

Iyar ~ Sivan 5774

May, 2014



Friday, May 9, 2014 - 7:30pm

**Celebrating Rabbi Nancy Myers' 10 Years** 

Mother's Day Brunch
May 11, 2014 10:30am

Moms are FREE!
TBD Junior Choir!
Delicious Food!

See inside for more Details

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

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Allan Shubin & Sandy Sobolew-Shubin
Howard & Diane Spielman
Eileen Tobey
Jackie Caplan Wiggins &
Doug Wiggins

## We Appreciate You!



May Shabbat Schedule							
Friday	2	Shabbat Family Service					
Saturday	3	9:00am	Torah Study				
		10:30am	Wyatt Gorman - Bar Mitzvah				
Friday	9	7:30pm	Shabbat Choir Service				
Saturday	aturday 10 9:00am		Lay Led Minyan				
Friday	16	7:30pm	Shabbat ALIVE!				
Saturday	day 17 9:00am		Lay Led Minyan				
		10:30am	Confirmation Service				
Friday	23	7:30pm	Youth Group Shabbat				
Saturday	24	9:00am	Lay Led Minyan				
Friday	30	7:30pm	"Ask the Rabbi" Shabbat Service				
Saturday	31	9:00am	Lay Led Minyan				

May Religious School Calendar							
Sunday	4	9:00am	Religious School				
		10:30am	B'nei Mitzvah Family Brunch				
Tuesday	6 4:15pm Hebrew School / Teen Program						
		6:30pm	Religious School Program (SH)				
Sunday	11	9:00am	Religious School				
		10:30am	Mother's Day Brunch				
Tuesday	13	4:15pm	Hebrew School / Teen Program				
Sunday	18	9:00am	Last Day of Religious School				







## Reflecting on my 10 years at Temple Beth David

Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers

May, 2014

Ten years, a decade, is that a long time? When I was a child and a teenager, it was a big deal. Ten years covered such a great period of growth, change, and new experiences. I had a Bat Mitzvah, learned to drive, and went off to college. However, now that I'm in my 4<sup>th</sup> decade of life, ten years doesn't seem quite so long. A lot happens in ten years to be sure but time seems to move quicker the older I am.

Even though ten years may not be a lot given that I hope to live well into old age, ten years is a significant amount of time. In Judaism, the number ten comes to be connected with a minyan. This is the number of Jewish adults required to publicly read the Torah, recite a full service, and say the mourner's kaddish out loud. The number ten for Jews is the minimal number for community.

As I reflect on my ten years at Temple Beth David, I find myself marveling how I came to be part of our community. I arrived here with two toddlers. Gabriel was 3 and Shane was 1 ½. At services, Shane would race around the sanctuary, not able to sit for more than 3 minutes. My husband Paul would be sweating through his button down shirt from the exertion of preventing Shane from storming the bimah. We were new to California but it didn't take long for us to appreciate the closeness of the ocean, mountains, and desert and gratefully, the lack of mosquitoes. At our synagogue, we found ourselves quickly making friends, arranging play dates, and sharing laughs with congregants.

As I look back over the ten years at Temple Beth David, it's hard for me to recount all the experiences we have shared. We have learned words of Torah together in adult education classes, Torah studies, and Friday night discussions. We have experimented with novel ways to celebrate Shavuot, Selichot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, and Purim. We have celebrated the birth of children, their Bnei Mitzvah, and weddings. And we have sought strength in times of loss.

Over the past decade, I have witnessed the growth of our music program with volunteers overfilling our choir loft, the sweetness of our junior choir, and the talented musicians in our community. I see wonderful lay leaders of good hearts and minds responsibly lead our congregation. I rejoice with the success of our ECLC, i.e., our preschool. I marvel at all those who help out with programs, assist those in need, and make our Temple into a community. And I love that our community is truly intergenerational with toddlers, school age children, teenagers, young adults, couples, singles, and those wise with age.

I feel so proud of our synagogue and where we are today. I hope to continue to work towards making our community a stronger one infused with *kedushah*, holiness, as we continue to build for our future. In retrospect, ten years is indeed significant and I hope to continue to count our blessings as a community for many years to come.





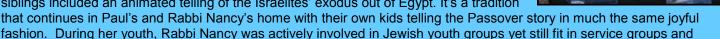
#### A TRIBUTE TO RABBI NANCY MYERS

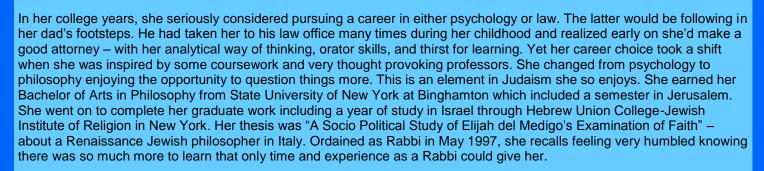
In honor of her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Temple Beth David
- written by Keri Gee Semmelman

The number 10 has special significance within our history, observances, and overall heritage – the 10 Commandments being the most prominent and then it takes 10 Jewish people to make a minyan for prayer – to name just a couple. It is this thought of "minyan" – of a communal group forming – that has special significance for Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers as she reflects on the past 10 years as Rabbi of Temple Beth David.

It's no surprise Rabbi Nancy loves being Jewish. During her childhood, it was a fun, creative, and meaningful experience. For example, seders with her parents and two siblings included an animated telling of the Israelites' exodus out of Egypt. It's a tradition

competing in school sports such as swimming, track, and softball.





Roles leading up to her ordination included being base person in Israel's Golan Heights for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at a temple, student rabbi for congregations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and Rabbinic intern for Temple Israel in New York. After being ordained, she lead spirituality seminars on a Naval Base, taught conversion classes, and served as community coordinator for the Interfaith Collaboration of Emerging Leaders where she brought together Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Greek Orthodox youth to foster understanding and tolerance in the wake of September 11th.

Her first rabbinic role was at Temple Chai in Illinois where for six years she served as their Associate Rabbi. Coming from a very large congregation to the more intimate Temple Beth David was something she very much looked forward to. She loves how caring, committed, and connected our members are. Her favorite moments are when she sees our diverse group of members of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds engaged together in prayer, learning, and enjoying holiday observances and temple activities. It truly is this closeness we share with one another and how committed we are to our Temple that means the most to her as she reflects on her past decade with us.

Some special moments our members have of our Rabbi are her spirited rendition of the seder story and her energetic storytelling on Family Shabbat service night, how personable and knowledgeable she is as she answers congregants' questions on Ask the Rabbi Night (5<sup>th</sup> Friday), how she provides thoughtful comfort during difficult times, and her passion to teach us. Her creation of our Lasting Legacy Program and her term as President of the Orange County Board of Rabbis are among the many accomplishments she is well respected for. Most recently, she has become a regular columnist on Jewish topics for a variety of local media. Years before she wrote a chapter in The Women's Haftarah Commentary: New Insights from Women Rabbis.

During her rabbinical studies she was bestowed many awards from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. They include United Hospital Fund volunteer recognition, The Rabbi Hugo Hahn Memorial Prize for excelling in History, and The Dr. and Mrs. Henry Slonimsky Prize in Midrash.

Beyond her role at Temple Beth David, Rabbi Myers loves being a wife and mother. To see how supportive and involved her husband Paul and their children Gabriel and Shane are makes her rabbinic experience that much more enjoyable. She also loves the outdoors, hiking, doing karate, listening to rock 'n roll, and cooking with a zest for trying out new recipes. Before she leads our Friday night services, she and her family enjoy a homemade Shabbat dinner at home. This is a tradition she carries on from her own childhood days.

Speaking of tradition, in our faith it is a mitzvah to thank G-d for our many blessings. Thus, "Thank you G-d for Rabbi Nancy Myers" for all the ways she has and will continue to bring love, learning, and life to our precious Temple Beth David family tree!



#### **SISTERHOOD MATTERS!**

May, 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.

Our Mitzvah Corp stands ready whenever there is a need. At times a request goes out to our entire membership to donate baked goods to enhance a meal of condolence or offer your help to our women who continue to serve in this capacity. It is hoped that in the future many more of you will take it upon yourselves to provide when there is a need. Obviously there is no advance notice of when a need occurs so when you are called upon to help out, please consider what you can do to answer the call, and it is a good way to earn Donor credit as well.

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.

The most recent Social Action activity involved volunteers who made Mother's Day red rose bouquets out of chocolate kisses. These will be

distributed to women of families in need through the SPIN project. Thanks to our Social Action Chair, Debbie Lelchuk who organized this fun activity.

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 call to let us know of your interests. 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!





#### 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 on April 10, 2014.

- The March 30th brunch, "Jews in Baseball," was a great success! Special thanks to Robin Harrison for putting together an informative program together with Donald Schwartz. The program featured a film narrated by Dustin Hoffman. The food was baseball appropriate. Our Culinary Chair Lee Netzer did a great job. Thank you to all who helped out including Howard Tobey and Jeff LeBoff and as always, Mulu Harrison and Scott Whiteside!
- Brotherhood participation in the Dining Delight program continues in full swing.
   Jerrold Korn set-up a Dining Delight night at TGIF at Westminster Mall on April 8. The next Brotherhood Dining Delight is scheduled for Long Boards on June 9.
   Look for the flyer in the Megillah!
- The Jack Broscow Brotherhood once again sponsored a special Men's Sedar on April 24th. Our Religious Practice's Chair, Max Sudakow was unfortunately unable to lead our Seder this year. Special thanks to Jack Rosenthal for stepping up at the last minute to lead. It was a memorable evening. Come join us next year.
- The Yom Hashoah candles were delivered just in time. Special thanks to Robin and Mulu Harrison and Steve, Yu-Fen, and Deborah Harris for their help in putting the candle packages together. Special thanks to Jeff LeBoff for coordinating and going that extra mile to come in during the week along with Charlie Niederman, to finish addressing boxes for our congregation. Because of

the higher postage rates this year, candles were hand delivered or available for pick up at the temple. The service on April 27<sup>th</sup> was truly a memorable event.

- Our slate of Board positions are being finalized for the next term! Our nominating committee chairman Arnie Weintraub has worked very hard to put together a strong list of candidates. Look for more information next week when the agenda is announced for the May Brotherhood board meeting. Special thanks to new member Mitch Halbreich for agreeing to serve on our board this year.
- The Brotherhood encourages everyone to attend the Rabbi's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Don't miss the ever popular Mother's

  Day brunch on May 11th. The Junior Choir

  under the direction of Sharon Matalon

  will perform, Mimosas will be served and
  there will be a rose for every mom in
  attendance. The start time is 10:30. Don't
  miss this wonderful tradition. Look for
  more information in this month's Megillah
  and RSVP now!

The next Brotherhood meeting will be on Thursday May 8, 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**

May, 2014 by Vanessa Johnson

April was a crazy-busy month for us at the Early Childhood Learning Center. The children practiced their Passover songs every morning in preparation

for our Passover performances. We spent the month learning about the Passover story and using our songs to illustrate the journey from Egypt through the desert. The preschoolers entertained Temple Beth Shalom at Leisure World by singing to them all the Passover songs they had learned. Finally, Family Passover Night arrived, the children dressed as frogs, slaves, and Egyptians and performed for their families. They even sang the first Seder question perfectly as the prologue to the show. Moses led us through the Red Sea and we followed him out of the Sanctuary and to the social hall. We want to thank Joe Chen for gallantly stepping in as Moses; he was a natural.



We all enjoyed our Spring Break! As soon as we returned we starting preparing for our Mother's Day Tea, this will be another memorable event that can't be missed.

The preschoolers ended the month by going on a field trip to Strawberry Fields at Tanaka Farm in Irvine. We tasted all the delicious and organic vegetables that the farm grows and then picked baskets full of strawberries to bring home. Field trips that let you eat are a favorite for us all!



See you next month for Mother's Day news!

Vanessa ECLC Director





#### SEND A MAZELGRAM TO A FRIEND

Sisterhood will send a Birthday or Anniversary greeting in your name

#### June Birthdays

1	John Fitzpatrick	11	Judy Seitelman	15	Arnie Weintraub	25	Renée Dorfman
2	Erik Blau	12	Paul Harris	16	Myrna Motzer	26	David Twisselmann
2	Saul Zenk	12	Scott Koppel	20	Susan Grinberg-Smith	27	Erika Pogrund
5	Rick Blumenthal	13	Alfred Bacharach	21	Michael Filkoff	28	Scott Berzak
6	Julie Bernstein	13	Brian Brown	21	Roberta Fratello	28	Deanne Ruby
8	Jackie Wiggins	14	Renée Natkiel Gerry	21	Gary Roels	29	Karen Duclos
9	Millie Vogel	15	Dana Mann	23	Bryan Kornswiet	29	Stuart Makler

#### June Anniversaries

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1	Aaron & Leslie Kern 13	3	Robert & Carole Blum	19	James & Robyn Michaeloff
2	David & Doris Franco 13	3	Steven & Tina Lustig	20	Martin & Phyllis Greenstein
3	Jerry & Dorothy Bleiweiss 14	1	David & Nessa Bernstein	23	Joel & Hallie Berman
3	Brian & Kathy Gorman 16	5	Allan & Sally Mann	23	Allan & Erika Pogrund
5	Charlie & Cathy Niederman 17	7	Allan Shubin &	24	Stan & Phyllis Abrams
6	Stan & Annette Helfman	8	Sandy Sobolew-Shubin	25	Daniel & Elise Gary
9	Heidi & Jim Swanson 18	3	Adam & Julie Bernstein	25	Jerry & Linda Patton
10	Matt & Lisa Paretsky 18	3	Lisa & Ian McCall	25	Arthur & Annabelle Sandler
12	Scott & Marla Weiss			30	Jeremy & Sharon Bloch

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: The Grinberg-Smith Family



~ written by Jon Alban

May, 2014

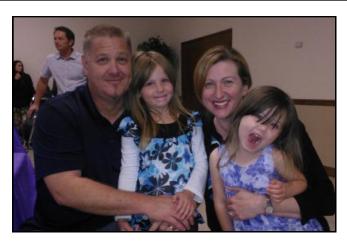
It was both a long and a short journey for the Grinberg -Smith family to arrive to Temple Beth David.....Let's meet Susan and David and follow them on their journey.

Susan's story begins far away. She was born in Odessa, Ukraine, which at the time was part of the Soviet Union. When Susan was only two years old, her parents fled the Soviet Union due to religious persecution. As Russian Jews in Ukraine, they were neither recognized as "Russians" nor as Jews." They were not allowed to practice their religion and like many Jews, they were shipped out of Russia. Relatives sponsored the Grinberg family to immigrate to the U.S. and become U.S. citizens. The Grinbergs left the Soviet Union to find a better life for their 2 daughters, and thankfully that is what happened.

When Susan's parents left the Soviet Union in the early 1970s and moved to New York City (Flushing, Queens), they did not have a Jewish identity because they had not been allowed to practice Judaism in Russia. The family had a difficult time finding an identity in America. As immigrants in the United States, they felt uncomfortable and different - they did not identify with "Russians" nor with "Jews" nor with "Americans." Susan felt that she had to hide her Russian and Jewish identity as a child, and her family did not regularly practice their faith because they felt they would not be accepted.

David had a shorter, yet also remarkable journey to Temple. David was born in Lynwood, California. His family came to California from Oklahoma and Texas to escape the "dust bowl." His parents are not Jewish and not religious. David grew up here in Westminster and attended some church but did not have any memorable experiences. He remembers driving by Temple Beth David as a child and wondering what it was.

Susan's struggle to find a Jewish identity continued for most of her young adult life. She finally made her journey from New York to California when her best friend moved here and met David, telling Susan that she thought she had found a match for her. Susan flew out here, met David, and decided to move to California to pursue her love interest. Two years later, in 2008, Susan and David were married.



David works from home in post-production in the film industry, and is a screenwriter as a hobby. Susan is a licensed social worker at College Medical Center in Long Beach. Their first daughter, Sophia, was born in 2009, and their second daughter, Emma, was born in 2011. Based on the recommendation of David's sister, both Sophia and Emma now attend the Temple Beth David pre-school, and they will attend Sunday School as well.

David feels welcome at Temple Beth David, and he plans to become more involved with the Brotherhood. Even though he is not officially Jewish, he is open-minded, appreciates Jewish values, and is happy to be raising his daughters in the Jewish faith.

Susan realizes that she missed so much growing up without her Jewish identity, and now she is grateful to have a place where her family feels welcome and is proud to be Jewish. David and Susan enjoy the many activities Temple Beth David has to offer, including the pre-school, the educational opportunities, the carnivals, Brotherhood and Sisterhood, their Chavurah, and the Family Fun activities. Their Chavurah had a mezuzah hanging ceremony at their house, so now Susan and David can celebrate Jewish holidays and occasions in their Jewish home and in a synagogue that they have made their home.

"Judaism is a journey," says Susan. We are happy that their long and short journeys brought the Grinberg-Smith family to join us here at Temple Beth David. \$\phi\$



#### **CHAVURAH SPOTLIGHT**

- written by Keri Gee Semmelman

May, 2014



This month we feature the **newest Chavurah** that began last year. Many special names for what to call the group are currently being considered. The seven couples meet every-other month and have already enjoyed two fun getting-to-know you parties, a spirited Bingo/white elephant night, a musical night which included a drum circle, and most recently an elegant evening at the famed Magic Castle in Los Angeles.

Members include: Martin & Jean Auslander, Howard & Crystal Bushinsky, Jeff & Marlene Kohn, Ken & Sandy Friedman, Charles Greenberg & Nancy Linder-Greenberg, and Elliot & Keri Gee Semmelman.

"The Chavurah experience is helping us to get to know our fellow temple members at an even deeper level and in the process we're making new friends. Our eclectic group has so many different hobbies that we're excited to explore! We're having a lot of fun and look forward to going through many life cycle events together."

~ Keri Gee Semmelman

#### 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

Chavurah Interest Form.



## Temple Publicity Trustee REPORT

Steve Harris
Temple Beth David Publicity Trustee



#### Tribute Book Cover



OC Register article on our sedar pg. 2



OC Register article on our sedar pg. 1



Rabbi's Passover Register Column

#### **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 April. OC Jewish Life will cover the event.

#### COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS:

Working with Garry Plotkin and his committee on honoring our rabbi for her ten years at our temple. Using a new portrait of her as the cover for the tribute book. Laying out ads and articles for the publication.

Have interacted with OC Supervisor Nguyen and Congressman Lowenthal to pay a tribute to our rabbi.

#### **COLUMN SUBMISSIONS:**

Worked with the Register to cover our sedar. Submitted Rabbi's Passover column to them as well.

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

Also, continuing to redo our demographics chart for publicity purposes.

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





It is rare when something that you anticipate turns promote super nationalism. 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 used ARZA World Travel again and we had the same guide. As we anticipated last month 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 Professor David Barzali of UC San Diego, the 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."

The Israel Basic Law (the nearest thing Israel has to a constitution) is being developed and debated in the Knesset. While prime minister Netanyahu pushes for clear definition of Israel as a Jewish state, he also assures skeptics that the law will respect the rights of all Israelis, not just Jews. Voices on the left are skeptical that it will

Price Tag issues are 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 last month, 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 who need to do some soul searching because they have yet to condemn the attacks.

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



Temple Families Invited!

#### Family FUN Night

Saturday, MAY 3, 2014 in Temple Social Hall Arrive anytime...starting at 5 p.m. 'til 10 p.m. **Temple Members** 

(Teens and Youth with Your Parents & Grandparents)

Come hang out, nosh, play fun games, relax, and experience Havdalah with your fellow awesome Temple families.

Please RSVP Today!

to Temple (714) 892-6623.

(We hope to make this an ongoing tradition...and for the future ones to include non-members.)

(CLICK HERE) for flier with evening's fun schedule and more details!



to be featured at Israeli Expo 2014...Come Help!

Hosted by Jewish Federation & Family Services, Orange County Sunday, May 18, 1—6 p.m. at the JFFS in Irvine

Come show your pride for Temple Beth David by helping man our display table. Our hope is to recruit new members by showing how Meaningful, Musical, and Memorable our members are. We'll ask those passing by to write down a favorite Jewish memory and to guess how many M&Ms are in the huge jar. Prizes will be given! To sign up to help man the booth (1 hour and 1/2 hour shifts available), please email kerigee1@aol.com or call the Temple (714) 892-6623 and ask for Edie. There is no cost to attend the fun-filled countywide event!.

#### SOON ♥ TO J COME ❖

**HAVDALAH AT THE BEACH PARTY** ~ Summer 2014

**Member Appreciation & Prospective Members Welcome!** Please start thinking about who you'd like to invite to join our temple!

**A LOOK BACK...** (Photos to come in June Megillah)

Dinner with Strangers; Dessert with Friends Event held April 26 was a wonderful way for many of our of congregants to meet and bond with fellow congregants. Scrumptious dinners, decadent desserts, sing-a-long live music, and lots of schmoozing made for a great night! Thank you our 5 Host families: Laurie Schneider, Alan & Laurel Jarrick, Mitch & Claudia Geller, Terry & Linda Krieger, Ken & Sandy Friedman. We also could not have done it without Mulu Skinner-Harrison and Scott Whiteside!

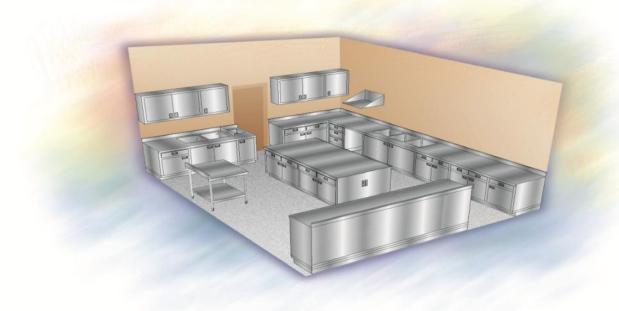


Your Membership Committee:

Perry & Aria Goldstein, Karen Hertz, Ellen Korn, Linda & Justine Krieger, Arlen & McKenzie Pantel, Keri Gee Semmelman, Andrea Tabor, and Yehuda Treiger. (With the wonderful help from Elaine Netzer and Kim and Edie in the Temple Office.)



## 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)
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#### DONATE TO THE KITCHEN RENOVATION FUND!

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	Make checks payable to: Temple Beth David Kitchen Renovation Fund	

## Parents & Kids (Teens Too) All Temple Families with Children Invited!



**Temple Beth David!** Saturday, May 3, 2014

Show up at whatever time works best for your family! For Chavurahs with children/teens...this would be a great event to come to as a group!

5 p.m.

Bring your own dinner and drinks and hang out with other equally awesome families!

6 p.m.

Teens (12 & up) Scavenger Hunt (at Temple) • Youth Fun Games Adults Relax/Schmooze

6:30 p.m.

Dessert Provided...Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae!

7 p.m. Havdalah w/Rabbi

Soon after... 'til 10 p.m. **Board Games · Music Poker & Possibly Mahjong Tables** 

#### Please RSVP by Thursday, May 1st

to Temple (714) 892-6623 with name and how many are attending. (We want to make sure to have enough dessert, games, and tables and chairs.)





Temple Beth David is in charge of the Ronald McDonald House. We also need two members at the temple table.

Please contact Lynne Horn: <a href="mailto:gardening1a@aol">gardening1a@aol</a>, if you can volunteer. Thank you!!

A day of *mitzvot* and giving back for the entire Jewish Community. People of all talents, ages, skills, and passions are invited to help make this an amazing day of social action. Hands-on activities for families; projects that benefit many organizations in both on and offsite projects. Opportunities to connect with local organizations through the Mitzvah Fair (perfect for Bnai Mitzvah projects)! Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut! Kosher lunch will be for sale.

For a listing of items to donate, project updates, & to sign up to volunteer starting April 1, visit: <a href="https://www.jewishlongbeach.org/bigmitzvahday">www.jewishlongbeach.org/bigmitzvahday</a>.

Questions? Contact Megan Donaldson at 562-426-7601 x1014 or <a href="mailto:mdonaldson@jewishlongbeach.org">mdonaldson@jewishlongbeach.org</a>.



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Domenico's has been a Belmont Shore institution for 60 years.

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Dine-In or Take-Out.

#### Monday, May 5, 2014 11:30 AM to 10 PM

#### You must bring this flyer with you

to the fundraiser to qualify for the 25% donation from Domenico's. Flyers must be distributed prior to the fundraiser event. Flyers may not be passed out inside or outside Domenico's during the fundraiser.

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#### FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 9TH, 2014 BEGINNING AT 5:45 PM AT OUR TEMPLE

Platinum Sponsor: Dinner for 4 and a Full Page Ad in the Tribute Book - \$1,000 Gold Sponsor: Dinner for 4 and a Half-Page Ad in the Tribute Book - \$750 Silver Sponsor: Dinner for 2 and a Quarter Page Ad in the Tribute Book - \$500 Dinner Only - \$25.00 (per person)

RSVP by May 6th, 2014 (714) 892-6623 or tbdavid@templebethdavid.org



Temple Beth David

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#### **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 2014**

Our annual salute to the mothers of Temple Beth David

Featuring:

The Temple Beth David Junior Choir under the direction of Sharon D. Matalon

#### Sunday May 11, 2014 10:30am

Reservations Are Required

\*Moms will be our guests and receive a lovely rose\*

RSVP By Wednesday May 7: \$15 – Adults / \$10 - Children (5-13) After May 7 & day of event: \$20 - Adults / \$15 – Children (5-13)

For more information or to RSVP, please call or email Temple Beth David office at (714)892-6623 - tbdavid@templebethdavid.org

#### Brotherhood brunches are open to everyone

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Guests	Mothers (Free)	#	
	Adults @ \$15.00	#	
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Send your check payable to TBD Brotherhood c/o Temple Beth David, 6100 Hefley Street. Westminster, CA 92683

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 7, 2014

#### In Remembrance

We note with sadness the recent passing of...

#### **Morris Matalon**

father of Larry & David Matalon, who passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2014

#### **Ernest Pelto**

father of Deanne Ruby, who passed away on Monday, March 31, 2014

#### **Sondra Melnick**

wife of Sidney Melnick, who passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2014

#### **TEMPLE FUNDS**

#### **General Fund**

Anonymous

Nancy Bigley & Family in memory of

Danny Rietman and Sam Ward

Vida Delshad in memory of Aziz Nourani

The Lelchuk Family in memory of Ernest Pelto and Morris Matalon

Nancy & John Bigley & Family in wishing a speedy recovery for Mel Keleman, and Get Well wishes for Cari Keleman

Hooshy Nourani in memory of Aziz Nourani

#### **Caring Community Fund**

Rick, Melanie, Aaron & Emily Blumenthal in memory of Bobby Weber

Keri Gee Semmelman in memory of my mom, my grandmother, and my great-aunt

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Linda & Ted Cohen in memory of Sondra Melnick
Jane Schiffer in memory of Anne Portnoy
Jane Schiffer in memory of Barry Hahn
Phil Palbaum in memory of William Palbaum
Jane Schiffer in memory of Elizabeth Kate Germaine
Al Kurchin in memory of Harry Kurchin
Howard Bushinsky in memory of Phillip Bushinsky
Jane Schiffer in memory of Ben Abrams

#### Cantor Harry & Fay Newman Memorial Choir Fund

Yehuda & Mary Treiger in memory of Sandry Joseph Treiger Veda Potash in memory of Jack Potash

#### **Kitchen Renovation Fund**

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Frieda Caplan in memory of Paul Steffen

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Shirley & Eugene Ross in honor of

all that Sisterhood does

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Phyllis Postman in memory of Sondra Melnick

Shirley & Eugene Ross in memory of Sondra Melnick

Sidney Melnick in loving memory of Sondra Melnick

Mel & Mickey Lewin in memory of Ida Tatar

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Alma Herman in memory of Herb Herman
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Danny Cacioppo
Rabbi Robin Hoffman in honor of Roz Sudakow
Phyllis Postman in memory of Beatrice Postman
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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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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\*

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TBD offers FREE WIFI in the Social Hall.

Password: year5771

#### 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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		4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program  5:00pm Grief Support Group		1	7:00pm Family Shabbat Service	3 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Wyatt Gorman Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm Family Fun Night
4 9:00am Religious School 9:00am Adult B'nei Mitzvah 10:30am 2015 B'nei Mitzvah Family Brunch	7:15pm Choir	4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program  5:00pm Grief Support Group	7	7:30pm Brotherhood Meeting	9 5:45pm Rabbi's Dinner 7:30pm Special Shabbat Service Celebrating Rabbi Myers' 10 Years!	9:00am Lay Led Minyan
11 9:00am Religious School 10:30am Mother's Day Brunch	12 7:15pm Choir	13 4:15pm Hebrew School/ Teen Program	14 6:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	15 12:00pm Lunch & Learn	7:30pm Shabbat ALIVE! Service	9:00am Lay Led Minyan 10:30am Confirmation Service
18 9:00am Last Day of Religious School 9:00am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 1pm - 6pm Israel Expo	19	5:00pm Grief Support Group	7:30pm TBD Board of Trustees	22	7:30pm Shabbat Torah Service	9:00am Lay Led Minyan
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