

## Temple Happenings

## Temple Beth Shalom Community Scholar in Residence

The Joys and Tribulations of Jewish Family Life

February 1-2, 2008

Featuring Author and Educator, Noam Zion Sponsored by the Strauss Forum Series



Noam Zion

#### Friday Night, February 1

- Early Friday Night Services at 6:00pm
- Shabbat Dinner at 6:45pm
- Lecture in the Sanctuary at 8:00pm
- Oneg Shabbat at 9:00pm

#### Saturday Morning, February 2

- Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
- Derasha by Noam at 11:15am
- Kiddush in the Social Hall at 11:45am
- Lecture in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon

#### Saturday Afternoon, February 2

- Seudah Shlishit (Third Shabbat Meal) at 4:00pm
- Lecture in the Social Hall at 4:30pm
- Havdallah and book signing at 6:00pm

# Tu B'shvat

Temple Beth Shalom's
6th Annual Tu B'Shvat Seder
Monday, January 21 at 6:30 pm
\$10/person
\$5 per child 5-12
ages 4 and under and 80 and over free

Led & coordinated by Nina Ayzenberg & Karen Isenberg Fiske along with Rabbi Gartenberg.

Participants will be treated to a dazzling variety of different fruits and nuts, as well as different wines that symbolize the change of seasons.

## Save the Dates!

Sanctuary Re-Dedication Gala Dinner March 8, 2008



Rabbi Gartenberg Installation Shabbat March 7, 2008



#### **Temple Information**

Temple Beth Shalom 3635 Elm Avenue

Long Beach, California 90807 (562) 426-6413

http://www.tbslb.org

Rabbi Dov Gartenberg Cantor Glenn Gelman

Cantor Emeritus

Cantorial Soloists:

Jonathan Friedmann

Elisa Waltzman

Dr. Rabbi David J. Kane,

Hazzan Emeritus

Heather Morely, Administrator Jolene Ilkay, Youth Advisor

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#### **Schedule of Services**

<u>January 4, 2008</u> - Rabbi Gartenberg will be away this Shabbat <u>Tot Shabbat Services and Family Dinner with Homo'Robyn</u>

Time: 5:45pm Followed by dinner for families

Friday Evening Services: Jewish Stars & Cantor Jonathan Friedmann, 7:45 pm

Portion of the Week: Va'era Ex. 6:2-9:35

**Service Leaders**: Cantor Friedman & Special Guest appearance by Cantor Roni Kripper **Derasha/Teaching Topic**: USYers report about the USY International Convention

Sisterhood Oneg Following Services

January 5, 2008 - Rabbi Gartenberg will be away this Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30am

Portion of the Week: Vaera

Service Leader: Cantor Jonathan Friedmann Torah Readers: Jacob Ghodsi & Michael Golden Derasha/Teaching Topic: Jonathan Friedmann

Kiddush Sponsorship: The Alhadeff Family in Memory of Goldie & David Garfield

**January 11, 2008** 

Friday Evening Shabbat, Tikun Olam Shabbat 7:45pm

Portion of the Week: Bo Ex. 10:1-13:16

Service Leaders: Rabbi Gartenberg and Cantor Elisa Waltzman

Derasha/Teaching Topic: Tikun Olam Shabbat: Melissa Morgan, Human Dignity Officer. City of Long Beach will speak on: The Challenges of Diversity and Urban Life: Long Beach Realities

Sisterhood Oneg Following Services

January 12, 2008

Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30am

Portion of the Week: Bo

Service Leaders: Cantor Gelman and Rabbi Gartenberg

Torah Reader: Cantor Gelman

Derasha/Teaching Topic: Interactive Torah Teaching on Parshat Bo.

Sisterhood Kiddush Following Services

January 18, 2008

Friday Evening Shabbat Services, Shul House Rock 7:45pm

Portion of the Week: Beshalah: Ex 13:17-17:16

Service Leaders: Cantor Jonathan Friedmann and Shul House Rock

Derasha/Teaching Topic: Judaism And The Middle Way: Part 3. The Way Through The Wilderness

Sisterhood Oneg Following Services

**January 19, 2008** 

Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30am Portion of the Week: Beshalach Service Leaders: Rabbi Gartenberg

Torah Readers: Sam & Max Kushner-Lenhoff

Derasha/Teaching Topic: AJ Heschel on Jewish Prayer

Sisterhood Kiddush Following Services

**January 25, 2008** 

Friday Evening Shabbat, **Tikun Olam Shabbat** 7:45pm

Portion of the Week: Yitro Ex 18:1-20:23

Service Leaders: Rabbi Gartenberg and Cantor Elisa Waltzman

Derasha/Teaching Topic: Tzvia Schwartz Getzug, Executive Director of Jewish World Watch will

speak on: Stopping the Darfur Genocide Sisterhood Oneg Following Services

January 26, 2008

Torah School Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30am

Torah School Shabbaton **Portion of the Week:** Yitro

Service Leaders: Cantor Gelman and Torah School

Torah Reader: Cantor Gelman

**Derasha/Teaching Topic:** The 10 Commandments Shabbat: Honor Your Parents

Sisterhood Kiddush Following Services



### President's Message

Dear Temple Shalom Family,

I hope you had a Happy Hanukkah! What wonderful celebrations we had for this festive occasion at our Temple. The annual Sisterhood Hanukkah Shabbat dinner was a huge success. Over 150 people gathered to share friendship, eat a delicious meal, and celebrate this holiday in a warm and wonderful setting. Our Sisterhood President, Judy Carey, presented the Temple with a very gracious Hanukkah gift of \$5,000. Thank you so much Sisterhood for this gift and all that you do for our Temple and our members. Our new USY youth group had their own Hanukkah dinner celebration on Sunday evening for the first time in so many years.

The Temple sanctuary is beautiful and so many of you have asked me what is next. I have asked Bruce Greenberg to form a committee to review and recommend what phase II and phase III should be regarding Temple physical structure improvements. We will review this with our members over the next several months. In the next several weeks we will be ordering a new telephone system and two new ovens. These are small enhancements, but necessary ones in keeping our physical structure current and providing needed services for our temple.

The calendar year is coming to a close and I encourage each of you to pay your dues, contributions, and Torah School tuition and take the tax benefit before year end. This would also be appreciated and help our Temple cash flow situation.

In the last Scribe, I shared with you why our Temple is so special and important. I mentioned our religious beliefs and our spiritual practices. I reminded you of the importance of our expanded programs, activities, and physical structure.

As Temple members and members of the conservative Jewish community, it is part of our mutual responsibility to support, participate, and take pride in our synagogue. Let the miracle of Hanukkah, the festival of lights, inspire us that miracles can happen, and our Temple can be one of the best conservative Temples on the west coast and the leading Temple in the greater Jewish community of Long Beach. I encourage each of you to become more involved and attend our services, activities and programs. We owe this to ourselves and to each other. We need this Temple and this Temple needs us. As a Temple community working together and becoming involved, we can make great things happen.

I want to remind you of our gala weekend planned for March 7 and 8 celebrating the rededication of our newly remodeled sanctuary and the installation of our Rabbi. Barbara Gaylord and Shelley Carl will co-host the very special banquet-dinner party on Saturday evening, March 8. We plan to make this a community event by inviting our friends, family and leaders of the community. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Also, please start thinking of people you would like to invite. We need volunteers to make this weekend so special and to make it a huge success. If you would like to volunteer, please call Barbara Gaylord at (562)598-3952.

If you ever have any questions or want to discuss with me anything about the Temple, please feel free to call me at home at (562)424-8593. I would welcome the opportunity to speaking with you.

Best wishes always,

Jerry Kaufman, Co-President

#### Tu B'Shevat Seder

Tu B'Shevat is also known as Rosh Hashannah L'Ilanot, the New Year for Trees. Join us in a joyous celebration of this lovely holiday at Temple Beth Shalom's 6th annual Tu B'Shevat Seder. The Seder will take place on Monday, January 21 at 6:30 pm



led & coordinated by Nina Ayzenberg & Karen Isenberg Fiske along with Rabbi Gartenberg. It's guaranteed to be a delight to the senses!

Participants will be treated to a dazzling variety of dozens of different fruits and nuts, as well as a variety of different wines that symbolize the change of seasons. There will be singing, readings, and much munching and merriment. Feel free to invite friends and family. This is a very user-friendly seder for all ages. Reservations are a must! Please call the Temple office at (562)426-6413, no later than Wednesday, January 16 to RSVP. Cost is: \$10/person ages 13 & up, \$5/person ages 5-12 (ages 4 & under, and 80 & over are free). Hope to see you there!

For more information and/or to volunteer your time to help prepare, please call Nina Ayzenberg at (562)596-4355.



#### Rabbi's Message

We have a very special scholar in residence coming at the beginning of February. I want to invite every Temple Beth Shalom member to come and hear him. His name is Noam Zion. He is a brilliant Jewish educator and Renaissance man. He is my friend and teacher. I met Noam at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem nearly 20 years ago. The Shalom Hartman Institute is one of the centers of Jewish learning in the world and Noam is one of the reasons for its huge impact in Israel and on American Jewry.

Noam is the pioneer educator who realized that what mattered in Jewish life was what happened in our homes. He set to writing a new Haggadah which would reorient how we conduct our seders at home on Passover. His Haggadah, *A Different Night*, is the most highly regarded Haggadah by Rabbis and Jewish educators. I use it for my own personal seders and everyone I have introduced it to now uses it.

A few years ago, Noam came out with a beautiful book to enhance Shabbat at home. It is called, *A Day Apart*. I have used it extensively the past four years to teach the beauty of Shabbat to people of all levels of Jewish background. When it first came out I brought with me on a trip to Ketchikan, Alaska, when I was doing a Shabbaton with that community. I was reading it while on a cruise to the Misty Fjords National Park in that area. The tour guide on the boat walked by and saw the book and was so entranced that she asked me to show it to her. She was engrossed for the return trip, reading the book and asking me questions about Shabbat. She came to our Shabbat dinner that night and has been doing Shabbat ever since.

Noam combines erudition with great humor, lucidity, creativity, and a great passion for Judaism that infuses everything that he does. He is not only a delight, but a thought provoking teacher who will open your eyes and will make you see Judaism in a new way. Please do not miss him. We have not had a person of this caliber at Temple Beth Shalom in a long time. I hope his coming will portend a Renaissance of Jewish learning at our congregation.

Noam also shares with me a distinct philosophy about Jewish life. We both believe that Jews will thrive when we rediscover the participatory, creative, and playful nature of our tradition. We both believe in the centrality of the Jewish home and the critical role it plays in shaping Jewish identity. We also share a great reverence for the great texts of Jewish tradition, The Written and

the Oral Torah are a vast sea of wisdom that allows us a lifetime of exploration and discovery. You will see that Noam is one of the great text teachers in the world. He taught me how to make the Torah come alive.

I want to thank the Strauss family for underwriting much of the Noam Zion Scholar in Residence Weekend. Wendy is part of a newly formed Cultural Arts/Guest Speakers Task Force that is upgrading our program at Temple Beth Shalom and is helping to plan this great weekend. We are also grateful to the Community Scholars Program of Orange County for making Noam Zion available to our congregation. Please save the Shabbat of February 1st and 2nd to come and hear the wisdom of Noam Zion. I look forward to seeing you there.

Shalom.

Rabbi Dov Gartenberg



#### **Temple Parlor Meetings**

This year we plan to have a series of home parlor meetings to give congregants and community members an opportunity to meet our new Rabbi, Dov Gartenberg, and for our Rabbi to get to know you. Rabbi Gartenberg and our co-presidents, Jerry Kaufman and Mark Lipp, hope to use these parlor meetings to build community, hear hopes for our Temple, and welcome feedback on how we can improve as a congregation. There will be an initial series of 6 meetings in neighborhoods where our members are concentrated. We invite members living in these neighborhoods to host and/or attend. The parlor meetings will take place either on Sunday or Thursday evenings, from 7:00-9:00pm.

Los Alamitos & Cypress Sunday, January 20, 2008

Bixby Knolls

Thursday, January 31, 2008

If you plan to attend one of our parlor meetings listed above, please RSVP to the Temple office via e-mail at <a href="mailto:office@tbslb.org">office@tbslb.org</a> or by calling (526)426-6413. They will provide you with the exact location.

If you would like to host a parlor meeting, please contact our parlor meeting coordinator, Susan Flaschner, via email at saftasue@earthlink.net or by calling (714)848-4493.



#### **Temple Beth Shalom Community Scholar in Residence**

#### THE JOYS AND TRIBULATIONS OF JEWISH FAMILY LIFE February 1-2, 2008

FEATURING AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR, NOAM ZION SPONSORED BY THE STRAUSS FORUM SERIES



Temple Beth Shalom, under the leadership of Rabbi Dov Gartenberg, seeks to bring to the South Bay area world class Jewish teachers, thinkers, and artists. In our inaugural effort, we are excited to bring one of the world's leading Jewish Teachers and renowned educator, Noam Sachs Zion, from Jerusalem, to be our first Community Scholar in Residence. Our scholar comes to us thanks to the Community Scholars Program of Orange Country.

Friday Night: February 1st:

- THE ART OF MORAL CRITICISM: "HOW TO TELL PEOPLE OFF" or "WHEN TO HOLD ONE'S PEACE" How do Jews show their "love"? By criticizing. Biblical, Talmudic and Hassidic stories help clarify the delicate dynamics of constructive criticism: when to speak up and when to keep silent.
- 6:00pm Early Friday Night Services in the sanctuary
- 6:45pm Shabbat Dinner in the social hall with Traditional Rituals. Reservations are required for the dinner \$12 for adults. \$5 for kids 6-12. Childcare provided with RSVP.
- 8:00-9:00pm Lecture in the sanctuary: free and open to the public. Please feel welcome to join us just for the lecture if you cannot attend the services or the Friday evening dinner.
- 9:00pm Oneg Shabbat. Refreshments and a chance to meet Noam Zion.

#### Shabbat Morning, February 2nd:

- PARENTING ONE'S PARENTS AND THE SANDWICH GENERATION The Rabbis preached a great deal about the mutual obligations of parents and children. However, the stories of the Rabbis' relations to their own parents are even more revealing. Jewish theory and practice is compared.
- 9:30-11:45am Shabbat Morning Services with a 10 minute derasha by Noam Zion at 11:15am
- 11:45-12:00pm Kiddush in the Social Hall
- 12:00-1:00pm Lecture in the sanctuary, free and open to the public. Please feel welcome to join us just for the lecture if you cannot attend Shabbat morning services.

#### Shabbat Afternoon, February 2nd:

- SHABBAT AT HOME: THE RABBINIC, MYSTIC AND FEMINIST REVOLUTIONS IN THE CELEBRATION OF SHABBAT FROM A DAY OF THE FORBIDDEN TO A DAY OF SACRED PLEASURES The meaning and celebration of Shabbat has evolved enormously over four thousand years of Jewish history. Sometimes that evolution appears to be a revolution especially in its rabbinic, mystical and women's transformations. All those products of Jewish ritual creativity are now available to 21st century Jews as resources to customize their own home-made Judaism. Learn how to bring these amazing resources to your home table.
- 4:00-4:30 Seudah Shlishit(Third Shabbat Meal) for the Shabbat Hospitality Initiative Participants and Open to the Congregation and the Community. Reservations are required for the meal. \$5.00 per adults, \$3.00 per person. Childcare provided with RSVP.
- 4:30-6:00pm Lecture in the social hall. Free and open to the public.
- 6:00pm Havdallah and book signing with Noam Zion

About Noam Zion: Noam was born to American parents fighting in the Hagana in Jerusalem in 1948. During the Yom Kippur War he made Aliyah and taught for Young Judea, WUJS, Habonim, HUC and Pardes. Since 1978 he has studied and taught at the pluralist Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem for Advanced Jewish Studies. Noam's two particular interests are Biblical narratives (from a family dynamics or art perspective) and Jewish Family Education, especially Jewish holidays. He has created a trilogy of three home Judaism volumes entitled: A DIFFERENT NIGHT: THE FAMILY PARTICIPATION HAGGADAH (1997), a Hannukah set entitled "A DIFFERENT LIGHT: The Big Book of Hanukkah and The Hanukkah Book of Celebration (2000), and A Day Apart: Shabbat at Home (2004). Noam is a much sought after Scholar across the United States and has appeared in dozens of communities. Noam and his wife, Marcelle, have five children and live in Jerusalem.

Reservations for the TBS Community Scholar in Residence Shabbat Meals. Kosher Dietary Laws will be observed. Please send RSVP and checks (payable to Temple Beth Shalom) in by Monday, January 28th. You may call our office to make a reservation with your credit card. Send to: Temple Beth Shalom Attn: Zion Shabbat 3635 Elm Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807 (562)426-6413 Names: Telephone:(\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_ Vegetarian entrées requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner, Feb 1st Shabbat Afternoon Meal, February 2nd Total Enclosed \$ Adults x \$12.00 Adults x \$5.00 Kids 6-12 x \$5.00 (Under 5, Free) Kids 6-12 x \$3.00 (Under 5, Free) \_ Childcare provided \$3.00 per child Childcare provided \$3.00 per child.



### **Properties Update**

If money was no object, we wouldn't have a Phase I, II, III, etc. of renovation projects for Temple Beth Shalom. Instead, we would simply do all the work needed now and be done with it. But, over one year ago a fairly extensive cost analysis on a complete renovation was presented to the Board and the estimate was far in excess of half a million dollars. Obviously, money is an object.

We are extremely pleased with Phase I, our sanctuary renovation. It was completed within budget and on schedule as the result of the efforts of many congregants, including Tom Nantais and Jeff Bernstein, who reconnected the sound system for us. It is apparent from the compliments received that many of you appreciate the results of Phase I and, many have asked, "What's next?" Some have even pledged financial support to get started on the next phase.

The Temple Board is looking at "What's next," but with an eye as to how to pay for it. Consideration is being given to the Beit Midrash, lobby, rest rooms, social hall, school classrooms, kitchens, and the infrastructure – we still have 50+ year old plumbing and electrical systems. We soon will have a decision on what Phase II will consist of. If you have any thoughts or a willingness to contribute to make things happen sooner, rather than later, please speak with Bruce Greenberg at (562)437-2000.

In the meantime, the Properties Committee continues to work on projects that are not "phases," but are just as important. We hope to have the walkway from Elm Street to the office soon reconfigured, making it more user-friendly. Also, prior to our March 8, 2008 rededication gala, we look to have installed two new ovens, replacing those that are broken and too old and expensive to repair.

Together, we will continue to make major progress in keeping our shul a pleasant, safe, and welcoming house of worship to our members and guests.

#### **Musical Services**

Come join us for upcoming services featuring our fabulous Temple Beth Shalom bands, Shul House Rock and The Jewish Stars. Temple Beth Shalom's talented and dedicated musicians will lead joyous, toetapping and inspiring services on:

The Jewish Stars Youth Band

Shabbat Services, Friday, January 4, 7:45pm

Shul House Rock

Shabbat Services, Friday, January 18, 7:45pm

#### **Torah & Haftarah Cantillation Classes**

## TWO MINI-COURSES ON CANTILLATION WITH CANTOR-IN-TRAINING ELISA ROSE WALTZMAN

Please RSVP to the Temple Office at (562) 426-6413 if you are interested in the classes listed below.

About the class leader: Elisa Rose Waltzman received both her Master of Music and Bachelor of Music Degrees in Voice from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. Elisa has also studied at the Music Academy of the West, and was invited there as the youngest vocalist at the age of sixteen. She has attended the Manhattan School of Music and other programs including the Academia Italiana di Canto in Italy, Songfest and Opera Works. Elisa is studying Hazanut at the Cantorial School of the Academy of Jewish Religion in Los Angeles. She is the daughter of Jerry Kaufman and Bryna Kane and the granddaughter of Rabbi Cantor David and Yetta Kane of Temple Beth Shalom.

#### **HAFTARAH CANTILLATION:**

Learn how to chant the prophetic reading on Shabbat and Festivals with master teacher, Cantor in Training, Elisa Rose Waltzman. Basic Phonetic Hebrew Reading skills are required. Students will be given a date to chant Haftarah in the synagogue in February or March. The class is 4 lessons, each lasting one hour and fifteen minutes.

Tuition of \$60. Minimum of 5 students.

Temple Beth Shalom Beit Midrash

Lesson 1- Wednesday, January 9 from 7:00-8:15pm

Lesson 2- Wednesday, January 16 from 7:00-8:15pm

Lesson 3- Wednesday, January 23 from 7:00-8:15pm

Lesson 4- Wednesday, January 30 from 7:00-8:15pm

#### TORAH CANTILLATION

Learn how to chant from the Torah on Shabbat morning/afternoon and weekday minyan when the Torah is read with Elisa Rose Waltzman. The class is 4 lessons, each lasting one hour and fifteen minutes. Students will be given a date to chant Torah in the synagogue in March.

Tuition of \$60. Minimum of 5 students.

Temple Beth Shalom Beit Midrash

Lesson 1- Wednesday, February 6 from 7:00-8:15pm

Lesson 2- Wednesday, February 13 from 7:00-8:15pm

Lesson 3- Wednesday, February 20 from 7:00-8:15pm

Lesson 4- Wednesday, February 27 from 7:00-8:15pm



#### Tot Shabbat!

Ha'Mo'Robyn, Robyn Hendricks, will be returning to Temple Beth Shalom on January 4 at 5:45 to join in our monthly Tot Shabbat! The children and their families love Ha'Mo'Robyn and we are pleased that she will be able to join us in the Sanctuary for our celebration of Shabbat. Please come and bring friends and family to sing, dance, and rejoice in the observance of Shabbat. We have a kidfriendly service with music and stories that engage the preschoolers.

As usual, we will be having a child-friendly dinner in the Social Hall following the service. We ask that you RSVP to the Office at (562)426-6413 or to Ann Millman at (562)439-8010 or <a href="mainto:annmillman@yahoo.com">annmillman@yahoo.com</a>. It is important that we hear from you in advance so that we prepare enough food for dinner. Adult cost is \$5 with no charge for children.

#### **Our Sincere Condolences**

Condolences to the Carl family on the death of Shelley's Aunt, Caroline Smith.

Condolences to the friends and family of member Shirley Freedland on her passing.

Condolences to the Lipp family on the passing of Mark's mother, Norma Lipp.

Condolence Correction:

Condolences to Bunny Feinstein and family on the death of her son-in-law's brother. Jonathan Pevsner.

#### Sisterhood Pan Tournament

Wednesday, January 16

Temple Beth Shalom Social Hall

Donation: \$35



Registration & Continental Breakfast begins at 10:00am Games start at 10:30am SHARP!

Regulation size tables. Comfortable padded chairs.

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$75 4<sup>th</sup> place: \$25

For further information or to make a reservation, call Clara Asch at (562)594-8817 or Marsha Kahn at (714)894-9197. Kindly RSVP by Thursday, January 17.



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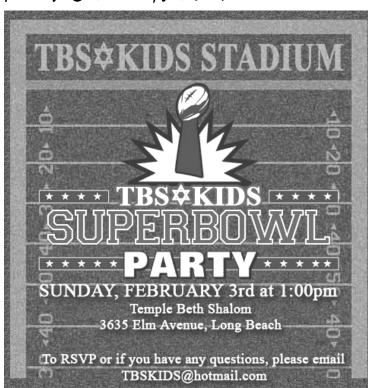
TBS♥KIDS is a new Temple group of youngsters and their parents.

#### Superbowl Extravaganza February 3, 2008 at 1:00pm

To view the Superbowl, we will have a widescreen HD television, hamburgers and hotdogs, a keg of beer and soft drinks. The admission is \$50.00 per family, which includes food and buys a square in the football pool. Assuming we get our anticipated attendance, first prize will be \$1,000, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prize will be \$500 each, while the balance of the pool will help fund our next event. We'll have a jumper and games for kids on the patio. Whether you like football or not, you'll have a terrific time! Email us at <a href="mailto:TBSKIDS@hotmail.com">TBSKIDS@hotmail.com</a> with any questions and to RSVP.

Sincerely Yours,

## Tom & Candice Nantais



## Gala Weekend – March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

The Temple will be having a special Gala weekend with two great events in March. March 7<sup>th</sup> will be a special Shabbat installing Rabbi Gartenberg as our Rabbi. March 8<sup>th</sup> will culminate with a Gala Dinner honoring the Re-Dedication of our Sanctuary, featuring a Catered Kosher dinner, great entertainment, a tribute book (see ad blank on page 10 of the Scribe), and other surprises.

Watch your mail for your invitation!



#### **Torah Fund**

Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies – A new Vision of the Rabbinate

Today, Jewish communities are thriving in an unprecedented renaissance, where Jews are hungrily seeking knowledge, spiritual renewal, connection to G-d, and a sense of identity through an exploration of their history, culture, language, values, and traditions. Rabbis are integral in this growth as they assume ever-widening roles in the Jewish community. Therefore, Rabbinic training needs to help prepare Rabbis to meet the challenges of Jewish communities with passion, creativity, and innovation.

The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies offers a program which values rigorous scholarship, embraces the splendors of spirituality, and provides students with vast opportunities to grow intellectually and spiritually. While the Ziegler School is fully dedicated to Halakhah (Jewish law) as a dynamic and traditional expression of G-d's love and wisdom, we are not weighed down by the entrenched "we've always done it this way" mindset. Students engage in dynamic dialogue about G-d, the Jewish people, and themselves. Graduates leave the program versed in the texts, beliefs, and practices – prepared to bring new spirit and warmth in serving their communities.

The Torah Fund campaign of Temple Beth Shalom continues into 2008. It is not too late to make a pledge in honor of Marsha Kahn and Mimi Strichard, the Ha'ya Olam honorees for this year, or anyone else you wish to honor. You can also make your pledge in memory or honor of a significant person in your life. A phone call to Ida Bobrow (714) 892-3403 or a message to the Temple office attention Ida Bobrow will take care of your request.

#### **Adult Education RSVP Form**

(make checks payable to Temple Beth Shalom)

Send to: Temple Beth Shalom Attn: Adult Education Registration
3635 Elm Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807
Please send in your registration form by Tuesday, January 8.
Name:
Phone:
Email:
Address/City/ Zip
Judaism and the Middle Way, beginning Tuesday, 1/15 7:15pm \$54 for non-TBS members
Hebrew, beginning Tuesday, 1/15 8:20pm \$54 for non-TBS members
Haftarah Cantillation, beginning Wednesday, 1/9 7pm \$60 per person
Torah Cantillation, beginning Wednesday, 2/6 7pm \$60 per person
Judaism and the Web, beginning Tuesday, 1/15 1pm at the AJCC no charge-limited to 8.
Jewish Anatomy, beginning Wednesday 1/16 7:30pm at the AJCC no
charge.
Total Enclosed

#### **Adult Education**

#### Judaism and the Web: A Class for Jewish Computer-Challenged Adults with Rabbi Dov Gartenberg

Four Tuesday afternoon sessions Starting January 15 until February 5 from 1:00-2:00pm Alpert Jewish Community Center Computer Lab

Using the new computer lab at the JCC, Rabbi Gartenberg will help people who want to become more comfortable with computers to learn about accessing the growing number of Jewish resources and learning opportunities available on the Internet. Rabbi Gartenberg, who is very skilled in computers, will teach basics as the use of email, searching the web for Jewish sources, finding Jewish audio resources for enjoyment and study, and information on the web about Jewish life and lore. Besides gaining some basic skills, everyone who takes this class will gain another way to gain Jewish knowledge. The class is limited to 8 persons so that each participant can enjoy the use of a computer. Please sign up through the Alpert JCC.

#### Jewish Anatomy: The Essentials of Judaism for Perplexed Jews

Four Wednesday evening sessions

Starting January 16 until February 6 from 7:30-9:00pm Alpert Jewish Community Center

What makes Judaism tick? What are the central messages and teachings of Judaism? How do they contrast to other religions and cultural outlooks? What does Judaism teach about the big issues: G-d, suffering, death, science, democracy, other religions, the role of women, the meaning of history, and what is a purposeful life. Get the basics taught in a clear and engaging way with Rabbi Dov Gartenberg.

This class is designed for Jews not connected to the organized Jewish community or without a Jewish educational background and non-Jews who are connected to Jewish persons or who are curious about Judaism for whatever reason.

## Judaism and the Middle Way: The Life of Torah, Mitzvot, and Gemilut Hasadim with Rabbi Dov Gartenberg

Tuesday Evenings, 7:15-8:10pm

Winter Classes January 15th – March 18th, 2008

Spring Classes April 1st-June 3rd, 2008

This year around class meets in seasonal sessions and follows a common reading list for all participants. Rabbi Gartenberg teaches an approach to Judaism called the Middle Way which highlights Judaism's unique spirituality and humanity and its emphasis on acts over belief. The class focuses on 6 areas critical to a Jewish life: 1) The Life of Mitzvah 2) Mitzvot of Prayer and Spirituality 3) The Mitzvot of Sabbath and Jewish home life 4) The Mitzvot of the Jewish festivals 5) The Great Mitzvah of Torah Study 6) Story of the Jewish People

The course is open to the community and is free for TBS members and LTJY Registrants. The class is \$54 for each trimester for people in the community. Please call the synagogue at (562) 426-6413 for more information. New students are welcome at the beginning of each seasonal session.



### Sisterhood Message

I can't think of any other way to start our January article except by bringing up our most successful dinner to date – Hanukkah Dinner 2007! With nearly 150 people in attendance, our synagogue family celebrated the Festival of Lights beginning with a wonderful Tot Shabbat, followed by a delicious dinner and services. There are so many people to thank for making the event possible:

- Gary you are a man of amazing strength we are so happy you are a part of our team now!
- Eugene Schlesinger with your support, Sisterhood is able to continue to do what we do best. Thank you for your continued generosity.
- **♦** Joan Davis the master coordinator!
- **☼** Seena Friedland the master organizer!
- Nora Levy, Nina Ayzenberg, Ida Bobrow, and Barbara Ravid the latkes were so yummy! We appreciate all the time and effort you put into making nearly 400 latkes from scratch.
- Silvia Kahn and Wendy Manasse-Wiese your crew worked tirelessly to make the dinner so special. Thanks to both of you for putting in so many days of work before the dinner.
- Our Team ALL the above mentioned people AND Ann Millman, Michelle Paul, Carla Stern Palmer, Marna Gitterman, Paulina Palmer, Alexis Wiese, Gaby Natelson, Bunny Feinstein, Harriet Poper, Ron and Rita Botwin, Sally Manasse, and Toby Lee.
- ★ Everyone I left off this list Thank You Too!

At the dinner, Sisterhood also presented our Co-President, Jerry Kaufman, with a check for \$5,000 to be used at the President's discretion. This brings the Sisterhood total for 2007-2008 to \$10,000. Sisterhood looks forward to making more financial contributions to the synagogue in the upcoming months.

Don't miss these upcoming programs and activities from Sisterhood:

- Sunday, January 13, 10 a.m. Sisterhood Movie Madness Come and join Sisterhood for its annual Sunday at the Movies! Stay tuned for the announcement of this year's movie pick. We'll not only provide popcorn, but a moviethemed brunch as well.
- Wednesday, January 23 Pan Tournament if you would like more information on the Pan Tournament and are not on the Pan Tournament mailing list, please contact Clara Asch at (562)594-8817 or Marsha Kahn at (714)894-9197 to be added.
- Sunday, February 17, 10 a.m. Save the Date Sisterhood Program to be Announced

If you have any questions or comments about Sisterhood, I am always happy to hear from you via calls or emails – (562)421-2063 or <a href="mailto:judithrcarey@verizon.net">judithrcarey@verizon.net</a>.

Judy Carey, Sisterhood President



## **USY** Chai-Lights

The Jewish Stars did an outstanding job giving Friday night services an artistic and entertaining touch. To all USY members, great job on Saturday Morning services. Everyone did an amazing job – it was so nice seeing how beautifully everyone could read Hebrew and lead services.

The USY Hanukkah dinner was a blast. We had the privilege of entertainment by Ha'Mo'Robyn and had a dreidle spin off to win menorahs and lots of great food. Thanks to all the helpers for making it happen — The Kaplans, The Lipps, The Zagnoevs, Elisheva and Meriam Yudin, Alex Levine, and the Ilkay family.

Thank you to everyone who supported our USY group for further activities and scholarships.

#### Meetings, Dinner, & Broomball

Our next USY event is January 13 – we will be having a board meeting at 6:00pm at Glacial Gardens in "the meeting room", followed by a general chapter meeting with a Pizza dinner at 7:00. After the dinner (at approximately 7:45pm) we will have another Broomball Event until 9:00 pm. Please contact Jolene to RSVP or for further information.

Also new USY elections will be held in January!



#### Be in a Film!

The Temple is being used as a film location and you are invited to participate as an extra! Shooting days are January 8 and 9. Food will be provided.

For more information, contact Mariane Hernandez at (714)309-4806 or Ken Cooper at (562)477-9174



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On Saturday, March  $8^{th}$ , 2008, Temple Beth Shalom of Long Beach will host its Sanctuary Re-Dedication Gala Celebration recognizing the completion of Phase I of our Refurbishment Plans. We invite you to be part of the Temple Beth Shalom legacy – past, present, and future – by placing a tribute in the event journal. Share you favorite Synagogue memory to help us create a journal filled with wonderful Temple memories.

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#### **Torah School Tidbits**

With the arrival of January, we begin not only a new month but also a new year. The Torah School would like to thank all of the families and congregants who came out to support the school's fundraising efforts in December and also a special Todah Rabah to Shari Delany for getting the event organized and her overall enthusiasm for creating real Ruach and fun for the students and families.

Congratulations also go out to Melissa Zagnoev and her family on her Bat Mitzvah at the end of December. Our students and teachers work very hard to produce outstanding Jewish Citizens and the school is very proud of its students!

If you have not come to a student-led service, then Saturday, January 26 is your chance! This will be our only Saturday Shabbat service, so please make plans to come see and hear how well our students Dayen.

Many people have asked how they can make a donation to the school. The Answer: The Temple Beth Shalom Torah School fund! It is a restricted fund set up this year specifically to help members make contributions to the school. As we make improvements to the building, our school spaces need upgrading too. Our teachers would love to have our own computer lab. If anyone would like to make a gift of iMacs or knows a good source to purchase from, the school could use 3-5 Apple computers. The fund is also an excellent way to establish scholarships in honor of past students or anyone who had a love of learning Torah. Please help our school continue to provide our community with excellent young men and women by helping with their education.



Vice-President of Education



#### The Scribe

The Scribe deadline is the  $\underline{10}^{th}$  of the month for publication in the next month's issue. Articles received after the  $10^{th}$  of the month cannot be guaranteed for publication. We apologize for any errors or omissions. If you make us aware, we can run a correction in the next issue.

Do you miss the Scribe in color? You can sponsor a full color issue of the Scribe for \$500. Please contact the Temple Office at (562)426-6413 if you are interested.

#### Refuah Shlemah: Prayer for a Speedy Recovery

May the One who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless and heal those who are ill. May the Holy Blessed One mercifully restore him/her to health and to vigor. May G-d grant him/her health of body and health of spirit and mind, along with all others who are stricken. Let us say: Amen.

May you have a quick & full recovery. Your friends and family at Temple Beth Shalom pray for a speedy & complete recovery for:

Lorraine Adler Dorothy Lubin Terry Miller Lillian Bever Rebetzin Betty Feldbin Milton Mozen Leah Flaschner Michael O'Connor Wolfe Friedman Shirley Roseman Miki Goldberg Helen Rostas Harold Goldhamer Marion Solovei Marjorie Hess Marvin Stern Susan Strichard Abraham Koretz Frieda Levine Laura Tonkin Ann Licht

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to an Anonymous Donor who generously donated funds to pay for our Youth Director for one month.

### A Lighter Side...

A Yiddish speaking newcomer to America took his pregnant wife to the hospital, but during the delivery, when he found out they had twins – a boy and a girl, he fainted. He didn't come to for a few days so his brother was brought in to help name the children.

"My brother named my kids?!" he exclaimed when he woke up. "But my brother is illiterate. And he can't even speak any English. Oy, so what did he name the girl?"

"He named her Denise."

"Denise? Well, that's not such a bad name. I kind of like it. And what did he call the little boy?"

"De Nephew."



#### January Birthdays

#### **Tikun Olam Activities**

Tikun Olam Shabbat

Friday, January 11, 7:45pm

Guest Speaker: Melissa Morgan, Human Dignity Officer, City of Long Beach The Challenges of Diversity and Urban

Life: Long Beach Realities



The City of Long Beach believes: "everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of their racial background, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their sexual orientation, gender, or disability status. It is the right of all residents to pursue their daily lives with the knowledge that they will not be threatened with violence or physical harm." The City will vigorously fight criminal activity known as hate crimes with all resources at its disposal.

Tikun Olam Shabbat

Friday, January 25, 7:45pm

Guest Speaker: Tzivia Schwartz-Getzug, Executive Director, Jewish World Watch Tikun Olam at TBS: Envisioning a Tikun Olam Agenda at Our Congregation.



Following the Speaker on Jewish World Watch we invite all attending to have a conversation on the role of Tikun Olam at our congregation. According to Jewish law, it is permitted to gather on Shabbat to discuss the distribution of charity and to plan for bettering the world (See Isaiah 58). From this we will take important steps to making Tikun Olam a more central part of our congregational agenda. Please join us and bring your ideas.

About our speaker: Tzivia Getzug Schwartz just returned from a fact finding trip to Darfur with the Jewish World Watch Organization. She has a degree in Jewish Studies from UCLA and a law degree from Loyola Law School. She practiced law for several years before becoming the Western States Counsel for the Anti-Defamation League. She left the ADL after almost 7 years to serve as the Community Liaison on DreamWorks' first animated film, the Prince of Egypt. Prior to her role as JWW Executive Director, Tzivia served as the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at the Jewish Federation, responsible for the work of the Jewish Community Relation's Committee. Tzivia and her husband, Steve, were both born and raised in Los Angeles and, with their 3 children, are members of Adat Ari El synagogue.

### January Anniversaries





## Yahrzeits for the Month of Tevet 23 -Sh'vat 24, 5768

Please note: The observance of Yahrzeit is determined by the Hebrew date, and thus shifts around on the English calendar from year to year.

\* Denotes a memorial plaque will be lit



#### **Tributes & Donations**

**Book of Life** 

In Honor of Lillian Aarons Special Birthday

Arwin & Merle Gould

In Honor of Mimi Strichard & Marsha Kahn receiving Ha'ya Olam Awards Louise Marak

Mazel Tov to Arthur & Gloria Freedman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Rick & Ida Bobrow

Happy Birthday to Joan Davis - May you celebrate many more happy & healthy birthdays

Eugene & Eva Schlesinger

Happy Birthday to Sylvia Landa - May you celebrate many more happy & healthy birthdays

Eugene & Eva Schlesinger

Happy Birthday to Arwin Gould

Ed & Elaine Perlstein

Mazel Tov to Lillian Aarons on her milestone Birthday -- we wish you many healthy years

Joe & Bess Cirel

Congratulations to Drs. Lance & Cookie Sieger on the birth of their grandson Stewart & Adrienne Green

Birthday wishes to Arwin Gould. Have a great & glorious decade of more happy Birthdays

Hal & Shirley Raiklen

Happy Birthday to Merle Gould Sylvia Landa

Happy Birthday to Arwin Gould Sylvia Landa

Happy Birthday to Etta Lackman Sylvia Landa

Happy Birthday to Lillian Aarons Sylvia Landa

Happy Birthday to Eileen Fishman Sylvia Landa

A huge Thank You to the Sisterhood for a delicious and beautiful Hanukkah dinner

Sylvia Landa

Happy Birthday to Susan Schrader

Max & Harriet Poper

Happy Birthday to Dr. Marion Solovei Max & Harriet Poper

Happy Birthday to Bill Millman Max & Harriet Poper

Happy Birthday to Marvin Zavatsky
Max & Harriet Poper

#### **Torah Memorial Fund**

Condolences to Mark Lipp & his family on the death of his mother, Norma Lipp

Phyllis & Jesse Metzger Lee & Diane Page Max & Harriet Poper Rick & Ida Bobrow Ronnie & Walter Schwimmer

Mike & Annie Natelson

Naomi Norwick

Sylvia Landa

Condolences to Bunny Feinstein on the death of Jonathon Pevsner, her son-in-law's brother

Mike & Annie Natelson Michael & Dorothy Shapiro

In memory of Anna L. Zavatsky, of Blessed Memory. A woman of great integrity, strength, wisdom, and unwavering love for her family.

\*Judy Carey & Family\*\*

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Rabbi Gartenberg's Hanukkah Seder Presentation at our home Walter & Ronnie Schwimmer

#### **Temple Improvement Fund**

Congratulations to Drs. Lance & Cookie Sieger on the birth of their grandson

Norm & Sue Milkes

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Freedman on your Golden Wedding Anniversary, Enjoy many more golden years together!

Norm & Sue Milkes

Our heart felt condolences to Mr. & Mrs. David Pevsner on the loss of your beloved brother Jonathan

Norm & Sue Milkes

Bob & Susan Schrader made donations for the following:

Happy Birthday to Ben Alhadeff Happy Birthday to Doreen Shuldiner

Happy Birthday to Rita Botwin

Congratulations to Allan Shuldiner on passing the Bar exam

Happy Birthday to Irwin Shuldiner

Condolences to Mark Lipp on the loss of your mother, Norma Lipp

#### Minyan Fund

To Lillian Aarons, a special lady, on her special Birthday

Ed & Elaine Perlstein

Mazel Tov to Lance & Cookie Sieger on the new addition to your growing family.

Ed & Elaine Perlstein

#### Richmond Family Endowment Fund

In Honor of Gloria & Arthur Freedman's 50th Wedding Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. David Freedman

In Honor of Gloria & Arthur Freedman's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Anita Fierstein

#### Facilities Design-Sanctuary Renovation Fund

Condolences to Mark Lipp & his family on the death of his mother, Norma Lipp

Joan Davis

#### Youth Group Fund

In Honor of Jared Lipp's Bar Mitzvah

David Gould & Deborah Chankin

#### Mah Tovu Sanctuary Enhancement Fund

*Jeff & Joanna Carra made donations for the following:* 

Happy Birthday to Eileen Fishman

Happy Birthday to Merle Gould

Happy Birthday to Arwin Gould

Happy Birthday to Etta Lackman Happy Birthday to Bunny Feinstein

Happy Anniversary to Bruce & Susan Greenberg



## January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 23rd of Tevet	2 24th of Tevet	3 25th of Tevet Morning Minyan @ 8am	4 26th of Tevet 4:39p Candle lighting  Tot Shabbat Service @5:45pm	5 27th of Tevet Parashat Vaera  morning service 9:30am  5:43p Havdalah
6 28th of Tevet	7 29th of Tevet	8 1st of Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat Torah School @4:15pm	9 2nd of Sh'vat  Haftorah Cantillation Class with Cantor Waltzman @7pm	10 3rd of Sh'vat  Morning Minyan @ 8am	Roni Kripper  11 4th of Sh'vat 4:45p Candle lighting Living the Jewish Year Shabbat Potluck @6pm  \$\Blacktriangleright* Shabbat evening service @7:45pm with	12 5th of Sh'vat Parashat Bo   ★ morning service ② 9:30am  Shabbat Hospitality Initiative Shabbat Meal
13 6th of Sh'vat	14 7th of Sh'vat	15 8th of Sh'vat	16 9th of Sh'vat	17 10th of Sh'vat	special guest speaker Melissa Morgan	@1pm 5:49p Havdalah 19 12th of Sh'vai
Torah School @9am Sisterhood Program @ 10am USY Chai-Lights Board Meeting @6pm USY Chapter Meeting, Dinner, &		Judaism & The Web class at AJCC @1pm Torah School @4:15pm Education Commission Mtg @5:15 Judaism & The Middle Way Class @7:15pm Commission for Advance of Jewish Culture @8pm Hebrew Lhadassah	Haftorah Cantillation Class with Cantor Waltzman @7pm Jewish Anatomy Class at AJCC @7:30pm	Morning Minyan @ 8am TBS Board Meeting @7pm	4:51p Candle lighting  ★ Shabbat evening service featuring Shul House Rock @7:45pm	Parashat Beshalach
Parlor meeting @7:30pm in Los Alamitos/Cypress	21 14th of Sh'vat Tu B'Shvat Seder @6:30pm	@8:20pm  22 15th of Sh'vat Tu B'Shvat  Judaism & The Web class at AJCC @1pm Torah School @4:15pm Judaism & The Middle Way Class @7:15pm Hebrew Lhadassah @8:20pm	23 16th of Sh'vat Haftorah Cantillation Class with Cantor Waltzman @7pm Jewish Anatomy Class at AJCC @7:30pm	24 17th of Sh'vat Morning Minyan @ 8am	25 18th of Sh'vat 4:58p Candle lighting  ★ Shabbat evening service @7:45pm with special guest speaker Tzivia Schwartz- Getzug  Tikun Olam at TBS Meeting @9pm	26 19th of Sh'va Parashat Yitro   ★ Torah School Shabbat morning service @ 9:30am  6:02p Havdalah
27 20th of Sh'vat Torah School @9am Bar & Bat Mitzvah Orientation Meeting @12n	28 21st of Sh'vat	Judaism & The Web class at AJCC @1pm Torah School @4:15pm Judaism & The Middle Way Class @7:15pm Hebrew Lhadassah @8:20pm	30 23rd of Sh'vat Haftorah Cantillation Class with Cantor Waltzman @7pm USY Chai Lights Special Board Meeting and Planning Session @7pm Jewish Anatomy Class at AJCC @7:30pm	31 24th of Sh'vat  Morning Minyan @ 8am  Community Scholar Program: Noam Zion Lecture Series @7:30pm  Parlor meeting @7:30pm in Bixby- Knolls	FEBRUARY 1 25th of Sh'vat 5:05p Candle lighting  NOAM ZION RESIDENCE  ★ Shabbat evening service @6pm, followed by Dinner at 6:45pm and Lecture at 8pm	2 26th of Sh'vat Parashat Mishpatim  SCHOLAR IN WEEKEND  ★ morning service @ 9:30am  TBS Third Shabbat Meal @4pm 6:09p Havdalah

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