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# In Memory of Judy Scharf z”l

by Gail Aspinwall - President

We lost an important member of the Temple Judea family in August, a visionary woman whose concept of community probably had a greater impact than any congregant in our 67-year history. We usually reserve this space in the Judean for a column *by* board members so you can get to know them; in this issue, I’m offering you a few words *about* a board member, our dear Judy Scharf z”l.

Judy believed a temple should be a place where people reached out to each other in times of joy and difficulty whether they knew each other or not, simply because we were all a part of the same Judea family. With the support of the clergy and board, she created the Temple Judea Caring Community in 1997, a program which connects temple members in various life situations, including new babies, illness, hospitalization, and death. She began the group with a few of her friends and a couple of ideas such as Shabbat Greeters and Caring Callers. Judy said her goal was to create and add new programs every so often as more ways to reach out to temple members were identified.

Today’s Caring Community numbers 60 volunteers; last year, these wonderful members made 130 caring calls, Bikur Cholim visits, Mitzvah Meals, delivered New Baby baskets and Words of Comfort baskets, and said shalom to hundreds of attendees as Shabbat Greeters each Friday night. Judy oversaw every aspect of the program; she even had an annual appreciation dinner for her many volunteers.

Judy served as the Caring Community representative on our Board of Trustees for 14 years, and was honored at our annual gala in 2017. When she wasn’t spending time with her five children and two grandchildren, traveling with friends or playing mah jongg, Judy was at almost every temple event – with a smile and a sincere way of asking how you were and truly wanting to know.

In Judy’s own words: “Our goal is to perform mitzvot that are uplifting, like visiting the sick or homebound; offering support to bereaved families; sending words of love and mazal tov in times of celebration; and making phone calls that say, we’re thinking of you.”

Today and forever, Judy, we will be thinking of you.



## Temple Judea’s Mission

Temple Judea exists to enrich the lives of our congregants by creating meaningful, inspiring, innovative Jewish moments that resonate with individuals and families through the generations.

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## Gratitude, Again

*Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot*

There are two fountains at my home, two lions standing guard over our pool. When we moved into the house, we discovered that Lion One sprays a beautiful arc of water. Lion Two stands silent and still, and in all the years we've lived here, has simply refused to do its job.

One morning after we had just moved in, my children noticed this fact. One said excitedly, Oh Mom look! One of the lions is spraying water! Later that morning, separately, another of my kids irritably exclaimed, hey mom, that second lion is broken.

Frankly, while I might condemn the thinking of the child who noticed the broken lion, I have to confess that's where my mind went too. Instead of being grateful, my mind held the annoyance of yet another thing to fix.

We've decided not to fix that lion. I'd like to think that it isn't just because this is low on the priority list, but because we're trying to remind ourselves every morning that we have to see life through the lens of gratitude.

Gratitude is one of the simplest ideas, one we know will make our lives better. And yet, perhaps because of its very simplicity, it is easy to take for granted. In a classic "Mussar" text which seeks to teach the Jewish art of character development, one of our rabbis "the RaMChAL" explains that the simplest of things is actually the most difficult. People do not work to cultivate gratitude because they dismiss the very idea that work is needed for this at all! But for the few who take the time to work hard daily on the simplest of things, there is a deep reward.

As we turn toward the fall, we focus our attention on Sukkot. We dwell in rickety shelters, trying to force ourselves to realize what is really important in our lives. It isn't the things we have collected, the house we've built, the money or cars. It is our families, our values, the things and people for which we live (and would die). We are lucky in America that the holiday of Thanksgiving echoes these themes, and reminds us again of the bounty of our lives.

We tend to think it is the big moments that make us grateful. They do, certainly. A wedding, a bar mitzvah. A great new job. The birth of a child. Or on the other hand, a death, a divorce, the loss of a job. We see a thing because of its greatness, and we see a thing because of its absence.

But it is the mystery of gratitude that we do not live in those big moments. Just after those moments, we forget. This has been happening since the beginning of time. Torah shares these stories with us, when our ancestors witnessed great miracles, and the very next thing they did was return to their complaints and yearning for more.

True gratitude lives as a cobblestone pathway of small moments, found every day of our lives. It lives in an existence filled with opportunity to see the one working lion, to find the blessings every hour or at least every day, hundreds of small opportunities to focus on Lion One. What is the daily reminder you'll give yourself this year in your pursuit of a life well lived, a life full of honest gratitude?

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**Temple Judea** is proud to announce our partnership with **GoGoGrandparent**, a free service to assist elderly members who are no longer able to drive themselves to and from Temple Judea. Once you are determined to be eligible, you simply call a phone number to schedule a Lyft driver who will be dispatched to your location to pick you up and bring you home. There's no need for a smartphone, computer or any other electronic device other than a phone! All it takes is just one phone call. This program is generously underwritten by the Brotherhood and the Women of Temple Judea. For more information and to apply, contact **Ron Spiegel** at [spiegelrss@aol.com](mailto:spiegelrss@aol.com).

## New Things

*Lisa Whitman, Director of ECC*

*Sari Edber, Assistant Director of ECC*



 TempleJudeaECC

There are so many exciting new things happening in the Early Childhood Center at Temple Judea this year. Three brand new programs are TotPot, our hot lunch delivery service; Brightwheel, our new communication tool; and Positive Discipline Training for Parents & Teachers.

We are very excited to be partnering with TotPot to deliver nutritious, balanced, and delicious meals to our nursery school children every day. TotPot will be offering a large variety of healthy choices for our parents to choose from, and ordering will be done directly through their website. We are hoping to make mornings easier for parents, and help provide our kids with wonderful, balanced meals.

Brightwheel is our new communication tool in the ECC. All teachers and parents now have the Brightwheel app on their phones, and we have purchased tablets for each classroom. All signing in and out will be done on our tablets. Teachers will also send photos and communicate with parents throughout

the week using the Brightwheel app. It's a great way for us to streamline communication with parents as we team up to educate our children.

Last but not least, this year the Nursery School teachers were all trained in a program called Positive Discipline. The program focuses on treating children with respect and using intuitive tools to positively address their needs as growing human beings. Our trainer Merav Goldman will now be offering parenting classes to our ECC parents. This is another way that school and home can work together to address the most important needs of our ECC children, and help them to be responsible, respectful, and resourceful members of society. We really believe in this program, and are thrilled that our trainer Merav Goldman will be offering a series of 6 evening classes for parents in October and November.


We are so grateful to have parents and teachers who all want to learn and grow together!



# Temple Judea Introduces All New High School Programs

*Rabbi Bruce Raff, Director of Education*



 Temple Judea RS

For the last few years, our post B'nei Mitzvah students met on different days and different times, with no sense of high school community. Some kids came to JSTY, others were madrachim, some were CITs, still others attended classes which were held on Tuesdays, Sunday mornings, and Sunday evenings. The classes and programs were great, but what was lacking was being part of a community. There was no single, high school program.

Some of you shared that was what was missing – we heard you and changed the program. This year, Wednesdays are high school day at Temple Judea. All grades, 7-12, will be attending classes on Wednesdays. Seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students will have class from 4-5:45pm, and tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders will have class from 6:15-8pm. And, during the 5:45-6:15pm time period, they will all eat dinner together under the guidance of Rabbi Rosenstein and our JSTY advisor, Grace Jacobsen. Everyone will participate in group building – connecting activities and games – creating a social community for our students.

There are lots of classes and activities for our students. There are weekend retreats – one on Love, Sex and Relationships, where

we help students develop their attitudes and understandings on what love and a healthy relationship is from a Jewish perspective. There is also a trip to Washington D.C.: our students will go to the RAC – the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Both of these trips are highly subsidized by the generous donations of congregants whose children participated and who believed it was such an amazing experience that they wanted to make sure that no child couldn't participate because of cost.

In addition, there are classes on a variety of topics; all of our high school students have the opportunity to study with Richard Weintraub who will help clarify their values, and navigate issues facing all of our teens. These include peer pressure, parents, school, dating, the pressures of college, depression and more. There is a class for 8 and 9 graders, and another one for students in 7-12. In addition to being able to study with Richard, all of our clergy will be teaching in the program. If you have already enrolled your child, we are thrilled. If you haven't but are interested, call or email me and have your child try it out and join us.



## INSTALLATION SHABBAT

THE INSTALLATION OF RABBI ERIC ROSENSTEIN

Friday November 1, 2019  
6:15pm- Erev Shabbat Service  
7:30pm- Shabbat Dinner

Saturday November 2, 2019  
9am- Tot Shabbat & Schmooze

## **Sunday Series** with Richard Weintraub



### **Stimulating & Unique Discussions about Parenting our Children** Select Sundays, 9:15-10:30am

**Session II: October 13**  
**Social Media: Friend or Foe?**  
Interaction vs. isolation  
Limits & boundaries

**Session III: November 3**  
**The Future is Now: Setting a Positive Course**  
Learning from our children  
Benefits of engaged parents

**Session IV: December 15**  
**Talking About the Tough Stuff**  
Healthy life choices  
Peer relationships/bullying/respect differences

A nationally recognized Educator and Life Coach, Richard Weintraub, brings his long standing history of working with children and youth. Richard Weintraub is a retired teacher in the LAUSD and he served many years as the Director of Education and Training for the LA County Sheriff's Department. He is the former President of the California Council of Youth, a Professor of Education at USC, a religious school confirmation and post-confirmation teacher for more than 30 years, and author of Beyond the Easy Answer.

Rsvp required at [templejudea.com](http://templejudea.com)

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### **Thursdays, beginning October 2019**

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.

**Year I CORE Class** - Purposes of Jewish Living and Rhythms of Jewish Living  
**Graduate Class** – For those who have completed the two-year Core Curriculum

Visit [MeltonWestValley.org](http://MeltonWestValley.org) to register and for more information

## **Rabbi Joshua M. Aaronson Presents:**



### **Love & Marriage, Men & Women: Jewish Insights, Part I**

Mondays, November 4, 11, & 18, 2019, 12–1pm

Who better to offer marriage and family therapy than the Rabbis of the Talmud? Good news: there are narratives about women, too. Join Rabbi Aaronson for an examination of rabbinic teachings about this important subject.

Serious subject matter presented with good humor!

You are welcome to bring your lunch.

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## **Rabbi Eric D. Rosenstein Presents:**



### **What's this Chanukah Holiday Anyway?**

Mondays, December 2, 9, & 16, 2019, 7pm

Explore the myth and the reality of the Chanukah miracle, and discover how a minor holiday became a staple of the American Jewish experience.

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## **Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot Presents:**



### **Learn about Jewish Music**

Wednesdays, December 18, 2019, January 15 & February 19, 2020, 7pm

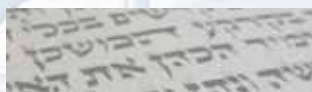
**Session I:** What is Jewish Music?

**Session II:** Western Art Music as Synagogue Music

**Session III:** Yiddish and the American Jewish Synagogue Experience

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## **Ongoing Learning**



### **Torah Study with our Clergy**

Wednesdays, 12pm

No sign ups needed.

Just come!



### **People of the Book - Book Club**

First Wednesday of the month, 6pm

For reading selections, visit our website.

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### **Women of Temple Judea & TJ Brotherhood Speakers Series**

November 4, 2019, January 28, & April 21, 2020, 7pm

*You won't want to miss this year's speakers.*

*\*register at [www.templejudea.com](http://www.templejudea.com). It is always best to check the website for schedule updates.*

# What is Community?

Kimberly Bonheim Birbrower, Engagement and Philanthropy Associate

## community noun, often attributive

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*plural* communities

### Definition of *community*

1. a social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often has a common cultural and historical heritage
2. a locality inhabited by such a group
3. a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society within which it exists (usually preceded by the):

We all can agree that community is important. And yet, to each of us, it can represent many different experiences. Community is:

- the high school students who rush from school to CIT rehearsal because they can't wait to sing with their friends.
- the family who finally gets to exhale after a long week, standing in the sanctuary with their arms around each other, welcoming Shabbat as the sun sets.
- the best friends who make time to come to Torah study every week because they get to learn and laugh and grow and think together.
- the overwhelmed parents who bump into their friends at ECC drop off, turning a rushed moment into a glorious half hour, sitting in the temple lobby, finishing their coffee together, laughing and crying and laughing some more about the chaos that is life with kids.
- the congregants who stop by the clergy office to quickly request Mi Shebeirach for a loved one who is ill, but instead look up from their seat on the sofa to see that they are surrounded by people who care - people who stop what they're doing to offer support, guidance, compassion, sympathy, and a hug.

Community is when you walk through the doors of a place and you feel at home.

## E+P Spotlight on.... Melody Zaghi



The Zaghi family, Melody and Fardad and their children Jasmine and Jacob, have been members since 2015. Jacob is a student at the ECC and Jasmine is an ECC alum.

### What is your favorite thing about being a member of Temple Judea?

I think it's just how everyone is so down to earth and friendly.

### What does community mean to you?

Community is a group of people who you trust. It's a place where you spend your time, where you raise your kids, and where you have fun. All of which this wonderful place has given to us!



## TJ's Annual High Holy Day Appeal

As we celebrate the New Year, we ask that you seriously consider participating in our annual High Holy Day appeal. Our temple needs your help to continue our mission of enriching our members' lives with meaningful Jewish moments. Your dollars go directly to educating kids and lifelong learners, hiring outstanding musicians to support our clergy during services, offering enrichment classes to our ECC families and taking our high school students to Washington DC. From social action and social justice to building a community sukkah, Temple Judea relies on you to make this all possible. Your gift also helps us with the behind-the-scenes expenses involved with maintaining our beautiful facility and keeping our campus safe. Please help us continue to build a strong community. Together, we can transform the way people connect to Judaism and change the world.



## Honoring Our Pillars

On November 22, we are all invited to a special, dedicated Shabbat service in honor of Temple Judea's Pillars, those special members whose generosity helps our synagogue to thrive. After the service, members at the Pillar of Learning level and above will continue the evening of appreciation at an exclusive, catered Shabbat feast. If you're interested in joining us for dinner and would like more information on how to become a Pillar, please contact Ellen Franklin.



## #GivingTuesday – December 3, 2019

This year, #GivingTuesday is on December 3. Temple Judea is thrilled to join thousands of organizations across the globe participating in the largest giving day of the year. We're excited to be a part of this worldwide event, and hope you'll contribute to help us meet our fundraising goals! Keep an eye out for more information on our fun 2019 #GivingTuesday campaign and be sure to participate in this annual opportunity for you and your family – a chance to join a global movement and support Temple Judea at the same time!



# B'nei Mitzvah - October/November/December



**SAMANTHA LOUISE LERNER**

Daughter of Jennifer & David Lerner  
10/12/2019, 5pm

Project: Summer of Tikkun Olam – more than 100 hours of community service, including Operation Gratitude, West Valley Food Pantry, Guide Dogs of America, Retirement Communities, and others.



**KATIE HUMMEL**

Daughter of Margot & Lloyd Hummel  
10/19/19, 5pm

Project: Raised money and led a group that created and assembled 200 kits containing pet supplies for the companion animals of homeless people



**JOSHUA STEIN**

Son of Tamar & Brandon Stein  
10/26/19, 10:30am

Project: Raised money and ran a 5K for World Harvest Food Bank, an organization that provides healthy food for underprivileged families.



**ABIGAIL ANN GOLDMAN**

Daughter of Gillian & Colin Goldman  
10/26/19, 5pm

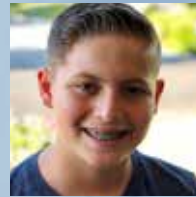
Project: Produced copious numbers of Paracord Survival Bracelets for U.S. soldiers, used by servicemen and servicewomen as quick deploying survival cord in times of dire need during combat missions in Afghanistan.



**JACK MOSESKA**

Son of Stephanie & Spencer Moseska  
11/2/19, 10:30am

Project: Collected toys for pediatric patients and children of adult patients at City of Hope.



**JUSTIN LAMBERT**

Son of Allison & Brian Lambert  
11/2/19, 10:30am

Project: Collected toys to distribute to pediatric patients and children of adult patients at City of Hope.



**EVA ROXANNE FEDER**

Daughter of Eden & Scott Feder  
11/2/19, 5pm

Project: Cared for previously abused and neglected horses, with her kindergarten teacher who is a full-time volunteer, through the Sapphire Sanctuary Project.



**MICAH JOSEPH KNIGHTLY**

Son of Stacey Weiss & Patrick Knightly  
11/9/19, 10:30am

Project: TBD



**QUINCY MARISOL BERMAN**

Daughter of Jennifer Mann & Joshua Berman  
11/9/19, 10:30 am

Project: Worked with a civil rights attorney to help women fight against discrimination and harassment.



**MENDEZ JUSTICE BERMAN**

Daughter of Jennifer Mann & Joshua Berman  
11/9/19, 10:30 am

Project: Helped rescue animals and prevent them from experiencing pain and suffering.



**MIKAELA MOSSA**

Daughter of Susie & Jeff Mossa  
11/9/19, 5pm

Project: Led a book drive for READING PARTNERS, an organization that partners with under-resourced schools and provides struggling students with individualized reading support. Also, visited the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission to read to the children there.



**ASHER MOON PRADY**

Son of Kirith Prady & Bill Prady  
11/16/19, 5pm

Project: Asher's tikkun olam project explored ways of addressing the unmet educational needs of children in poverty.



**KYLIE ANGEL STARK**

Daughter of Jamie Angel & Chris Stark  
11/30/19, 10:30am

Project: Helped at the Animal Hope and Wellness Foundation, as part of her love for animals



**JAYDEN SAMUEL HAMRELL**

Son of Anna & Josh Hamrell  
11/30/19, 5pm

Project: Volunteered his time with the Safe Place for Youth organization, helping to inspire, nurture, and empower homeless youth.



**BROOKE BARNETT**

Daughter of Judith & Brian Barnett  
12/7/19, 10:30am

Project: Helped prepare and deliver gift baskets for foster youth.

## Temple Judea Lobbies in Sacramento with the RAC

Temple Judea members were among more than 200 Reform Jews from across the state who participated in Religious Action Center California's largest ever lobby day in Sacramento in August. Our delegation, consisting of Ellen Israel, Jane Nichol, Mark Novak, and Rabbi Eric Rosenstein, along with all in attendance, heard a common refrain from the elected officials: it is powerful to see the Jewish community turning out to support legislation that's not traditionally thought of as "Jewish."

RAC-CA's top legislative priority this year is affordable housing, with focus on a package of bills to build new housing and to protect tenants' rights. Reform Jewish leaders shared this goal with their local representatives, leaders of the California Jewish Legislative Caucus and Governor Gavin Newsom's staff. Other areas of advocacy included criminal justice reform, immigration justice, gun violence prevention, and climate change. The selected bills address major statewide issues from the perspective of "tzedeck" or justice that is rooted in Reform Jewish values.

Temple Judea members as well as congregants from five other local synagogues met with a member of State Senator Henry Stern's staff, then had a chance encounter with the senator



himself, who took the contingent to the Senate floor for pictures and conversation. Our delegation subsequently supported other temples' meetings with their Assembly representatives. In all, participants held more than 50 meetings with lawmakers at the State Capitol. Ellen Israel was part of the leadership team that provided background and training and met with the Governor's staff.

Temple Judea participates not only in Lobby Day, but also the entire spectrum of activities that comprise the RAC-CA's advocacy effort, which include researching and proposing candidate legislation, building coalitions to advance RAC priorities, conducting local meetings with legislators, and educating congregations. For more info, contact Ellen Israel at [elnstu@charter.net](mailto:elnstu@charter.net).

## Join Us in Fighting Hate and Bigotry



The Interfaith Solidarity Network is holding its 3rd Annual Interfaith Solidarity March on Sunday, October 27m from 2 to 5 pm, beginning at 13060 Roscoe Blvd, followed by dinner provided by the Sikh Coalition.

Since the first Interfaith Solidarity March in 2017, we have established a charitable non-profit that breaks down barriers and inspires solidarity among communities in the San Fernando Valley. We build relationships across cultures and faiths, educate our communities, organize for peace and justice, mobilize against intolerance and embrace principles of non-violence. We advocate for homeless solutions, climate action and environmental justice and have both a youth partnership and speaker bureau. We are proud to say we have nearly 42 Valley faith-based organizations and over 400 individual supporters.

Our host congregations are Valley Beth Israel, Muslims for Progressive Values, St. Genevieve Catholic Church and Panorama Presbyterian Church. The march will also provide opportunities to register to vote, to support those experiencing homelessness and to join together with our valley faith communities in strength and solidarity.

For more information or to sign up for the march, contact Marsha Novak at [marlynov@gmail.com](mailto:marlynov@gmail.com), or check out our Facebook page: [facebook.com/ISN.SFV/](https://facebook.com/ISN.SFV/).



## TEMPLE JUDEA YOUNG ADULTS

Interested in the 20s-30s community?

Do you know someone who would be interested?

We'd love to hear from you!

Email Rabbi Rosenstein

[RabbiRosenstein@templejudea.com](mailto:RabbiRosenstein@templejudea.com)

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## Bread Brings Generations Together

When Ilene Blok speaks about her love of breadmaking, she explains that it is much more than mixing flour and water to create a loaf of challah.

“It’s the joy of bringing generations of families together while creating something delicious,” Blok said.

This summer, Ilene and her husband Jack invited more than 60 temple members into their home to teach them how to bake challah, learn the chemistry of breadmaking and spend time getting to know each other. Challah students come from every demographic of our community and have included fathers with kids, empty nesters, grandmas and young moms.

Breadmaking has been a passion of Ilene’s for 50 years, starting when she and Jack moved to Oregon while he was pursuing his Ph.D. “Everyone made bread there. It helped stretch the dollar and gave the neighbors something to bond over. I’ve never stopped. It’s an experience I really wanted to bring to our temple community.”

The entire process takes about three hours, during which Ilene’s retired teaching skills blossom as she explains all about yeast and how important baking and breaking bread is to Judaism. Ilene and Jack have done this totally out of their love for bringing people together and for Temple Judea; they do not charge anything for the experience.

After three hours of baking with Ilene, you walk away with a tremendous feeling of satisfaction, respect for Ilene’s baking passion and a spectacular golden crusted challah for your next Shabbat. If you would like to make challah with Ilene, please contact her at [ileneblok@gmail.com](mailto:ileneblok@gmail.com).



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## 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: 2/11/20, 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. OFFSITE TBA

### **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**

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](http://templejudea.com).



## Service with a Smile! *Jennifer Lutzky, Chair*

The Social Action Committee hosted our annual backpack filling day of service on Sunday, August 18. This program supports School on Wheels, a nonprofit organization which provides free tutoring and mentoring to children from Kindergarten through twelfth grade living in shelters, motels, vehicles, group foster homes and on the streets in Southern California. The ability to provide backpacks and school supplies is a crucial component of their mission, and we are very proud that Temple Judea is one of their largest donors of backpacks and school supplies.

We had a wonderful turnout of temple families of all ages eager to help out and stuff those backpacks! Community members and a local Girl Scout troop rounded out the contingent of volunteers, who put binders, filler paper, pens

& pencils, calculators, staplers, erasers, and more into brand new backpacks. After a brief introduction to the School on Wheels program to emphasize the importance of the project, our group made short work of the towering pile and filled 504 packs. That is 504 children who have one more tool to help them be more successful in school despite challenges outside of it.

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



## Celebrate Shabbat Under the Stars



**Super Sukkot Shabbat  
Friday, October 18, 2019**

# CHANUKAH TAKES TARZANA



**Friday, December 13, 2019**  
**6:15pm Pre-Chanukah Service**  
**7:30pm Chanukah Dinner & Celebration**

**more info at [templejudea.com](http://templejudea.com)**

# Brotherhood *Jeffrey Hain, Secretary*

Fall got off to a great start for the Brotherhood with our annual In-and-Out Installation Dinner where we honored outgoing president David Daniel for his four years of service. David received a beautiful wall plaque from Co-presidents Antony Gluck and Alan Goodstein. A special thanks to Lou Werbe for hosting and treating the brothers and their spouses to a delicious meal and fun-filled evening.

We also joined with the Women of Temple Judea to co-host the annual Back to Shul Dinner. Dinner and desserts were brought in from Carnival Restaurant and Porto's Bakery, and everyone enjoyed a great meal and fellowship.

Later in the month, we had a great turnout for the Elul Acts of Kindness program, the Hope of the Valley & Temple Judea BBQ.

The last three months of 2019 are also jam-packed with fun activities. On October 16, the Brotherhood is hosting another in our famous Tasting Series; this one is Beer, Brats and Cider, and will be held in the Sukkah at temple. Don't miss out! Our tastings are always well attended and often sell out.

The Brotherhood is joining with other reform congregations to host a poker tournament on October 27 at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Northridge; entry fee is \$85, with \$20 donated directly to Temple Judea.

In November, we kick-off the first of our three Speaker Series events. On November 5, author Jill Gold Wright will speak on her book "Creating America on Stage: How Jewish Composers and Lyricists Pioneered American Musical Theater." This promises to be an entertaining and informative evening.

We will close out the year with our annual Pancake Breakfast, held as usual on December 25. This event has been held for more than a decade, and features pancakes, eggs, sausages (turkey or beef), juice, coffee, and much, much more. In past years, Mah Jongg and card games have spontaneously broken out.

The Brotherhood believes in having fun, telling jokes, and supporting Temple Judea. Please join us at any of these events. Check the eNews and temple website for more info.



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**Sunday, December 8, 2019, 10:30am - 12pm**

Jewish mindfulness and contemplative practices are powerful tools for experiencing a deeper and more meaningful connection to daily life and to Judaism. The Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS) teaches Jewish spiritual practices - including mindfulness meditation, text study, prayer, and singing - that engage the head, heart, body, and soul. Using online video technology, we will join together with participants across the country & around the world!

Rabbi Cantor Wissot and Cantor Yonah Klinger, both graduates of the IJS program, look forward to seeing you there.



@ Temple **Judea**

**Thursday, October 17, 2019 7pm - 9:30pm**  
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## Mazal Tov to

To Pamela Bakst on the birth of her grandson, Jackson David Basiri.

To Lee & Stephanie Sommerville on the birth of son, Miles, giving big brother Jamie a younger brother.

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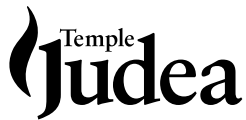
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