

Tevet ~ Shevat 5774

January, 2014





January 12, 2014 - 11:30am
TBD SOCIAL HALL
\$25.00 per person

See inside for more details!

### SEVENTH ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM



**Poker Tournament** 

This year's tournament is dedicated to the memory of Ed Farber & Bob Postman

Sunday, January 26, 2014 - 11:00am

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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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Steve & Shirley Kahn
Jan Klein

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Daniel & Deborah Lelchuk
Dan & Patti Levin
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Richard & Deanne Ruby
Laurie Schneider
Allan Shubin & Sandy Sobolew-Shubin
Howard & Diane Spielman
Eileen Tobey
Jackie Caplan Wiggins &
Doug Wiggins

### We Appreciate You!



January Shabbat Schedule						
Friday	3	7:00pm	Family Shabbat Service			
Saturday	4	9:00am	Lay Led Minyan			
Friday	10	7:30pm	Brotherhood Shabbat Service			
Saturday	11	9:00am	Torah Study			
Friday	17	7:30pm	Shabbat ALIVE!			
Saturday	18	·	Lay Led Minyan			
Friday	24	6:30pm	4th & 5th Grade Shabbat Dinner			
		7:30pm	Shabbat Torah Service			
Saturday	25	9:00am	Lay Led Minyan			
Friday	31	7:30pm	Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"			

January Religious School Calendar							
Sunday	5	9:00am	Religious School Resumes				
Tuesday	7	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program				
Sunday	12	9:00am	Religious School 2nd Grade FamilyClass				
Tuesday	14	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program				
Sunday	19	NO REL	IGIOUS SCHOOL				
Tuesday	21	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program				
Sunday	26	9:00am	Religious School				
Tuesday	27	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program				





### I hate crying

Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers

January, 2014

I really do. I hate crying so much that I avoid dramatic movies even if they won many Oscars. I never read sad books. I avoid telling heart wrenching tales. And yet, and yet, I am still moved. There are times when I hear our Bnei Mitzvah students read their prayers or Torah verses well, I hear parents' words to their child, or someone speaks at a funeral, that I have to look down. As I struggle to compose myself, I know that as a rabbi, it's my job to hold things together. I am anchored by the weight of making sure our services, holidays, and life cycles are a meaningful experience for our congregants and guests. And so I just buck up. The weight of responsibility keeps me tethered to the prayers, dvar, and speeches on hand.

I am going to confess something to you. The thing I'm most afraid of during my daughter's Bat Mitzvah is not her ability to read the prayers, the aliyot she will master, the content of her dvar torah, nor the details of her party. She is studying even though I have to remind her to do so. We have a lot of work ahead with the arrangements for our out of town family and guests. Our house is an ongoing construction disaster; however, I'm not losing sleep over it. I am really worried about my ability to hold things together as the rabbi while still being a mom.....

You may not know this but many of you are my role models. You have deftly expressed your pride to your children, heartfelt words at funerals, baby namings, and weddings. I see the power of your words and tears and how they convey the love and pride you feel. You have been teaching me that if tears of love come, they only demonstrate the strength of our relationships.

For Paul and me, we both treasure our relationships with our family, friends, and community. Even now as I count my blessings in being a mother, wife, friend, and rabbi, I feel tears of gratitude.

I feel honored to be able to share our lives with you and to be part of a loving community. By the way, everyone who is a member of Temple Beth David is invited to our daughter Gabriel Myers Prunty's Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Feb. 15 starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be a light luncheon afterwards but we really need you to RSVP to our front office. I would feel terrible if there wasn't enough food. Now that will really keep a Jewish mother up at night, oy vey! We know how busy everyone is and absolutely no one should feel obligated but we want you to know that you are welcome.

I really do hate crying but maybe it's time for me to acknowledge that as much as I'm a rabbi, I'm still a parent. I feel the concern, worry, pride, and joy of any mom. Maybe instead of anchoring myself to responsibility at my daughter's Bat Mitzvah, I should just focus on blessings. And if tears come, I will be grateful for an amazing daughter and son, a great family, loving friends, and wonderful community.

Rabbi Mancymyus





### President's Message

I wish to personally extend a Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you. There are so many wonderful things happening at Temple Beth David and I can never say enough about the dedication of your Board of Directors.

First, on behalf of the Board, I am pleased to announce that Rabbi Myers has signed a new available contract and will continue her leadership at Temple Beth David for the next five years. Rabbi Myers maintains a very strong, positive relationship with the Board and continues to demonstrate deep, personal interest in maintaining the integrity of Program. Temple Beth David. Rabbi Myers has continued to seek ways to build stronger ties with congregants, promote growth of membership and, through Lasting Legacy, provide for the long term financial integrity of help sust of our synagogue. Please join me in extending Rabbi to come. a well-deserved Mazel Tov!

Thanks to Keri Gee Semmelman and the Membership Committee, Steve Harris (Publication Committee), the Board, the Rabbi and many others, our membership continues to grow! To continue this trend, we all need to remember that membership growth depends on each and every one of us — to reach out and make personal connections - to maintain the warm, welcoming environment for which we are so well recognized. If you see someone standing alone at an oneg or other event, please reach out, introduce yourself and make that person feel welcome!

In addition to strengthening our membership, our youth program has been greatly enhanced by the addition of our rabbinic intern, Aaron Sataloff. Initiated by Rabbi Myers, Terry Krieger and Elliott Fein, this is keeping our youth more engaged in Jewish activities.

But wait! There's more.....Our Kitchen Committee is working hard on planning a new kitchen, the new security doors are now complete as is the improved outdoor lighting. The social hall floor has been cleaned. Our synagogue is looking very nice indoors and out.

We do have some upcoming expenses that must be addressed...a termite infestation

which will require tenting the entire synagogue and repair/repaving the parking lot. After the Board has reviewed multiple bids on these projects, contractors will be selected. Updates will be provided when available. Your support for these additional expenditures will be greatly appreciated.

Last but not least, my wife, Leslie and I, are proud to announce our contribution to the Lasting Legacy Program. We believe in supporting the values promoted by Temple Beth David and in sustaining the Jewish Community. If you feel the same way, please consider becoming a part of Lasting Legacy to help sustain our synagogue and Jewish life for years to come.

B'Shalom,

Aaron Kern



### **SISTERHOOD MATTERS!**

By Ruth Kramer, Sisterhood President



Now that the New Year has begun, Sisterhood is anticipating an exciting year with the coming of the **Kitchen Renovation** moving forward to completion this summer and a calendar to include our Fashion Show in January, the annual Paid-Up Dinner with Brotherhood in February, Sisterhood Shabbat and the Purim Carnival in March, culminating with our Donor Luncheon in June. All donations to the Kitchen Renovation Fund are eligible for Donor Credit.



One very important event was held on Sunday morning December 9, the preparation of 50 "Healing Art Boxes" for children 5-14 years old who are experiencing hardships such as death of a loved one, homelessness, divorce, military deployments of parents, chronic illness and economic hardships. Each box represented \$20 worth of art supplies that were donated by Sisterhood members to provide these tools of expression and connection. Our Social Action Chair, Debbie Lelchuk, organized this project and we thank her and the folks pictured above and others who participated in this worthy project.

If you haven't already made your reservation for the Fashion Show on Sunday January 12, you will want to do that ASAP as this event is expected to sell out. The show will feature a catered luncheon and fashions from Draper's and Damon's for the ladies and Rascals and Rebels for the kids. A paid ticket of \$25 per person is your reservation or you can be a sponsor for \$100 and receive a complimentary ticket.

"Maintaining Good Health Practices" will be the topic of a Sisterhood program on Thursday, January 30, from 7-9p.m. in the Social Hall. The cost will be \$5 per person. Watch for further information on how to reserve your spot at this interesting program.

Our next Dining Delight will be held at Katella's Deli on January 13. A portion of your check provides a generous donation from Katella to the Sisterhood.

Ruth Kramer





### 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. December 12, 2013.

- The Brotherhood Shabbot is coming up January 10th. Religious Practices Chair Max Sudakow said that our Rabbinic intern, Aaron Sataloff, will be the speaker for the service. He is eager to participate in Brotherhood. Max is working on the service. He will also coordinate with Nancy Linder since this is a choir night service.
- Look for our celebrated annual "Texas Hold-Em Tournament coming January 26th! Ways & Means Chair, Jerrold Korn said that this year will be even better.
- 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. Lee Netzer will look into the
  catering. Look for more information
  forthcoming.
- Brotherhood participation in the Dining Delight program is in full swing. Jerrold Korn said that he will put together an event for February 10th & 11th at Longboards @ Springdale & Warner. Garry Plotkin will contract Preveza for April.
- Our Feb. 23 brunch will be a discussion of the different kinds of Judaism. Rabbi Myers will facilitate putting together a panel consisting of a Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Rabbis to compare and contrast the different sects of our religion. Come prepared to learn and ask questions.
- The final Brotherhood Brunch before Mother's Day, "Jews in Baseball" program will be moved up a week, to

March 30th. This is because the original date conflicts with annual the Walk to End Genocide at Mile Square Park.

• The Yom Hashoah candles have been ordered. Each year the Brotherhood orders candles for the Temple Beth David congregation. Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is on April 27th. 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 January 9, 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



# Temple Beth David Early Childhood Learning Center

### **Temple Beth David ECLC**

by Vanessa Johnson

I hope everyone had as warm and joyful a Chanukah as we did in the Early Childhood Learning

Center. Our Family Chanukah Night



was on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The children sang the Chanukah songs that they've been practicing for weeks. They were so excited to be singing in front of their families, wearing their handmade dreidel head bands. After the concert, the preschoolers gave their parents gifts-snow globes they had made with their picture inside. We all shared delicious Chanukah treats and the parents, teachers and extended families got to schmooze for a while, something we never have enough time for. These occasions when we all get together as a preschool community are so special for everyone involved. We've watched participation grow each year till now, when we have virtually a hundred percent attendance.

We're looking forward to our 2 week Winter Break and coming back refreshed and ready for more learning, painting and mischief making. The teachers and I invite you to visit the preschool website (ocpreschool.org) and see for yourselves all the learning and growing that's happening here right under our own roof.

B'Shalom,

Vanessa





### **Adult Education**

### Robin Harrison

After a delightful Hanukkah, and restful December, Rabbi Myers and I will continue to offer an interesting calendar of events for the month of January.

- Rabbi Myers continues her always-enlightening Torah Study on January 11<sup>th</sup>, as well as Lunch and Learn on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Adult B'nei Mitzvah class continues in January, with Larry Matalon.
- AdultED is scheduling a visit to The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also have lunch at Factor's Famous Deli, two blocks away. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP at 714-727-9430, or Temple Beth David, 714-892-6623, by January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Robin Harrison- robinharrison64@gmail.com





### **Publicity**

### Food, Fun, Games of Chance, Socializing, and Learning Make the First Month a Great Start for 2014 at Temple Beth David



Steve Harris

As we begin our second annual new year celebration (*Rosh Hashanah being the first*), Temple Beth David will be providing its members with a variety of events and activities that makes the first chapter in its 2014 *Road to Judaism* something to remember.

The women and young ladies of our temple will enjoy **Sisterhood's Fashion Show and Luncheon on January 12th at 11:30 am** in our Social Hall. They are providing a delightful presentation displaying the current couture trends by *Draper and Damon's* and another from *Rascals and Rebels* for kids. **Contact Anne Farber at (714) 846-1591 or Mickey Lewin at (714) 848-8835 to make your reservations.** *Couple this with a wonderful luncheon and you won't want to miss it.* 

Hold your appetite for **January 13th Temple's Brotherhood and Sisterhood's Event at Katella Deli** (4470 Katella Ave. in Los Alamitos). Bring your family, friends, and colleagues with the flyer that is found in **Shavua Tov** and both temple groups will receive a 20% contribution from the restaurant. *Enjoying your corn beef, pastrami, kosher pickles, and matzoh ball soup on that day will truly be a mitzvah!!* 

Starting on **Thursday, January 2** (and continuing through January 9, 16, 23) from 10:30 until noon, California State University Professor Emeritus Dr. Donald Schwartz will be providing a series of lectures on the topic *The United States and the Middle-East* for a \$30.00 fee. It will focus on the relationship of the U.S. with the countries in the Middle-Eastern region.

On Sunday, January 26th, starting at 11:00 am, our Temple's Brotherhood will be offering games of chance, food (featuring *Howies Famous French Dip Sandwiches*!), prizes, and fun at their Seventh Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament for \$25.00 with everything included!! Reservations are a must so contact Jerrold Korn at (714) 897-1002 to RSVP by January 14 (which will allow you a \$10.00 rebuy) or by January 24th to attend.

**Tuesday, January 28th** in our Temple's parking lot at 9:00 am (returning by 5:00 pm), begins your journey to the **Pechanga Casino sponsored by our Sisterhood**. For \$20.00, you will receive a bus ride (*including a gratuity for the driver*), snacks, and a \$10.00 cash play in the casino. Friends and family 21 and over are truly welcome to attend. Complete the form found in your **Shavua Tov** email and send it to **EDIE SCHWARTZ**, **6470 Dominica Ave.**, **Cypress, Ca 90630 or call her at (714) 894-0094 for any needed info.** 

**Torah Study: Saturday, January 11, 2014, 9am – 10am** Rabbi Myers will be a conducting Torah Study session.

Lunch and Learn: Thursday, January 16th at 12:00 pm, Rabbi Myers will be holding a session that involves eating, meeting, greeting, and learning about our faith.



### SEND A MAZELGRAM TO A FRIEND

Sisterhood will send a Birthday or Anniversary greeting in your name

### **February Birthdays**

1	Enid Posner	7	Claudia Geller	12	Neal Brown	21	Diana Greenberg
1	Diane Prince	7	Marie Hicklin	12	Bill Cohen	21	Kelley Halbreich
3	Maryse Fujimori	7	Julia Metz	12	Marla Weiss	21	Vincent Mann
3	Jack Rosenthal	8	Marcia Rosenzweig	14	Donald Schwartz	22	Sidney Laham
4	James Michaeloff	8	Heidi Swanson	15	Ellin Chariton	22	Eileen Tobey
5	Susan LeBoff	10	Miriam Carr	15	Jack Collender	23	Herb Abrams
6	Eve Fein	10	Jeff Fetterman	15	Suzanne Rosen	23	Rudolph Gamarnik
6	Sheila Plotkin	10	Steven Lustig	16	Alan Kurchin	23	Martin Greenstein
6	Rita Woods	11	Joan Fisher	18	Deborah Lelchuk	25	Rabbi Robin Hoffman
		11	Allan Mann			26	Tracy Schneider

### **February Anniversaries**

Jon Chernila & Susana Pollak
 Howard & Diane Spielman
 Mickey & Mel Lewin
 Jeff & Sharon Fetterman
 Ira & Colleen Bushinsky
 Lou & Cheryl Rudich

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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### Temple Member SPOTLIGHT: Lee & Elaine Netzer



~ written by Keri Gee Semmelman

We kick off the New Year with spotlighting Lee and Elaine Netzer, who were drawn to Temple Beth David in 2005 due to the warmth of its mid-size congregation.

Though born Jewish, Elaine was not exposed to any religious practices as a child. Now, she is making up for lost time by embracing the faith. She even set a goal to read the entire Hebrew Bible (a study Bible with Talmudic commentary) by year 2014 and she's well on her way to accomplish this!

Lee, an identical twin who tragically lost his twin brother in an auto accident 35 years ago, was raised in a very Jewish neighborhood in the Bronx. He went to Yeshiva for a year and had a Bar Mitzvah, but his parents also weren't religious. Like Elaine, Lee became increasingly interested during his adulthood of living a more Jewish life. Thus it was serendipitous the two met and since then have grown a deeper understanding of, and appreciation and enjoyment for, being Jewish.

The two first met at a Parents Without Partners dance. During the mixer, two circles were formed – an inner one of men and outer one of women. When the music stopped, whoever was across from you would be your dance partner for the next dance. Three times they did this and each time Lee and Elaine were never face to face. Yet the last time, they instinctively simultaneously reached out towards one another when the music ended. Thus was the start of a beautiful union. That evening Lee wrote a poem for Elaine and gave it to her on their first official date. They courted for a year and married. This March will be their 30th wedding anniversary. It is interesting to note, when the couple recently did DNA testing provided to the Jewish community, they found they both are distant relatives of Meryl Streep (who isn't Jewish but must have Ashkenazi Jewish in her) so who knows, maybe Lee and Elaine are distant relatives of one another! What they do know, however, is how fond they are of one another. Lee loves how intuitive Elaine is, how she laughs easily, and that they communicate on a deep level. Elaine, who admits she is too serious, is grateful Lee makes her laugh. She especially appreciates how supportive he has always been with her endeavors. One example she shared was his patience, after they married, as she completed her college degree at night.

Professionally, Elaine had a career as a Bank Teller. While she says on the job she didn't use the Psychology degree earned from Cal State Hayward, she definitely used it in her volunteer work to mentor incarcerated teenage girls,



counsel battered women, and through Jewish Family Services of Long Beach, visited and helped shut-ins

After earning a degree in elementary education and English, Lee realized teaching was not for him. So he went into public service working 31 years in all for the federal government for which he earned several distinctions/ awards. Lee and Elaine moved to southern California in 2004 to live closer to their moms. Lee secured a job as an advocacy operations manager working with public hospital patients and retired a year ago.

Elaine has two children from a previous marriage (one of which Lee has since adopted) and Lee has one son from a previous marriage. Aside from family and synagogue life (which includes going to Shabbat services twice a month, enjoying a Chavurah, and being active in Brotherhood/ Sisterhood), the Netzers have numerous hobbies. Lee is currently editing a childhood friend's book, and likes to bike, read, go to the gym, and listen to music. However, he spends most of his free time as an avid bowler – in three leagues and bowls five times a week. His highest score so far is 268 – with a goal of hitting 300. Elaine loves to play (and teach friends) Mah Jongg and she bowls weekly, as well. Together they enjoy taking walks by the beach and cooking/baking (I hear Lee makes a mean mandelbread and Elaine's zucchini bread is well known among congregants). They also bowl together, cuddle with their two cats, and have done some traveling.

The Netzers are a beautiful part of Temple Beth David's family tree. Their inviting warm smiles, caring hugs, genuine interest in people, and joy for Judaism are embraced by our intimate congregation!

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### **CHAVURAH SPOTLIGHT**

~ written by Keri Gee Semmelman

This month we feature a special Chavurah that has been around for well over a decade. Their members range from 50's to late 80's, marrieds and singles, and they have faithfully been meeting every month to enjoy one another's company.

Each January they plan out their entire calendar for the year. Annually, they have a bowling night, a Chanukah party, a poolside BBQ, and a July 4th party. They've also gone to museums, plays, the symphony, botanical gardens, and enjoyed many long walks and Jewish related programs, as well. One of the many nice aspects of their Chavurah is that if a member has guests in town during a gathering, the guests are warmly invited to attend.

### Members include:

Stella Unger, Allan & Sally Mann, Jack & Ellen Collender, Jeff & Sue LeBoff, Karen & Steve Hertz, Erwin Greenfield, Betsy-Ann Toffler, and Lee & Elaine Netzer. Though Sue Shapiro moved away, they love when she can make it, as well. The group lost Murray Segal to cancer years ago, yet keep him very close in their thoughts.

"I like being in the Chavurah because I feel so relaxed with the group. I especially like how supportive everyone is of one another. We have a very mixed group in age and backgrounds and it is a joy to be part of this small very cohesive Chavurah." ~ Stella Ungar





### 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 start 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 <a href="mailto:gellerclaudia@aol.com">gellerclaudia@aol.com</a> or filling out the

Chavurah Interest Form.

### **ARZA** By Charlie Niederman Association of Reform Zionists of America





Last month with 5,000 other North American Reform Jews and numerous visitors from Israel and the rest of the Jewish world I attended the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Convention in San Diego. Israel was well represented with leaders in 15 workshops and forums, ranging from Birthright trips, to Zionism. All the organizations mentioned in last month's article: ARZENU, the worldwide umbrella organization for Reform and Progressive Zionists; and the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ); the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, (IMPJ) and its Israel Action Center (IRAC) participated. In fact, Anat Hoffman, Director of the IRAC received the prestigious Women of Reform Judaism's Jane Evans Pursuit of Justice Award for her leadership in promoting justice and equality for women at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, in getting government payments for Progressive rabbis who provide services to local areas in the same way as Orthodox rabbis and in so many more successes, some of which are discussed below.

Most of the sessions and luncheons I attended were about ARZA, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The IMPJ reported that they now have 44 congregations and chavurot and are growing steadily. They also have 29 WRJ sisterhoods. The IMPJ is far better known in Israel than ever before and often recruits secular Jewish families through their children's participation in Reform preschools. American Jews support of ARZA helped spawn the IMPJ and continues to support its growth and success in helping establish a more pluralistic State of Israel. Click on Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the President of the IMPJ to see a video of IMPJ in action in Hebrew and English and his brief speech to the convention. Its Israel Religious Action Center in addition to the significant progress in achieving a place at the Western wall for women has achieved success in its efforts to end the segregation of women in the ultra-Orthodox areas who are forced to sit at the rear of the bus. It has also won many other court cases that bring about a more just society.

The WUPJ lunch featured Ruth Calderon, a new Knesset Member who is a secular student of Torah and who in her first Knesset speech surprised her colleagues with a D'Var Torah. Very few Orthodox MKs walked out. She is an energetic, bright and expressive member of the new Yesh Atid party which surprised pundits with its success in the last election, running on a platform of eliminating special privileges for the ultra-Orthodox like exemption from compulsory military service and special stipends for yeshiva scholars and their families. We may well see more of her in the future.

The most visible effort from now until the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress that is scheduled for October 2015 will be a drive to make sure that as many American Reform Jews as possible vote in the election to decide how well represented our movement will be in determining who leads the World Zionist Organization and how they allocate the millions of dollars from Jews worldwide. This will assure an equitable allocation in the budget and the continued growth of pluralism and progressive Judaism in Israel . If you are interested in serving on a committee to assure the success of the drive for votes here at Temple Beth David, please email me at <a href="mailto:cniederm@flash.net">cniederm@flash.net</a>.

Charlie Niederman





### **Celebrating Temple Membership**

-by Keri Gee Semmelman, VP-Membership



### **Welcome Our Newest Temple Members!**

We are so happy you have chosen to become part of the Temple Beth David family tree!

May you enjoy your new extended family and all that your Temple has to offer you.

We look forward to getting to know you.

**TBD Members are Meaningful ♥ Musical ☆ Memorable** 

### A Memorable Member's Moment...

Watching Robin (Shoshana) Harrison at her Bat Mitzvah made me, and many others, even more proud to be Jewish. To watch a 13 year old teen with such poise, conviction, love for her faith, and care for her community was something I will never forget. Knowing Robin chose to be Jewish, never waivering from the soulful decision she made around 10 years old, is beyond inspiring.

To learn she overcame her fear of the water to enter the mikvah as part of her conversion journey also spoke volumes to me.

If you want something enough, you'll confront your fears. Wow, what a role model she is.

And if all this wasn't enough, her angelic voice brought so many tears of joy.

She made my soul literally dance inside of me!

To see our thoughtful Rabbi, charismatic Cantor, and the overflowing sanctuary of loved ones there to welcome our newest Jewish adult to our wonderful family tree was an incredible memorable member's moment I will treasure forever.

#### We're Here for You...

We're still forming Chavurahs. Let Claudia know if interested: gellerclaudia@aol.com
If you need a ride or want to carpool to Shabbat Services, let Yehuda know: aduheyram@yahoo.com
If someone Jewish moves into your neighborhood, not yet affiliated with any temple,
we'll provide them a Mezuzah and hanging ceremony. Let Arlen know: ap4re@yahoo.com
If you want to serve as a Shabbat greeter, let Karen know: kshertzhb@aol.com
And, if you know anyone who may want to join (or consider) our Temple, let us know: kerigee1@aol.com

#### Soon to Come...

We will soon roll out a "family-friendly" initiative tailored to all of our wonderful families with children. If you and/or your children have ideas or want to be part of our planning team, please let us know.

Our youth committee members Justine Kreiger & McKenzie Pantel are leading the way!

Email ideas to: kerigee1@aol.com



Your Membership Committee:

Claudia Geller, Karen Hertz, Ellen Korn, Justine Kreiger, 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!)

## THE UNITED STATES AND THE MIDDLE EAST



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# Sisterhood Fashion Show Luncheon

"All Dolled Up"

### January 12, 2014 - 11:30am

\$25.00 per person

fashions by:

Draper's & Damon's Rascals & Rebels for kids

### RSVP by January 5th

Anne Farber - (714) 846-1591 Mickey Lewin - (714) 848-8835

### SPONSOR \$100 INCLUDING ADMISSION











### **TBD** Brotherbood/Sisterbood **Dining Delight**

WHEN? Monday, January 13, 2014

FROM 7:00am to 9:00pm

WHERE? KATELLA DELI 4470 Katella Ave. Los Alamitos, Ca 90720 (562) 594-8611



Invite your friends and family and join us for a meal at "KATELLA DELI". Just bring this flyer with you on Monday, January 13, 2014 and 20% of your total bill will be donated to Temple Beth David TBD Brotherhood and Sisterhood.



MANAGER/SERVER PLEASE ATTACH THIS FLYER TO THE GUEST'S CHECK

Amount of check \$ \_\_\_\_

### A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY PFlag Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays

COME HEAR THE TRUTH

Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:00 pm Temple Beth David 6100 Hefley St. Westminster, Ca. 92683

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Free of Charge

Temple Beth David and its congregants are known for being welcoming and eclectic with diverse nationalities and ethnicities.

We invite you, family and friends, to come hear the truth and learn about more diverse groups: lesbians, gays, and transgenders, from their perspectives, and from a parent's perspective.

Bring your questions
Children welcome when accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Refreshments provided.

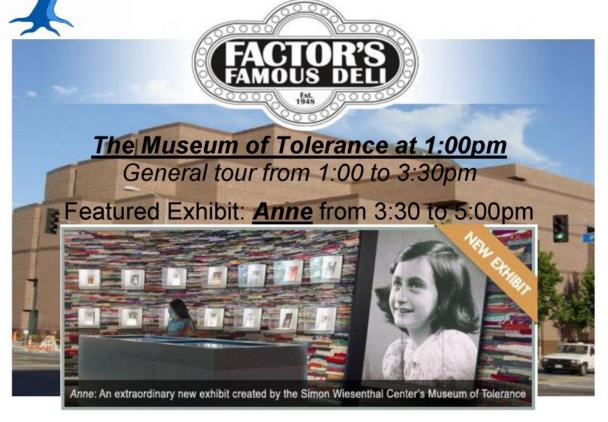
Sponsored by: Temple Beth David's Social Action, Adult Education, and Program Committees.

Please RSVP by January 10, 2014-Matt Paretskymparetsky@gmail.com

### Temple Beth David Adult Education presents

A Deli Brunch and Day at the Museum

Sunday January 19, 2013 Starting at 11:00 am at <u>Factor's Famous Deli</u>



Cost of Admission- \$11.00 per person (50% off actual \$22.50 cost.)
Please RSVP by Sunday January 12, 2013
In order to receive 50% discount.

For more information or to RSVP, please call or email Temple Beth David at 714-892-6623 or <a href="https://www.templbethdavid.org">www.templbethdavid.org</a>

Robin Harrison at (714) 727-9430- robinharrison64@gmail.com



### Jack Broscow Brotherhood of Temple Beth David proudly presents



### SEVENTH ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT



This year's tournament is dedicated to the memory of Ed Farber and Bob Postman.

From 11:00 A.M.
....until a winner is determined.
GREAT food! TERRIFIC prizes! American Green Gift Cards!

### FEATURING... HOWE'S FAMOUS FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES!

Beverages and lunch are included!

Two re-buys at \$25 each will be available the first hour of play.

ANYONE MAKING RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 14, CAN PURCHASE THEIR FIRST RE-BUY FOR \$10!

Sunday January 26, 2014 at 11:00 am Temple Beth David 6100 Hefley Street, Westminster, CA 92683

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

For more information or to RSVP, please call or email

Jerrold Korn at (714) 897-1002

The entire community is welcome to attend the Brotherhood events

Name _	
Guests_	Adults @ \$ 50.00 ea. = \$
	Total enclosed \$
	Send your check payable to TBD Brotherhood c/o Temple Beth David, 6100 Hefley Street. Westminster, CA 92683  Please RSVP by Tuesday January 21, 2014

### TBD Sisterhood Presents a day at



### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

- \$20.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES ROUND-TRIP BUS TRANSPORTATION AND GRATUITY FOR BUS DRIVER.
- Leave TBD parking lot at 9:00 am Return approximately 5:00 pm
- You MUST bring your driver's license or a photo ID.
- · Snacks will be served on the bus.
- Friends and family are welcome.
- MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND!



### NOTE: BUS SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVATIONS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

### Upon arrival you will receive \$10.00 in cash play!!!

Please make your check payable to: TEMPLE BETH DAVID SISTERHOOD

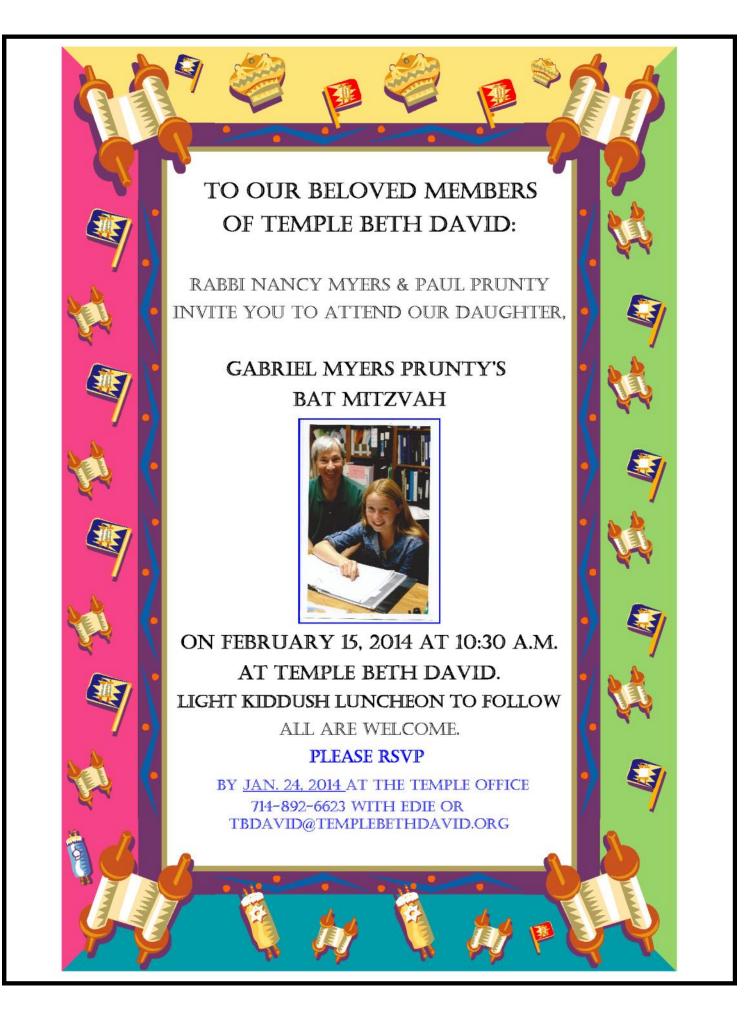
Complete the form below and mail by JANUARY 20th to:



EDIE SCHWARTZ 6470 Dominica Ave. Cypress, Ca 90630 (714) 894-0094

For more information please contact Edie Schwartz—(714) 894-0094

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NAME(S):	DL# or I	Pechanga Club #
ADDRESS:	CITY:	
PHONE NO	NO. OF	RESERVATIONS:
Enclosed is \$	for	adults.





### Social Action

Sisterhood's First Social Action Sunday was a success. We filled 50 boxes for Art4Healing that will be given to children at homeless shelters or in military housing. Many thanks to everyone who donated the needed art supplies and especially to those individuals (both Sisterhood and non-Sisterhood members) who came on Sunday and helped out. Together we will continue to pursue *tikkun olam*.

Todah Rabah,
Debbie Lelchuk,
Sisterhood Social Action Chair

Save the Date: Sisterhood's Next Social Action Sunday is Sunday, March 9, 2014

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)

# Mazel Tov!





Mazel tov on the birth of **Tara Prudence**Born 12/23/13
6 lbs. 5 oz 19 1/4" tall
Daughter of Devin Berman & Paul Horn
Granddaughter of Lynne Horn and Hallie & Joel Berman
Great granddaughter of Howard & Diane Spielman





### Donations - Thank you!

#### **General Fund**

Anonymous

Vida Delshad in memory of Saltanat Kohan
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Praver Book Fund

Shirley Fishke in memory of Jacob Fishke

#### **ECLC** Fundraising

Anonymous

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous

Anne Farber, Pamela Farber & Carolyn Secrist in honor of the special service that Rabbi Nancy Myers performed for EdFarber

Maury, Carolyn, Erin & Abby Rosenberg in memory of Sylvia Rosenberg

Larry & Linda Seidman in gratitude to Rabbi Myers for all the great things you do for the community

#### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Gloria Mayer in memory of Dotty Sternberg

Maury, Carolyn, Erin & Abby Rosenberg in memory of Sylvia Rosenberg

Michael Tebrich & Jeanette Smith in memory of Henry Tebrich

### Cantor Harry & Fay Newman Memorial Choir Fund

Howard Bushinsky in memory of Mary Bushinsky Carol Cooperman in memory of Charles Cooperman Allen & Erika Pogrund in a get well wish for Bill Ward

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Anonymous

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Anne Farber in memory of Ed Farber

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Jane Schiffer in memory of Philip Portnoy

Maury, Carolyn, Erin & Abby Rosenberg in memory of Sylvia Rosenberg

Laura & Ron Berman in memory of Ed Farber Phyllis Postman in memory of David Postman

Linda Palitz in memory of Ethel Bowers

Alan Ruby in memory of Lillian Masover

Diane & Howard Spielman in memory of Pearl Berman,

Gail Crafton, Eileen Fratello and Sarah Spielman

Ave Buchwald in memory of Ida Buchwald

David & Joan Fisher in memory of Jack Brass Milt & Ro Jelinowicz in memory of Ursel Jelinowicz Aaron & Leslie Kern

Fran Dekovner in memory of Mary Sherman & Barbara Schatell

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Barbara Shanks Memorial Educational Enrichment Fund Jerrold, Ellen & Marissa Korn in memory of Frieda Melcer

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#### Jarrick Family Scholarship Fund

Janice Klein in honor of the Jarrick Family
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The Morton Wedner Memorial Special Projects Fund Diane & Howard Spielman in memory of Mort Wedner

### **Lasting Legacies Endowment Fund**

Aaron & Leslie Kern





### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Pictures Snapshots Photographs

Please help yourself to photographs taken at temple during the last year.

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!

### **Envelopes**

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!

### HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF OFFICE SUPPLIES.

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.

Thank you to all who have donated! We appreciate your support!!!

\*Please make sure they are valid dates and not expired\*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

TBD offers FREE WIFI in the Social Hall.

Password: year5771

### The Temple Office Staff Thanks...

- 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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### Did You Know...

Each Wednesday at noon, Senior
Adults throughout the community are
invited to join us for our weekly Senior
Adult Lunch. Good food. New friends.
Always fun.



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Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Weddings Birthday Parties / Anniversaries





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**NEW! TBD Website** 

February Mazelgrams

### NEW Fall/Winter 2013 Adult Ed Calendar

TBD ECLC

(Early Childhood Learning Center)



# January 2014



SUN MON		TUE	TUE WED		FRI	SAT	
			1	2	7:00pm Family Shabbat Service	9:00am Lay Led Minyan	
5 9:00am Religious School Resumes	6 ECLC Resumes 7:15pm Choir	7 4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program	8 6:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	9 7:30pm Brotherhood Meeting	7:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service	9:00am Torah Study	
12 9:00am Religious School 9:00am Adult B'nei Mitzvah 11:30am Sisterhood Fashion Show & Luncheon	7:30pm Foundation Meeting	14 4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program	15	16 12:00pm Tu B'Shevat Seder 7:00pm Pflag	7:30pm Shabbat ALIVE!	9:00am Lay Led Minyan	
Deli Lunch & Museum of Tolerance  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	20 OFFICE & ECLC CLOSED  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program	7:30pm TBD Board of Trustees Meeting	23	24 6:30pm 4th & 5th Grade Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Torah Service	9:00am Lay Led Minyan	
26 9:00am Religious School 9:00am Religious School 10:00am Texas Hold'em Tournament	27	28 9:00am Sisterhood Pechanga Trip 4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program	29	30 7:00pm Sisterhood Girls Night Out	31 7:30pm Shabbat Service "Ask the Rabbi"	9:00am Lay Led Minyan	

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