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# **CIRCLE OF HONOR MEMBERS 2013/2014**

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### FRIENDLY REMINDER TO EVERYONE:

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Thank you!



# **Thank you for Ten Years!**

Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers June, 2014

On Friday, May 9, we celebrated my ten years at Temple Beth David. It was quite a night. I didn't know what to expect before this day arrived. When I came into the social hall, it was beautifully decorated and there were around 150 people in attendance. We had an elegant Shabbat dinner with excellent food. As we were winding down with our meal, Cantor Linder, Jackie Wiggins, Florence Sudakow, Lynne Horn, Sharon D. Matalon, and Elliot Fein spoke. Then we watched a video dedicated to my ten years. I was shocked and surprised that my father flew out from Buffalo, N.Y. The poor guy, he was just here for Passover. As I quickly glanced at the tribute book, I saw pictures of my rabbi, from my childhood, that I had only just learned had passed away. It was a bit emotional for me. On the lighter side, I found it both flattering and funny, that Friday was declared by Westminster as "Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers Day." The worship service was superb with the voices of our choir and live music. Dr. Aaron Kern, our president, did a great job speaking and my dad, also to my surprise, spoke and he did so beautifully.

First of all, thank you to Garry Plotkin for overseeing this wonderful evening. His attention to detail always leads to exceptional events. Steve Harris worked many hours on the tribute book that is skillfully put together. I was amazed by the professional quality of Robin Harrison's video about me and his interviews of members of our synagogue. Lynne Horn did such a marvelous job with decorations and Keri Gee Semmelman helped with so many nice touches to the evening.

I am especially grateful to all of you whether you were able to come that night or not. Firstly, thank you for the lovely words in the tribute book, your emails to me, and good wishes. Thank you to the preschool for putting together a photo book. Our religious school did a poster board and pillow with comments of our students. The 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, under Heli Shmilovich, created a huge cardboard log cabin replica of our synagogue with pictures of congregants and me inside it. I feel so blessed to be part of a loving, connected community. I want you to know that I am grateful to be your rabbi and I am thankful for the outpouring of love I have experienced.

Hillel in Pirkei Avot, chapters of our fathers, said, "*Al Tifros min hatzibur*," "Do not separate yourself from the community." Well if I were to put Hillel's words in the affirmative, it would be, "Be part of the community." I feel not only part of our synagogue; I feel part of an intergenerational family. Thank you again.

Rabbi nancymyus



# "Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers Day" written by: Garry Plotkin



It was a deserving tribute to Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers on Friday, May 9th. It began with a Shabbat dinner catered by Thank Goodness Its Sophia (TGIS). Afterwards Jackie Caplan Wiggins was the Mistress of Ceremonies which included a short program of several people telling their stories and interactions with the Rabbi during the past ten year. This included Cantorial Soloist Nancy Linder, Lynne Horn, Florence Sudakow and Jackie Caplan Wiggins. The Early Childhood Learning Center and the Religious School was represented by Elliot Fein and Sharon D. Matalon. Additionally, there was a fabulous professional video of numerous synagogue members sharing their stories.

The tribute continued in to the Shabbat service with two speakers: Our own President Aaron Kern and Jim Myers, Rabbi Myers' father. The Rabbi was shocked and surprised as she was ready to sit down for the Shabbat dinner and found her father and his girlfriend, Carol, had flown in from New York that morning.

The tribute included proclamations from US Representative Lowenthal, County of Orange and the City of Westminster proclaiming it "*Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers Day.*"



Thank you to our sponsors: TBD Brotherhood, The Black Family, Leslie and Aaron Kern, Mercedes Neves-Hatchwell, Deanne and Richard Ruby, and the Caplan/Plotkin/Wiggins Families.



Thank you to the committee persons who put in countless hours. Steve Harris produced a 32-page fabulous tribute book. I cannot imagine the number of emails, phone calls and texts he received to complete this project. (There are a few books at the synagogue, if you would like one). Lynne Horn decorated the warm and inviting Social Hall for the Shabbat dinner by creating the center pieces with old and new pictures of the Rabbi. Robin Harrison produced the fabulous professional video interviewing members until the last day. I wish I had that talent.

Thank you to our staff: Kim Zabinski, Edie Mino, and Scott

Whiteside (who was tearing down the Shabbat dinner and setting up for the oneg while the Shabbat service was taking place). And thanks to everyone that had a part of the deserving tribute. There were a lot of thank you's but it was a true team effort.

Rabbi Myers, we look forward to the next ten years.







# SISTERHOOD MATTERS!

June, 2014

By Ruth Kramer, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood is anticipating our annual Donor Luncheon on Sunday, June 8th. This luncheon will celebrate all the women in our Sisterhood who have earned Donor credit throughout the year by participating in Sisterhood activities, baking for oneg Shabbats and other events, participating in Chanukah and Purim Carnivals, serving on Mitzvah Corp, the Meet and Greet program on Shabbat, serving on our Board and many other activities at our Temple. The "Woman of Merit" award will be presented as well as installation of our new Board. Raffles tickets are currently being distributed to our Sisterhood members for some amazing prizes. You can complete your Donor if you haven't already done so by purchasing your raffle tickets and returning your check to the Sisterhood. The prizes are plentiful including a family pass to Disneyland and many other desirable and valuable prizes. If you have any questions, please call Sue LeBoff or Mickey Lewin.

The Kitchen Renovation plans are progressing towards meeting our financial goal, thanks to many of you who have made very generous contributions. There is still a great need and opportunity to help out by sending in your donation to make this long sought dream a reality for our entire Temple community. Demolition will begin June 16 with completion at the end of July. Of course the kitchen will not be in use during the construction period. Revised procedures and practices that will meet the Orange County Health Department regulations for use of the new kitchen are in process being developed.

Sisterhood has sent a generous donation to Temple Beth Shalom to help them recover after their devastating fire.



Even though the Sisterhood year is coming to a close in June, you will want to watch for Sisterhood events during the summer months. These include a bus trip to Pechanga Casino, July 29th, our amazing mazelgram program, the Dining Delight events that we share with the Brotherhood, and volunteering for Sisterhood committee activities for the coming year.

There is always a need to serve on a variety of committees such as membership, program, social action, religious practices, mitzvah corp and many more. Please say yes when someone calls you to assist or let your desires to participate be known. Our events are published in the *Shavua Tov* and in the *Megillah*, two important documents for your consideration to help you stay in touch with the "happenings" at Temple Beth David.

Wishing you the best!

Ruth Kramer Sisterhood President



# OUR NEW KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Dear Temple Beth David Members and Friends:

The Orange County Health Authority and the City of Westminster have given us their approval of the architectural plans for the new kitchen at Temple Beth David. The kitchen, built in 1973, is well over 30 years old and in serious need of renovation.

Construction is scheduled to begin June 16. The first step will be clearing everything from the kitchen as it currently exists, demolition, then major plumbing upgrades, new flooring, electrical upgrades and lighting, and installation of new stainless steel cabinets and countertops, doors, sinks, oven, hood and exhaust system, frost-free freezer, microwave, icemaker, and storage areas. Completion will be sometime at the end of July.

To date, over 150 families have generously donated towards the renovation. A huge thanks to all! Together we have accumulated over \$100,000 but we are still approximately \$20,000 short of being able to complete the project in its entirety.

If able and you have not given, please make your donation now. If you can add to your previous gift, it would be greatly appreciated. In this way you will know that you are part of this wonderful project for the future of our entire Temple family.

Best wishes, Your Kitchen Renovation Committee



# Foundation News!

At its quarterly meeting in April the Temple Beth David Foundation voted to provide partial funding for 14 camperships for a total of \$4000, ten at URJ Camp Newman and four other camps including Camp Raman Outdoor Adventure, Camp JCA Shalom, and Camp Alonim. It is such a pleasure to use the campership funds to support our youth in these summer adventures and to help build on their unique Jewish experiences.

Funds from the Foundation will also assist in part, the salary for a rabbinical intern for the next year. \$3000 has been set aside for this purpose.

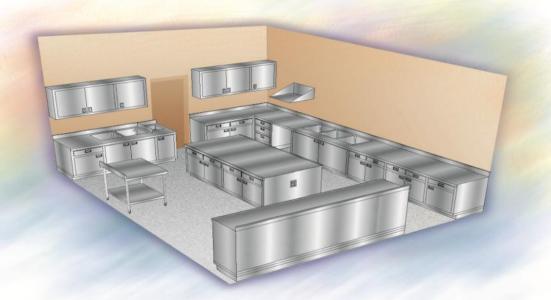
Pursuant to the Lasting Legacy Fund's criteria, the Foundation disbursed \$3252.95 to the Temple's General Fund. The continuing growth of this fund and the annual disbursements help to keep the Temple strong in its ability to meet the needs of our congregants and Jewish community.

The Religious School is always in need for funds to cover the costs of our students' tuition and this quarter the Foundation was able to disburse \$800 from the Jarrick Family Scholarship fund for this purpose.

The Foundation Board continues to review the fiscal health of the 13 Funds that currently constitute the Foundation and to consider requests appropriate to the intended use of each fund.



# A NEW KITCHEN IS COMING TO TEMPLE BETH DAVID



Professional Stainless Steel Counter, Cabinets, Oven and Cook-Top ■ Double Frost-Free Freezer Commercial Ice Machine ■ Electrical and Plumbing Updated to Code ■ New Floor Drains All Doors and Drawers Lockable ■ Kitchen and Social Hall Rentable for Commercial Use

# **BECOME PART OF THIS MAJOR RENOVATION PROJECT**



Diamond (\$5,000 and Above) Topaz ( \$2,500 and Above) Amber (\$1,000 and Above) Opal (\$500 and Above) Ruby\* (\$100 and Above) Amethyst\* (All Other Donations) \* Recognition Appears in the Megillah Only



# DONATE TO THE KITCHEN RENOVATION FUND!

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In Honor/Memory of:		
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	Make checks payable to: Temple Beth David Kitchen Renovation Fund	

# Get to Know the Brotherhood

Garry Plotkin ~ Brotherhood President



Congratulations to the new Brotherhood Board members

President - Garry L. Plotkin

VP-Membership - Jon Alban

VP-Programs - Robin Harrison

Secretary - Jeff LeBoff

Social Action Chairman - Larry Davidoff

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Facilities Chairman - Rick Perlstein

Carnival Chairman - Garry L. Plotkin

Asst. Carnival Chairman - Joel Berman

Good & Welfare Chairman - Arnie Weintraub

**Religious Practices** - Max Sudakow

Ways & Means Chairman - Jerrold Korn

School/Youth Chairman - Mitchell Halbreich

Past President - Scott Telford

Director-at-Large - Howie Tobey

We have a great leadership team. Come join us for the Board meetings.... meet new friends and get involved.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 12th at 7:30PM in the Social Hall. During the past month Brotherhood sponsored the Rabbi Myers' 10th Anniversary Tribute, the Mother's Day Brunch, and the Religious School last day ice cream bar.

> MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Brotherhood will be having its Annual baseball outing. LA Angels vs. Detroit Tigers....July 27th Don't be left out. Great seats!!!! Contact Jerrold Korn for your tickets at jdk4asu@earthlink.net or (714) 897-6417



# **Temple Beth David ECLC**



Our ECLC Mother's Day Tea was a huge success! Attendance was high and the preschool moms were

an appreciative audience to their children's concert of special Mother's Day songs. The moms adored their gifts and cards and all the loving attention. We shared a tea of wonderful sandwiches, fruits, and cheeses and some wonderful pastries. A great time was had by all.

This year has flown by faster than any I can remember. It's hard to believe that it's already time to prepare for our end of the year festivities. Next month, another group of Pre-Kindergarteners will have completed the TBD program. We've watched many of them grow from the time they started here as two-year-olds. We commemorate this milestone with an annual "Siyyum," when the children and their families look back on their productive school year and celebrate the beginning of a new educational journey. April's Pre-Kindergarteners are so prepared for their next step; they will all excel in their various Kindergarten classes. All the children are using phonics skills to sound out words and are able to read. They use these same skills to write their own full sentences in their writing journals, complete with illustrations. Their journals are a joy to peruse.

The teachers and I are planning a wild and fun summer adventure as we prepare our summer program June, 2014 by Vanessa Johnson

curriculum. Our outdoor slide will soon be a slippery, watery joy ride surrounded by sand castles and water canals.

We are registering now for both summer and fall. Let your friends and families know about our great school.

B'Shalom,

Vanessa Johnson ECLC Director



# SEND A MAZELGRAM TO A FRIEND

Sisterhood will send a Birthday or Anniversary greeting in your name

# **July Birthdays**

- 1 Candy Fox Tobey
- Barbara Berzak 4
- 4 Jeff LeBoff
- Ellen Collender 8
- Amy Axel 9
- 10 Hannah Levine
- 10 Max Sudakow
- 11 Isaac Indich\*

- 12 Ann Levin 12 Iris Mandel
- 12 Teri Roth
- 13 Nancy Tsoneff
- 14 Clayton Dunlap
- 14 Sharon Matalon (David)
- 14 Howard Rosen
  - 17 Robert Aldoroty

- 18 Jon Chernila 19 Nada Babrov
- 19 Richard Katz
- 20 Allan Ratman
- 22 David Miller
- 22 Alan Polley
- 22 Andrea Tabor
- 24 Shirley Ross\*

- 26 Rosie Brown
- 26 Andrea Chait
- 28 Sandra Friedman
- 28 Allan Shubin
- 29 Michael Kanter
- 30 Nessa Bernstein
- 30 Marlene Wedner
- 31 Wendy Block\*

## 4 David & Vida Delshad

- 4 Jerrold & Ellen Korn
- Max & Florence Sudakow 6
- 7 Mitchell & Claudia Geller
- 7 Joshua & Ai Resnick
- 10 Laura & Jesse Reingold
- 11 Arlen & Faith Pantel

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12 Larry & RanDee Ratman

**July Anniversaries** 

- 12 Eric & Peggy Schiffer
- 14 Jack & Ellen Collender
- 15 Robin Harrison &
  - Mulu Skinner-Harrison
- 15 Jason & Edie Mino
- 18 Laurie & Sable Cantus

- 19 Seth & Amy Front
- 22 Richard & Melanie Blumenthal
- 22 Angie & John Fitzpatrick
- 22 Neil & Carolyn Kornswiet
- 24 Michael & Kim Greenfield
- 25 Monica Leff & Michael Nageotte
- 26 Carl & Marilyn Kramer

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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# **Temple Member SPOTLIGHT:**

# **Jackie Caplan Wiggins**

### ~ written by Donna Litvak

Do you know how many birthday and anniversary cards Jackie Caplan Wiggins sends to her family and friends a year? 600. At first this seems like an unbelievable amount of cards for one person to send. But once you get to know how passionate Jackie is, it's only natural for her card list to be so long.

Her parents were major influences on Jackie. Both were politically active and taught her tolerance, to support what was right, and to treat others with respect. It's no surprise they became founding members of Temple Beth David (TBD), her dad became the congregation's first President, and the temple became a big part of Jackie's childhood. Although she had non-Jewish friends, the people she was closest to were the ones who were part of TBD's youth group.

At UC Santa Cruz, Jackie majored in Humanistic Psychology. When the University cancelled the major, she took her mom's advice and focused on earning a business degree at San Diego State. She also studied abroad in Guatemala, which led to an intense passion for travel. After graduation, she told her family she was never going to settle in California and spent the next three years globetrotting. This led her to Utah, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. But her favorite place was Israel. The thing so many people who she met on her travels marveled was that her family owned a business and they encouraged her to go back and join it. To her family's utter shock, that is exactly what Jackie did.

That decision she made 31 years ago, when she joined Frieda's Inc., led to a lot of good things happening for Jackie. She ultimately became the Vice President and the Chief Operating Officer (COO). At the time she joined, the produce distribution industry was very male-dominated. Quickly she made a name for herself, earned the respect by many, and was chosen to be a representative on several boards. Although Jackie is very gracious about the recognition, she finds even more joy in the other things going on in her life. One of those things is family. She has a very special bond with her mother Frieda and sister Karen. She also cherishes her husband and children.

Jackie met her husband, Doug, through the produce industry; he was a customer of Frieda's. At first she had mixed feelings about him. But a co-worker persuaded her to go talk to Doug and give him a chance. This led to their first date –a sixty-mile bike ride. Three weeks later they were engaged and later wed in a small, lovely ceremony in Kaua'i. They have been married for almost twenty-eight years and have two college-age children. Like many other inter-faith couples, early-on they had to decide what religion they would raise their children in, Catholicism or Judaism. They didn't discuss the issue until the kids were in preschool at the JCC. At the time Jackie's mother-in-law wanted



to experience a Passover Seder. Thus, Doug's parents were very accepting when Jackie and Doug decided to raise their children as Jews, and they continue to adore their Jewish grandchildren.

Once Jackie rejoined TBD, she became a very active member and eventually part of the Board of Trustees. This month she will be completing her term as Vice President – Operations. There are many things Jackie loves about Temple Beth David. She loves how dedicated the Board is to fulfilling the temple's mission. She loves the openness of the congregation. She loves Rabbi Myers and appreciates how hard she works to keep religion relevant in an era when organized religion has lost popularity. And she loves that the temple is such a fun place that has enabled her to make good friends and good connections.

Since Jackie is such a passionate and persistent person (her parents affectionately nicknamed her "Percy") she still finds time to devote herself to causes dear to her heart. She's joined the advisory board at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where both of her children attend. As a breast cancer survivor herself, she has volunteered the past two-and-a-half years mentoring other women diagnosed with breast cancer. It has been very personally fulfilling for Jackie to show others that despite cancer turning lives upside down, it is not a death sentence and can actually have a positive influence on one's life.

"It is what it is," is a philosophy people have attributed to Jackie. And that shows what Jackie is all about. She can turn any negative into a positive. It's no wonder her celebratory card list is so long. And it's no wonder Temple Beth David loves having her and her family as a vital part of the congregation!  $\Rightarrow$ 



June, 2014



# **CHAVURAH SPOTLIGHT**

~ written by Keri Gee Semmelman

This month we feature one of the newest Chavurahs affectionately called "Clan Yehuda" that began last year. The group currently has eight members and plans to expand as other temple members express interest.

They enjoy meeting every month for dinner and wonderful conversation. At first they met at one another's homes yet now they begin with dinner at a restaurant and then take turns hosting dessert at their homes. Recently they also went to the Museum of Tolerance and a deli. While some have been members of Temple Beth David



for years, others just joined the temple last year. The best part is they are quickly becoming close friends and are enjoying the variety of backgrounds and shared values.

It's interesting to note that during their first "getting to know you" gathering two of the ladies found out they were both members of an international organization for tall women.

Chavurah Members include: Edward "Yehuda" & Mary Treiger, Marv & Evelyn Marshall, David & Joan Fisher, Andrea Tabor, and Marvin Warren.

"The best part of being in a chavarah group like ours is the schmoozing and discussions after the eating. The life stories, opinions, feelings, and points of views of the different people are fascinating."

~ Yehuda Treiger

# 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 fill out the <u>Chavurah Interest Form</u>.





# May Temple Publicity REPORT

Steve Harris Publicity Trustee



Revised Body, Mind, and Spirit Ad



City of Westminster: Rabbi Nancy Myers Day

# **PUBLICITY REPORT**

SUBMISSIONS: Submitted releases to the Chronicle, Family Shabbat E-Blasts, JCC E-Blasts, Shalom Family regarding Temple events. An ad regarding the Rabbi's tribute event appeared in the OC Jewish Life during May. OC Jewish Life covered the Rabbi Tribute Event with a photographer and will publish an article about it in their June Issue.

### COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS:

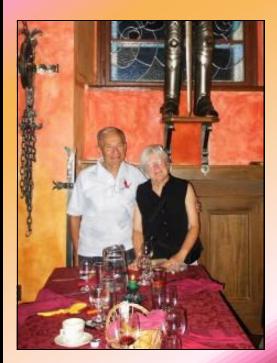
Worked on the Tribute committee with Garry Plotkin as chair and Robin Harrison, Lynne Horn & Keri Gee Semmelman to honor our rabbi for her ten years at our temple. Created a 30 page Tribute Book with writings, photos and ads for the publication.

With Garry getting the City of Westminster to proclaim May 9th as *Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers Day*, I interacted with OC Supervisor Janet Nguyen and Congressman Allan Lowenthal to provide Certificates of Recognition for our rabbi.

MiSC.: Posted events regularly on our Temple's Facebook page.

Also, continuing to redo our demographics chart for publicity purposes and will assume the Brotherhood Publicity role

# Rabbi Nancy Myers 10 Year Anniversary Tributes



Thank you for 10 years of caring service through the lifecycle events of our Temple family. 2004 - 2014 Cathy & Charlie Niederman



Congratulations Rabbi Myers May you go from strength to strength



Laurie Schneider & Family

# Rabbi Myers, The MTNESTERS Havarah thanks you for your spiritual leadership and warm friendship.



Lois and Herb Abrams Ed Lindell David and Trina Gaynon Charlie and Cathy Niederman Alma Herman Shel and Marcia Rosenzweig Jan Klein Laurie Schneider







# Upcoming Adult B'nei Mitzvah Invitation for ALL CONGREGANTS to attend June 27, 2014 - 7:30pm

# Robin Baroway



Having my Adult B'nai Mitzvah was not a question of why, but one of why not. It is not a matter of regretting an earlier choice or filling a void. It was a decision I made to enrich my life and to deepen my understanding, and strengthen my Jewish identity.

It has been an amazing process to learn this ancient language of my ancestors. I feel as though another world has been opened up for me.

Mitchell Halbreich

I wanted to have an Adult Bar Mitzvah to set a good example for my two daughters who are in the Temple Beth David religious school. It has been great studying for it. It's been refreshing reading Hebrew, chanting with Larry Matalon, and making new friends with those in the class. It is really meaningful for me at this point of my life as it happens to coordinate at a time our family has had a spiritual awakening. WE love it here at Temple Beth David and are honored to be part of this great community.





Having an adult Bar Mitzvah was just one of many steps along the path of a lifelong learner. It was a rigorous, splendid time of learning and sharing with my classmates.

Temple Beth David and its congregation are among the great loves in my life. The meaningfulness of this occasion galvanizes my sense of purpose and affirmation of life itself.

Every step in this spiritual growth could not have been possible without the support, guidance, and friendship of Rabbi Nancy Myers, and Larry Matalon. In these two wonderful individuals, I have found a renewed, insatiable love of learning, for which I am eternally grateful.

It is important to me to let my grandchildren know that it is never too late and you are never too old to do something that really matters to you. Going through this experience, saying the prayers, learning my Torah portion, attending services, going to minyan, and the camaraderie of the people who are doing this with me has been a very warm and meaningful experience.

I keep remembering the good feelings that I had when I was young and went to Hebrew school and was confirmed.



Alma Herman





My Bat Mitzvah holds much significance to me. I have learned and grown so much throughout this journey, yet I know that I will forever continue to be a student. I feel a deeper sense of belonging in the Jewish community. I feel spiritually enriched. At times I have been in awe at chanting words and participating in customs that have been a part of Jewish tradition for thousands of years. In this ceremony I will publicly affirm and celebrate my Jewish identity, and fulfill a childhood wish.

### תודה לך אלוהים

Thank you to my family, friends, fellow classmates, Larry Matalon, Cantor Linder, Rabbi Myers and everyone at Temple Beth David for your teachings, help, support, and guidance. I am deeply grateful.

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





It is rare when something that you anticipate turns pushes for clear definition of Israel as a Jewish out to exceed your expectations in all respects, but the congregation trip to Israel did. Most of us who went would consider going again if the Rabbi uses ARZA World Travel who did an excellent job with the bus and bus driver and the guide they selected was the best we have ever seen. As we anticipate we did visit the Western wall. There were no issues while we were there. All of us at the wall were absorbed in our prayers and placing our prayer notes. The area designated for egalitarian prayer is located at the Robinson arch on a wooden deck south of the Kotel, the present prayer area. The deck is built near, but not adjoining the wall or the Kotel. It was generally deserted and seeing it, I now understand why the Women of the Wall and associated groups were at first reluctant to accept it. There is no final determination of who will administer it or whether ultra-Orthodox groups will accept without demonstrations or violence any women singing there or praying with a torah scroll.

The peace process has come to a halt for now as the April 30 deadline has passed, and it appears that beyond both sides stating their positions little progress was made. "Both parties still indicate that they feel it's important to negotiate and want to find a way to negotiate," Secretary of State Kerry said during a trip to Ethiopia. "So we believe the best thing to do right now is pause, take a hard look at these things and find out what is possible and what is not possible in the days ahead." Relations between the Secretary of State and some Israeli cabinet members have deteriorated. Possibly the Pope's recent invitation to both Israel and the Palestinian Authority's leaders to meet at the Vatican will lead to some progress.

The Israel Basic Law (the nearest thing Israel has to a constitution) is being developed and debated in the Knesset. While prime minister Netanyahu

state, he also assures skeptics that the law will respect the rights of all Israelis, not just Jews. Voices on the left are skeptical fearing it will promote super nationalism.

Price Tag vandalism is receiving attention by Israel's National Police although there has yet to be a significant breakthrough with important arrests. While I listed the desecration of the Reform synagogue in Raanana in March (5 times in the last 4 years) other incidents include a monastery. The brunt of the attacks are in the occupied territories in the West Bank, primarily vandalism to mosques. The National Police Chief assured there would be arrests. In the last two years every region of the National Police has established a unit to fight these crimes. He also declared that there are leaders in Israel who need to do some soul searching because they have yet to condemn the attacks.

Professor David Barzali of UC San Diego, the West Coast Regional Director of ARZA, visited Temple Beth David, on April 11 and spoke about pluralism in Israel and ARZA's role in promoting it. To increase our congregation's awareness of the importance of Israel to us as Reform Jews I will be creating an Israel committee. If you are interested in joining, please let me know.

Charlie Niederman





# **Celebrating Temple Beth David Membership**

-by Keri Gee Semmelman, VP-Membership

# TBD Members are Meaningful 💙 Musical 🎜 Memorable 🌣



### ANNOUNCEMENT

We hope you've had a wonderful year being part of the TBD family tree! We're so happy to have you as members! Soon you'll receive your Member Renewal Packet. Those who renew and new members who join by our Member Appreciation & Prospective Member Havdalah Beach Party Aug. 16 will be entered to win a fun prize! If you have local friends not yet affiliated with a Temple, we'll give you a Prospective Member Packet to pass on to them.

# SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 6 p.m. HAVDALAH AT THE BEACH PARTY!

(at a local beach...soon to be announced) Make the weekend a Temple stay-cation...with Friday night Synaplex and the Kitchen Ribbon cutting, and then Saturday night this fun beach party!

# All Member Appreciation & Prospective Members Welcome!

For Chavurahs...this would make for a great gathering! Members...please think about who you'd like to invite to join our temple! We'll soon get out a flier & RSVP info.



# Celebrating Our Current Members & Inviting New Members ...at the core of all we do!

Last month we had many dedicated members man our booth at the Israel Expo where we showed how special our congregation is! In keeping with our membership slogan "Members are <u>Meaningful</u>, <u>Musical</u>, <u>Memorable</u>," people who stopped at our booth shared a memorable Jewish moment and guessed how many M&Ms were in the decanter (there were 4,757) and some of us even dressed up in M&M costumes!

We now have 70 new people we're keeping in touch with thanks to our members who manned the booth: Yehuda Treiger, Andrea Tabor, Keri Gee & Aubree Semmelman, Susan Grinberg-Smith, Perry Goldstein, Steve Harris, Carol Cooperman, Rabbi Nancy, Cantor Nancy, Ruth Kramer, Florence Sudakow, Mark Singer, Faith & McKenzie Pantel, Karen Hertz, Ellen Korn, Paull Fellman, Lori Dunham, Gary Roels, Halbreich family!





Your Membership Committee: Perry & Aria Goldstein, Karen Hertz, Ellen Korn, Linda & Justine Krieger, Arlen & McKenzie Pantel, Keri Gee Semmelman, Andrea Tabor, and Yehuda Treiger. (With wonderful help from Lee & Elaine Netzer, and also Rabbi Nancy, Cantor Nancy, Kim, Edie, Scott W., and Mulu in the Temple Office.)

# **Recent Member-Only Festivities** ... Great Memories & Wonderful Success!

Dinner at 5 congregants' homes, Dessert & Havdalah at Temple, live band played members' requests. More than 40 members making new friends & celebrating longtime friendships! Plans underway for two such member-only events in new program year...one for adult members only and one for families!

# Family Fun Night & Havdalah!

Over 50 adults, teens, and kids enjoyed loads of fun! Teens led scavenger hunt, watched movies, and played board games. The younger kids also enjoyed dancing with Elise Gary. Adults relaxed, schmoozed, played board games & poker. The yummy ice cream and yogurt bar were a hit and so was the special Havdalah and live music. Plans are underway for more family fun nights...with members encouraged to invite families who



# Celebrate the Revelation of Torah Erev Shavuot - Tuesday, June 3, 2014



6:00pm - 7:00pm	Dairy dinner: egg salad, tuna salad, cheese, assorted breads, fruit salad, bagels, lox, cream cheese			
Cost:	\$7.00 per person by Thursday, May 29th			
	\$10.00 - after May 29th			
7:00pm - 7:50pm	Choice of 3 Workshops:			
	<ul> <li>God and Meditation: Finding God in your life with Elliot Fein and Michael Kanter</li> </ul>			
	The Crowns of Torah: A Talmudic study with Rabbinical Intern Aaron Sataloff			
	Mezuzah art project with Liz Kleinman and Rabbi.     Must RSVP in advance for this art project.     Children need to be accompanied by a parent.			
7:50pm - 8:20pm	Worship experience with reading of the book of Ruth, chanting of the Ten Commandments with Larry Matalon, and songs on Torah.			
	Oneg to follow			

RSVP to Temple Beth David office for dinner only - 714-892-6623 or tbdavid@templebethdaivd.org

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### TEMPLE BETH DAVID PRESENTS

# BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT SHABBAT SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 7TH AT 9:00 AM, STARTING AT TBD

After a Delicious \$5.00 Breakfast of Lox, Bagels, Fruit and Coffee

# Choose One of the below three activities and make Seven Stops Celebrating the Holiness of Shabbat

## TWO MILE WALK IN THE PARK

Led by Larry and Sharon Matalon

Meet at El Dorado Nature Center after Breakfast and Opening Prayers at TBD

Benches Available for Those Who Need to Sit

Parking Cost \$7.00

# **BIKE RIDE**

Led by Cantor Linder and Jack Rosenthal

After Breakfast and Opening Prayers, We'll Meet at Bolsa Chica State Beach by the Lifeguard Station 27 (where Tashlich is held)

> We will then ride to Huntington Pier.

Parking is Available

HIKING AT MONROVIA CANYON PARK

Led by Rabbi Myers and Joel Berman

After Breakfast and Opening Prayers, Meet at the Park's Ranger Station

A three mile incline and rock hike.

Parking \$5.00



Your Must RSVP by <u>June 3rd</u> to participate in this event. Please indicate if you are joining us for breakfast and which activity you are signing up for by calling the Temple's office at (714) 892-6623 or tbdavid@templebethdavid.org

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## Lilly Black

who passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2014

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### General Fund

### Anonymous

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Vida Delshad in memory of Aghajon Cohan-Sedgh Betsy-Ann Toffler in memory of Philip Blum The Lelchuk Family in memory of Mariann Moore Vida Delshad in memory of Amin Delshad Nessa & David Bernstein in memory of Lilly Black Nancy & John Bigley & Family in memory of Sarelle Ward

### ECLC Fundraising

Marc & April Serlin in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rabbi Nancy Myers Bobby Becker in honor of Julia Seldman's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous Anne Hoogasian Judith Sobel in memory of Ralph Kurson Brenda Gorman in memory of Richard Gorman Linda & Ted Cohen in congratulating Rabbi Myers on her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Temple Beth David Nancy & John Bigley & Family in honor of Rabbi Myers' 10 years at TBD

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Sidney Laham in honor of Gloria and Donald Schwartz for their service to TBD, and in memory of Anita Laham





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Pictures Snapshots Photographs

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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/are yours!

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# The Temple Office Staff Thanks...

- Allan Pogrund & Keri Gee Semmelman 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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8 9:00am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 11:30am Sisterhood Donor Luncheon (offsite)	9 <b>7:15pm</b> Choir	10	11 <b>6:30pm</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting	12 <b>6:30pm</b> ECLC Siyyum Pre-K <b>7:30pm</b> Brotherhood Meeting	13 <b>7:30pm</b> Shabbat Choir Service	14 <b>9:00am</b> Lay Led Minyan
15 9:00am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	16 ECLC CLOSED	17 <b>5:00pm</b> Grief Support Group	18	19 <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn	20 7:30pm Shabbat ALIVE! Service	21 <b>9:00am</b> Torah Study
22 <b>9:00am</b> Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	23 ECLC Summer Program Starts	24	25 <b>7:30pm</b> TBD Board of Trustees	26	27 <b>7:30pm</b> Adult B'nei Mitzvah Service	28 <b>9:00am</b> Lay Led Minyan
29	30	1	2 32	3	4 7:00pm Family Shabbat Service OFFICE & ECLC CLOSED	5 <b>9:00am</b> Lay Led Minyan

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- □ Irma Moskowitz Fund for Lifelong Learning Supplementing the educational experiences & programs at TBD
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- □ Caplan Family Outreach Fund Programs to attract intermarried couples to Jewish life
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