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Temple Beth David

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The Annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner



Saturday February 8, 2014 - 6:00pm



Friday, February 21, 2014 7:30pm

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CIRCLE OF HONOR MEMBERS 2013/2014

SILVER

Robert Altman & Michelle Sandler Gene Broscow & Rachelle Wilson Dr. Aaron & Leslie Kern Neil & Carolyn Kornswiet Dr. Marvin & Evelyn Marshall Charlie & Cathy Niederman Saul & Barbara Zenk

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Daniel & Deborah Lelchuk
Dan & Patti Levin
Eugene & Shirley Ross
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Laurie Schneider
Allan Shubin & Sandy Sobolew-Shubin
Howard & Diane Spielman
Eileen Tobey
Jackie Caplan Wiggins &
Doug Wiggins

We Appreciate You!



February Shabbat Schedule						
Saturday	1	1 9:00am Lay Led Minyan				
Friday	7	5:45pm	2nd/3rd Grade Dinner			
		7:00pm	Family Shabbat Service			
Saturday	8	9:00am	Torah Study			
Friday	14	7:30pm	Shabbat Choir Service			
Saturday	15	9:00am	Lay Led Minyan			
		10:30am	Bat Mitzvah - Gabriel Prunty			
Friday	21	7:30pm	Shabbat ALIVE! Special Program: America the Jewiful			
Saturday	22	9:00am	Lay Led Minyan			
Friday	28	6:15pm	6th & 7th Grade Dinner			
		7:30pm	Shabbat Torah Service			

February Religious School Calendar					
Sunday	2	9:00am	Religious School		
Tuesday	4	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program		
Sunday	9	9:00am	Religious School		
Tuesday	11	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program		
Sunday	16	NO REL	IGIOUS SCHOOL		
Tuesday	18	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program		
Sunday	23	9:00am	Religious School		
			K & 1st Grade Family Class		
Tuesday	27	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program		







A Bat Mitzvah girl wants to wear high heels, Oy Vey!

Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers

February, 2014

"No, you can't wear 3 inch strappy heels for your Bat Mitzvah service!" I exploded. "But Mom, it is my choice!" pleaded my 12 year old daughter. "No it's not! You will not carry our sacred Torah in those shoes!" I screamed back. Sigh. I didn't mean to raise my voice. My emotions are running a bit high as we count off the weeks before my daughter's Bat Mitzvah. There is so much pressure leading up to this Jewish rite of passage. As parents, we want our children to do us proud and read from the Torah. We worry about how they will do as we struggle with the countless details of planning a party. We are stressed over whether to invite distant friends, difficult relatives, and how to feed them all. And then, there is dealing with our budding adolescent who wants to make choices for herself. Sigh. What's a good Jewish parent to do?

Despite all the anxiety, we know that a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is important. It connects us with tradition, Torah, and God. Our grandparents had one, our parents had one, and now it's the next generation's turn. We want our children to maintain this Jewish ritual because it connects them to those who have lived before us. We are linked to a long lineage of Jews going all the way back thousands of years to Abraham and Sarah. There is something so powerful about connecting with the generations and knowing that we are part of Jewish history, living in the present, and planting seeds for the future.

A Bar/Bat Mitzvah service is also about responsibility. Our children are now considered to be Jewish adults who are responsible for following all the commandments of the Torah such as kashrut (Jewish dietary laws), holidays, Shabbat, charity, and learning. In other words, God holds them liable for the choices they make. There is even a prayer a father says in a traditional shul at his son's Bar Mitzvah. It is translated as: "Blessed are you Adonai, our God sovereign of the universe, who has freed me from the punishment due this boy." In other words, the father is thanking God for not holding him responsible for the things his son does or says.

I think we would all like to be relieved of the choices our children make, but they are not so easy to dismiss. We recognize as parents that our children and teenagers still need to be guided to make good decisions. We want them to grow up to be responsible adults, self sufficient, good and caring men and women, and proud Jews. And so we continue to push them to study, do well in school, care about the unfortunate, attend religious school, and ponder the consequences of their actions. Even as they attain Jewish adulthood, we still care about them and love them.

So, how am I to guide my daughter on whether to wear high heels at her Bat Mitzvah service? Yes, on the one hand, she is coming of an age where she can and should make choices both Jewishly and personally. On the other hand, there are consequences for her and others. Well, after I calmed down, we talked. I spoke about how hard it is to stand for hours in heels. Furthermore, walking with the Torah throughout a congregation is difficult even when wearing comfortable shoes. After some dialogue, we compromised. She will wear sparkling, outrageous heels at other events and services, but for her Bat Mitzvah, she will wear shoes that can withstand the hours. Phew, one argument resolved. The days and weeks will go by fast until her Bat Mitzvah arrives. It is my hope that we will be able with the wisdom of our Torah to help guide our daughter to make good decisions for years to come.





Lasting Legacies

Enduring Tributes for Family and Friends

Lasting Legacies are a connection between past, present and future. Your gift can be an opportunity

- To honor and remember family and friends who are respected, appreciated and loved by naming and placing a commemorative plague
- To support Temple Beth David in the present
- To ensure the sustainability of our synagogue for years to come by contributing to the Lasting Legacies Endowment Fund, under the auspices of the Temple Beth David Foundation.

If you are interested in honoring or remembering a family member or friend or would simply like to discuss your donation, please contact Rabbi Myers at rabbimyers@templebethdavid.org or 714-892-6623 ext. 227.

Aaron & Leslie Kern have reserved sanctuary pillar/foyer



Aaron and Leslie Kern have been proud members of TBD since 1992. Having joined initially to provide their children a Jewish education, they watched as they progressed from ECLC and Hebrew School to becoming B'not Mitzvah and then Confirmands. "This Jewish experience has shaped who they have become as adults," said the Kerns. "To this date, both continue to maintain their strong sense of Jewish identity and maintain the Jewish values and ethics learned."

Beyond their own experience, they have observed how TBD has involved the youth and how generations of families have continued to thrive in this warm and accepting environment. "TBD has an unparalleled way

of reaching out to members and the Jewish community that we believe will sustain the Jewish tradition for generations to come," they added.

For Aaron, in particular, who lost his grandparents and uncle in the Holocaust, but whose father is a survivor, the Jewish connectivity is especially strong. "It becomes," he said, "even more important to sustain the Jewish tradition that dates back for thousands of years — to never let the chain be broken and the past never forgotten. A donation of any amount can make a difference, but with our Lasting Legacy gift we are making a commitment that we hope will help TBD grow and sustain itself into the future,"

Have you considered including Temple Beth David in your Estate Planning? If you would like to receive information about including

Temple Beth David in your will or trust, please contact Rabbi Myers at rabbimyers@templebethdavid.org or 714-892-6623 ext. 227.





SISTERHOOD MATTERS!

By Ruth Kramer, Sisterhood President



"Sold Out!" That was the response to our members who were late in getting their RSVP to the organizers of the Sisterhood Fashion Show, Sunday January 12. Over 100 attendees enjoyed a delicious luncheon and fashions from Draper's & Damon's and Rascals to Rebels. Models donned fashions in a variety of sizes suitable for almost any of our ladies and children in a most elegant setting created by a committee chaired by Anne Farber, past president of Sisterhood. All the proceeds will be added to our growing Kitchen renovation fund.

Another exciting event is planned with the



Brotherhood, the Annual Paid-Up Membership Dinner on Saturday, February 9 at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. You will surely feel you are stepping into another culture with a delectable menu of Chinese foods, wine and dessert. This is definitely an event you won't want to miss. All members of Brotherhood and Sisterhood are cordially invited as well as their spouse or guest; however, there is a charge of \$12 to cover the cost in part, of the dinner for those who are not Sisterhood or Brotherhood members. If membership is desired, the \$12 will be applied to the membership dues of \$36. Brotherhood is having their White Elephant auction with chief auctioneer, Paul Prunty. His magnetic laughter and humor will delight all of us to be sure.

At our January meeting we heard an informative report from Cathy Niederman, Jan Klein and Eileen Tobey who has just returned from the Biennial Convention in San Diego.

Nominations for Sisterhood Board positions are now open, chaired by Jackie Hewitt. If you are interested in joining our Board, please contact Jackie to express your interest.

Many of us from Sisterhood will attend the Visions Dinner event at the Long Beach JCC in honoring our own Renée Dorfman who was chosen as our 2014 Woman of Vision. Once again, congratulations to Renée.

Come join Sisterhood – it is a great group of caring, thoughtful and fun-loving women.

Ruth Kramer

Thank yous and kudos to Eileen Tobey, Mulu Harrison and Liz Kleinman who worked diligently and many long hours of cleaning and clearing the kitchen for the recent termite eradication.

They not only cleaned and cleared but eliminated a lot of old unusable items that have been hanging around the kitchen area for many months. We issue our gratitude for keeping "our house" clean and orderly.

Thank you Eileen, Mulu and Liz!





Get to Know the Brotherhood

Scott Telford ~ Brotherhood President



We are a fellowship of men who are members of Temple Beth David. Get to know the Brotherhood if you are a man who cares about Temple Beth David! You can serve as a member of our board or just volunteer for events we organize throughout the year.

The Brotherhood monthly meeting was held the second Thursday of the month. January 9, 2014.

- The Jack Broscow Brotherhood proudly announces it's 2013 Man of The Year, Larry Davidoff! Larry was selected by a committee of former Men of the Year. Larry is recognized for his years of service to Brotherhood including filling the positions of Publicity Chairman and Membership VP. The Man of the Year dinner will be on March 1st at Temple Hillel in Valley Village. Please RSVP by February 21, 2014.
- The Brotherhood Shabbot on January 10th
 was a wonderful success. Special thanks
 to Religious Practices Chair Max
 Sudakow and our rabbinic intern, Aaron
 Sataloff, who was our speaker for the
 service. He has been voted an honorary
 member of the Brotherhood and is
 anxious to help support us.
- The Brotherhood is once again serving at the religious school Shabbat dinners.
 Special thanks to Charlie Neiderman and Jeff LeBoff who joined me on Friday, January 24Th. The Brotherhood will also help out on February 7th, 28th and April 4Th
- Our celebrated annual "Texas Hold-Em"
 Tournament was held on January 26th!
 Ways & Means Chair, Jerrold Korn,
 worked hard to make this event once again a great one. Thanks to Culinary
 Chair Lee Netzer and to Howard Tobey for those great French Dip Sandwiches!
- The paid-up dinner is coming up February 8th. In coordination with the Sisterhood, the theme this year will be the Far East. Catering will be Chinese. Once again, our resident auctioneer, Paul Prunty, has agreed to make an appearance. RSVP's should be into Edie Mino or Elaine Netzer by February 2nd.

Check out the Megillah or website for more details.

- Brotherhood participation in the Dining Delight program is in full swing. Gene Broscow is setting up a Dining Delight at the Gourmet Café for February 10 or 11. Jerrold will set-up Dining Delights at TGIF on April 8 and Long Boards on June 9.
- Our Feb. 23 brunch will be a discussion of the different kinds of Judaism. Rabbi Myers put together a panel consisting of a Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Rabbi to compare and contrast the different sects of our religion. Come prepared to learn and ask questions.
- The Yom Hashoah candles have been ordered. Each year the Brotherhood orders candles for the Temple Beth David congregation. The Brotherhood will be needing volunteers to help put the candle packages together. If interested, please contact me.

The next Brotherhood meeting will be on Thursday February 13, 2014! These meetings are open and all brotherhood members as well as any men interested in learning more about the Brotherhood are welcome to attend.

Scott Telford, Brotherhood President



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Early Childhood Learning Center

Temple Beth David ECLC

by Vanessa Johnson

We have a busy February planned in the Early Childhood Learning Center. Susan's class is busy creating their very own version of the

popular Brown Bear Book. The children are actively learning all their colors and identifying animals as they paint and recite each page. Yellow ducks and white dogs have never looked so cute. In the upcoming weeks they will learn about shapes using songs and flannel board stories to support the concepts. They'll bake round pizzas, triangle quesadillas and rectangle brownies. The children will each make their own shape books, using representations of objects familiar to them. The crescent shape is a banana, the square a Hanukkah present and the oval an egg.

My class just finished their weather unit.



The children recorded the weather for 2 weeks and found that sunny days are the most common. They have also been learning about winter and snow activities. The alphabet unit has been tremendous fun. The children have been introduced to our Zoo-phonics program and every week they are exposed to a different letter. Each week the children cut, paint, and recollect words and items that begin with each letter. From cutting Cs and turning them into chameleons to doing egg experiments for E week, the fun didn't just stop after F week. The children will continue to add a new page to their alphabet books as we continue with each letter.



April's Pre-Kindergarten class will create a huge dragon, big enough for her entire class to fit under, and parade through the school and outdoor area for Chinese New Year. They'll learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and even Punxsutawney Phil's predictions for spring. The Pre-K'ers will continue working on their handwriting and reading skills and keep daily weather journals. They have begun their writing journals with their own creatively soundedout words. The children illustrate these journals from their own stories and they are a joy to read.



Tune in next month for preschool Purim preparation.

B'Shalom

Vanessa



SEND A MAZELGRAM TO A FRIEND

Sisterhood will send a Birthday or Anniversary greeting in your name

March Birthdays

3	Vida Delshad	11	Marilyn Kramer	18	Alma Herman	24	Judy Turner
3	Genya Kivelsky	11	Marv Marshall	18	Mickey Lewin	25	David Brenneman
4	Lonnie Pinkham	11	David Metz	18	Sharon D. Matalon (Larry)	26	Martin Auslander
4	Rachelle Wilson	12	Elizabeth Kleinman	19	Annette Helfman	26	David Smith
6	Mary Treiger	13	Mary Makler	19	Adam Korobkin	27	Robin Baroway
7	Lynne Horn	14	Kimberly Baldwin	20	Kathie Sadeghian	27	Mitch Mann
7	Marvin Warren	14	Susan Goodman	21	Judy Karmon	27	Arline Polley
8	David Franco	15	Cheron Bartee	21	Charlie Niederman	28	Robert Blum
8	Lois-Ellen Gold	16	Gene Broscow	21	Alex Umlas	29	Jean Auslander
8	Robert Stein	17	Guadalupe Gamarnik	22	Kim Greenfield	29	Linda Krieger
9	Gloria Mayer	17	Phyllis Postman	22	Janine Pasternak	30	Toby Brown
10	Matt Paretsky	18	Nancy Bigley	23	Lee Miller	30	Daniel Lelchuk
		18	Alex Bogomolny	23	Joshua Resnick	30	Kathy Palmquist

March Anniversaries

- 3 Frederic & Karen Duclos
- 18 Mark & Lori Dunham
- 19 Jon & Marcela Alban
- 19 Dana & Mitch Mann
- 25 Lee & Elaine Netzer

- 26 Bert & Sandra Green
- 28 Howard & Crystal Bushinsky
- 30 Abraham & Matilde Gutman
- 30 David & Helene Miller

Circle as many names as you wish and send this page together with 75¢ per greeting to:

Renée Dorfman

4764 Elder Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740

Did we forget someone you know? Any corrections or suggestions, please contact Renée (562) 598-9317 or dorfstein1@gmail.com

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Send this	greeting from:			
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	** Please	make checks payable to TBD	Sisterhood **	



Gabriel Prunty - February 15, 2014



Gabriel Myers Prunty, daughter of Rabbi Nancy Myers and Paul Prunty, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on February 15, 2014 at Temple Beth David. Gabriel is a softball player and an A student at Oak Middle school in Los Alamitos. For her mitzvah project, she collected money and items to send care packages to soldiers serving in Afghanistan this past year.





Temple Member SPOTLIGHT: Eugene and Shirley Ross



~ written by Elliot Semmelman

Shirley had been on a work-study program for a year in Israel after graduating high school and when she came back to the United States she told her parents that she was seriously thinking of making aliyah (immigrating) to Israel. Her mother was aghast at the notion and came up with a plan. She started asking all her friends and acquaintances if they knew of a nice Jewish boy for Shirley to meet in the hopes that it would keep her here in the states. The plan worked flawlessly! One of her business acquaintances gave her Eugene's phone number and the 2 went out, were married 5 months later, and 52 years later, are this month's member spotlight.

Eugene was born in Budapest, Hungary and lived there for 8 years before immigrating to the United States. This was before World War II and although he doesn't remember any overt anti-semitism as a child, his father knew that things were only getting worse for the Jews in Europe and decided to try leaving for the United States where they had an aunt who could sponsor them. After 9 years of living in New York City, the family moved to Florida but stayed for only 1 year before moving out west, because, as his mother put it, "there was just too much of everything, heat, bugs..."

Shirley grew up in the Beverly-Fairfax area of Los Angeles and attended Fairfax High School. She remembers her step-father dragging her from one Orthodox store-front shul (*shtiebel*) to another while her mother was as irreligious as a person could be. Out of this very mixed-message Jewish upbringing, she managed to follow her friends to Hebrew school and went all the way through confirmation at Congregation Shaarei T'filah. In fact, the only time her mother ever set foot inside a temple was to attend her confirmation ceremony.

Eugene and Shirley joined Temple Beth David in 1995 when their youngest daughter wanted to be married at a local temple. The family had been members of Temple Akiba in Culver City (outside Los Angeles) for many years but had moved to Long Beach and were also looking for a local temple to belong to. Cantor Lisa Sharlin officiated the wedding and after attending several wonderful services the couple decided to join. "It's a very



warm welcoming group of people that make up the congregation," says Shirley. "We are not overly ritually observant but we have a very strong identity as Jews." One of

their daughters, Linda Patton, is also a member of TBD with her family and recently celebrated her daughter's Bat Mitzvah at TBD.

Shirley has sat on the TBD board, served as the Temple Treasurer, and is currently Sisterhood Treasurer. She is also on the TBD Lasting Legacy Committee where she is involved with the Lasting Legacy Endowment at the TBD Foundation. For her work in Sisterhood, she has been honored with the TBD Sisterhood Woman of Merit Award.

Both Eugene and Shirley earned their bachelor degrees in business from UCLA (they attended at different times) and both became CPA's. Eugene has worked as a CFO and controller for several companies. He also developed his own practice which worked out very nicely. Shirley has focused on tax work exclusively during her career. She became a partner at a tax firm in Beverly Hills. Both are retired now although Shirley continues to do some part-time tax work.

Eugene and Shirley are very active in their community. He sits on the Long Beach Senior Citizen Housing Board and she is past treasurer and past president of the Long Beach Jewish Federation and the Long Beach Jewish Community Foundation. She still sits on their boards.

When they're not spending time with their two children and two grandchildren (they live exactly 2 ½ miles from each family), they love to travel either abroad or travel hopping into their RV going across the United States.

The Ross's enjoy a wonderful life together and we're happy for them that TBD is a part of that life.

CHAVURAH SPOTLIGHT

~ written by Keri Gee Semmelman

This month we feature a Chavurah that began about 8 years ago comprised of members with adult children. All but one member are retired and they primarily get together to socialize. They meet every other month and host in alphabetical order by name.

Enjoyable outings have included musicals and plays, brunches at the Yacht Club and restaurants, museums, barbecues, and a favorite was harbor cruises on a member's boat. A common sentiment in the group is that more important than the event is being in the company of one another. Even after one couple moved to Laguna Woods, the other members have made sure to travel that way for gatherings.

Rather than cancel a gathering, if the host can no longer do it another member offers to host so they continue to meet regularly.

Current members include: Ted & Linda Cohen, Anne Farber, Mel & Jeannie Keleman, Phyllis Postman, Sidney & Sondra Melnick, and Eugene & Shirley Ross.

▼ In memory of Bob Postman and Ed Farber

"The Chavurah is there for you in good and bad times. They gave me a lot of helpful support during the recent passing of my husband Ed. For that I am very grateful for this very caring group." ~ Anne Farber





More past and present photos of this group and spotlights and photos of all the other Chavurahs will soon be available on the Temple Website at:

www.templebethdavid.org/chavurah/

What is a Chavurah?

One of the many benefits of Temple membership is to be part of a Chavurah — a group of usually about 8 to 20 people with similar backgrounds or interests.

The group defines its own schedule most gather once a month and enjoy all kinds of festivities. Some are purely social while others also delve into Jewish topics for shared learning. It's a special way to make lifelong friends.

We will soon begin a couple of new Chavurahs. If you've filled out the interest form, we'll be in touch with you very soon.

For others interested in being in a Chavurah, please let Membership Committee Member Claudia Geller know by emailing her at gellerclaudia@aol.com or filling out the

Chavurah Interest Form.

ARZA By Charlie Niederman Association of Reform Zionists of America





There is little being reported on the peace negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians which on balance leaves a pessimistic outlook about the results of the months of negotiators meetings. There is some minor progress in negotiations between Women of the Wall and the Israeli government in providing an egalitarian area in which they can pray, but nothing is final. The news from Israel is slow enough that one of the lead articles in the Jewish Telegraph reports that Prime Minister Netanyahu's 23 year old son is dating a Norwegian woman who is not Jewish. The leader of the Haredi Orthodox Party, Shas, told the Haredi radio station, "Woe is us if this is true." With the news currently this slow we have a chance to explore just what the mission of ARZA is and how it connects our Reform movement to Israel and the Progressive / Reform movement there.

The mission of ARZA as taken from its website is:

- ARZA strengthens and enriches the Jewish identity of Reform Jews in the United States by ensuring that a connection with Eretz Yisrael is a fundamental part of that identity.
- ARZA develops support for and strengthens the Reform movement in Israel and promotes advocacy for a Jewish, pluralistic, just and democratic society in the State of Israel.
- ARZA links the people and institutions of the Reform Movements in Israel and the United States, informed by a love of Israel and a belief in K'lal Yisrael Jewish peoplehood.

ARZA works in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), and their affiliates. ARZA represents United States Reform Jews in national and international Zionist organizations.

ARZA carries out its mission by education and conducting development campaigns that support the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. It

encourages travel to Israel. Its travel service is the tour group that our Temple is using for the Israel trip in March. ARZA builds relationships between Reform individuals and communities in the US and Israel. It advocates for Israel as a pluralistic, democratic, Jewish state and it represents US Reform Jews in the World Zionist Organization.

It is in its role as representative that we will hear much from ARZA this year, as it works to get Reform Jews to vote for the Reform delegation to the World Zionist Congress. That delegation's size will be proportional to the number of votes it gets. We will need as many votes as possible to ensure that the American Reform delegation and the coalitions that it forms at the World Zionist Congress in 2015 can influence the allocation of the millions of dollars from Jews worldwide insuring progressive and pluralistic groups get their fair share so that Israel may fulfill the goals of its Declaration of Independence.

Charlie Niederman





Celebrating Temple Beth David Membership

-by Keri Gee Semmelman, VP-Membership



Welcoming Our Newest Members!

We celebrate 31 new families that have joined Temple Beth David during this past program year!

We continue to warmly welcome guests to learn about our synagogue and invite them to join.

Please share with us if you know anyone looking to join a local Temple.

We'll offer them a tour and the opportunity to learn what makes our Temple and congregants so special! For those who join at this time, membership is prorated since our program year is now half over.

TBD Members are Meaningful ♥ Musical ☼ Memorable

A Memorable Member's Moment...

At the end of every Friday night Shabbat service, our temple does something that always chokes me up with pure joy, peace, and pride for the Jewish people and for our congregation. All the congregants join together from all our rows, arm-in-arm, many moving to the beat of the music, singing with the Rabbi and Cantor a closing song. To experience such unity is truly beautiful. I know not every synagogue does this. I'm so grateful that our treasured Temple Beth David has this as part of our family tradition.

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

The Launch of a New Initiative! Parents and Kids (teens too) and Grandparents are invited to... (click here for flier)



Sun., March 2 (after rel. school/choir) - Family Fun Meeting (adults/kids share your ideas, nosh, play) **Sat., May 3** - Family Fun Night (games, schmoozing, nosh) Parents/Grandparents & kids of all ages! A special thank you to fellow member Perry Goldstein who is helping us get this going!

Also...coming soon—enjoy the all-new "Kids Korner" at the Feb. 21st Synaplex!

Bringing Back a Tradition... Dinner with Strangers, Dessert with Friends

On **Saturday evening**, **April 26**, all adult congregants will have the opportunity to get to know one another during dinners at the homes of fellow congregants. The host will provide the main course with guests bringing the side dishes and drinks. Our Membership Committee will divide up congregants (couples will remain together, of course!) so as to help you meet as many new people as possible. Following, all dinner attendees will come together at the temple for Havdalah, desserts, and entertainment. So far we thankfully have 3 host homes (Jerricks, Kriegers, Gellers). Based on how many congregants wish to attend, we will most likely need more homes so please let us know if you'd be willing to host.

Event RSVP by March 21 - Temple Office (714) 892-6623 or to kerigee1@aol.com (that's the #1 not an "L"). Be sure to provide first/last name(s) of attendees. By April 1st, you will receive confirmation of what home will be warmly welcoming you and additional information.



Your Membership Committee:

Claudia Geller, Karen Hertz, Ellen Korn, Justine Krieger, Linda Krieger, Arlen Pantel, McKenzie Pantel, Keri Gee Semmelman, Andrea Tabor, Yehuda Treiger, Joseph Truscello. (With the wonderful help from Kim and Edie in the Temple Office. Thank You!)

Celebrating our Newest Temple Members

The Annual New Member Welcome Reception January 25, 2014 ~ A night to remember!



Recently, 25 of our new members enjoyed meeting some longtime temple members and staff, as well as one another, during a spirited ice breaker and social. Our Temple President share a poem he had written about Temple Beth David which led to quite an applause. (See poem below.) The Rabbi delivered a wonderful D'var Torah and answered many interesting questions during the "Ask the Rabbi" activity. The Sisterhood and Brotherhood Presidents warmly welcomed new members to upcoming events. The youth in attendance paraded around the house which brought many smiles! The Cantor added her soulful touch as we sang together many songs. The Havdalah ceremony concluded with everyone arm-in-arm in a friendship circle singing "You've Got a Friend." The look on people's faces — some with tears in their eyes—said it all. The true test of a gathering is what happens once it is over. The socializing continued for quite awhile. Some new members expressed wanting to join a Chavurah, others offered to help raise money for the Sisterhood Kitchen Fund, and some volunteered to join committees. There was much laughter and hugging. And, of course noshing! We could not have done it without the help of everyone on the Membership Committee. Truly a night to remember!

Thank You from a New Member

"Thank you so much for your hospitality, warm welcome, and the chance to meet some new friends." We had a very nice evening with the members of the Temple Beth David family. We hope to spend many years together getting to know the Temple and its members." - Dan & Judy Karmon

What does TBD have to offer?

- written by Temple President Aaron Kern

A WARM WELCOME We have Brotherhood and Sisterhood as well as our Choir. You could join a Chavurah if that's your heart's desire.

> Friday night services are varied to account for everyone's needs. There's also Saturday Minyan which Larry Matalon leads.

The Chanukah and Purim Carnivals are always lots of fun. There are many Adult Education classes so the learning is never done.

Our Cantor has a gifted voice and the choir she does lead. Our Rabbi is truly great with kids and is there during our times of need.

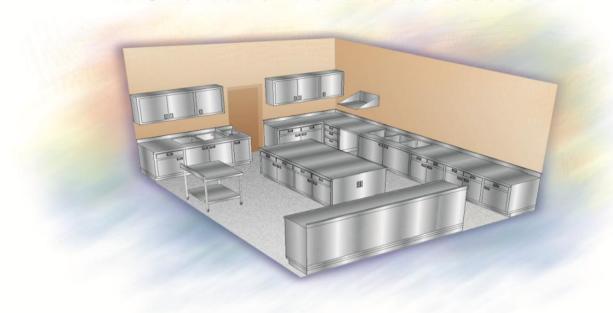
Don't miss the second night Seder — it's a really yummy deal Of which I will remind you during my Yom Kippur appeal.

The children are very well taught in Cheder—Hebrew School. Watch them grow and become B'nai Mitzvah — it's really very cool.

There are just so many activities — you will have to pick and choose Which for you is the best way, to continue being Jews.



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The 2,500 books in the Temple Beth David Library are mostly very old. Pre 1970. I would like to add much newer books to the collection and weed out a lot of the oldest books. To do this I need your help. Please consider giving a donation to the Wendy Sheckman Library fund to purchase newer books or please donate Judaica books and DVD's newer than 1990 or 2000. Please no falling apart books as I have no way to fix them. I would like to make the library a place you want to use. Please help me do that.

Sincerely Michelle Sandler Temple Beth David Librarian



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Jeff LeBoff and Jan Klein will share information on costs and Shiva minyan.



Thursday February 6, 2014 7:00-9:00pm Temple Beth David 6100 Hefley Street, Westminster, CA 92683

For more information or to RSVP, please call or email Temple Beth David

(714) 892-6623 or templebethdavid.org

Robin Harrison

or

(714) 727-9430 or robinharrison64@gmail.com

The entire community is welcome to attend.

Please RSVP by Sunday February 2, 2014

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Tuesday February 11, 2014 7:00am-9:00pm

Bring this flyer and Gourmet Cafe will donate 20% of your entire purchase to support

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Friday, February 21, 2014 7:30pm

- Enjoy American Patriotic music integrated into our Shabbat Service
- The Motzi will be in the foyer
- Grab your goodies and join us for a special program in the Social Hall.
- Professor Donald Schwartz will present a special Power Point Presentation on the theme of the evening!
- . Kid's Korner Fun for kids of ALL ages!!

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Rabbi Joel Berman, of Temple Beth Emet, representing the Conservative movement

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<u>Rabbi Nancy Myers</u>, representing the Reform movement.

Sunday February 23, 2014 - 10:00am

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Brunch reservations made by February 21, \$12.00 - adults / \$5.00 - children. After February 21 - \$15.00 - adults / \$7.00 - children

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 @ 6:30 PM



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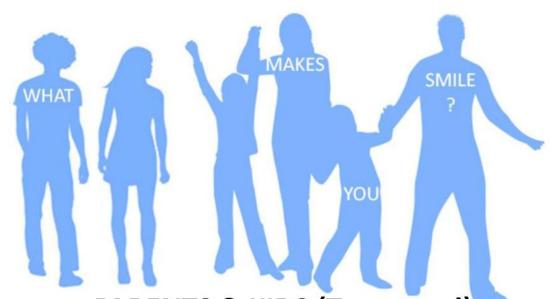
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PARENTS & KIDS (Teens too!)

You are Invited to a

Family Fun Meeting!

Sunday, March 2, 2014, *12 noon

on Temple Beth David Patio

to help launch Temple Beth David's Family-Friendly Initiative

*11:30 a.m. - Socialize/Snacks
12 noon - Meeting Begins (right after youth choir practice)
By 1 p.m. - Fun Kid/Adult Closing Activity

- Come hear exciting plans for all-new family activities hosted by your Temple
- Suggest activities & themes for Saturday "Family Fun Nights" and Sunday afternoon gatherings
- Offer ideas for group activities for parents who hang out at Temple while kids are in class
- Hey kids ...we want to hear your ideas too!

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 23rd to

Keri Gee Semmelman, Temple Membership Committee (714) 724-2221 • Kerigee1@aol.com (that's a #1, not an "L")





TBD Sisterhood invites you to

Make a Difference By Supporting SPIN!

SPIN, Serving People in Need, was founded in 1987 by individuals who wanted to help the homeless of Orange County. SPIN is committed to giving people a hand-up, not a hand-out, enabling families leaving emergency shelter programs to become self-sufficient by providing needed support services. In 2006 (the most recent stats available), 85% of SPIN's clients were successful in becoming self-sufficient and independent of all public support. Many times clients come to SPIN without food or hygiene items. SPIN's warehouse helps to supplement families and individual clients. SPIN's volunteers also conduct a Street Services Project, delivering food, hygiene kits and much more to the homeless on the street. There are 35,000 homeless in Orange County and almost 70% are families.

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Please Also Join Us for Sisterhood's Second Social Action Sunday March 9th, 9:30-11:30 am

We will be assembling Tube Sock hygiene kits and making chocolate kiss roses for homeless moms for Mother's Day. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to attend.

Refreshments will be served. Questions and RSVP to socialaction@templebethdavid.org.



Social Action

Do you have a college student living on campus? Would you like to share the *Joy of Purim* with your student? If so, Sisterhood would be happy to send a small taste of "Home-entashen" for Purim. Help us let



these kids know we're thinking of them. Just send me your student's information - name and mailing address at school - and we'll do the rest. Of course this works best if your student is on campus for Purim, to receive the package.

Thank you,

Sisterhood Social Action Chair

Debbie Lelchuk (my contact info is in the directory)





Iw Remembrance
We note with sadness the recent passing of...

Leonard Hirsch
father of Caryn, Anita & Linda, who passed away on January 14, 2014

Lillian Gorinson
beloved aunt of Lynne Horn, great aunt of Kim
Baldwin, Paul Horn & Jeff Horn, who passed away on January 12, 2014 January 12, 2014

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Come to the office and look through the green basket sitting on the counter. If you find yourself in it, the picture(s) is yours!

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If you have any unused Temple Beth David envelopes, please feel free to drop them off at the TBD office and we will gladly reuse them.

Thank you!

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The temple office buys a lot of office supplies. If you have any office supply store coupons, discount cards, or e-mail sales advertisements, please share them with our office to help cut costs.

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Please make sure they are valid dates and not expired

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- Allan Pogrund for editing the Megillah
- Gloria Schwartz for ongoing office support & preparation for Shabbat services
 - Millie Vogel for all her help with Shabbat preparation
 - Dave Matalon for office paper-recycling



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February 2014



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2 8:00am Blood Drive 9:00am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 9:00am Religious School	3 7:15pm Choir	4 4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program 5:00pm Grief Support	7:30pm Israel Trip Meeting	7:00pm Preparing for the End	7 5:15pm 2nd & 3rd Grade Dinner 7:00pm Family Shabbat Service	8 9:00am Torah Study 6:00pm Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Paid up Dinner
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