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Temple Judea Wins Prestigious Fain Award

by Ellen Fink Israel - Past President



Temple Judea's Pathway to Citizenship Program is the proud recipient of the Irving J. Fain Award for exemplary work to bring about a world filled with justice, compassion and wholeness. The award is given by the Union for Reform Judaism and is awarded to a very select group of congregations every other year. In December, Judy and David Rutt, President Gail Aspinwall, Rabbi Aaronson, and Executive Director Ellen Franklin accepted the award on behalf of our synagogue at the URJ Biennial in Chicago.

Our citizenship program has already shepherded over 40 qualified participants to become new citizens, and there are many, many more in the pipeline just waiting for their test. As a congregation, we are honored by the national recognition and prestige this award confers. As volunteers in the program will tell you, helping folks reach the point when they can take the oath of U.S. citizenship is a very gratifying and rewarding experience, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Rutt at judyrutt@yahoo.com.



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COVER PHOTO: The "sacred veil" that adorns a number of areas on our campus, is made up of Hebrew letters in a variety of positions. Some see the letters as "raining down from the sky," and others see them having been "tossed in the air." Regardless, they are a reminder of the midrash that tells us even people who cannot read can pray; as we toss the letters to the sky, God can interpret our prayers.

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.

Enriching Lives Through Lifelong Learning

Rabbi Joshua M. Aaronson



 RabbijMA

We are pleased to host the distinguished political scientist Professor Stephen Windmueller for a timely and important lunch and learn series. Over the course of three sessions, Dr. Windmueller will offer his assessment of the state of the Jewish community and a discussion of antisemitism and finally, a non-partisan look at the upcoming elections and the implications for American Jews. Dr. Windmueller is known throughout the country as an astute observer of political trends in the American Jewish community. His clear-eyed and non-partisan approach offers Jews across the political spectrum an opportunity to engage in important conversations about issues directly impacting our community. Full details can be found in the Judean; but please save the dates of February 11, 18, 25 from 12 to 1:30pm. Plus . . . lunch will be served!

There are many more opportunities for adult learning between now and May. Learn about Jewish music with Rabbi Cantor Wissot. Learn about the comfort of Jewish rituals during moments of bereavement. Finally, I hope you'll sign up for my class on Job, one of the most complex and nuanced books of Tanach. Have you seen the movie "Trading Places?" Well, there's a bit of connection between that classic film and the book Job . . . come find out more!


We are always pleased at this time of the year to welcome Rabbi Emeritus Don Goor to our bima on January 10. I hope you will come out to hear him. Finally, I've been invited to participate in a trip to Egypt to explore the possibility for Jewish travel to Egypt in the future. I'll be in Egypt for about a week in early February. On February 28, I will be sharing my thoughts on the trip during Shabbat services. Please join us at 6:15pm in the Goor Sanctuary.

Our Goals

Lisa Whitman, Director of ECC

Sari Edber, Assistant Director of ECC



 TempleJudeaECC

One of our goals at Temple Judea and in the Early Childhood Center is to make everyone feel at home. We come from many backgrounds, have varied upbringings, and have made different choices with our lives, but when we are here at Temple Judea, we are all one community. In that spirit, Temple Judea is hosting an Interfaith Family Open Conversation on Monday, January 27, from 5:30-6:30pm. It will be a chance for interfaith families to gather and talk about our experiences. Here's a letter from one of our ECC parents. Please read it and consider joining us to talk more on January 27.



An Open Letter From Sherri Simkin...

I never thought I would marry a Jewish guy!

So, when I asked my now husband for directions on the corner of Beverly and Santa Monica (before the era of navigation on phones) and learned that he was Jewish, I had concerns. Not about the Judaism itself, of course, I had Jewish friends and had dated Jews before, but about knowing that if the relationship continued to progress I would ultimately have to make choices about how to raise a family that I had never thought about before.

In a world where labeling is commonplace, I have fallen under the label of being in an interfaith marriage.

I had many preconceived notions of what it would be like to date a Jewish guy—and then marry a Jewish guy—and then have little Jewish children. But over many years, I've learned that your identity and that of your family is what you wish and create for yourself. You do however need the love and support of your family and community to make you feel at home.

My journey brought me to Temple Judea, the way many of us find our children's schools—from the recommendation of a friend. That friend has now become my best friend and her children have become my children's best friends.

I grew up in an agnostic and secular home; culturally I am very connected to my Iranian heritage. I didn't have any idea what religion was until I was asked what my religion was in middle school. Some may have opinions about whether my children are Jewish – or wonder what my religion is, and I wonder the same thing about others. Thankfully, we are a part of a very loving community in which we happily want to learn about our fellow families.

I have learned so much about myself since I've had children, one of which is that I love having a sense of community. My family has found a home at Temple Judea that I think will just continue to grow and evolve. My hope is that I can connect with other families that are interfaith and want to feel that same sense of community.

What does that mean? I'm not sure... Maybe it means we get together and learn how to bake challah, have a play date at a park, have an outing without our kids to share our stories, or meet other Jewish families who you can text burning questions to. I have a desire to meet and learn about families similar to mine. If you share that with me, please come to our meeting on January 27th. I'm hoping to create a place in our community that will make you feel like I do... at home.

We look forward to hearing your stories and finding out how Temple Judea can support you. Please RSVP for the Interfaith Family Open Conversation by using this link: <https://portal.templejudea.com/event/OpenConversation>

Redefining the Religious School Experience for Families

Rabbi Bruce Raff, Director of Education



 Temple Judea RS



As you think about your child's ideal Religious School program, what is the experience like? Is your child excited about singing songs? About learning prayers? About coming to temple and seeing their friends? Are they engaged in the curriculum? Do they come home talking about God, Torah and Israel? Does their day include cooking, dancing, art, drama and playing games as a big part of their learning?

Perhaps you wish the schedule would not interfere with your Sunday mornings and not compete with after school activities and time needed for homework. Does the program look a lot like Jewish summer camp? Do you want your child to feel about their Religious School experience the way they feel about summer camp?

If any of these features resonate with you and your children, Temple Judea is considering creating a new program encompassing these activities. The new camp-style program will encompass two weeks of Jewish religious school during the summer and a third week during winter break. In addition, there will be Shabbat dinners and special programs for students throughout the year, including some for the entire family. Our hope is to launch either this summer or 2021.

If your child is in grades K-3, this would be the totality of their religious school experience. If your child is in grades 4-6, they would also study Hebrew for 25 hours spread out over the year. This program won't replace the current models, but will be one more option available to your family. It's not for everyone – but if it is for you – and you prefer your children do Religious School camp-style (with two weeks in the summer and one week in the winter) rather than across 25 weeks during the school year, we want to know.

We are creating a committee that will work on this program. What we need more than anything else is to gauge if there is interest – so if this type of alternative programming appeals to you, please let me know. If you would be interested in working with me in creating this program to meet the needs of our families, I'd love you to do that too. Join us and get involved from the beginning. Both you and your child will be happy you did.

To indicate your interest or to get involved – please contact me at rabbiraff@templejudea.com.

Lunch & Learn with Professor Steven Windmueller, Ph.D.



From Inside Out: An Analysis of Jewish America
Tuesdays, February 11, 18, 25, 2020, 12-1:30pm*

Session I:

The New American Jew: An Assessment of the State of the Jewish Community

Session II:

Why Here, Why Now: Anti-Semitism in America and
What It Means for Jews and our Nation

Session III:

American Jews and the Trump Presidency: What to Expect in 2020

A specialist on political issues and American Jewish affairs, Dr. Windmueller holds a doctorate in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and has held academic appointments at several major institutions of higher learning. He has appeared on nationally syndicated media, offering commentaries on Jewish public affairs matters. Dr. Windmueller has served as a consultant and program resource specialist to a wide array of institutions including the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, and the Jewish Federations of North America.

From June of 2006 until June of 2010, Dr. Steven Windmueller served as the Dean of the Los Angeles Campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. In 2014, Dr. Windmueller completed work on two books, one entitled [The Quest for Power: A Study in Jewish Political Behavior](#) and a second publication, [In this Time and Place: American Jewry 3.0](#) which is a collection of Dr. Windmueller's research and writings. Both texts are available through Amazon and on Kindle.

Lunch provided. Rsvp required.*

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Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot Presents:



Learn about Jewish Music

Wednesdays, January 15 & February 19, 2020, 7pm

Session II: Western Art Music as Synagogue Music

Session III: Yiddish and the American Jewish Synagogue Experience

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Rabbi Bruce Raff Presents:



Death & Dying

Mondays, January 27, February 3 & 10, 2020, Noon-1pm*

Judaism offers us meaningful rituals and comforting milestones to help us navigate the currents of mourning and bereavement. In addition, Judaism offers us guidance as we confront difficult end-of-life decisions. Learn about bereavement, mourning, and the end of life from a Jewish perspective.

You are welcome to bring your lunch.

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Rabbi Joshua M. Aaronson Presents:



Billy Ray Valentine & Job

Tuesdays, March 17, 24, & 31, 2020, 7pm*

Remember the movie, "Trading Places?" Who doesn't? it's a classic. Well, it's not too much different than the story of Job. Do bad things happen to us for a reason? Is human misfortune simply the result of random chance? Or, is there something larger at work? Is human suffering simply part of God's plan for humanity? And if so, what does that say about God?

Join Rabbi Aaronson for an exploration of these issues through the book of Job, with a bit of Billy Ray Valentine and Louis Winthorpe, III thrown in. Lookin' good, Billy Ray! Feelin' good, Louis!

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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

Wednesday, January 29, & Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7pm

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

*register at www.templejudea.com. It is always best to check the website for schedule updates.

BIGGER THAN EVER!

TEMPLE JUDEA
**PURIM
CARNIVAL**



**SUNDAY
MARCH 15, 2020**

10am - 3pm

All info available at templejudea.com

Temple Judea Purim Carnival

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JewishGirl36
Tarzana, CA

☆☆☆☆☆

I normally don't post reviews, but this carnival was the best! I even saw LAX from the top of the ferris wheel!



Gerber B.
Tarzana, CA

☆☆☆☆☆

I know I'm recognizable and famous, but it was great to escape the paparazzi at KidZone. So much stuff for the little ones!



Eric R.
Tarzana, CA

☆☆☆☆☆

Almost puked on the SCAT....but at least the kids had fun.

**#VOTED BEST PURIM CARNIVAL IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
ON LINDLEY AVE. BETWEEN BURBANK BLVD. AND VENTURA BLVD.**



*REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2020 SPRING SESSION

January 27 - June 4, 2020

*** We offer Baby, Toddler, and Grandparent classes that focus on bonding, child development, exploration, and play!**

For more information, please contact our ECC Assistant Director, Sari Edber
sedber@templejudea.com 818.342.3840 x302

URJ 75th Biennial

What would possibly bring 5,000 Jews from across North America to the frigid temps of Chicago in mid-December? The Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) 75th Biennial, the largest Jewish gathering in North America, is an opportunity to learn, pray, share ideas, network, celebrate, and make Reform Movement policy. This year's participants came from 525 congregations, representing 54 states and provinces, and 75 international congregations.

Temple Judea was represented this year by Rabbi Aaronson, Ellen Franklin, Gail Aspinwall, David and Judy Rutt and Arlene and Eli Chernow. One of the highlights was receiving the Religious Action Center's prestigious 2019 Fain Award for Temple Judea's impactful social justice work through our citizenship program. From the music to networking to learning about how other synagogues bring meaning to their congregants' lives, the Biennial is an amazing opportunity to experience Reform Judaism in action. Join us in 2021 in Washington D.C.!



B'nei Mitzvah - January/February/March



ELI REISNER
Son of Ariella & Adam Reisner
1/11/20, 10:30am
Project: Volunteered at Paws LA delivering pet food to low income seniors and the disabled.



MICHAEL SAGERMAN
Son of Alexandra & Eric Sagerman
1/18/20, 10:30am
Project: Helped dogs in need.



MIKAYLA SAGERMAN
Daughter of Alexandra & Eric Sagerman
1/18/20, 10:30am
Project: Helped dogs in need.



ALEXIS LUBIN
Daughter of Stephanie & Gary Lubin
1/18/20, 5pm
Project: TBD



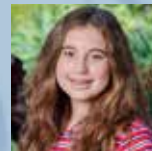
MEGAN FALIKOFF
Daughter of Rachel & Cory Falikoff
1/25/20, 10:30am
Project: Created a fundraiser with an organization called Peace Passers. She will be collecting slightly used soccer gear and equipment from teammates, friends and family members to donate to children and teams in areas that have limited access to proper soccer equipment.



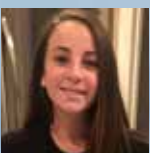
ELLA ROTHMAN
Daughter of Amanda & Neal Rothman
1/25/20, 5pm
Project: Volunteered through The Karsh Center at The People Concern's food pantry assembling lunches and distributing food directly to Los Angeles' homeless population.



SOPHIA PLOTKIN
Daughter of Elham Tabibian & David Plotkin & Lauri Mattenson
02/1/20, 10:30am
Project: Raised money and awareness of The Harmony Project, which provides no-cost music education to students regardless of income, background, or zip code.



ABIGAIL PAIGE WISSOT
Daughter of Rabbi Cantor Alison & Michael Wissot
2/8/20, 10:30am
Project: Created and designed shirts and stickers that are being sold in the community. All proceeds will go to Girls Inc., an organization whose goal is to promote the best possible future for all girls.



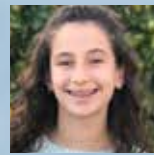
SYDNEY TUCHFELD
Daughter of Marcy & Aaron Tuchfeld
2/15/20, 10:30am
Project: TBD



AIDAN ISAIHA ZAP
Son of Nisa & Steven Zap
2/15/20, 5pm
Project: TBD



SAVANNAH LILY ZAP
Daughter of Nisa & Steven Zap
2/15/20, 5pm
Project: TBD



TALIA JACLYN EDBER
Daughter of Sari & Daniel Edber
2/22/20, 10:30am
Project: Raised money to help design a children's comfort space at the Selah House Respite Center and Carefarm. The Selah Carefarm, a project of the MISS Foundation, is a special place for traumatically bereaved families to find grief support, compassion, and community.



JORDAN KRICUN
Son of Cipora & Stuart Kricun
2/22/20, 5pm
Project: Helped to raise money for the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation by participating in the Dribble For The Cure event at UCLA.



LAYLA TROY
Daughter of Kristin & Jason Troy
2/29/20, 10:30am
Project: Volunteered at a summer camp and school for children with developmental differences.



AVERY ROBIN
Daughter of Stacy & Terry Robin
2/29/20, 5pm
Project: TBD



SOFIA GANDIN
Daughter of Amy Gandin & Noreen Galvin
3/7/20, 10:30am
Project: Volunteered at East Valley Animal Shelter



EMMA LAKE
Daughter of Nicole & Jeffrey Lake
3/7/20, 5pm
Project: Created shirts and stickers that are being sold in the community. All proceeds will go to Girls Inc., an organization whose goal it is to promote the best possible future for all girls.



MAX AARON STRAUS
Son of Lori & Danny Straus
3/14/20, 10:30am
Project: Volunteered at the Westside Food Bank, unpacking and sorting donations and packing boxes of food for families in need.



DANIEL TOCHNER
Son of Lara & Eric Tochner
3/21/20, 10:30am
Project: Volunteered at Pet Orphans animal rescue and raised money to purchase supplies for the animals.



DANIEL GOLDBERG
Son of Jennifer & Eric Goldberg
3/28/20, 5pm
Project: Sponsored a child in Guatemala to go to school, and collected toys for needy children.

Community Spotlight

Kimberly Bonheim Birbrower, Engagement and Philanthropy Associate

Meet Margaret Altschul



The Altschul family - Margaret and David, along with their now-adult children Jonathan, Jared, Eric and Emily - have been members for almost 35 years. Margaret serves on Temple Judea's Mental Health Advisory Board, and she and David are both graduates of our Melton Program. Their youngest daughter, Emily, is an alum of our ECC, and now, Margaret attends "Grandparent and Me" classes with their son Jonathan's youngest, Juliette.

A personal experience that epitomizes the spirit and soul of the Temple Judea community.

Years ago, I attended Temple Judea's Mommy and Me with my daughter Emily. Our teacher was Brenda. Now I come to Grandparent and Me with my grandchild – and Brenda is our teacher! A number of the other grandparents in this class had children at the ECC at the same time that we were here with Emily. The kids were all friends, and we were all friends – and now we're back here together with our grandchildren. This, to me, represents the feeling of family, community, and continuity that we have always enjoyed at Temple Judea.



Check it out ...an updated Pillar Wall!

We invite you to take a look at our newly updated Pillar Wall as you walk to the Goor Sanctuary. This sacred space is where we honor those special members whose generosity forms an important foundation for our synagogue family. The next time you're on the second floor, take a moment to stand at the wall and take note of the names – these are some of the treasured leaders of our congregation. And if you're interested in being a part of our Pillar program, there's a spot for you on that wall too! Please contact Kim Birbrower at extension 203 for more information.



TJ's Annual High Holy Day Appeal

When Temple Judea is needed, we are here, doing the essential work of supporting our community, educating our children, mourning our losses, and celebrating our joys. And when Temple Judea needs you, you are also there. Our 2019 High HolyDay Appeal was one of the most successful in recent years, entirely thanks to you. We are humbled by your generosity in joining together to support our community. Nothing captures the spirit of the Days of Awe more than this. We are so grateful. Thank you.

Temple Judea's
#GivingTuesday
Tuesday, December 3, 2019

#GivingTuesday – December 3, 2019

This year, #GivingTuesday was a flurry of activity! So many organizations joined the global day of giving that it was hard to know where to turn. Because of this, we are immensely grateful to our members for supporting our synagogue on this day. And thanks to Sandy Sigal and his family, we're doubly grateful because with his matching gift, every dollar that was donated became two! We raised important funds to support our celebrated Teen Journeys program so that our young people stay involved and active as they move through their teen years, when so many other activities and responsibilities might distract them from their Jewish education. We appreciate your help in strengthening our Jewish community.

Save the Date for our Temple Judea Gala!

Saturday, June 6, 2020

More information coming soon!

Temple Judea
2020
Gala



Filling Boxes, Tummies & Hearts

Jennifer Lutzky, Chair

The Social Action committee, with the help of ECC and religious school families, provided full Thanksgiving feasts to more than 100 families in our community.

On November 17, volunteers gathered to decorate large boxes and pack them with traditional Thanksgiving foods. The meal kits were filled with everything needed for a feast: yams, green beans, corn, mushroom soup, cranberry sauce, fried onions, potatoes, apples, chicken broth, stuffing mix, pie crust and pumpkin pie filling, and marshmallows! Frozen turkeys were added at the point of distribution. We packed 110 boxes, which were passed along to MEND in Panorama City for distribution to smaller local food banks. Earlier in the week, the ECC students got a special lesson in shopping and budgeting to help explain how important our project was for the community.

Special thanks to Jennifer Landis Cooke for spearheading this project and devoting many hours to it, and also to our terrific maintenance crew for help storing and transporting all the food. Donations for the project can still be made to the temple. \$54 dollars provides an entire Thanksgiving Meal box, but partial donations are welcome.

If you missed this opportunity to do something for others, never fear! Our annual Mitzvah Day is coming up on Sunday, February 9, and will offer multiple opportunities for Tikkun Olam projects. **SAVE THE DATE!** You can pack sack lunches for people experiencing homelessness, write a letter or braid a bracelet for a soldier overseas, or participate in multiple art projects. As a special focus, we will be celebrating our hero firefighters by setting up an online donation link on our temple website to support the Los Angeles Fire Foundation and our local Station 83. Our goal is to help provide needed equipment for our brave firefighters, who are responsible for saving so many lives and homes during the recent fires. More information about Mitzvah Day and other Social Action projects is on the Social Action page of the temple website at <http://www.templejudea.com/care/social-action/>.



Tikkun Olam-- It's not just a good idea

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, February 9, 2020





Megillah on the Roof

A Purim Shpiel

March 9, 2020
6:30pm

Sing along with the songs of

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

as a cast of congregants dance and sing the story of Purim into your heart.

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!



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

7pm - 9ish pm on the following dates: 2/11/20, 3/10/20, June TBA

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

9:30am - 11am on the following dates: 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.

Brotherhood *Jeffrey Hain, Brotherhood Board Representative*

The first quarter of 2020 will keep the Temple Judea Brotherhood busy with three fun-filled activities. On Wednesday, January 29, just before the Oscars broadcast, the Brotherhood will host its fourth annual Oscar Preview Night. Guest speakers Nicole Sperling from the New York Times and Glenn Whipp from the L.A. Times will provide their professional insight into which movies and stars will go home with a coveted Oscar. This FREE event is a must-attend, if you want to win your Oscar pool!

In early March, you'll find the Brotherhood grilling hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken breasts at the annual Purim Carnival. For many years, the Brotherhood has been cooking, wrapping food, and helping Temple Judea put on a spectacular Purim carnival for our members, their families, guests and the local community.

Later in March you'll find the Brotherhood at the Valley Performing Arts Center, attending one of the Violins of Hope concerts. Tel Aviv violin maker Amnon Weinstein and his son Avshalom have collected and restored instruments played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. This promises to be a very moving event.

Looking back, the Brotherhood hosted our annual December 25 Pancake Breakfast featuring a delicious spread of eggs, bagels, kosher sausages, fruit salad, juice, and coffee – just a few of the breakfast treats served to temple members, their families and friends. And as usual, the morning included some impromptu Mah Jongg games. What better way to get ready for (or recover from) an evening of Chinese food!

The Brotherhood meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Feel free to drop in on a meeting, or join us at any of the upcoming events. Simply mark a calendar reminder on your Smartphone right now.



brotherhood@templejudea.com

Join Temple Judea's



Fantasy Baseball League

**Put your managerial skills to the test
and win the inaugural
Temple Judea Fantasy Baseball League Trophy**

Register by March 15, 2020

**send your name and preferred team name
by email to
neilrotter17@gmail.com.**

**One entry per person.
Online draft will be scheduled
for end of March.**



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

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Mazal Tov to

Alison and Zachary Lapidus, who welcomed new daughter Sloan Elizabeth on September 15. She joins big brother Andrew who is currently a student in the Nursery School.

Diane Lennox on the birth of grandson Luca Lev Yudovich. Proud parents are Stephanie & Alex Yudovich, who live in Houston.

Colette and Michael Kramer on the birth of granddaughter Maya Kramer Schwartz. Proud parents are Samantha & Tomer Schwartz, who live in Palo Alto.

Claudia and Steve Soroko, on their son Peter's engagement to Kristen Kalkin.

Verna Liss, on the recent marriage of her daughter Holly to Nicolas Jammet and the engagement of son Jordan to Kaylan Agnew.

Lauren and Ben Strull who welcomed new daughter Maya Simone on November 19. Big brother Nate is a student in our Nursery School.

Alisa and Brian Kostukovsky who welcomed daughter Zoe Mia on November 21. Big sister Ella is a student in our Nursery School.

New Members, We Welcome You!

Debbie & Jon Buxer

Meri & Evan Cherry

Arielle & Zachary Chesler

Donna Colin

Michelle & Rodriga Dryjanski

Judy & Dave Friedman

Donna & Justin Hinkes

Sonia Gutkin & Josh Kadish

Arnold Katz

Lisa & Aaron Labowitz

Jennifer & Blake Lichtig

Shelley & Mark Loughlin

Amos Marvel & Benjamin Formaker-Olivas

Sharyn Obsatz & Michael Gordon

Melyssa Peters & Robert Chusid

Arezou & Johnathan Razbannia

Lisa Rider Barron & Lee Barron

Jacqueline Romano & Gregory Stern

Nikki & Gary Rosenson

Cindy & Michael Sablow

Lori & Scott Teti

Samantha & Kyle Tucker

Carrie & Michael Waxberg

Cate Cohen & Craig Wolynez

Tharini Shanmugarajah & Gennadiy Yeshu

Talia & Adam Zwick

As of 12/3/19



shabbat with our young ones!

Pint-sized Shabbats

Select Fridays, 5:15pm

February 21 & April 24, 2020

Join your friends, family, and our clergy for Temple Judea's Pint-Sized Shabbat - a fun way for families with young children to celebrate Shabbat together! Feel free to bring a friend. The more the merrier! We will be serving dinner in the Solael Room after services.

Please contact the ECC office to find out the menu and to RSVP if you will be staying for dinner.

tot shabbat & schmooze

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January 11, February 1, March 7, April 4, & May 2, 2020

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