:00 am

No Shabbat Midbar in February



RITUAL PRACTICES MESSAGE

By Ron Artstein, VP Ritual Practices



Since this past summer, every Sunday morning, a group gathers at the corner of Bayshore and Ocean in Long Beach to call for the release of the hostages held in the Gaza strip. We typically begin with a motivational or inspirational speech, take a video of ourselves, and then take a short walk (18 minutes) through the streets of Belmont Shore, holding photos of the hostages. Similar walks happen all over the world, coordinated by the

organization Run for Their Lives. Many months in, this walk has become a weekly ritual. Why do I participate?

The stated purpose of the walk is to show world leaders that we all care. The walks do manage to reach a few people along the route, and the videos provide moral support to the families of the hostages. But world leaders? The most important player in the field is the Israeli government, which has consistently shown through its actions in the past 15 months that it has higher priorities than securing the release of the hostages. Families of hostages and their supporters demonstrate daily in the streets of Israel and at committee meetings inside the Knesset, to little effect. I am under no illusion that the government would care about a small group of people marching in Long Beach.

Perhaps the ritual is intended to give us hope. Personally, I disagree with a lot of the messaging at these gatherings. A common sentiment expressed is anger at Hamas; I, however, have no expectations from Hamas or other terrorist groups intent on destroying Jewish life in Israel. The whole reason behind the State of Israel is for Jewish people to take control of their destiny, to not have to rely on others to provide for our well-being and security. The Israeli government and military failed in their duty to protect the people on October 7; it is their duty to secure the release of hostages now. Talking about the evils of Hamas may make us feel like we have the moral upper hand, but it does not direct our energies towards a solution.

So why do I keep engaging in this ritual, week after week? Many years ago, when I was a student at Rutgers, a friend of mine (who belonged to the Conservative movement) commented that unlike Chabad, we do not believe that each individual act of putting on tefillin, lighting candles and so on effects a change in the world; but, he added, think about what it would be like if all the Jews lit candles at the same time. Sometimes, the purpose of a ritual is the ritual itself. So maybe the purpose of the hostage walk is just to be there, to allow ourselves to be part of something bigger, to help us retain our own humanity in the face of an untenable situation.



Senior Shabbat and Luncheon

Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 am
at the Alpert JCC

Led by Temple Israel Clergy
followed by Luncheon and Entertainment by
Jeri & Mike Wilson

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

RSVP

Call Anneleise Thompson (562) 426-7601

<https://jewishlongbeach.ticketspice.com/senior-shabbat>



LOCAL GROUP MEETS SUNDAY MORNINGS

10:00 am
at the corner of Ocean and Bayshore

Join our local community in this national program where they meet once a week in a designated location in the neighborhood, for a short 1km walk/run to show support support for the immediate release of the hostages held by Hamas. It takes about 18 minutes.





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST
WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT
OF THE NEW YEAR!**

Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm
Taco Surf - 10542 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos

Cost \$35.00

Please RSVP to Elyse Gordon
(562) 619-8829



**PURIM SHPIEL CASTING CALL
THEME - YACHT ROCK**

Performance Saturday, March 15

Sign up for casting and rehearsals
by emailing Jonathan Kass jonathankass@live.com
Rehearsals will begin in January!

**SISTERHOOD
GIFT SHOP**

**THE GIFT SHOP IS OPEN
Sundays from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
and by appointment.
Contact Elyse at (562) 619-8829**



FEBRUARY 21-22, 2025

Repro Shabbat is an annual Shabbat celebration that honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Repro Shabbat (with NCJW) - February 21
- Game Day - April 29
- Torah Center Pancake Breakfast - Details TBA

BAKE HAMANTASCHEN WITH US!

**Help us plan for our
Purim Bags and Purim Onegs!**

Every year for Purim, members of our Temple community bake hamantaschen for our Purim Party, for our Torah Center children, and lastly for our Purim Bag "Fun"draiser!

Once again, we will be baking on Wednesdays and Sundays beginning January 8 during Torah Center hours.

If you are available and want to help, please contact our resident "Hamantaschen Maven", Chana Ham-Rosebrock email: chanaham@yahoo.com or call: (562) 900-0678





TEMPLE ISRAEL
Keshher
 8th-12th Grade



Michelle Alpern
 Torah Center Council Rep

Wow, what an eventful month it's been! We started our month with an amazing NFTY SoCal Regional Retreat, Winter Wellness, up at Pali Retreat Center in the mountains. Our teens enjoyed many fun activities such as a nature hike, ziplining, archery, crafts, and more! We were able to take a much-needed break and enjoy time with Jewish friends from all over Southern California. We also just had our Torah Center Hanukkah Family

Learning Day, and ANDI hosted a bake sale to raise money for teen programming. Lastly, just before the break, ANDI partnered with our friends from Irvine's Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot's Youth Group SHMOFTY. Teens from all over SoCal were invited to Temple Israel for a night of Shabbat services, games in the dark, a social action program, and more. Lastly, we hosted auditions for this year's teen Purim Shpiel, "A Very Tangled Purim Shpiel." It's sure to be one for the books.

Coming up in January, we are so excited to head to URJ Camp Newman for NFTY's West Coast Party. We had lots of fun this month, and we can't wait for what comes next, so stay tuned.



Temple Israel Teens at Winter Wellness Retreat 2024

KOL M'ISRAEL / A VOICE FROM ISRAEL

By Jeremy Rosen



After five years of living in Israel and traveling the country extensively, leaving no stone unturned or crevice unexamined of this small country, I went somewhere that I never thought I would go. Both for political reasons and personal safety, a section of Israel—or 'not Israel'—remained off-limits to me. Of course, depending on who you ask, anyone who visits the Western Wall or the Old City of Jerusalem has already crossed that line. In a practical sense, however, there is a very real difference between these places and the Jewish cities of the West Bank.

Nearly due east of Tel Aviv, one of the country's main freeways leads straight into Samaria, the northern half of the territories past the 1949 armistice line, to one of the largest settlements: Ariel. It is also the only one to house a university, which was the ultimate destination of my journey. The land between Tel Aviv and the Green Line is flat, and the highway follows the meandering path of the Hayarkon River. As soon as the elevation begins to climb, however, you pass inbound traffic stopped at the border checkpoint, and the suburbs and fields give way to a ribbon of highway climbing into the hills. The car engine revs with the highspeed traffic and elevation gain, and outside the window pass minaret-spired villages and endless olive groves, viewed on the drive through the fence made from rolls of barbs. The highway reaches a roundabout. At one of the spokes, a bus stop is full of young men in knitted kippahs, tzitzit, and Birkenstocked feet, their heads down in books and thumbs out trying to hitch a ride. Next to the stop is a guard tower with a few soldiers, one resting his gun on a sandbag pile, the barrel pointed towards the oncoming traffic. We take the road towards town, and before passing another checkpoint, a tiny spur in the road bears a sign reading "Area A. Entrance forbidden for Israeli citizens. Dangerous to your lives and against the law." After passing the checkpoint, my boss turns to me and jokes, "You're safe now."

Beyond lies a town, one that looks like every other town in Israel. The same streets, the same storefronts. Arriving at the university, where many of my colleagues over the years studied, students in hijabs, headscarves, or none-of-the-above are rushing to class as we try to stop them to ask for directions. The birds chirp and the sun shines above as we climb the grassy hill to the lecture hall.

On the way back, Waze tries to reroute us to avoid the standstill at the checkpoint entering Israel. We ignore the rerouting, and as we drive over the offramp bridge, I see the avoided path was a two-lane road leading winding over the ridges to a Palestinian village. At the checkpoint, the guard, slouching nearly horizontal, waves us along with a simple "What's up?"



*Welcome New Members
Since July 1, 2024*

- Drew & Lauren Adams**
Deborah Bard
Josh & Tija Bushinsky
Jerico & Marni Cabaysa
Adam Chanzit &
Dana Schneider-Chanzit
Benjamin Chapman &
Elizabeth Stewart
Adam & Claire Duvendeck
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Henry & Nancy Eisner
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Izzy Fregoso
Ellen Faye Goldenberg
Christopher & Jamie Gravell
Hannah Greenbaum & Hayden Goodsir
Andrew & Kathy Hanflik
Miguel & Rochelle Ibarra
Lawrence Indich &
Jennifer Douglas
Jordan Irgang & Yasmine Lee
Patrick Pattison & Ruth Jacobson
Carol Jimenez
Alison & Loren Klinger
Teri McCasland
Daniel & Lindsay Milchiker
Jared Miller & Kathy Oh
Marc & Anita Newman
Jeffrey Presley & Robert Suarez
Marcus & Elana Rosenthal
David Ross & Alexandra Johnson
Mark & Nancy Schneider
Victor & Daisy Schneidman
Merrill Spicker
Jonathan & Kristen Strok
Jesse Sukman
Kandis & Leah Summers
Mike Vekselman
Jerrad Xavier & Shana Ostrowiecki



**THIS YEAR'S HONOREES
FOR OUR ANNUAL GALA**

Michelle & Steve Gordon





Jack Brodsky
January 11, 2025

Jack Brodsky, a 7th-grade student, is an accomplished sailor and scholar who consistently excels both on and off the water. He is currently on the high honor roll, demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence. Jack's passion for sailing has earned him remarkable achievements, including being named the current North American Champion in the RS Tera class and one of the top sailors in the Naples Sabot fleet.

Recently, Jack represented the USA at the RS Tera World Championships in Denmark, where he showcased his skill, resilience, and sportsmanship on an international stage. His love for sailing extends beyond competition, as he enjoys mastering boat design, rigging, and fostering camaraderie among his fellow sailors.

Jack is also an active member of Temple Israel, where he brings his enthusiasm, determination, and sense of community to everything he does. He is a role model for his peers and a source of pride for his family and community.



Emma Boatwright
January 18, 2025

Emma was born in Long Beach and is the only grandchild on both sides of her family. Both of her parents converted to Judaism, and on January 18th, Emma will become the first person to be a B'nai Mitzvah in her family. She is the start of a beautiful tradition for future generations to come.

Emma has danced at Center Stage Dance Academy (CSDA) in Long Beach since she was 3 and is now part of the studio's competition team. The hard work, dedication, and grace she shows on stage is truly inspiring. When Emma isn't dancing, you'll find her with a book in her hands—or at least in her bag. Her passion for reading began with *The Hunger Games*, and that love for books has only grown stronger. If you're looking for a great book recommendation, she's the person for you!

Emma's kindness, sense of humor, and determination shine in everything she does, and we couldn't be prouder of the incredible young woman she is becoming.



Gabriella Mendoza
January 25, 2025

Gabriella Mendoza is a seventh grader at Helen Keller Dual Immersion Middle School. She lives Long Beach with her mother Amber, father Alejandro, sister Victoria, dog Dexter and cat Mochi.

The Mitzvah Project Gabriella chose was to tutor students in Spanish at her alma mater elementary school, Patrick Henry. The project involves Spanish tutoring for first through third grade students in reading, writing and comprehension. Because of Gabriella's dedication to the students at Patrick Henry, she played an integral part in helping the school earn the prestigious California Association for Bilingual Education Seal of Excellence. Naming Patrick Henry as the number one Dual Language School in the State of California! Mazel Tov!

Gabriella is currently enrolled in her schools Advanced Orchestra, playing the violin and enjoys being part of her after school program's Student Council. She loves hanging out with her friends, dancing, playing many games and doing gymnastics. She really loves music and is a big Swiftie. She sings her heart out to Taylor Swift and dances to all of her songs.



Molly Perler
February 1, 2025


My name is Molly Perler, and I am a seventh grader at Tincher Preparatory School. I have been attending Hebrew school at Temple Israel since preschool, diligently working on my Hebrew and prayers to fulfill the mitzvah of becoming a Bat Mitzvah. I will officially become a Bat Mitzvah on February 1, 2025.

Outside of school, I swim on a swim team and am an avid reader. Stories and theories have always inspired me, fueling my dream of becoming a philosopher one day.

I am really inspired by the strength it takes to be a mother. This passion has led me to volunteer at Lydia's House with my friend Eleanor for our Mitzvah Project, where we are working to make a meaningful difference in the lives of mothers and children who are affected by domestic violence.

INTERFAITH GREETINGS

By Roni Love, member of the South Coast Interfaith Council




ALL ARE WELCOME!
Please join us in celebrating the life of Dr. King.

TICKETS:
\$50 General

LOCATION:
Ovation Event Center
350 Pine Avenue
City of Long Beach
Parking in Public Lots

BREAKFAST:
Eggs, Potatoes, Fruit, Pastry
Meat Optional

TO REGISTER SCAN:



OR CLICK [HERE](#)

For more information & Sponsorship Opportunities:
office@scinterfaith.org or
562-983-1665


DREAM, BELIEVE AND ACT:
A CELEBRATION OF DR. KING'S LEGACY
Interfaith & Intercultural Breakfast
Celebrating the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 22, 2025
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Keynote Address:
JANE CLOSE CONOLEY
President of California State University, LB

Music Performances, Interfaith Litany, Fellowship

Breakfast Co-chairs:
Attorney Michele A. Dobson & Dr. Noel Haccgaba,
Chief Operating Officer of the Port of Long Beach



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

LONG BEACH, CA

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Festivities and Check-in

11:30 am

at Temple Israel

We have many DIFFERENT PROJECTS that benefit Long Beach non-profits and we need all the help we can get.

AVAILABLE PROJECTS UPDATED JANUARY 7

www.mybelmontheights.org/bhmadd

CELEBRATING JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION MONTH BY SUPPORTING THE ISRAEL PARASPORT CENTER

By Jared Goldin, Temple Israel Board of Director



In response to the charge contained in our Foundational Statements “to build, nourish and repair ourselves...and the world around us,” and in celebration of Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month in February, your Temple Israel Board is asking our members to join together as a community by virtue of a

unanimous vote taken at its December meeting by requesting each membership unit who is able to donate a minimum of \$36 (Double Chai) to support the Israel ParaSport Center (“The Center”). We have set a minimum goal of \$18,000. This gift will help fund the Center’s Shesek (a Hebrew acronym for “rehabilitation and sports in the community”) Program. Shesek provides urgently needed physical rehabilitation and social services to Israelis (including those serving in the Israel Defense Forces) injured, displaced and impacted by the October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attack and its aftermath. Despite serving 80% of Israelis of all religions and ethnicities with disabilities and serious injuries, The Center (founded in 1960 and located in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv) receives only 1% of its funding from the Israeli government. Please help Temple Israel join with other North American synagogues and organizations which have collectively raised more than \$850 million since October 7, 2023 to support organizations like The Center that are working right now to rebuild Israel and provide crucial rehabilitation and related services to its injured citizens. Your \$36 donation (of course, you may donate more!), and our collective gift as a community, will contribute to the healing and resilience of the nation by helping fund the vital work of The Center and its Shesek Program. Your donation can be made either by going to <https://israelparasport.org/TempleIsraelofLongBeach> or by mailing your check, payable to “American Friends Israel ParaSport Center,” to Temple Israel, Attention: Shesek. Donations are tax deductible as allowable by law and will be acknowledged individually (upon request) and collectively on behalf of Temple Israel. If you have any questions about The Center, Shesek or this fundraising activity, please contact Jared Goldin (jalangoldin@gmail.com; (925) 699-2005). Thank you for your support and generosity. Am Yisrael Chai! The People of Israel Live!



JEWISH STUDIO PROJECT WORKSHOP

Sunday, January 5 at 12:30 pm

Facilitator: Ilana Jaffe-Lewis



Creativity is inherent in each and every one of us. Accessing and activating that creativity is a skill we can practice. Through a mix of discussion and brief, facilitated hands-on experiences with basic art materials, we'll explore ways in which we might reclaim our creativity - and the reasons we might want to. Together, we will draw on the Jewish Studio Process - a unique methodology combining

practices from the field of art therapy with a reimagined approach to Jewish learning and spirituality - to process, ground, connect, and tap into the joy and possibility that creativity offers.

You'll leave with a new outlook on your own creativity and a set of tools to help you embody creative resilience. Temple Israel is proud to partner with Jewish Studio Project, as we offer two workshops – come for one or both! The sessions will use different source texts to dive more deeply into creativity and resilience.



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Beginning January 8 (18 sessions)

Teachers: Rabbi Scott Fox and Student Rabbi Leah Julian

We invite you to join with learners of all backgrounds in our Introduction to Judaism course. The course will cover a broad cross-section of topics related to Judaism in a discussion-based format with experts in the field. This class is ideal for anyone looking to explore Judaism for the very first time, seeking conversion, or for folks who would like to fill in pockets of knowledge in a tradition that takes a lifetime to learn. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to your joining us.

Cost: \$200

OVERVIEW OF MODERN ISRAELI HISTORY

Thursdays, January 9 and 16 at 7:00 pm

Teacher: Jeffrey Blutinger, Jewish Studies Professor, CSULB

Understanding Israeli history is a critical tool in helping to follow current events in Israel. Join us for this important, two-part class to learn about the history all the way from from the forerunners of Zionism up to Netanyahu.



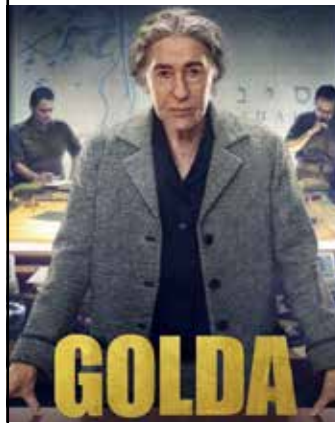
MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION:

GOLDA

A 2023 biographical drama starring Helen Mirren as Golda Meir, the 4th Prime Minister of Israel

Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm

Discussion Facilitator: Mark Dressner, Temple Israel Congregant



Faced with the potential of Israel's complete destruction, Prime Minister Golda Meir must navigate overwhelming odds, a skeptical cabinet and a complex relationship with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as millions of lives hang in the balance during the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War in 1973.



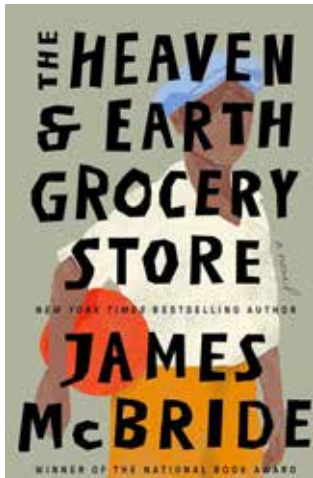
PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL PROGRAMS TO CHARMINE clw@tilb.org

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Discussing the book

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

**Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm
(via Zoom)**



As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

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

FLOWERS AREN'T ENOUGH

**One Woman play by Naomi Ackerman,
Founder/Executive Director of The Advot Project**

Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 pm

Location: Alpert Jewish Community Center

*In partnership with Jewish Long Beach
and the Long Beach Jewish Community*



Flowers Aren't Enough tells the story of Michal, a young woman who falls into an abusive relationship. The show's power is that it breaks the often-held myth that only uneducated, poor women from bad families are victims. Based on true stories, Ms. Ackerman has woven the voices of women from different cultures and backgrounds into a

performance that encourages social change. Flowers Aren't Enough has been performed internationally over 2,000 times, across 7 continents. The show has been translated into and performed in Arabic, English, Hebrew, and Spanish.

Tickets \$15 / person

jewishlongbeach.ticketspice.com/flowers-arent-enough

COOKING CLASS:

**EASY SHABBAT DINNER AND TRADITIONS
THAT HAVE HELD US TOGETHER**

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 pm

Teacher: Amy Lipeles, Temple Israel Congregant

Fridays are busy days! Join us in the kitchen with longtime congregant, teacher, and cook Amy Lipeles to pick up some tips on how to make celebrating Shabbat easier and more accessible to all.

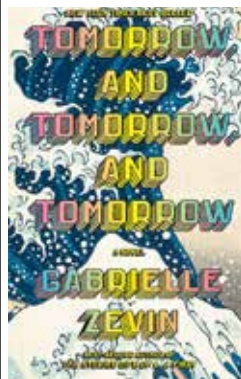
Cost: \$15



TI READS ONE BOOK

***Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*
Discussion Session Part 2 led by Rabbi Fox**

**Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm
(via Zoom)**



We are very excited for the return of the Temple Israel Reads One Book program! Join Rabbi Fox, other members of our staff, and lots of congregants, as we read the book *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*. Throughout the year, we will have opportunities to discuss the book together. This is the first of three facilitated sessions.

In this exhilarating novel, two friends—often in love, but never lovers—come together as creative partners in the world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality.

Read through page 280, third meeting the rest of the book.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81337878804>



JEWISH STUDENT RESILIENCE AT CSU LONG BEACH

A Panel Discussion

**Thursday, February 6
7:00 pm**

Join us for an interesting evening of discussion about resilience on the college campus. We look forward to welcoming ChayaLeah Sufrin (Executive Director of CSULB Hillel), Beth Lesen (Temple Israel congregant and Vice President of CSULB), and Adam Fagin (Temple Israel Torah Center alumnus and graduate student at CSULB), as they share their perspectives on Jewish life on campus.

MODERN JEWISH HEROES

Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 am

Teacher: Rabbi Michal Loving,
Temple Israel Congregant

What makes a modern superhero? What makes a modern JEWISH superhero? Explore the nuances of crazy superpowers and moral determination as we discuss the qualities of those Jewish heroes we've loved throughout the years, both fictional and real. Costumes are optional, but willingness to have fun is required!



INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
February 11 - March 11**

Teacher: Janet Liss, Temple Israel Congregant



This six-week class is for people who want to learn in a fun and encouraging environment some basic blessings that we use often, as well as a standard prayer recited at every service. Prayers will depend on who enrolls in the class and interest level for specific

prayers. We will look at the meaning of the prayers, as well as learn the Hebrew.

Cost: \$80, including learning materials

MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU

Sunday, February 23 at 9:45 am

Discussion Facilitator: Beth Sterling,
Temple Israel Congregant



THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU



When their father passes away, four grown, world-weary siblings return to their childhood home and are requested -- with an admonition -- to stay there together for a week, along with their free-speaking mother (Jane Fonda) and a collection of spouses, exes and might-have-beens. As the brothers and sisters re-examine their shared history and the status of each tattered relationship among those who

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- 2 John Burkholder & Barbara Pollack - 41 years
- 3 Daniel & Rebecca Buckley - 15 years
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- 13 Gregory & Melanie Basich - 17 years
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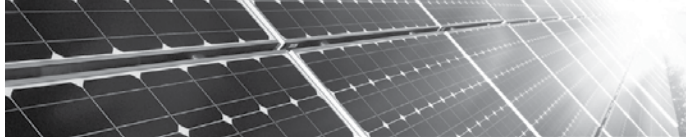
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