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From the Board

Neal Rotter, VP Membership Outreach



When I was very young, my Jewish parents converted to Christianity. I was raised attending church, going on youth church retreats, teaching Bible study and celebrating the importance of Easter & Christmas. Although we had Jewish roots, I knew nothing of being Jewish. When I met Allison, who is Jewish and wanted her children raised Jewish, she challenged me to find myself.

The Bible and Christianity taught me many strong values, yet I never identified as a Christian. In retrospect, calling myself a “Christian” was more about seeking my parents’ approval.

As a teenager and in college, I was obsessed with learning about the Holocaust. And with each story I read, I felt a stronger connection to being Jewish. These were MY people who died. This was MY history that was trying to be erased. But, a college kid doesn’t really make his religious/racial/cultural sense-of-self a priority over partying with his buddies. So, the feelings sat inside of me...until the kids.

About 12 years ago, Allison announces we are going to Tot Shabbat services at Temple Judea tomorrow. It was always our intention for the kids to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah even though neither of us did so.

Going to temple and enrolling the kids in Religious School was very uncomfortable. I felt like an outsider. I could tell you most Bible passages but I didn’t know a word of Hebrew, didn’t know any of the Jewish traditions, and couldn’t even say one prayer...even to light the candles at Hanukkah.

But one day, Rabbi Aaronson stated that he wanted to build a congregation of people who “Love Being Jewish.” I took this as my cue. Many years later, I still can’t remember all the prayers or songs, I can’t speak a lick of Hebrew, but that doesn’t matter. What matters is that I love being Jewish. I love the community at Temple Judea. I love learning about our traditions. I love the values we teach our families. I love how we embrace and do good deeds for the community.

As Vice-President of Membership Outreach, my goal is simple. I hope to bring people to Temple Judea so they can make the most of loving to be Jewish on their terms and in their way. I was given this meaningful opportunity and I hope to do so for others as well.

Thank you to our outgoing board members.

We appreciate the wisdom, dedication and leadership you have shared with our community:

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A Summer of New Beginnings

Rabbi Eric D. Rosenstein

This is the time of year when the Jewish mind returns toward beginnings and the season of the High Holy Days that will be upon us soon. Yet as we enter those Yamim Noraim, those Awesome Days, we feel grateful for the paradox that is our yearly chance at new beginnings. Our tradition teaches that beginnings are difficult—full of promise and anticipation, and full of pressure to “get it right.” We recount this year’s successes alongside the encounters and experiences we’d like to take back, or try again. So each year, we lean on the wisdom of a calendar that allows us to press a reset button: one that does not erase the past, but rather allows us to grow from it into the future.

And it is with that unique mixture of gratitude, awe, and anticipation that I write my first bulletin article as your assistant rabbi. But as much as we know how difficult beginnings can be, this is my third beginning with Temple Judea. My first was as a summer intern two years ago, my second was as your rabbinic intern this past year, and as I enter a third beginning, this as your rabbi, I feel fortunate to have built relationships already, and feel excited to form many more.

By way of introducing myself, I want to share something of my call to become a rabbi and how I hope to add to the Temple Judea family. First and foremost, I come to this work out of a desire to help others, particularly to sit with people in moments of both vulnerability and joy, and to bear witness to the ways that we make meaning from those moments. My office is an open door to anyone who wants to share their story and find a listening ear.

I also came to this work out of a desire to learn and teach the breadth of wisdom in our tradition. My passions lie in storytelling: stories of our people (history), stories that reflect upon our values (Tanakh and Midrash), and stories that uncover individual and communal connections to the Divine (spirituality). As an educator and a lifelong learner, I look forward to the many opportunities we’ll have to learn together, both from the stories that came before us, and from the stories we have yet to write.

Even more than stories, I find that music (along with food) serve as formative markers of peoplehood and belonging. As a person who has taught and shared Jewish music for over fifteen years, I am thrilled to be joining a clergy team that thinks so intentionally about the melodies we use to gather and connect. I hope to use my guitar and voice to bring those melodies into our sanctuary and school services, into lifecycle events, and into our study.

On behalf of my wife Carly and my children, Lilah and Gabriel, we enter this period of renewed beginning at Temple Judea filled with gratitude. We are grateful for the warmth of this community, for the ECC and Parenting Center for welcoming our children with open arms, for the clergy and staff who make this new beginning feel easy and natural, for the Board of Temple Judea for giving me the opportunity to serve, and to every member of the community – you make us feel at home. We look forward to the many expected and unexpected ways that we will grow together.

Cultivating Authentic Happiness in Children

Lisa Whitman, Director of ECC

Sari Edber, Assistant Director of ECC



 TempleJudeaECC

Happiness has become a hot topic in our society. It seems that everywhere we look, people are offering advice on how to find happiness or become happier individuals. In truth, there is some validity to this goal. If we were to ask our ECC parents what they want for their children in life, we'd guess that the vast majority of them would say something like, "I just want him/her to be happy."

Happiness is often labeled as a positive feeling because it simply feels good to be happy. But, if happiness is positive, are frustration, anger, and sadness negative? The answer is no! Dr. Wendy Mogel wrote an amazing book called, "The Blessing of a Skinned Knee", in which she explains the importance of experiencing challenges and setbacks in childhood.

If as parents and educators, our goal is for our children to feel happiness authentically, then it is also our job to help them authentically feel the entire range of emotions, without labeling them as positive or negative. Instead, we urge you to acknowledge your child's feelings, respond with compassion, and offer support in solving the problem.

At Temple Judea's ECC, we encourage our children to be open to their big feelings, whatever they may be and whenever they arise. You'll often hear teachers labeling emotions, validating tears, and helping students understand why they feel the way they do. We give lots of hugs, we offer choices, and we mediate between friends. A child's feelings are never minimized, no matter how small their problem seems to us.


We teach our children so many tangible things when they are very young. We help them learn how to walk, we teach them how to communicate, and we scaffold them in social interactions. Emotional intelligence is an equally important learned skill. Let's do it mindfully, so that we raise a new generation of emotionally healthy individuals, who understand and know how to manage all of their feelings.



Creating Jewish Memories Through Art

Rabbi Bruce Raff, Director of Education



 Temple Judea RS

Art is sometimes a “throw away” in some religious schools, something added to the curriculum to kill time. Often, that piece of “art” is thrown away as soon as it gets home. I refer to it as “carwash” art, something that makes it into the back seat of your car where it remains hidden under the seat until you go to the carwash.

We believe art is so much more! At Temple Judea, we create meaningful and beautiful art that the parents will keep and students will use for years to come. We use art to teach about Jewish holiday and life cycle, and the art that is created is often used and worn (at least the projects made in fifth and sixth grades) as our students become B’nei Mitzvah.

Our fifth graders each make a yad – a pointer used to read Torah in the synagogue. How wonderful it is to see our students unroll a Torah, and instead of using the silver yad of the temple, they use the one they made in school. So too, with tallitot. Each sixth grader spends weeks designing his or her own tallit, and once it is designed and painted, their parents are invited in, and together they both learn about and tie the tzitzit (the ritual threads at the corners of the tallit).

This year, after completing their tallitot, our sixth graders and their parents participated in a group picture and sent an email of support and solidarity to the Jews of Poway. We hope you enjoy seeing the meaningful art handcrafted by our wonderful students.



ADULT LEARNING at Temple Judea

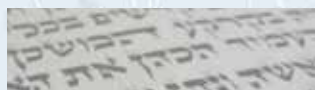
Discover a Profound New Understanding of What it Means to Be Jewish

Melton fosters and enriches Jewish cultural literacy through a core curriculum which explores not only the “how to” but the “why” of Jewish thought, ethics, and history.

Classes begin October 29, 2019, Thursday mornings at Temple Judea



Ongoing Learning



Weekly Torah Study (Parashat Hashavua)

Wednesdays, 12pm

No experience or sign up necessary, just come!

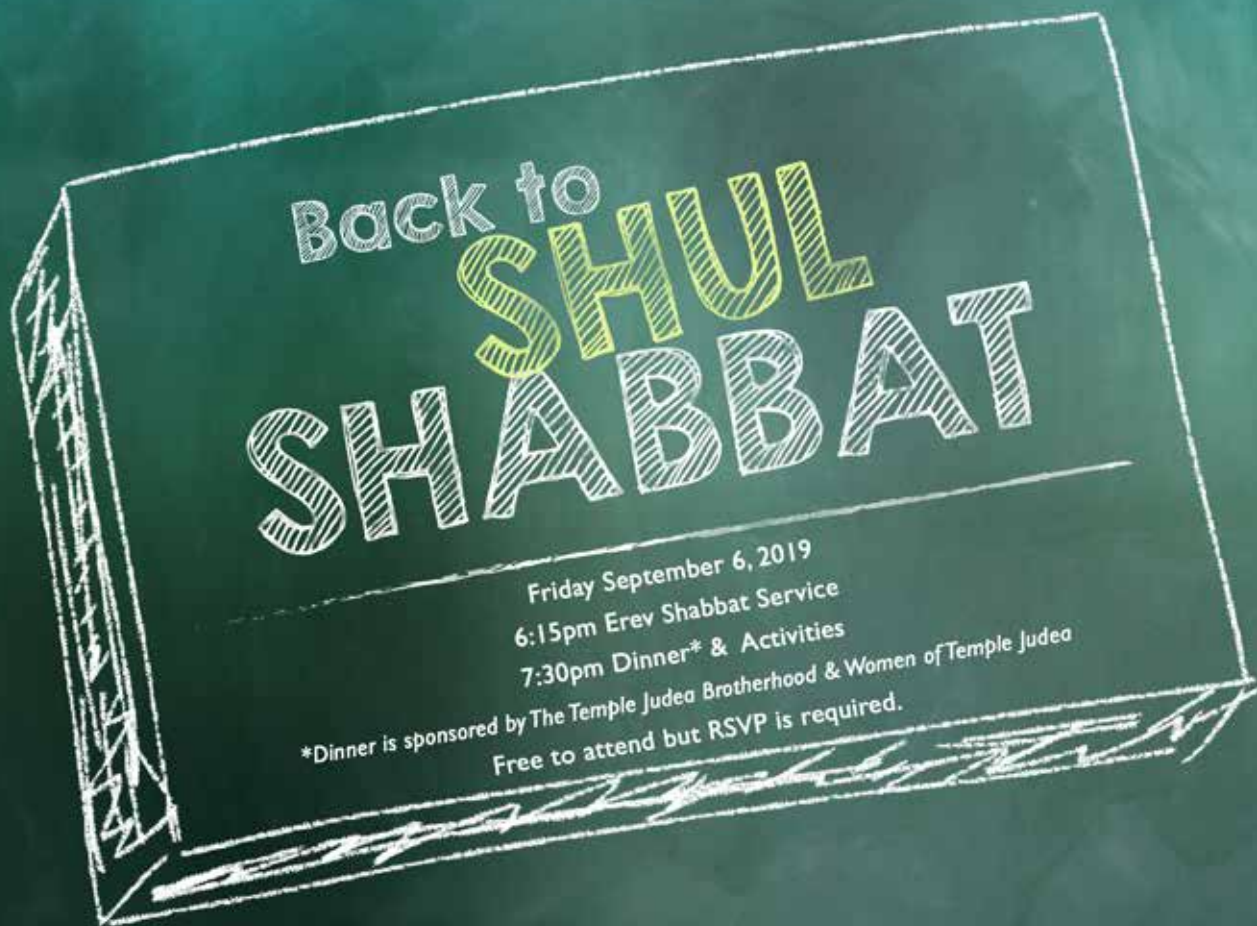


People of the Book – Book Club

First Wednesday of the Month, 6pm

Located in the Wiener Library

**Visit templejudea.com often, as we add more learning opportunities throughout the year!*



It's Time to Renew Your Membership Commitment

Thanks to so many of you who have already renewed your membership! Whether you went on line or contacted the temple office, we hope this year's process is easy and fast.

A few notes:

- Your board and staff work hard to keep expenses low and dues increases to a minimum. We are proud that we are only asking \$120 per family increase over last year. for Membership.
- We hope you will consider adding even more to your membership contribution, especially if you are not paying the \$3800 it truly costs the temple to maintain each family. (The \$3320 we ask for is a subsidized amount.)
- You will have a chance to join Women of Temple Judea, the Brotherhood, and make optional donations later this summer when you receive a separate notice about these important opportunities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TEMPLE JUDEA. We are stronger because you are part of this community.

Rosh Chodesh Adventures *with Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot*

Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the New Moon and new month, has been claimed as a women's holiday according to Jewish tradition. When the Israelites camped in the desert, out of fear they created the Golden Calf; but the women (we are taught) did not contribute their jewelry and valuables, so this reward of an additional holy day connects to our spiritual selves. In addition, women's cycles mimic lunar travels and this monthly holiday connects us to our physical selves. It has become a holiday of renewal, hitting the reset button, reclaiming the self in a world swirling with responsibilities and obligations.

Join Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot as we claim this celebration and join together with the warm and insightful women of our community. Here are two opportunities for the women of our community to refresh the self.

TUESDAY EVENINGS: Girls Night Out! Offsite Location TBA

7-9ish pm on the following dates: 8/27/19, 1/28/20, 3/24/20, 5/26/20

Dress up or come as you are; we'll explore different foods and drinks of our Jewish culture and experience around the world. Tools for self-refreshment will include laughter and relaxation, community, sustenance and always a bit of Torah.

FRIDAY MORNINGS: Girls Day In! At Temple Judea

10:30am-12pm on the following dates: 10/4/19, 12/6/19, 2/28/20, 4/24/20, 5/29/20

Come in cozy clothes for a morning of spiritual searching and growth. Tools we'll use to renew ourselves will include meditation, yoga, study, ritual, dialogue, and of course a bit of Torah.

For more information and to sign up visit templejudea.com

DAYS of AWE

Temple Judea



At the High Holy Days, we are asked to engage in a process of chesbon hanefesh, a moral self-assessment. We seek forgiveness from others for harms we've done and make amends, resolving to do better in the year ahead.

It's also a time of gathering; we gather with family and friends, and we gather as the Temple Judea community.

Selichot ~ Saturday, September 21. The official start of the Holy Days.

Erev Rosh Hashanah ~ Sunday, September 29

Rosh Hashanah Day ~ Monday, September 30

Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur) ~ Tuesday, October 8

Yom Kippur ~ Wednesday, October 9

THE SERVICE SCHEDULE IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM PAST YEARS:

DOWNSTAIRS

Erev Rosh Hashanah service (*upstairs at 5:30 or 8pm*)

Rosh Hashanah Day 9am

Kol Nidre 7pm

Yom Kippur Day 9am

UPSTAIRS EARLY

Erev Rosh Hashanah 5:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 9:30am

Kol Nidre 5:30pm

Yom Kippur Day 9:30am

UPSTAIRS LATE

Erev Rosh Hashanah 8pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 12:45pm

Kol Nidre 8pm

Yom Kippur Day 12:45pm

ימים נוראים

Yamim Noraim

Rosh Hashanah @ Camp Monday, September 30, 2019 10am - 2pm

The highly successful service from last year is back, bigger and better than ever! Enjoy a day at beautiful Camp Alonim in Simi Valley, for a Rosh Hashanah service, lunch, camp activities, and Tashlich. There is a modest charge for this service, to cover the cost of food and camp activities. You'll soon be able to order your tickets on the temple website.



NEW THIS YEAR – DIGITAL TICKETS

Yes, TJ is going digital for your High Holy Day tickets. During July, you will have a chance to select the service of your choice. Shortly thereafter, you will receive your tickets in an email. You'll be able to print them out or download to your phone. Or, ask us and we'll print them for you. So many options!

SUKKOT SHABBAT

Friday, October 18 at 6:15pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, October 20 at 10am

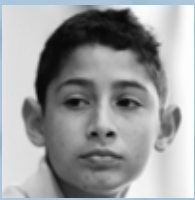
B'nei Mitzvah - July/August/September



ILANA KARCHMER
Daughter of Monika Suarez
August 17, 2019, 10:30am
Project: Volunteered at Pet Orphans



EMMA WINNICK
Daughter of Pamela & Jay Winnick
August 17, 2019, 5pm
Project: Volunteered with animal rescues and will produce a PSA film to raise awareness for animal adoption.



SPENCER BARBER
Son of Sharon & Shaun Barber
August 24, 2019, 5pm
Project: Volunteered in the community at places like the Variety Boys and Girls Club in Boyle Heights.



ISAAC ROSCOE-GRAFF
Son of Barbara Roscoe-Graff & Aaron Graff
August 31, 2019, 5pm
Project: Discovered a special joy in working with animals via volunteering at Saffyre Sanctuary, Kindred Spirits farm, and at a local vet clinic.



ABBY HAKKAKZADEH
Daughter of Fariba Sharifi & Hamid Hakkakzadeh
September 7, 2019, 10:30am
Project: Helped a local nonprofit organization plant trees and raise money for saving the environment.



STEFEN SHERMAN
Son of Joanne & Darryl Sherman
September 14, 2019, 10:30am
Project: Raised funds to donate to Southern California Basketball Academy for children that cannot afford to go to basketball camps and clinics.



CHLOE HERRIOTT
Daughter of Tracy & Stuart Herriott
September 14, 2019, 5pm
Project: Volunteered with Wags and Walks, working to help promote shelter dogs as the best dogs in the world and helping to find them their forever homes.



Thanks to these members who have generously donated above and beyond our standard membership so that our community can flourish. These wonderful Pillars of our Community make it possible for Temple Judea to provide all the programs and services that are so meaningful to our families. We are grateful.

Gail Aspinwall, Judith & Andrew Benson, Chuck Berney & Family, Ilene & Jacob Blok, Julie & Eric Book, Harriet & Harvey Bookstein, Gail Browdy, Shelly Browne, Barbara & Todd Cobin, Chris & Greg Cohen, Alison & Gary Diamond, Sara & Al Dreskin, Jodi & Craig Erwich, Jaci & Jon Feldman, Beth & Scott Fink, Michele & Edward Fischer, Patty & Hubert Fischler, Lorraine & Ray Friedman, Julie Fuld, Micki & John Glaser, Denise & David Goldberg, Sally & Irwin Goldstein, Beth & Alan Goodstein, Cynthia & Clifford Hassel, Robin & Robert Heiber, Gail & Murray Heltzer, DeAnne & Tom Heymann, Diane Weil & Leslie Horowitz, Ellen & Stuart Israel, Michelle & Adam Isrow, Madeline & Arthur Jablon, Susan & David Jefferson, Allison & Mark Kanter, Judi Kaplan & Carl Marer, Fern & Andrew Keimach, Sandra & Irving Klasky, Joann & Ronald Kramar, Caryn Leemon-Krausz & Gary Krausz, Alexandra & Sydney La Van, Leslie & Steven Lashever, Peggy & Bernard Lewak, Annette Lewis, Sylvia Lezak, Verna Liss, Maryann Lowery & Don List, Nancy & Jonathan Littman, Barbara & Gary Luboff, Jennifer & Jeff Lutzky, Bonnie Friedman & Cantor Gerald Miller, Diana & Robert Morgenstern, Lois & Richard Neiter, Jane & Michael Nichol, Marsha & Mark Novak, Ellen & Michael Opell, Pauline & Drew Pomerance, Bill Prady, Suzanne & Cary Reisman, Laurie & Steven Rodstein, Dani & Michael Rogers, Brendie & Alvin Rosenbloom, Frayne & Sandor Rosenfield, Judy & David Rutt, Lynn & Howard Safenowitz, Lori & Adam Saitman, Lydia & Jay Schlanger, Lillian & Jack Schrier, Jennifer & Mike Singer, Carol & Carl Singerman, Susan & Randy Snyder, Robin & Owen Solomon, William Townsend & David Spector, Susan Stone, Ellen-Jo & Ron Tinero, Karen & Steven Twersky, Nancy & Alan Wiener, Nadene & David Wohlgemuth, Jennifer & Joe Woolf, Nisa & Steven Zap.

Temple Judea Celebrates WOMEN and our community

Two beautiful evenings to celebrate eight wonderful women – that was the heart of our Temple Judea gala festivities in May. We were thrilled to honor Executive Director Ellen Franklin and Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot, who have dedicated themselves to making our community strong in many ways for many years. We are also grateful to our outstanding women presidents for their wisdom and leadership: Myrna Gordon, Kaye Bernstein, Jaci Feldman, Teri Levin, Ellen Israel and Gail Aspinwall.

The celebration began with a pre-Gala Benefactor Event underwritten by Nancy and Al Wiener. Our 65 benefactors first enjoyed an elegant dinner prepared by Scott Roeb. The highlight of the evening was the fascinating story of Temple Judea member Allison Kanter who discovered she had a twin sister by taking an Ancestry.com DNA test. Her sister Michele Mordkoff also took the same test; one week later, they met for the first time in New York. With Michelle on Skype in our chapel, they shared their emotional journey of finding each other.

The Saturday night Gala was attended by 300 temple members, friends and families who kicked off the evening with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in our beautiful courtyard. After a very successful live auction in the sanctuary, we heard from our keynote speaker Mayim Bialik, Rabbi Emeritus Don Goor and Rabbi Joshua Aaronson. The party then moved downstairs for a live band, dancing, and more good times.

We are grateful to everyone that supported our efforts, attended the events and helped us celebrate our honorees. Our deepest thanks to our Gala Chairs, Nikki and Ivan Axelrod, who worked so diligently to make this a special evening for our community.

*Greg Cohen, Finance and Development Chair
Nikki & Ivan Axelrod, Gala Chairs*







Social Action Participates in Month of Big Sundays *Jennifer Lutzky, Chair*

Social Action was pleased to once again participate in Big Sunday this past May. Previously held on the first Sunday of May each year, it is now too large to be encompassed on one day, and thus has become the “Month of Big Sundays.” Since Big Sunday’s focus is to bring together diverse volunteers with a wide variety of needs and organizations, we were able to choose two activities which emphasize values of continuing importance to Social Action and Temple Judea: homelessness and environment.

Our first activity was building a garden at Dixie Canyon Elementary School in Sherman Oaks. Despite the rainy conditions, volunteers got a lot of work from an inopportune location, moving dirt across the campus (countless wheelbarrows-full!), removing non-native plants from existing garden beds, preparing beds for new plants and planting new native plants and shrubs.

We also participated in the monthly packing day at Hope Mill, an all-volunteer organization that was formed out of a commitment to help those who find themselves home-

less. It provides food, personal care items and other basic necessities, along with a message of hope and an affirmation that people care.

The squad from Temple Judea arrived to discover the packing event had been called off due to the morning rain. But when we inquired, we discovered that all the materials were being distributed the next day regardless, and the Hope Mill volunteers were planning to do all the work themselves! So, we offered to stay despite the soggy conditions and got to work. Hope Mill packs many different kinds of materials, ranging from very small toiletry packs (containing soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and a washcloth) to large backpacks containing toiletries, nonperishable food, bottled water, a blanket, socks, t-shirt, and other useful items.

Social Action offers multiple opportunities to volunteer in our community all year long. Please check our web page at templejudea.com/sa for upcoming events, meeting dates, and more information.



RAC-king Up A Win *Ellen Fink Israel*

As a Reform congregation, Temple Judea has spent many years working with the URJ’s social justice wing, the Religious Action Center (RAC). This year, that work has been focused on encouraging California legislators and Governor Newsom to dramatically increase state budget funding for community-based programs that help to prevent gun violence. We have learned that about 9,000 Californians are shot each year and that these programs can decrease incidents of gun violence 35-50 percent, as demonstrated by programs already funded.

As Jewish law teaches, to save one life is to save the world. In researching with Moms Demand Action and the Giffords Law Center, we learned that with increased funding to these effective programs, gun fatalities and casualties will decrease. Thus, we embarked on a campaign to have more money from our state budget allocated to these programs. We enlisted the help of Reform congregations all across California, including

our own, to make calls to the governor’s office and ask for this increased level of funding. With 860-900 calls made during call-in week, sometimes shutting down the switchboard, Governor Newsom asked for triple the amount of current funding to be placed in the budget. Our legislators are currently deciding if this number should be increased even higher!

We have learned that with numbers comes power, and in working with the RAC we have logged a huge victory for neighborhoods besieged by gun violence. Our next step will be to choose a piece of legislation to lobby for, one that is in accord with our Jewish values and that needs our help to pass. In August, a group of Judeans will join groups from Reform congregations all across our state in Sacramento to make our collective voice heard.

If you are interested in being a part of this important work, please contact Ellen Israel erfisrael@gmail.com to learn more.

TEMPLE JUDEA MUSIC PROGRAM WANTS YOU!

It is no secret that Judea has the most vibrant Jewish musical offerings in the San Fernando Valley and beyond, and those offerings are **EXPANDING** for adults, teens, and kids! If you or someone you know loves music, make sure they act now to join in these meaningful experiences. Contact Rabbi Cantor Wissot (rabbicantorw@templejudea.com) or Cantor Kliger (cantorkliger@templejudea.com) for more information and to sign up.

ADULTS

SING IN THE CHOIR

Are you someone who used to sing in High School or College? Do you remember that great sound, the power of the whole group creating harmonies together? Do you miss it? Join the Temple Judea choir, for the High Holy days (4 rehearsals beginning September 4). Depending upon interest, we will also sing throughout the year, once a month in Wednesdays. Learn the prayers and songs to feel more connected and to deepen your experience. Be a part of our choir family. Bring your teenage kids who sing too! Reading music is helpful especially for the Holy Days, but not required.

CHANT TORAH ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS!

Spots are still available for this year. Any Jewish adult who reads Hebrew can join us to chant Torah for the High Holy Days. We would love to teach you how, or welcome you back if it has been a while.

TEENS and KIDS

CIT PROGRAM

Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens who sing: Our Cantors In Training program is taking off. Share your musical talent and vocal skill with the Temple Judea community for the High Holy Days and throughout the year. Coaching on Jewish repertoire by the Cantors will enhance your performance abilities and deepen your Jewish connection. Audition to be a part of this core of our Temple Judea community, which meets once a month (TBD based on participants' schedules) and performs at select opportunities (also TBD based on participation and schedules).

JUNIOR Cantors In Training PROGRAM

For any students in 4th-7th grades who love to sing. Once a month DURING Tuesday religious school, the JCITS will meet with Rabbi Cantor Wissot to learn musical versions of prayers to help lead both Religious school and Shabbat worship services. While it is easiest to participate if you're enrolled in Tuesday Religious School, those who are signed up for Sunday religious school may attend the monthly Tuesday rehearsals to join in the singing. We'll tackle old school versions of our prayers as well as updated fun ones (think Adon Olam to the music of Hamilton).

POP UP CHOIR

The first stop on your Judea Musical journey. This group is for students in Kindergarten - 3rd grade. The Pop Up Choir will meet once a month right after Religious School on Sunday mornings with Cantor Kliger. We'll learn joyous songs and prayers that will be performed during services throughout the year. While it's easiest to participate if you are enrolled in Sunday Religious School, those who come to Tuesday Religious School are certainly welcome to join us on Sundays for Pop Up Choir. (*Some kindergarten students may require at least one parent to remain present during the rehearsal).

CANTORS OUTSIDE THE BOX AUGUST 18, 2019

Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot and Cantor Yonah Kliger bring colleagues and friends for a relaxing night of musical entertainment, in our favorite stunning ranch in Moorpark.*

*Location given upon RSVP. Check templejudea.com for more details.

Tickets \$20 each

Brotherhood *Antony Gluck and Alan Goodstein , Co-Presidents*



Spring and early summer were busy for the Brotherhood! We served up the grub at the Purim Carnival, teamed with the WTJ for our final Speaker Series event of the year -- the hilarious and educational Bill Prady -- and for the Post Passover Pizza Party, worked to send Yom HaShoah candles to every temple family and classroom, and had a blast at our annual Men's Retreat, in addition to our monthly poker games and biweekly Lunch Bunch get-togethers.

Coming up, we lead off a summer of activities by returning to Chavez Ravine for the annual Dodgers Jewish Community Day game, and a new board takes the reins, as termed-out co-president David Daniel steps down. He was humbled and proud the Brotherhood honored him this spring as its Man of the Year at the regional MRJ dinner. Whether we're feeding people, playing poker, volunteering in the community, or just having fun, the guys in the Brotherhood show up for each other. Join us!

brotherhood@templejudea.com

Women of Temple Judea *Aime Friedman, President*

What have we been up to this year? Here's just a few of the many ways we have supported our community and had fun at the same time!

- Served dinner to 300 people at our Back to Shul Shabbat.
- Welcomed 150 students back to religious school with bagels, juice and donuts at our annual Bagel Brunch.
- Filled our social hall to capacity once again for our annual Mah Jongg Tournament.
- Provided 500 jelly donut holes at Chanukachella.
- Hosted 100 players at our annual Bingo Night.
- Educated and entertained 250 people at our WTJ/TJ Brotherhood Speaker Series.
- Provided dinner along with Brotherhood for our post-Passover party and the temple's annual congregational meeting.

So what is ahead? Our Mah Jongg Tournament is August 25, another Game Day is on the horizon, Back to Shul Shabbat will be on, and of course, we will be hosting the annual Bagel Brunch on the first Sunday of religious school. Expert challah maker and WTJ member Ilene Blok will be giving a series of challah making classes throughout the summer.

In addition, WTJ has an active catering program. Most recently, we were pleased to cater the temple's annual Chai events for members of 18 years and more. An extended kiddush for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a baby naming, or even a shiva meal -- we can assist you, so just give us a call.

We welcome all women of our temple to join the Women of Temple Judea. The temple needs us and we need you! Please contact wjtj@templejudea.com for more information and to find out how to get involved.

Mazal Tov to

Chenin Pecora and Ross Reich, who were married in Texas on May 4, 2019. Chenin's grandparents are Nancy and Past President Al Wiener.

And to Andrew Alberts, who became engaged to Chelsea Nobriga. Andrew is another grandchild of the Wieners.

Dean Pillar and Debbie Glassman, on their recent marriage.

Melissa and Jeremy Scharf, who welcomed baby Lennon on May 25th. Big sister Ava is a student in our Nursery School.

Julie and Tamir Elghanayan, who welcomed their new son, Benjamin Moses on June 2nd. Big sisters are Charlie and Frankie, both students at Temple Judea.

Dror and Nuriel Salem, who welcomed twin daughters on June 2nd. Big brothers are Daniel and Jonathan. Jonathan is a student in our Nursery School.

Emily and Eric Feig welcomed daughter Logan Ava on June 5th. Big sister Dylan is a student in our Nursery School and big sister Ryan is a student in our Parenting Center and starting NS in the fall.

Hayley and Nick Antonian, who welcomed their daughter, Skyler Jade, on June 4th. Older siblings are Riley and Holden. Holden is a student in our Nursery School.

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