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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sundays are indicated as **bold** dates.

<p>Sundays: Beit Sefer and Library open at 9:00 am*</p> <p>Wednesdays: Beit Sefer begins at 4:00 pm*</p> <p>*Unless otherwise noted in the calendar.</p>	<p>Thursdays: Library opens at 1:00 pm.</p> <p>Saturdays: Torah Study begins at 9:30 am every Saturday of the year in the Louis Family Library.</p>
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<i>December 2019</i>	<i>Kislev-Tevet</i>	<i>5780</i>	<i>January 2020</i>	<i>Tevet-Shvat</i>	<i>5780</i>
1	Beit Sefer Closed		1	TBI Office Closed – Holiday	
3	7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism			Beit Sefer Closed	
4	7:00 pm Hartman Institute’s iEngage Series		3	7:30 pm First Friday Erev Shabbat T’filah with TBI Shul Band and Oneg	
6	7:30 pm First Friday Erev Shabbat T’filah with TBI Shul Band and Oneg		5	Beit Sefer Closed	
7	10:00 am Family Shabbat T’filah			9:15 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting	
8	9:15 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting		7	7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	
	9:30 am TBI Educational Film Series (See AJL Schedule)		8	7:00 pm Hartman Institute’s iEngage Series	
	2:00 pm TBI READS		10	6:30 pm Family Shabbat T’filah and Oneg	
10	7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism			7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah and Oneg	
11	7:00 pm Hartman Institute’s iEngage Series		11	10:00 am Shabbat Morning T’filah with Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Fuentes	
13	6:30 pm New Member Family Shabbat T’filah and Oneg		12	Beit Sefer Shabbaton Camp Promo	
	7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah and Oneg		14	7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	
14	10:00 am Shabbat Morning T’filah with Bat Mitzvah of Madison Melocoton		17	7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah and Oneg	
15	9:00 am Beit Sefer Chanukah Program		18	10:00 am Shabbat Morning T’filah with Bat Mitzvah of Bella Sacks –Offsite	
	9:00 am Chanukah Boutique			10:30 am Beit Midrash Minyan	
	9:30 am TBI Educational Film Series (See AJL Schedule)		19	3:00 pm Beit Sefer and Library Closed	
	3:00 pm 12th Annual Festival of Jewish Music			TBI Jewish Themed Film Series presented by Cantor Buch and Judy Rose	
16	7:00 pm Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting		20	TBI Office Closed – Holiday	
17	7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism		21	7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	
18	Beit Sefer Closed		22	7:00 pm Hartman Institute’s iEngage Series	
	7:00 pm Hartman Institute’s iEngage Series		24	7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah with Torah Service and Oneg	
20	7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah with Torah Service and Oneg		25	10:00 am Shabbat Morning T’filah with Bat Mitzvah of Alicia Heskin	
21	10:30 am Sophie Rasin Bat Mitzvah – Offsite		26	3:00 pm Bunco!	
	Beit Midrash Minyan		27	7:00 pm Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting	
22	Beit Sefer and Library Closed		28	11:00 am TBI Women: Laugh, Learn, Lunch	
25	TBI Office Closed – Holiday			7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	
	Beit Sefer Closed		29	7:00 pm Hartman Institute’s iEngage Series	
27	6:00 pm Chanukah Latke Dinner		31	6:00 pm Dalet/Hey Shabbat Dinner	
	7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah and Oneg			7:30 pm Erev Shabbat T’filah and Oneg	
29	1:00 pm Bunco!				

From the Rabbi
Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz



I love Jewish summer camp. It is transformative for Jewish identity. I experienced the power of camp in my own childhood and see it every summer when I return for two weeks to serve on the faculty at our Reform Movement's URJ Camp Newman in northern California. The Reform movement also sponsors two residential specialty camps in the greater Los Angeles area—6 Points Sports Academy and 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy.

In addition to our three Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) California Camps, youth from TBI attend Wilshire Blvd. Temple Camps (Hess Kramer and Hilltop), Camp JCA Shalom, and Camp Alonim. Jewish residential camps can be expensive, and generous financial aid is available.

Temple Beth Israel is committed to making it possible for all our youth to attend camp—some aid options are limited, so applying now helps to maximize the campership money received. (If you are in a financial position to help support these youth programs, donations to our campership funds are always appreciated). Programs in Jewish residential camps are already beginning to fill. Don't wait—register now.

There are also excellent summer programs for teens in Israel and Mitzvah Corps programs in the US and around the world. Also, free 10-day Birthright Israel trips are available for young adults 18-32 (with opportunities to extend and stay longer). Make sure your children or grandchildren do not miss out on this opportunity.

For our younger children, our Jewish Federation offers Camp Gan Shalom (day camp) in Pasadena and at TBI during the summer.

Please contact me for information on Jewish camps and Israel trips, and I can help you navigate the different programs and financial aid options.

As we prepare to kindle the lights of Chanukah, let us also provide immersive Jewish experiences to our youth that will enable the flame of Jewish identity to burn brightly in their lives and in our community.

I wish all of you a meaningful and joyous Chanukah.

Presidential Perspective
Deena Benjamin



"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." – John F. Kennedy

As the holiday of Thanksgiving fades into memory, I realize just how important gratitude and appreciation are to the holy work we do at Temple Beth Israel. The sacred partnerships we have with clergy, lay leaders, and volunteers are not something I take for granted. Every time someone steps up to coordinate a program at TBI, I am grateful. Every time someone welcomes a guest to Friday night services, I am grateful. Every time someone brings items for an Oneg, I am grateful. Every time someone donates to a fundraiser or Social Action program, I am grateful. Every time someone buys scrip, I am grateful. Every time someone visits a sick congregant or attends a bar/bat mitzvah service or shows up for a minyan of comfort, I am grateful. The list goes on and on.

Our clergy, staff, lay leaders, volunteers, and congregants are all an integral part of what makes TBI special and welcoming. I have made it my mission to thank every person who steps up to help TBI further its mission. I deeply and sincerely thank all of you.

There are many ways for congregants to connect at TBI this month. Rabbi Kupetz's class on "The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People" offers an engaging educational opportunity. I hope you will also join us for the inaugural TBI Reads, at which we will discuss Jane Ziegelman's book *97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement*. Be sure to come to our Chanukah Bazaar on December 15 to get all your Chanukah gift needs met! See the Kehillah calendar for Torah Study, Beit Midrash Minyan, Erev Shabbat events, and much more.

As we move into December, we are approaching one of my all-time favorite moments at TBI. From the time I first attended Erev Shabbat Chanukah at TBI, I was enchanted. Watching all the congregants' menorahs on the bimah shining brightly together, I could not help but see the metaphor—as a congregation, we shine brighter when we shine together as one.

As William Shakespeare once famously said, "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world." May your Chanukah be filled with both light and good deeds.



From Beit Sefer
Reyna Abraham
Beit Sefer Director



The Temple Beth Israel Beit Sefer wants to thank our community for all of the donations of recycled materials that we received! Our theme this year of *Tikkun Olam* or Repairing the World continues in the month of December with the idea of *Shomrei Adamah*, that we are the keepers of the Earth and that it is our responsibility to take care of this planet we call home. I am encouraging all of our Beit Sefer students and families to spend some time this month taking care of our planet through picking up trash in the park or along the beach, planting some water-wise California natives in your yard, or simply talking about ways that you as a family can help our planet by choosing environmentally friendly options for travel, food storage, cleaning supplies, etc.

On December 15, the Beit Sefer Fall Semester will close with a wonderful (and musical) Chanukah program followed by the TBI Annual Chanukah Boutique.

If you are looking for ways to help support our religious education here at Temple Beth Israel, feel free to contact me. We have many opportunities for volunteer work. For more information about our program or for a copy of the calendar, please visit the TBI website at TBIpomona.org/study/.

L'shalom.

Board Meeting Highlights

October 2019

By Rebecca Beckett, Recording Secretary

- The Board did a High Holy Days debrief and discussed what went well and what improvements can be made next year.
- Approximately 20–25 parents attended a Beit Sefer safety meeting with Security Co–Chair Marc Kramer and VP of Education Christine Tabac. The result of the meeting was an agreement for more volunteers to act as monitors of cars entering the parking lot during religious school times. Training for volunteers is being planned.
- The Social Action Committee is growing. A new communications chair has been created to handle matters such as coordination between subcommittees and communications with external media. The newest SAC initiative is a Green Team, which will promote environmental sustainability at TBI. Please contact Jeff Passe if you would like more information about how to become involved in Social Action.

Community Calendar

December 2019

15 3:00 pm 12th Annual Festival of Jewish Music
Temple Beth Israel
\$12 per person
RSVP to the Federation,
www.jewishsgpv.org

January 2020

12 10:00 am Jewish Federation Annual Meeting
Pasadena Jewish Temple and
Center
\$30 per person
RSVP to the Federation,
www.jewishsgpv.org

Do you ride your bike to Temple Beth Israel?

We now have a place for you to park it! Thanks to the many Beit Sefer families who generously donated in memory of Rabbi Florence Dann z'l, we were able to create a permanent bike rack in front of the Education Building for cyclists. Thank you to Noah Teig and Jim Tanner for installing the bike rack.

We appreciate your generosity and the ability to honor Rabbi Florence's memory.



Photo courtesy of Deena Benjamin

From the TBI Archives
By Margie Kerstine, Archivist

Golden Memories Project

We are continuing to identify individuals who participated in our annual community Chanukah celebration. In 2006, they prepared and served the latkes at a dinner before the service. If you recognize either person, please follow the rules below to let us know what you remember. Thank you.

Rules for sending an email to archives@tbipomona.org
(NOTE CHANGE IN EMAIL)

1. Give the full name of the person you recognize and the photo number:
e.g. Photo # P000124. Jane Doe
2. If you know anything about the actual event, tell us about it.
3. Prints are available free.



1. _____
2. _____

Lost and Found

The following items are waiting for their owners in the Lost and Found Box on the counter in the TBI Office: a cream-colored tallit with silver and black stripes and matching tallit bag, (left at TBI during the High Holy Days), a gray eyeglasses case, a pair of sunglasses, a Service Project patch--Cub Scout or Boy Scout in all probability, a set of keys, and a black hair scrunchy.

Please come by the office to claim your property.

**Remembering Religious School
Committee Reports**

November 11, 1969 and February 2, 1970

Dr. Abrams reported that with the Rabbi as principal and Barb Simon as Religious School secretary, the school is well structured which makes it possible for him to act as chairman. The Religious School has 273 students; 54 students in the Hebrew school. A new parents' manual was published this year.

Marv Abrams moved and D. Simon seconded that the Board of Trustees authorize the Rabbi and Religious School Committee to actively seek a person to fulfill the position of Principal of the Religious School and that when such a person, who can significantly enhance the Religious School operation is identified, an appropriate job description and salary recommendation will be submitted to the Board for approval. Motion carried.

August 25, 1974

Religious School Report by Marv Abrams. Continue split sessions - two days, Saturday and Sunday. Staff positions are still open. Saturday coordinator needed as well as a couple of teachers. The format will remain the same with an upgrade of content. Fees increased to \$25 per student with a maximum of \$70 per family. Hebrew fees not formed up yet. Hebrew hours still the same- Monday and Wednesday for 2 hours. Student helping student. Approximately 30 students. Tamar Pelleg coordinator and Principal. Religious School Secretary - student teacher from last year. 3 hours a week at \$2 an hour.



Items in the Lost and Found in the TBI Office.

Photo courtesy of Beverly Sugerman

TBI READS!

Members of TBI's two Book Groups meet monthly to discuss books with Jewish themes. Building on the success of these conversations, the Adult Jewish Learning Committee is adopting an idea that is now popular around the country where everyone in a community is invited to read the same book at the same time.

Our initial TBI Reads! selection is *97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement* by Jane Ziegelman.

Here's a brief description:

In *97 Orchard*, Jane Ziegelman explores the culinary life at the heart of New York's Lower East Side at the turn of the twentieth century— where Eastern European Jews, Germans, Irish, and Italians began to forge a new life. Through the experiences of five families living in 97 Orchard Street, Ziegelman takes readers on an unforgettable tour, from impossibly cramped tenement apartments, down dim stairwells, beyond the front stoops, and out into the hubbub of the dirty, teeming streets.

Ziegelman shows how immigrant cooks brought their ingenuity to the daily task of feeding their families, preserving traditions from home but always ready to improvise. *97 Orchard* shows us our collective culinary heritage.

Both TBI Book Groups read this book and loved how it showcased the ways these different immigrant group brought particular foods with them, foods that eventually became part of American life. Ziegelman's colorful descriptions evoke readers' memories about their own families and cherished food traditions.

You are invited to:

1. Read the book (several copies available in the TBI Library and at the Claremont Public Library and, inexpensively, on Amazon).
2. Attend the TBI Reads! community conversation – and nosh! – on December 8, 2019, at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. (RSVP to the Temple Office, 909-626-1277)
3. Bring something that symbolizes your family's immigrant experience such as photographs, ship manifest or Ellis Island certificate, or heirlooms such as candlesticks brought from the home country.



TBI Cultural Outings By Lisa Smolen, Coordinator

Disney Concert Hall Tour

When – Sunday, December 15, 2019

What – FREE 90-minute guided tour of the four performance venues that comprise the Music Center. We will begin at Disney Concert Hall, where we will visit three interior spaces and the rooftop garden. Then on to the Ahmanson Theatre, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, and Mark Taper Forum, where we will learn about the history and architecture of these iconic cultural landmarks.

After the tour, we will walk to the nearby Angels Flight funicular (\$1.00 round trip) and ride down to the Grand Central Market. Stroll through the Market. Cross the street for (optional) lunch at Maccheroni Republic, a lovely casual Italian bistro.

How – Claremont Metrolink departing on train 353 at 9:21 am, arriving at Union Station at 10:22 am. For the return, we will depart Union Station at either 3:38 pm or 4:38 pm and arrive back at Claremont Station an hour after.

Purchase a Weekend Pass at the Claremont Station for \$10.00. Alternatively, you can arrange to carpool.

Reserve your space to participate in this tour by calling (909) 720-4452 or sending an email to Lisa@access4reading.com.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Boyle Heights Heritage Tour

When – Thursday, February 20, 2020

What – Private guided tour of part of LA's Jewish history with tour guide Barrio Boychik. Group will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants. Reserve early with Lisa Smolen.

See Adult Jewish Learning Schedule, page , for more details.



Walt Disney Concert Hall



Angels Flight Railway



Mark Taper Forum



Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

20th Annual High Holy Days Food Drive Wrap-up By Lisa Smolen, TBI Social Action Committee

Thank you to all who helped us meet our goal of providing 1,000 bags or more of food to Inland Valley Hope Partners for distribution to the four food pantries they serve. The assortment of donated food was wonderful and will be much appreciated by our neighbors in need.

Once again, the floor of classroom 12 was covered with a sea of bags. And once again, on the Sunday following Simchat Torah, Beit Sefer students carried the bags with great enthusiasm out to the IVHP truck where Stan Fink and Stuart Mann were on hand to lift the bags onto the truck bed. A rotating crew of students helped Michael Watson of IVHP move the bags within the truck. Great job, everyone!

Jeanine Mann took many photos and Food Drive Honoree Deborah Pruitt was present to watch and smile and carry a bag or two (because she wanted to and I could not say “no,” even though adults are not supposed to carry any bags).

Todah Rabah.

Photos courtesy of Lisa Smolen



Beit Sefer students bring bags to IVHP truck.



Room 12 filled with grocery bags



Food Drive Honoree Deborah Pruitt

Oneg Shabbat Appreciation By Kandy Fisher

A sincere thank you to all who have generously donated desserts and given of their time to make our Onegs following Shabbat services a warm and welcoming place. These special congregants include Sharon Sax Regalado, Judy Rose, Phillis Blackey, Karen Rosenthal, Deena Benjamin, Debbie Harris, Carol Oberg, Bernice Greenstein, Lisa Smolen, Karen Tanner, members of our Board of Trustees, as well as other congregants who give anonymously and/or whom I have not mentioned here.

Appreciation also to the Melocoton, Heskin, Rasin, Glovsky, and Title families, the Membership Committee, and the Brenda Rosenfeld Scholar Series Committee and friends who have sponsored an Oneg in the last few months.

If you would like to donate a purchased or homemade dessert item, fruit, or cheese platter for an Oneg Shabbat, please email me at kandyfisher3@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Many Thanks

The TBI Membership Committee would like to thank everyone who has participated in our monthly TBI Bunco game for the past three years. Twenty-five to thirty people each month play Bunco, talk, eat great snacks, and get to know each other. We are thrilled that our monthly game has promoted a sense of community and friendship. Proceeds from Bunco have been used to purchase new chairs for the social hall and for various educational events. Come join us!

Bunco Rules:
Roll. Chat. Repeat.

Social Action News

Refugee Assistance: Is Help Still Needed?

By Deena Benjamin

I am often asked by congregants, “Are there still refugees coming to the US? Do they still need help? What do they need most?” The answers are both simple and complex.

While it is true that the US is accepting far fewer refugees now, there are still families coming. The families that arrived in the past two to three years still have many needs since they receive very limited state and federal assistance. With the help of Newcomers Access Center, Claremont Canopy, and our generous congregants, we have helped fill in the gaps. I have seen firsthand how difficult it is to get situated in our country with limited English and even more limited funds. Becoming independent takes time.

The refugees’ continuing needs include English tutoring, laptops (used), rides to college classes, basic toiletry items, diapers and wipes, and gift cards. By “welcoming the stranger,” our congregants are helping the refugee families feel cared for and loved. This core Jewish value is at the heart of why we continue to reach out and help dozens of newcomers to our community.

Last month Newcomers Access Center held a successful Fall Festival attended by dozens of volunteers and refugee families. The festival included arts and crafts, henna hand painting, button making, a piñata, a cake walk, and a delicious lunch. We used the opportunity to give out over 20 pairs of shoes to our refugee youth; through our partnership with Shoes That Fit, we have distributed 41 pairs in total!

Many thanks to Kathryn Kirui, Lani Fox, Jane Kwatcher, Sue Weiner, Nadia Brewart, Deborah Gould, Steve Elie, Jim Tanner, Yvonne Cheyney, Carol and Steve Sage, and Ben Galarza for their generous donations this month. SPECIAL THANKS to Michael and Karen Rosenthal for their donation of a new washer and dryer, which will make a huge difference for our family from Afghanistan. Thank you also to the anonymous foyer jug donors; your donations add up! We appreciate all of your donations! Please bring donations to the TBI Office during business hours. If you wish to donate a gift card, please consider purchasing it as scrip, which benefits the refugee family and TBI.

Helping Out in Our Community

“Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person.” – Plato

Are you looking for a way to lift up our fellow community members in need? We invite you to join with INSAN this month to help serve the homeless and hungry. Events are open to all ages, but children under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. Here are some of the homeless meals and services INSAN is coordinating in December:

- Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, 9:30 – 6:30 PM – Holiday Hunger Campaign/Fund Drive in Walnut
- Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, 10:30 – 3:00 PM – Preparing & Serving Lunch & Clothes Pantry in Pomona
- Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 9:30 – 6:30 PM – Holiday Hunger Campaign/Fund Drive TBA
- Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, 10:00 – 12:00 PM – Visiting & Helping Ex-Homeless in Riverside
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, 9:30 – 6:30 PM – Holiday ~ Hunger Campaign/Fund Drive in TBA
- Sunday Dec. 15, 2019, 1:30 – 5:30 PM – Serving Dinner & Food Pantry in Pomona
- Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, 9:30 – 6:30 PM – Holiday Hunger Campaign/Fund Drive TBA

INSAN also volunteers with Claremont Meals on Wheels two Mondays each month and at local health fairs. **Note:** These dates also offer the opportunity to give back during the holidays. Since these tend to be popular times for volunteering, please be sure to RSVP ahead of time. If you would like to help with any of these programs, INSAN can get you connected. **Please contact INSAN directly at communication@insanfoundation.org.** INSAN for Humanity has been addressing hunger and homelessness issues in our local communities since 2011. More information about their history and local volunteer efforts can be found at <http://insanfoundation.org>.



Cake Walk



Shoes That Fit



Henna Hand Painting

Photos courtesy of Deena Benjamin

Project Angel “Baby Shower”

By Mikey Rhein

Originally, Claremont Presbyterian Church’s (CPC) Women’s Group knitted baby hats for Project Angel (now known as Angel Interfaith Network (AIN)). Angel Interfaith Network is partnered with The Department of Spiritual Care at USC–Los Angeles County Medical Center.

About 25 years ago, we joined CPC and started to hold an annual “Baby Shower. Together, we were the first interfaith participants in Project Angel. Over the years, the event has expanded to include other faith organizations, sewing guilds, and people who care about providing a good start for babies born in poverty. In fact, we, Claremont Presbyterian Church, and Claremont United Church of Christ (CUCC) rotate hosting the “Baby Shower.”

On October 22 of this year, CPC hosted the “Baby Shower.” Raquel Salinas, AIN’s Network Project Coordinator, came and spoke to us about the never–ending need for baby items. At the end of the evening, we filled two SUV’s with baby items. Please consider joining us at next year’s event at CUCC.



Pictured left to right: Mikey Rhein, Deena Benjamin, Deborah Kummerman, Yvonne Cheyney, Estelle Rebensdorf, and Roz Kane (seated)



Baby Shower gifts from TBI members

Photos courtesy of Mikey Rhein

Ner Shel Tzedakah

By Jeanine Mann

The winter holidays are upon us and we have much to celebrate! Meals with friends and family, warm homes, and health are just a few which come to mind. At TBI, we have our community to help and take care of each other. The *Nel Shel Tzedakah* project expands our community to those around us by sharing gifts with those who may not otherwise receive them. Created several years ago, *Ner Shel Tzedakah*, the “Candle of Righteousness,” encourages people to devote the sixth night of Hanukkah to learning about poverty and donating gifts intended for that night to a charitable organization instead. By making donations on the sixth night, families help the Jewish candle of righteousness glow brightly for those in need. For many years now, Temple Beth Israel has been doing just that, in partnership with David and Margaret Youth and Family Services.

David and Margaret Home is a beautiful residential property in nearby La Verne where dozens of teenage girls live and heal from child abuse and neglect. With help from counselors, teachers, and volunteers, the children work to overcome years of challenges and hardship, and eventually become independent. Additionally, David and Margaret helps foster children living temporarily with local families.

We hope you will be a part of our *Ner Shel Tzedakah* program again this year. To participate, congregants make the holiday wishes of an individual child come true. Our annual *Ner Shel Tzedakah* gift drive for David and Margaret will be throughout December. (Chanukah begins on December 23!). Watch for the Wish List board and big box in the foyer shortly after Thanksgiving. Please take a card from the board, bring your unwrapped gift to TBI, and place it in the big box. If you wish, you can also join with another family (or families) to buy gifts. Note: Gifts that aren’t distributed for the holidays will be used as birthday presents during the year.

By performing this mitzvah, you will be making the holiday season so much brighter for the children at David and Margaret! For more information, contact Bhavini Feldman at batolia@aol.com.



TBI Social Group Interest Survey

Congregants recently received an email with a link to a TBI Social Groups Interest Survey. If you are interested in exploring the idea of joining a group and have not yet taken the survey, please do so now. Groups will be formed based on interest.



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WINTER/SPRING ADULT JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAMS

Here are a few reasons to attend AJL classes and events at TBI: you are interested in the topics; you want to increase your knowledge and experience; you want to meet your fellow congregants.

So, let's get started!

CLASSES

THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL: A SHARED HOMELAND FOR A DIVIDED PEOPLE

Join Rabbi Kupetz for the fourth class of the Hartman Institute's iEngage Series. This multimedia course confronts the challenge of creating a Jewish and democratic modern State of Israel for a people divided along "tribal" lines: religious, ideological, national, and geographic.

A \$90 donation per household is requested to offset the cost of the curriculum, which covers nine weeks as compared to the previous shorter classes.

7:00 - 9:00 pm Beit Midrash

Wednesdays: December 4, 11, 18; January 8, 22, 29; February 5, 12

THE BIBLE: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Join Tammi Schneider in this NEW course exploring the duality of the Bible, which has been both the inspiration for noble values and legal principles but also presents viewpoints that differ from our modern beliefs (e.g. slavery, sexism). How does the Bible present these troubling topics and how do we as modern readers address such traditions in our sacred literature?

7:00 – 8:30 pm Social Hall

Wednesdays, February 19, 26, and March 4

STORIES OF MUSIC

Cantor Buch presents a NEW series developed by UCLA and the Milken Archive of Jewish Music, "Stories of Music," exploring the breadth and depth of Jewish music through the last 3,000 years. Sessions include "Jewish Music 101," "The Art of Prayer," and "Yiddish Music in America." Explore the history.....Delight in the music.

7:00 – 8:30 pm Beit Midrash

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5

DISCOVERING ISRAEL THROUGH SHORT STORIES

Sara Truitt, our congregant and published author, will present this NEW course built around a book by Ayelet Tsabari, called *The Best Place on Earth: Stories*. Sara will select the stories that best illustrate and provoke discussion of differing aspects and points of view about contemporary Israeli life.

7:00 – 8:30 pm Beit Midrash

Wednesdays, May 13, 20, June 3, June 10

FILM SERIES

3rd ANNUAL ISRAELI FILM SERIES

Gary Gilbert is again bringing a wonderful selection of Israeli films to Claremont McKenna College, and, happily, all are welcome and there is no charge. These films represent various aspects of Israeli society.

2:00 pm

CMC Roberts North 15

December 1 – *Arab Labor (2007-2012)* Acclaimed irreverent TV comedy series about a young Palestinian journalist and Israeli citizen struggling with identity.

TBI JEWISH-THEMED FILM SERIES

SAVE THE DATES!

For the second year, Cantor Bush and congregant Judy Rose will host a carefully-curated choice of films, each followed by a discussion.

Sundays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm Social Hall, January 19, February 23 and March 8

Films to be Announced Soon

TBI EDUCATIONAL FILM SERIES

Ed Kahalnick, TBI congregant, continues to host a weekly Sunday morning viewing and discussion of relevant documentaries and other nonfiction films.

December 8 and December 15: *In Our Own Hands – The Hidden Story of the Jewish Brigade in World War II, Parts 1 and 2*

The 1998 documentary, *In Our Own Hands*, dramatically chronicles the creation, deployment and experiences of the British Army's Jewish Brigade in World War II. Formed of volunteers from Palestine, the young men entered British service with an agenda the King's ministers and generals sensed but could not completely comprehend. These young soldiers also coveted - and needed - British military training to prepare them for the increasingly inevitable clash with the colonial power unwilling to permit unrestricted Jewish migration and ready to abandon the Balfour Declaration's promise of a national Jewish homeland in Palestine.

9:30 – 11:00 am Beit Midrash

TBI CULTURAL OUTINGS

Lisa Smolen, TBI congregant, will continue to lead us on local cultural adventures.

LOS ANGELES ADVENTURE AND ARCHITECTURE

Sunday, December 15, 2019

FREE 90 minute guided tour of the four performance venues that comprise the Music Center, followed by the Ahmanson Theatre, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Mark Taper Forum, Angels Flight funicular, Grand Central Market, and lunch.

See complete article on page 6.

BOYLE HEIGHTS HERITAGE TOUR WITH BARRIO BOYCHIK

Thursday, February 20, 2020

TBI adventurers will go on a private tour of this storied part of LA's Jewish history with one of the best local tour guides. This walking tour of about four square blocks that are dense with history will start at 10:30 am and will last 2.5 hours. Travel arrangements to Los Angeles are still to be determined. The cost will be \$20 per person. Optional lunch after the tour. Watch for further information and RSVP details. Group limited to a maximum of 30 participants.

THE SKIRBALL MUSEUM

"I'll Have What She's Having," The Jewish Deli

May (Day and Time TBD)

Join us as we take a delicious bite of the history and culture of Jews in America. This exhibition reveals how delicatessens became cornerstones of American Jewish food culture during the past century, evolving from specialty stores catering to immigrant populations into beloved national institutions. This will resonate with our personal pasts, which we can discuss when we end the day at, what else, a Jewish deli!

TBI READS!

Join fellow congregants this fall as we read Jane Ziegelman's
97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement

Details on page 6

Come to the TBI Social Hall on December 8 at 2:00 pm for a lively book discussion and refreshments.

TBI WOMEN: LAUGH, LEARN and LUNCH

Quarterly, TBI women will meet on Tuesdays to eat lunch, to socialize, and to focus on a topic of interest. The October event was a success. Look for information about January 28.

Hold the Dates: January 28 and April 28

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

TBI Social Hall

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Please join this lively study group led by congregant Mikey Rhein to discuss the Torah portion of the week. No prior knowledge of Torah is necessary—just interest in Judaism. Everyone is welcome.

Every Saturday Morning

9:30 – 11:00 am

Louis Family Library (in Education Building)

FOR ALL CLASSES AND EVENTS, PLEASE RSVP TO THE TBI OFFICE (909) 626-1277. THANK YOU.

**WORSHIP AT TBI
December 2019**

**EREV SHABBAT T'FILAH
(FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES)**

Reminder: TBI has an Erev Shabbat T'filah every Friday at 7:30 pm.

December 6

Erev Shabbat T'filah and Oneg with the TBI Shul Band and Oneg, 7:30 pm

We present our energetic "First Fridays" Erev Shabbat T'filah, which includes the TBI Shul Band along with Rabbi Kupetz and Cantor Buch. This service features a unique combination of music and *ruach* (spirit) conceived to touch your heart and soul.

December 13

New Members—Family Friday Shabbat T'filah and Oneg, 6:30 pm

Rabbi Kupetz and Cantor Buch lead a short, camp-like service with plenty of singing and participation followed by an Oneg Shabbat. This service is designed for young people from preschool through 3rd grade and will take place on the 2nd Friday of each month. Erev Shabbat T'filah follows at 7:30 pm.

December 20

Erev Shabbat T'filah with Torah Service and Oneg, 7:30 pm

December 27

Erev Shabbat T'filah and Oneg, 7:30 pm.

Bring your chanukiah and candles to light before t'filah begins. T'filah by the annual Chanukah latke dinner.

SHABBAT MORNING T'FILAH

December 14

Shabbat Morning T'filah with B'nai Mitzvah, 10:00 am

All are welcome to attend this Shabbat Morning T'filah when we will be celebrating the bat mitzvah of Madison Melocoton.

December 21

Beit Midrash Minyan Shabbat Morning T'filah, 10:30 am

Everyone is invited to gather for prayer and a *D'var Torah* discussion followed by *Kiddush* and bagels-and-lox, coffee, fellowship and good conversation (3rd Saturday of each month).

Life Cycle Events of October 2019

CONDOLENCES

In October, the TBI family extended condolences to:

- Lila Goldsman on the passing of her father, Fito Goldsman.
- Joshua Okada on the passing of his mother, Sara-Lee M. Okada.
- Cantor Paul Buch on the passing of his uncle, Joseph Buch.

MAZAL TOV

In October, the TBI family sent a mazal tov to:

- Taylor & Jonathan Ramirez on the birth of their son, Rhett Watson Ramirez.

Rabbi and Cantor need to know when a family experiences a life cycle event, such as a birth or other simchah, an illness or hospitalization, or loss, so that they can call and/or visit them. Please let us know as soon as possible if your family has had a life cycle event or if you know of another TBI family who has had a life cycle event so that the Rabbi or Cantor can contact them.

Yahrzeits

December 1 – December 7 / 3 Kislev – 9 Kislev

Reading on December 6, 2019

Jennet Brooks, Goldie Friedman, Harry Friedman, Joseph Goldman, Sophia Pearlman, Harry Ranich, Mark Rhodes, Jeanne Shapiro, William Stull, Sandra Tuckerman, Albert Zipser, Alice Brendzel, Gary Brown, Morris Cadden, Rosella Eiseman, Albert Kahn, Emanuel Lewis, Manuel Blumenfeld, George Carter, Bella Ratoff, Evelyn Schwartz, Sylvia Schwartz, Yale Belinkoff, Ronald Brewart, Morton W. Feinman, Jane Goodman o'Doul, Harold E. Horwitz, Aura Kruger, Harold Schwartz, Karen Sirois, Elliott David Wein, Jerry Fitzjerrells, Ida Freedman, Thomas Kalb, Gary King, Orvel Schonlaub, Sally Wexler, Ellen Woll, Harry Woll, Herman Bleich, Philip Finkelstein, Robin Sachs, Violet Sherman, Max Bosworth, Sadie Deutsch, Ethel Dubin, Lenore "Lee" Klein, Melvin Lipsett, Andrew Maloney, Laurence Neuber, Rosamond Spicer, Paul Taylor, Kathie Wainstock,

December 8 – December 14 / 10 Kislev – 16 Kislev

Reading on December 13, 2019

George Baldes, Shirley Bowles, Frances Copley, Raylee Fenning, Helen Ginsberg, Caroline Goodman, Rose Sackin, Toby Schulman, Emma Sorensen, Edward Vihon, Abe Berliner, Kimberly Dawn Ellis, Paul Goldberg, Lilliana Jablon, Joseph Saffron, Harry Schonfeld, Marvin Sigel Barbara Silkes, Sidney Singer, Seymour Freedman, Lem Winnick, Rose Blumenfeld, Abraham Elson, Jack Krug, Alice Bermanis, Rebecca Diamond, Sam Garber, Tillie Goldstein, Molly Kerber, Edward Madrid, Sam Manganaro, Joseph Marcus, Sylvia Sugar, Barnard Garfield, Malvie Glick, Mary Goldhamer, Morris Gordon, Herschel (Harry) Handalman, Clara Johnson, Eugene Newberger, Sarah Zatinsky, Katy Zogut, Sidney Katz, John Maloney, Lillian Stein, Ruth Sultan, Adolph Weiss, Don Wiley

December 15 – December 21 / 17 Kislev – 23 Kislev

Reading on December 20, 2019

Jim Angell, Charles Ellis, Nathan Goldstein, Gary Maltz, Richard Novack, Marta Retzlaff, Nancy Zeitlin, Saul Baker, Rose Israel, Teddy Kalb, Martin Arndt, Helen Katz Levitt, Lou Osipov, Harold Rubin, Phillip Steinberg, Lillian Steinberg Goldstein, Ginger Friedman, Gilbert Gassner, David Jonas, Donnie Silver, Ralph Dunn, Dorothy Fisher, Jeanette Jacobson, James Miller, Robert Schimelman, Sidney Simon, John Singer, Esther I. Swerdlhoff, M.D., Michael Weinberg, Barbara Chapman, Miriam Miller, Jill Weinberg, Roslyn Zaslove, Hyman W. Fink, Anna Gruenbaum, Louis Kramer, Helen Le Vine, Cleo Friedlander Levine, Gertrude Pepp, Alyce Pollack, Hontense Schneider, Aaron D. Simon

December 22 – December 28 / 24 Kislev – 30 Kislev

Reading on December 27, 2019

Jack Dictor, Marvin Ehrlich, Marry Mooney, Helen Novy, Nathan Schwartz, David Silverstein, Alfonso Gonzalez, Blanche Paleg, Rozelle Raike, Harry Sayre, Jacob Castleman, Belle Fuchs, Joan Ginsberg, Sally Goldfarb, Hugh Judd, Marry Ross, Rose Schwartz, Avrum Sperber, Audrey Deutsch, Louis Feinberg, Lena Goodman, Shelly Schonfeld Mason, Max Pasternak, Cilia Peterman, Ethel Weiner, Marcus Weiss, Bahija Brewart, Clara Flugler, Beatrice Frankel, David Frankel, Eliot Rose, Roberta Sax-Allen, Maxine Toback, Betty Tuckman, Laura Breslouf, Norman Diamond, Mark Geller, Paul Karmon, Charles Weinstein, Sylvia Axler Schafer, Lizzie Drosin, Adrian Gardner, Manny Goldfarb, Esther Goodman, Judith Imerman, Terry Lobis, Abraham Sawelson, Jennie G. Stone, Bessie C. Weinstein

December 29 – January 4 / 1 Tevet – 7 Tevet

Reading on January 3, 2020

Michel Antecol, Helen Baker, Maya Cohen, Florence Gennis, Elsbeth Kaufman, Maxine Lerner, Dr. N. Walter Neft, Abraham Neidich, Jack Rottman, Frank Sherman, Samuel W. Zaslove, Murray Fandal, Mollie Franks, Dorothy Glick, Freda Horn, Moshe Horn, Jay Horwitz, Frieda Schenfeld, Sholem Shulman, Lawrence Gilbert, Caryl Goldstein, Flora Klein, Sofie Beth Levine, Shirley Abrams, Samuel Freiberg, David Hurwitz, Max Kantor, Sarah Kantor, Dale Jay Laub, Jesse Levitt, Arthur Licht, David Reznik, Rabbi P. Smaller, Aldem Barretto, Albert Cadis, Rupert Davenport, Jacob Rochester, Helen Rubin, Max Victor, Nettie Zimmerman, Lillian Fogel, Maddie Primack, Edward Ritz, Max Shapiro, Elenor Wein, Estella Alperin, Lenore Hersh, Morris Singer, Tex Stanley

January 5 – January 11 / 8 Tevet – 14 Tevet

Reading on January 10, 2020

Morton Grossman, William Kanehoalani Namahoe, Bernice Schwartz, David Mose Hirsch, Jennifer Pax Smith, Larry Treadwell, Rose Watkins, Dora Gurnitz, Daniel Horwitz, Fay Merberg, Isabelle Weiss, Nancy Block, Beatrice Braun, Phyllis Cadarette, Helen Strub, Esther Victor, Harry Bergen, Maurice Bolotin, Hilda Cohen, Zelda Eisenberg, Irving Goldhamer, Steve Leavitt, Lillian Patterson, Lillian Rudin, Arnold Schechter, Jay Slosberg, Milton Wind, Cindy Esther Cohen, Morris Ginsberg, Irwin Bernard Hirsch, Natalie Lustig, William Raskin, Mamie Share, Bertha Smilkstein, David Sugerman, Jess Gilman, Abraham Kravitz, Ralph Lewis, Alix Morgenstern



PARASHIYOT

December 7, 2019 / 9 Kislev 5780

Vayeitzei

Genesis 28:10–32:3

Vayeitzei means “and he went out” and relates the story of Jacob’s departure from Beer–sheba for distant Haran, Rebekah’s birthplace. The first night of his journey, he dreams of a stairway reaching from earth to heaven and is told by God that his descendants will be blessed and that they will inherit the land already promised to Abraham and Isaac. After a long journey, Jacob arrives in Haran where he is welcomed by Rebekah’s brother Laban and his two daughters, Leah and Rachel. Laban promises to allow Rachel to marry Jacob if he will work seven years for him. When it comes time for the marriage, Laban deceives Jacob by sending Leah to his tent. When Jacob protests, Laban tells him, that, if he will serve another seven years, then he will also give him Rachel. Jacob agrees. With his two wives and their maidservants, Bilhah and Zilpah, he has twelve children: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah with Leah; Dan and Naphtali with Bilhah; Gad and Asher with Zilpah; and Joseph and Benjamin with Rachel. After working many years for Laban, Jacob decides to return to his homeland. He works out an agreement with Laban for payment of his wages. They will divide the herd. Jacob will be given all the spotted and speckled sheep and goats; Laban will keep the rest. Laban agrees, but, when Jacob’s herd increases in numbers, Laban’s sons accuse Jacob of cheating them. Fearing trouble, Jacob decides to leave secretly with all his family and cattle. Laban pursues him; but, when he overtakes him, they share their grievances and reconcile their differences. Afterwards, Jacob and his family continue on their way.

December 14, 2019 / 16 Kislev 5780

Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4–36:43

Vayishlach means “and he sent,” and refers to Jacob sending messengers to his brother Esau before their meeting after twenty years of separation. We are told of Jacob’s fears, of his division of his community into two camps, and of his wrestling with a man–angel who changes Jacob’s name to Israel. Following that struggle, Jacob and Esau meet, and part peacefully, each going his separate way. After Jacob and his community settle in Shechem, Dinah, the daughter of Leah and Jacob, is raped by Shechem, son of Hamor, the Hivite. Jacob’s sons take revenge by murdering all the males of Shechem and plundering the city. Jacob is critical of his sons for what they have done. Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin and is buried near Bethlehem. Isaac dies and is buried in Hebron near Abraham and Sarah. The Torah portion concludes with the genealogy of Jacob and Esau.

December 21, 2019 / 23 Kislev 5780

Vayeishev

Genesis 37:1–40:23

Vayeishev, which means “and he settled,” contains the story of Jacob and his sons, who have settled in the land of Canaan. There is jealousy between the other brothers and Joseph, who dreams of ruling them. They plot Joseph’s death, but Judah persuades them to sell him to a caravan of Ishmaelites heading for Egypt. Afterwards, they report to Jacob that Joseph was killed by a wild animal. Later, Judah’s son Er dies, leaving his wife, Tamar, as a widow. Judah promises that his young son Shelah will marry Tamar, but Judah fails to keep his word. Therefore, Tamar disguises herself and tricks Judah into sleeping with her. When Judah is told that Tamar has “played the harlot” and is pregnant, he orders that she be put to death. Defending herself, Tamar reveals to Judah that he is the father of the child she is carrying. Realizing that he has not treated Tamar fairly, Judah declares: She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son, Shelah.” The Torah portion continues with the adventures of Joseph in Egypt, where he is sold to Pharaoh’s chief steward, Potiphar, and quickly rises from being a slave to becoming manager of his master’s house. Potiphar’s wife is attracted to Joseph and tries to seduce him. Angry because Joseph refuses her advances, she reports to Potiphar that Joseph tried to force himself upon her. Potiphar has Joseph thrown into prison. There he meets Pharaoh’s chief cupbearer and chief baker. They tell him of their dreams, and Joseph interprets them. (Later, as Joseph has predicted, the cupbearer is returned to Pharaoh’s service, but the chief baker is put to death.)

December 28, 2019 / 30 Kislev 5780

Mikeitz

Genesis 41:1–44:17

Mikeitz, which means “at the end of...” continues Joseph’s adventure in Egypt. Pharaoh has two dreams that none of his advisors can interpret. The cupbearer remembers Joseph and tells Pharaoh about him. Joseph is brought from jail and interprets Pharaoh’s dreams to mean that Egypt will have seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Pharaoh puts

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PARASHIYOT cont.

Joseph in charge of his land. When the famine strikes, Jacob sends his sons, except for Benjamin, to Egypt. When they arrive, Joseph recognizes his brothers and accuses them of coming to spy in his land. They tell him that they have come for food and that they have an elderly father and one younger brother. Joseph seizes Simeon and tells the brothers that he will not go free until they return with their youngest brother. He takes their money and sends them off with sacks of food. Later, they discover that each of their sacks contains the money they had previously given to Joseph. As the famine worsens, Jacob tells his sons to return to Egypt. They remind Jacob that they cannot return without Benjamin. Judah pledges that Benjamin will be safe. When his brothers return to Egypt, Joseph frees Simeon and invites the brothers to his house for a banquet. He has yet to reveal his identity. When the banquet concludes, he orders that the brother's bags be filled with food and that his wine cup be secretly placed in Benjamin's bag. After the brothers depart, Joseph sends his steward to pursue and arrest them for stealing his wine cup. They reply that they have taken nothing. When the wine cup is found in Benjamin's bag, the brothers are brought back to Joseph's house. He informs them that he will keep Benjamin as a slave but release the rest of them.

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We gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness of those who honor and remember their loved ones and friends through their generous contributions.

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Hanukkah Blessings

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

Light the *shamash* (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Hanerot Halalu

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

New Member Shabbat

Join us as we honor new TBI members at

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Oneq following the services

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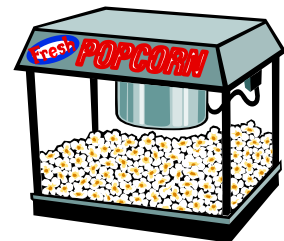
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a wonderful opportunity for those of you who have ever acted or wanted to act, or be a part of a live theatre production! We are preparing an exciting Purim Spiel at TBI!

For those who want to act, or at least give acting a try, there are many parts available – both large and small. There are also many other ways to participate for those who want to be part of this production – help is always needed behind the scenes. Little to no theatre experience necessary, but it would be nice!

Help us bring the story of Esther alive on our Bimah!

Rehearsal Schedule:

We will begin rehearsals in early December at TBI:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 am

Wednesday evenings at 4:15 – 6:00 pm

We want YOU to help bring the story alive.

This production is in conjunction with the JFed Players of the Jewish Federation SGPV.

Contact Linda Jones, 909-292-8165, for more information or to volunteer.





Temple Beth Israel Tribute

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In Memory of _____

Are they related to a Temple Member? No Yes: Who? _____

Relationship to Temple Member: _____
(i.e. "Beloved Brother of")

OR

In Honor of _____

Why is that person being honored? _____

(i.e. "Blessings of Good Health" or "Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah")

Send tribute card to: (Name) _____

(Address) _____

General Fund

Please consider giving to the general fund. This offers the broadest support for the congregation

You may also select from among the following special funds

Programmatic Funds

- Beit Sefer Capital Fund
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- Louis Family Library Fund**
- Youth in Israel Fund**

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- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- Hunger Fund
- Ritual Fund
- Music Fund
- Edward Neidich Campership and Youth Programs Fund

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- Charvin Campership Endowment
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- Rabbi Earl Kaplan Memorial Endowment for Jewish Education

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Temple Beth Israel Scrip Order Form

NOTE: Scrip Orders must be turned into the TBI Office no later than 11:30am on Tuesday in order to receive your scrip by Friday.

Clothing & Accessories	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25.00	10%		
Bloomingdale's	\$25.00	12%		
Burlington Coat Factory	\$25.00	8%		
Famous Footwear	\$25.00	8%		
Foot Locker	\$25.00	9%		
Gap	\$25.00	14%		
Lands' End	\$25.00	16%		
Lane Bryant	\$25.00	8%		
Marshall's	\$25.00	7%		
Men's Wearhouse	\$25.00	8%		
Neiman Marcus	\$50.00	12%		
Old Navy	\$25.00	14%		
Payless Shoes	\$20.00	13%		
Ross Dress For Less	\$25.00	8%		
Stein Mart	\$25.00	7%		
T.J. Maxx	\$25.00	7%		

Department Stores	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
JC Penney	\$25.00	5%		
JC Penney	\$100.00	5%		
Kmart	\$25.00	4%		
Kohl's	\$25.00	4%		
Macy's	\$25.00	10%		
Macy's	\$100.00	10%		
Nordstrom	\$25.00	6%		
Sears	\$25.00	4%		
Target	\$25.00	2.5%		
Target	\$100.00	2.5%		
Walmart	\$25.00	2.5%		
Walmart	\$100.00	2.5%		

Electronics & Office	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Best Buy	\$25.00	4%		
EB Games	\$25.00	3%		
GameStop	\$25.00	3%		
Office Depot/ Office Max	\$25.00	5%		
Staples	\$25.00	5%		

Entertainment	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
AMC Theatres	\$25.00	8%		
Barnes & Noble	\$25.00	9%		
Edwards/ Regal Theatres	\$25.00	8%		
Fandango	\$25.00	4%		
iTunes	\$15.00	5%		

Dining & Fast Food	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Applebee's	\$25.00	8%		
Baja Fresh	\$25.00	7%		
Blaze Pizza	\$25.00	10%		
Buca di Beppo	\$25.00	8%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10.00	8%		
Burger King	\$10.00	4%		
California Pizza Kitchen	\$25.00	8%		
Carl's Jr.	\$10.00	5%		
Cheesecake Factory	\$25.00	5%		
Chili's Grill & Bar	\$25.00	11%		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10.00	10%		
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf	\$25.00	9%		
Cold Stone Creamery	\$10.00	8%		
Dave & Buster's	\$25.00	13%		
Del Taco	\$10.00	7%		
Denny's	\$10.00	7%		
Domino's	\$10.00	8%		
El Pollo Loco	\$10.00	6%		
El Torito	\$25.00	8%		
Flamingo's Steakhouse	\$25.00	8%		
IHOP	\$25.00	8%		
Jack In The Box	\$10.00	4%		
Little Caesar's Pizza	\$20.00	8%		
Macaroni Grill	\$25.00	11%		
Mimi's Café	\$25.00	8%		
Olive Garden	\$25.00	9%		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25.00	8%		
P.F. Chang's China Bistro	\$25.00	8%		
Panda Express	\$25.00	8%		
Panera Bread	\$10.00	9%		
Panera Bread	\$25.00	9%		
Papa John's Pizza	\$10.00	8%		
Pizza Hut	\$10.00	8%		
Red Lobster	\$25.00	9%		
Red Robin	\$25.00	9%		
See's Candy	\$19.90	20%		
See's Candy	\$25.00	9%		
Starbucks	\$10.00	7%		
Starbucks	\$25.00	7%		
Subway	\$10.00	6%		
Subway	\$50.00	6%		
Taco Bell	\$10.00	5%		
TGI Fridays	\$25.00	9%		
Wendy's	\$10.00	4%		
Yard House Restaurant	\$25.00	9%		

Sub Total Page 1:

Gasoline & Auto	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
76 Gasoline	\$25.00	1.5%		
76 Gasoline	\$100.00	1.5%		
Arco	\$50.00	1.5%		
Arco	\$100.00	1.5%		
Arco	\$250.00	1.5%		
Circle K	\$25.00	1.5%		
Mobil/ Exxon	\$50.00	1%		
Mobil/ Exxon	\$250.00	1.5%		
Shell	\$25.00	2%		
Shell	\$100.00	2%		
Autozone	\$25.00	8%		
Jiffy Lube	\$30.00	8%		
Pep Boys	\$20.00	4%		

Specialty Retailer/Gifts	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Babies "R" Us	\$20.00	3%		
Discover Universal Gift Card	\$50.00	1.25%		
Discover Universal Gift Card	\$100.00	1.25%		
Disney	\$25.00	2%		
Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Store	\$25.00	6%		
Michaels	\$25.00	4%		
PetSmart	\$25.00	4%		
Toys "R" Us	\$20.00	3%		
Visa Gift Card	\$50.00	1.25%		
Visa Gift Card	\$100.00	1.25%		

Sporting Goods	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Bass Pro Shops	\$25.00	9%		
Bass Pro Shops	\$100.00	9%		
Big 5 Sporting Goods	\$25.00	8%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25.00	8%		
REI	\$25.00	8%		

Grocery Stores	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Albertsons	\$25.00	4%		
Sam's Club	\$25.00	2.5%		
Smart & Final	\$25.00	3%		
Sprouts Farmers Market	\$25.00	5%		
Sprouts Farmers Market	\$100.00	5%		
Stater Bros. Market	\$25.00	5%		
Stater Bros. Market	\$100.00	5%		
Vons	\$25.00	4%		
Vons	\$100.00	4%		
Whole Foods Market	\$25.00	3%		

Health & Beauty	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Bath & Body Works	\$25.00	13%		
CvS Pharmacy	\$25.00	6%		
GNC	\$25.00	8%		
Rite Aid	\$25.00	4%		
Sephora	\$25.00	5%		
ULTA	\$25.00	4%		
Walgreens	\$25.00	6%		

Home Improvement/Décor	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Ace Hardware	\$25.00	4%		
Ace Hardware	\$100.00	4%		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25.00	7%		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$100.00	7%		
Crate and Barrel	\$25.00	8%		
Home Depot	\$25.00	4%		
Home Depot	\$100.00	4%		
HomeGoods	\$25.00	7%		
Lowes	\$25.00	4%		
Lowes	\$100.00	4%		
Pier 1 Imports	\$25.00	9%		
Pottery Barn	\$25.00	8%		
Williams-Sonoma	\$25.00	8%		

Travel/ Hotels	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Avis Car Rental	\$50.00	8%		
Best Western International	\$25.00	12%		
Budget Car Rental	\$50.00	8%		
Comfort Inn/ Econo Lodge	\$50.00	3%		
Delta Air Lines	\$250.00	4%		
Double Tree by Hilton	\$100.00	2%		
Hampton by Hilton	\$100.00	2%		
Hilton	\$100.00	2%		
Hotels.com	\$100.00	6%		
Princess Cruise Lines	\$100.00	6%		
Royal Caribbean	\$100.00	13%		

Online Shopping	VALUE	%	QTY	TOTAL
Amazon.com	\$25.00	2.5%		
Amazon.com	\$100.00	2.5%		
Groupon.com	\$25.00	7%		
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Overstock.com	\$25.00	8%		
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Here's how it works: 1. Complete the form Chavurah Coordinator will contact you. interests. 5. Enjoy the benefits of belonging to celebrating Simchas together, participating in services together, having a support network during life cycle events, and much more! It's up to you and your Chavurah!



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dedicated to sharing, celebrating and schmearing, this group and has thrived at TBI for more than welcome to join a Chavurah. Whether you are single, become a part of this exciting program. Each activities.

below. 2. Return the form to the TBI office. 3. The 4. You will be matched with a group-based on your a great group! Some of the benefits include: outings as a group, sharing Shabbat dinners and

For more information, please contact the TBI Office at 909-626-1277 or at chavurah@tbipomona.org. Please mail forms to: Temple Beth Israel 3033 North Tawana Avenue, Pomona, CA 91767 or fax to 909-625-3837.

..... Complete Your Form and Join Today!

Today's Date _____ When did you join TBI? _____

What kind of Chavurah do you want to join? Singles Couples Family Seniors

What age group do you prefer? 20's 30's 40's 50's 60's 70's

For families - What are the names, ages and interests of your children?

Name (s) _____ Age (s) _____ Interests _____

Please indicate your interest level in the following activities (Please Check)

Adult Social Activities Low Medium High

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Shabbat/Holiday Observances Low Medium High

Please let us know what interests you! _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Occupation (s) _____

Is anyone interested in joining a Chavurah with you?

Last Name _____ First Name _____

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Beit Midrash Minyan for December

*Saturday, December 21, 2019
in the Beit Midrash*

10:30 am - 12:15 pm Shabbat Morning
Service

- *Another chance to daven (pray) or say Kaddish*



We will read from Vayeishev, and conduct a participative *D'Var Torah* discussion

Kiddush and Seudah immediately following service

Next Beit Midrash Minyan Service: Saturday, January 18, 2020

*The Beit Midrash Minyan meets on the third Saturday of each month in the Beit Midrash, next to the Rabbi's office
For current information, please check <http://www.rabbi Axelrad.new-tzfat.com/minyan.html>*

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