Temple Beth Hillel Celebrates Israel’s 70th Birthday

- Yom HaAtzma-ut Celebration Dinner & Services
  Friday, April 20 - 6:00 pm  (see page 3 calendar)

- Workshop with Alden Solovy as Liturgist-in-Residence
  Sunday, April 22 - 9:45 -11:30 am  (see page 10 calendar)

To RSVP and for more information, visit: bethhillel.info

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by Senior Rabbi Sarah Hronsky

The Magid of Dubnov had a special talent of making a point through parables. Years ago, when a fire broke out in the village, all the people were terrified as it quickly spread burning down the entire village in one fell swoop. And rebuilding was hard.

But once, when one of the villagers came to the big city, he suddenly heard bells ringing and horns blowing. Shocked he asked the watchman, “What is this noise?” His response, “Whenever there is a fire, we ring the bells and blow the horns to put out the fire.” When the villager returned home, he told the elders about his great discovery. “From now on,” they said, “whenever there is a fire, we too will blow horns and ring bells, like in the big city and this way put out the fire! Wait we don’t have fancy bells or horns, but we do have many shofarot. So from now on whenever we see flames, we will sound the shofar.”

The next time there was a fire, the town elders started blowing their shofarot, but the fire only got worse. Before long, half the village was gone.

When the villager returned to the big city, he went straight to the watchman telling him what happened to the village and asking, “How come when we sounded our horns, the fire didn’t go out?”

The watchman replied, “Do you really think that our bells and our horns put out the blaze? Silly man, they are only there to cry an alarm and alert the people. It is up to every one of us to extinguish the fire!”

Yesterday, all over the world, there were women, men, and children gathered together, singing, chanting, carrying signs, some of the most creative signs ever. What were they doing? They were carrying the water to quench the flames. The flames burning in this country. The message loud and clear in this moment of action, the moment where the individual self-absorption gave way to the community declaration, where over half a million individuals in Los Angeles declared they will not be silent, they will not be complacent.

Their presence declared, “You cannot dehumanize, degrade, and stigmatize whole categories of people in this nation. Every woman, every Jew, every Muslim, transgender, gay, disabled, black, brown, white, man, and child is beloved by God and precious in the Holy One’s sight. We the people, all the people, are created in the image of God, b’zdem Elohim. All people are worthy of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Enough is enough, the times have been too hard, and as an American, I understand my freedom to equate to the right for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I equate this to the rights for all people residing within this fine country’s borders.

And, as a rabbi, I recognize my tradition can be a bit cerebral, sticking close the words of our ancestors, drawing from weekly teachings from our Torah, the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Each week across the year we read a section from these books in order. And this past Shabbat we read the story of our Exodus, from slavery to the first moments of freedom. From the darkest of times to the beginning of light. The irony not lost on me, as I recount the darkness our country has seen and I reach towards the light. The light of actions, the light of kindness. I look for the torch bearers, not those who come out in the light who light the flames in our hearts, the fires that shouldn’t be squelched. Those whose flames come from deep places of character, and warm us towards acts of kindness, love, and respect for the other.

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## SHABBAT & HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

### March

**PURIM, MARCH 1**

**SHABBAT, MARCH 2-3**

Torah Portion:  
*Ki Tisa*, Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

Friday, March 2  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat Services  
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Steinman, Cantor Linsky, and adult choir. Oneg to follow.

Sunday, March 4  
10:30 am  
Aladdin Purim Shpiel  
Join Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, and Zamar Goldberg for this fun Aladdin shpiel followed by the Purim Community Carnival.

**SHABBAT, MARCH 9-10**

Torah Portion:  
*Va’ya’keh*, Exodus 35:1 - 38:20  
*Pekudi*, Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

Friday, March 9  
7:00 pm  
Erev Shabbat Services  
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Steinman, Cantor Linsky, and adult choir. Oneg to follow.

Saturday, March 10  
9:00 am  
Shabbat Hike  
Join Rabbi Steinman. Please contact TBH office for more details.

10:00 am  
Bat Mitzvah of Charlee Friedman

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### April

**Tuesday, April 3**  
7:00 pm  
12-step Passover Service  
Held in the Kaufman Beit Midrash.

**SEDER IN THE DESERT APRIL 6-8**  
See details on page 4

**SHABBAT, APRIL 6-7**

Special Readings: Deuteronomy  
14:22-16:17/Numbers 28:19-25

Friday, April 6  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat Services  
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Steinman, Cantor Linsky, and adult choir. Oneg to follow.

Saturday, April 7  
9:00 am  
Yizkor Minyan  
Join Rabbi Steinman in the Kaufman Beit Midrash.

4:00 pm  
Moses Program: S’udah Shleesheet  
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for a special outreach to Jews with disabilities.

**SHABBAT, APRIL 13-14**

Torah Portion:  
*Tazriah*, Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59  
*Metzorah*, Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

Friday, April 13  
5:30 pm  
L’Dough V’Dough  
This program includes making challah while Holocaust survivors speak of their experience. This free program is provided by the LA Museum of the Holocaust. RSVP at bethhillel.info or brotherhood@tbhla.org.

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### Congrats to our March & April B’nei Mitzvah!

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Community Carnival

- Free Admission  
- Arts & Crafts  
- Puppy Pen  
- All New Prizes  
- Rides  
- Games  
- Food Booths

To RSVP or get early-bird tickets: bethhillel.info

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Yom HaShoah Services  
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Yom HaAtzma-ut Dinner  
Israeli style dinner, snacks, and activities. If you are joining us for the dinner provided by TBH, please RSVP and pay by April 17 at bethhillel.info. $15 for adults and $10 for children.

Saturday, April 21  
9:00 am  
Shabbat Text Study  
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for text study with Rabbi Steinman.

9:30 am  
Drumming Shabbat  
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz led by Rabbi Hronsky and Zamar Goldberg.

**SHABBAT, APRIL 27-28**

Torah Portion:  

Friday, April 27  
5:45 pm  
Shabbat Nosh  
Join us in Sands-Mallet Hall prior to service.

6:00 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz led by Rabbi Steinman. Friendly service in the Bauman Sanctuary celebrating Israel’s 70th birthday. Family friendly service in the Bauman Sanctuary led by Rabbi Hronsky & Steinman and Zamar Goldberg.

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**Yom HaShoah Virtual Candle Lighting**  
Join Rabbis Hronsky and Steinman and TBH Brotherhood, with your Yom HaShoah candle and family, for a short lighting ceremony. Facebook live at 7:00pm on Temple Beth Hillel Facebook page.

**SHABBAT, APRIL 20-21**

Torah Portion:  
*Acharei Mot*, Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30  
*Kedoshim*, Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27

Friday, April 20  
6:00 pm  
Yom HaAtzma-ut Services  
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Until 17 years ago, I never belonged to a synagogue and was not active in any charities. Being at TBH has truly benefited my family and me. I have learned a lot from my involvement with Temple Beth Hillel. First is that we are more like a co-op then a “traditional” organization where instead of everything being mandated by one person in particular, it is built on a consensus of committees, boards, and staff. Sometimes, this may take more than a year to change our culture and with good reason. One thing I have tried to do when I joined my first committee was to figure out how I could help in improving that committee. I realized that changes do not happen as fast as we would like, I learned more on how organizations work. First, I believe it is important to understand why things are done the existing way. There may be some history or some other reason why it is done that way. Then, we need to vet changes through a process. Often times, this requires some initial committee input from the staff and their knowledge, perhaps the Budget and Finance Committee for funding approval, then the Executive Committee of our Temple Officers for their experience, and then to our policy setting Board of Trustees. This is important for several reasons: without a committee that has expertise in the particulars, business knowledge from our staff, execution may fail. Often we need to “know how to pay for it”, a historical perspective from our executive board, and finally the consensus of our board to bring all the needs together, or it may not succeed or at least reach its full potential.

I would love to see us have more connections to our Temple. Instead of being “a giving up of time to be part of the Temple”, other asks give up time from events that we want to be part of at Temple (many include our families). I hope that everyone develops a love of life-long learning. Parent and Me, ECE, Elementary School, Bar and Bat Mitzvah programs, to our Confirmation where the students learn how the Torah applies to them and preparing them for the adult issues that they will face, to parents for spiritual needs and a support system for other life events. I really think if this becomes the center of your social circle, with your friends and others with similar ethics, this will make no one want to leave our synagogue and my second home.

I have heard the phrase “Philosophy of Philanthropy.” While it may sound like every month there is something that we could raise money for, there are plenty of ways to help the temple with little or no money out of your pocket. Do you buy your groceries at Ralphs? Link your card to TBH (with no cost to you, TBH receives a portion of your purchases): www.ralphps.com. After you log in, use our organization number: 83184.

Do you buy on Amazon? Amazon Smiles is a similar program where we receive a portion of your purchases: http://smile.amazon.com.

Does your company match charitable contributions? Often you have a say in your company’s charitable giving by having them match the contributions that you make to Temple.

If we donated money that reflects the value of our staff’s help when they did something special for us, we may be a bit overwhelmed. However, if you just more formally give something, even symbolic to the discretionary funds, it would provide a great feeling for the staff to remind them how much we appreciate them. There are plenty of opportunities, lifecycle events, yarzheits, birthdays, field trips, etc.

All of these things are appreciated and hopefully shows your love of TBH.

Seder in the Desert XXXIX

April 6–April 8

Seder in the Desert is a fun filled weekend retreat led by Rabbi Sarah and Yuri Hronsky. Held at Yucaipa State Regional Park. Tent and R.V.s welcome. Easy camping, washrooms, sinks, beautiful grassy areas, and tons of fun! You must RSVP by March 28.

To RSVP or for more info: tbhla.org/sederinthedesert
Seven TBH teens traveled to Washington, D.C., with Rabbi Steinman to join with hundreds of other teens from the Reform Jewish Movement to participate in the L'Taken seminar, an intensive four-day program, focused on Jewish values and social justice, sponsored by the Religious Action Center, which is the legislative office of the Union for Reform Judaism whose 900 congregations across North America encompass 1.5 million Reform Jews, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) whose membership includes over 2000 Reform rabbis.

The RAC’s program is designed to both expose teens to a variety of public policy issues and explore the Jewish values that inform the Reform Movement’s advocacy around these issues. Throughout the weekend, we gained the knowledge and tools to write an effective, persuasive and passionate speech on immigration reform, reproductive rights, and church and state issues that we then presented to offices of your Senators and Representatives.

In addition to learning so much, we took advantage of the vast opportunities available in our nation’s Capitol by visiting the National Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Smithsonian National Mall and celebrating Havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial.

Thank you to TBH Religious School for giving us this amazing opportunity to learn, advocate, and explore!
Our Many Thanks
by Leslie Nathan & Evelyn Lever
Women of TBH Co–Presidents

The last couple of months have been busy for the women of TBH as we participated in Justice January. Some of us participated in our Gospel Shabbat with members of the Ward AME Church choir. The music and voices were amazing. Special thanks to Cantor Linsky and the band who really outdid themselves! And Pastor Cager’s sermon: Love thy neighbor as thyself! Wow! WTBH members worked hard, baking and setting up a beautiful and delicious oneg to end the evening. We volunteered on Mitzvah Day: giving blood, packaging food and health care items, putting pompoms on caps for hospitalized babies and youngsters, and more. At our first Rosh Chodesh celebration of the new year, we had a wonderful turnout - new faces to welcome with a lively and interesting discussion as Rabbi Hronsky led us in a Tu BiSh’vat Seder, a celebration of the trees and new growth of the coming of spring. We had all the ceremonial foods, including white and red wines. The ceremony calls for drinking four cups of wine starting with white and progressing to pink, then light red to deep red. It may represent the changing seasons of the year but may also allude to changes in each of us as we go through the seasons of our own lives.

On January 20, WTBH members, along with other congregants, participated in The Women’s March LA, where over 500,000 women, men and children joined together as one voice to commit to bettering our world, and to fighting for equal rights and opportunities for all. It was a call to action, a reminder to vote in the upcoming elections!!!

On February 16, at our Annual Women's Shabbat, we continued our celebration of women by honoring two of our own, Cathy Goodman and Jo Haimovitz, with our annual Braille Review Award for their long-standing service to Sisterhood and Temple. We celebrated Rosh Chodesh that evening as well, starting the evening with a potluck dinner, followed by a service led by Rabbi Hronsky that included readings about strong women in the Bible and how we can learn from them.

At the Purim Carnival, on March 4, Women of TBH will be serving at a Mediterranean food booth. We are looking for volunteers! And our Annual Women's Passover Seder will be held on March 18.

For information about Women of TBH and any of our activities, please don't hesitate to contact us at: sisterhood@tbhla.org and watch for our ads in the e-blast. We love hearing from you. We welcome your input and participation.

L'Shalom,
Leslie and Evelyn

Food Pantry

Feeling Really Good Inside
by Leslye Adelman
The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

Todah Rabah to the ECE and Religious School classes who recently packed bags for the pantry. They were incredible packers and even more importantly, they had a great time. One of the ECE girls said it made her "feel REALLY GOOD INSIDE." Hearing that made me feel really good as well! Teaching about doing a mitzvah and what tikkum olam means to each child is one thing but to have children learn from doing is entirely different. We, at TBH are fortunate to be able to take advantage of what we do for those less fortunate in order to educate our children.

SOUPER Bowl week was extremely successful and now we have enough cans of soup to include in each bag we pack for several weeks. This allows us to spend the money we usually spend on soup to buy other needed items. Now that you are in the groove, how about checking the e-blast and Hillel Omer regularly and bring the designated "food of the month." Did you know that if you are a Ralph’s member you can get a freebie on Fridays and drop it in the pantry box in the TBH lobby? And, we always need grocery bags, be them paper, plastic, reusable, with or without handles.
And of course the darkest of them all is the final plague, the death of the firstborn, which happens when? Our texts literally read, “In the middle of the night.” (Exodus 12:29). Let me just say as the mother of four, not much great happens in the middle of the night. The middle of the night is the time for our deepest nightmares, our scariest of times. “In the middle of the night, there was a loud cry in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead. (Ex. 12:30). This horrible moment was certainly the darkest of all moments, for this kind of destruction brought utter darkness to every home in Egypt.

I am struck by these last three plagues and the illusions to the darkest of times. One might wonder, is it possible that seeking real light comes only after we have dwelled in the darkness? The physical or spiritual kind of darkness! I see in the recounting of our Exodus narrative in Deuteronomy, it states that “God brought us out of Egypt by night. (16:1). So here we see, that night is indeed the time for redemption. From the darkest, deepest points.

So, folks, I am so very hopeful the America I have witnessed this past year. The world I am seeing these past several years. In this season of #metoo, this season where the rich seem to get more rich, and middle and lower class folks slip precariously downhill at rapid paces. A time, where folks are raising up the Confederate flag with pride, a time where swastikas are appearing on homes, mailboxes, Temples so often the news hardly pays attention. A time where, one in ten Americans still believes that businesses should be free to refuse service to African Americans, and for that matter to Jews. Don’t get me wrong, I know how privileged I am to where white on the outside of my package, a privileged denied to our black sisters and brothers. For yes, we are still in a time when stop and frisk policies disproportionately target Americans of color – In New York City, the statistics just a bit ago said that 80% of those pulled over by police are people of color; and of those pulled over only 8% of whites are frisked compared to 85% of Blacks and Latinos! Oh yes, this is a dark time. A dark time when the leaders of our country use crudity, base talk, and terms like excrement to describe fellow human beings!

It is indeed a dark time for our country. I am sort of praying that it is the middle of the night, and that redemption, freedom is at hand. The kind of country that Martin Luther King Jr. thought possible 50 years ago when he cried, “I look forward confidently to the ay when all who work for a living will be one with no thought to their separateness as Negros, Jews, Italians, or any other distinctions. This will be the day when we bring into full realization the American dream – a dream yet unfulfilled. (May today be the season of fulfillment.) A dream of equality and opportunity, of privilege and prosperity widely distributed; a dream of a land where men will not take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few; a dream of a land where men will not argue that the color of a man’s skin determines the content of his character, a dream of a nation where all our gifts and resources are held not for ourselves alone, but as instruments of service for the rest of humanity; the dream of a country where every man will respect the dignity and worth of the human personality.

Are we ready yet? Have we lived in enough darkness, this past year, these past few years, these past 50 years? Do we need 400 years of slavery like the Israelites, or is it time for redemption? The kind of redemption where the beloved community MLK spoke about could be a reality? In his 1957 speech, Birth of a New Nation, Dr. King said, “The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community. The aftermath of nonviolence is REDEMPTION. The aftermath of nonviolence is reconciliation. The aftermath of violence is emptiness and bitterness.”

Folks, I am terribly afraid that the town is burning down and while some folks are bringing buckets of water, not enough are lugging them, not enough are hearing the sounds of the trumpets. My biggest fear is that we are still in the time of nightmares, that we are still in times of violence. The violence found in the words of leaders, the actions of the average person, and the extreme sense of self-absorption that keeps us from caring for the other and bringing about true freedom, true redemption.

I go back to our section from Torah and a commentary from a great thinker in the 20th century, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. He notes that at this time of redemption, the Jewish people are commanded to offer a lamb as a sacrifice, the Passover offering. Yet, this is the only sacrifice that is closely tied to being in a community in a chavurah. This one offering, that is so closely tied to freedom, can never be an individual one, rather it is always a communal act.

What is the big deal about it being a communal act? It lies in what is incumbent upon a community. According to Soloveitchik, a community must be bound by something, and that something is chesed, kindness. Loving responsibility. For Soloveitchik, freedom is really about the ability to display kindness. He comments that, “The ceremony of the Passover meal, centered around the paschal lamb, aims at the emergence of the new chesed community—for chesed (kindness) is the characteristic mark of the free man... (continued on page 15)
Spring is here and that means CAMPING SEASON for Pack 311! We’ve just held our annual Blue & Gold Banquet. It’s a sort of birthday party for the Cub Scouts and gives our Pack a chance to dress up a bit and reflect on the year so far. Thanks to Rabbi Hronsky and Rabbi Steinman and the whole TBH community for generously providing us such great facilities.

Coming up in March, we have two campouts in the same weekend! Some of our Scouts will be headed to Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. This is a premier Scout Camp, attracting Scouts from all over the world. Other Scouts will be headed to Camp Josepho in Pacific Palisades. This is a hidden gem of a camp, operating continuously for about 80 years.

Why do Scouts Camp? Camping provides Scouts and families a time to be together away from the distractions of work, school, soccer, Olympics and the thousand other little things competing for our time and attention. Setting up a tent, or sharing a story or song at a campfire, these things build meaningful and positive experiences for both Scouts and parents. Camping fosters self-reliance and resourcefulness, and enhance spiritual growth as well.

And, speaking of Spiritual Growth, please join us at Temple Beth Hillel on March 23 for Scout Shabbat. It’s always a fun service and great opportunity for the Scouts to connect with members of the Temple community. I hope to see you there!

Pack 311 welcomes boys in grades k-5, or 6–10 years of age, from all religious and family backgrounds. Please look us up on Facebook or our website, www.CubPack311.com.

It’s Camping Season!
by Phil “Akela” Connery

Two outstanding educators at Beth Hillel Elementary have been confirmed as National Board Certified Teachers. Julie Naylor and Kathleen Scheiber worked relentlessly to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in four key areas: content knowledge, differentiated instruction, cultivating a productive learning environment, and effective and reflective teaching practices. Applying for National Board Certification can take up to four years to complete and requires candidates to meet rigorous standards through a series of tests, essays, portfolios, and data collection in addition to extensive prerequisite criteria. This prestigious certification is earned by less than 3% of teachers nationwide. Congratulations to Mrs. Naylor and Mrs. Schieber on this monumental accomplishment.

Congratulations!

Women of TBH Gift Shop
Visit us for all of your Passover needs!!
Open Tuesday–Friday, and Sunday!
See tbhla.org for shop schedule

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Yom HaShoah Observances

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Sunday, April 15, 3 PM
Holocaust Memorial at Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust
Join TBH Brotherhood and their families at this special service honoring the people lost and the survivors of the Holocaust. Keynote Speaker Nancy H. Rubin, Former U.S. Ambassador to United Nations Commission on Human Rights. For more information, contact info@lamoth.org.
MARCH
Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27
12:30 pm
Adult Ed: Torah Tuesday
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz for adult Torah study with clergy. Welcome to bring your lunch.

Sunday, March 18
WTBH Women's Seder
5:00 pm
Open to all women & girls 7 years and older. Cost is $25. RSVP to sisterhood@tbhla.org.

Brotherhood Seder
5:00 pm
All men and young men over the age of 9 are welcome. The cost is $25. RSVP to brotherhood@tbhla.org. Co-hosted by Men's Club of Temple Ahavat Shalom.

Wednesday, March 21
7:00 pm
Adult Ed: Book Club
Join us as we will discuss Suddenly, Love by Aharon Appelfeld led by Chris Dwyer.

Friday, March 23
7:30 pm
Brotherhood Movie Night
Join us after services for dinner and the movie...Wonder Woman. We’ll have Chinese food and beverages for free if you RSVP prior to March 20 to brotherhood@tbhla.org. After March 20, the cost is $5 at the door.

APRIL
Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24
12:30 pm
Adult Ed: Torah Tuesday
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz for adult Torah study with clergy. Welcome to bring your lunch.

Friday, April 20
6:00 pm
Yom HaAtzma-ut 70th Dinner and Celebration
(See page 3 for more information. Visit bethhillel.info to RSVP.)

Monday, April 23
9:45 am
Workshop with Alden Solovy as Liturgist-in-Residence
Solovy’s visit will include learning and book signing of his works. There is no charge, but attendees must RSVP to bethhillel.info.

For more information, go to tbhla.org/education
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To be sure, we’re proud of our 30 years of experience in senior living. But, to us, what really matters is your experience at our communities.

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MARCH

Thursday, March 1
In-School Purim Celebrations

Sunday, March 4
Aladdin Shpiel & Purim Carnival
10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, March 6
Early Childhood
8:30 am - Parent Association Meeting

Thursday, March 8
Elementary School
8:30 am - Parent Association Meeting

Monday, March 12
Early Childhood Teachers Conference
NO ECE SCHOOL & NO ECE CHILDCARE

Elementary Teachers Conference
NO SCHOOL

Sunday, March 18
Religious School
1st Grade Family Ed. Day

Tuesday, March 27
Early Childhood
Classroom Seders

Wednesday, March 28
Elementary School
Passover Observance

Early Childhood
Parent-Teacher Conference
NO ECE SCHOOL

March 29 - April 6
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

APRIL

Mon. April 2 - Fri. April 6
Early Childhood
Passover Break Mini Camp

Tuesday, April 10
Early Childhood
8:30 am - Community Assembly

Thursday, April 12
Elementary School
8:30 am - Parent Association Meeting

Wed. April 18-Thur. April 19
Elementary School
4th & 5th Grades Sacramento Trip

Friday, April 20
Shabbat Yom HaAtzma-ut Celebration
6:00 pm

Sunday, April 22
Religious School
3rd Grade Family Ed. Day

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Saturday, March 17
Jr. HRTY & HRTY Comedy Night
6:00 - 10:00 pm
We will be having dinner and then enjoying Comedy Sportz. Drop off and pick up at El Portal Theater, 5269 Lankershim Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601. RSVP to Ellie Laycook.

Saturday, March 24
NFTY 678 Spring
This day-long event at Leo Baeck Temple captures the NFTY experience and tailors it for 6th, 7th & 8th graders, featuring interactive programs, mixers, shira, dinner & Havdalah.

Sunday, April 8
Jr. HRTY Game Night
12:00-3:00 pm
Members can come and learn new games; active games, video games, and board games. RSVP to Ellie Laycook.

Saturday, April 14
Jr. HRTY & HRTY Color Wars
6:00-10:00 pm
Drop off and pick up at Sherman Oaks Castle Park, 1509, 4989 Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. RSVP to Ellie Laycook.

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28
NFTY Spring Kallah
Registration opens March 25. Open to 8-12th graders. For more information, contact Ellie Laycook.
For more information about any of the TBH Youth Group programs, please contact Ellie Laycook - Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, ELaycook@tbhla.org.

Justice January Stats

• 31 - Number of pints or units the Blood Drive collected from 38 willing participants -- saving lots of lives

• $300 - Amount Early Childhood Trike-A-Thon raised for Nokid Hungry

• $500 - Amount Elementary School Bake Sale raised to support all of the organizations we helped at Mitzvah Day

• 50 - Approximate number of tote bags decorated for seniors, residing at the Jewish Home for the Aging, to help them carry their belongings on their walkers

• 85 - Approximate number of beaded eye glass holders for our senior community to wear around their necks at the Jewish Home for the Aging

• Hundreds - Letters and cards written and decorated for our soldiers overseas spreading hope, cheer, and loving kindness through Operation Gratitude

• 48 - Number of fleece blankets knotted and wrapped up to cheer up and warm up our elderly community at the Jewish Home for the Aging

• 350 - Number of hats donated to Hats from Our Hearts/Wilf Children’s Hospital at Shaare Zedek and the San Fernando chapter of Newborns in Need

• 100 - Number of complete lunches made for PATH: People Assisting the Homeless. You can participate in this mitzvah each month -- go to our sign up genius at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044badab29af58-feeding1 to learn more

• 225 - Number of Blessing bags made with protein & healthy snacks for dispersing to those living on our streets

• 404 - Number of grocery bags that were packed with food for the North Hollywood Food Pantry

• 200 - Approximate number of Toiletry/Hygiene bags put together to be shared with the homeless in our community
JUSTICE JANUARY PHOTOS
TEMPLE FUNDS

Mark a birthday, bar or bat mitzvah, anniversary, yahrzeit or special occasion with a donation to Temple Beth Hillel.

Make your choice from the funds, which are listed below, then send your tribute and payment to:

Temple Beth Hillel,
12326 Riverside Drive,
Valley Village, CA 91607

Please include the name and address of the person you are honoring, so that we can send a special acknowledgment card in your name. You can also make your donation online at tbhla.org/donate.

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- Rabbi Sarah Hronsky Fund
- Rabbi Eleanor Steinman Fund
- Cantorial and Music Fund
- Emeritus Rabbi Jim Kaufman Fund

School and Youth Funds
- Beth Hillel Day School
- Elementary School
- Early Childhood Education
- George Friedman Shofar Fund
- Religious School
- Scholarship
- Campership

Community Outreach Funds
- North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry Fund
- Community Counseling Center Fund
- Moses Fund
- $360 Construction Fund
- Tree of Life Fund
- Endowment Fund

A complete list of Temple funds is available online at tbhla.org/donate

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May Birneman, by Rina and Herb Silverman
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Neal Howard, by Jerry Howard
Janet Harrison, by Toya and Steven Harrison
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Getrade Greenfield, by Dolly Gowsright
Joyce Nathan, by Leslie Nathan and Michael Heiss
Robert Nathan, by Leslie Nathan and Michael Heiss
Helen Saltsman, by Richard Saltsman
Barbara Krongaus, by Richard Saltsman
Sady Gavshovsky, by Richard Saltsman
Joan Miller, by Margie Meadow
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Issodore Bernstein, by Arleen and Manny Bernstein
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Florence Rothfeld, by Marlene Puttermann
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Madeleine Kassab, by Alexandra Glickman
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Get Well Wishes to
Linda Johnson, by Tobi and David Schneider
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Donations
by Gail and Paul Wünsch
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Get Well Wishes to
Rabbi Ellie Steinman, by Margie Meadow
In Honor of
Sue and Bud Balkin, by Arlene, Dani and Frank Nkin
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In Loving Memory of
Scott Brachman, by Leah and Jon Shanfield
and family
In Honor of
Jodie and David Reff’s 30th anniversary, by Sheila Milov
Esther and Robert Wainer’s 30th anniversary, by Sheila Milov

In appreciation of
Cantor Jen Roher, by Shoshie Nagibi and family

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND

In Honor of
Claudine Douglas, by Elizabeth and Alarick Yung & family
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In Honor of
Kathryn Jensen, by Elizabeth and Alarick Yung & family

In appreciation of
Karen and family

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North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

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Rose Gersch, by Susan Gesshel
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Arleen and Manny Bernstein, by Jeannine and Victor Esban
Leslie Adelman, by Susan Gesshel
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by Bobbie and Charles Baker
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In Loving Memory of
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Rhoda Dane, by Susan Pasternak, Larry Picos & Matthew
Hyman Gerstein, by Susan Pasternak, Larry Picos & Matthew

In Honor of
Leslie and Tim Anderson becoming grandparents, by Susan Pasternak, Larry Picos & Matthew
Sasha May’s Bat Mitzvah, by Kathryn Jensen

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Rabbi Sarah Hronsky Sermon (continued from page 7)

the birth of the chesed community—of a nation within which people unite, give things away, care for each other, share what they possess... God simply wanted the people, slaves who had just come out of the house of bondage, to emerge from their isolation and insane self-centeredness into the chesed community."

To emerge from our insane self-centeredness. Ok, so maybe we are still stuck in the nighttime, but maybe just maybe, if we pull back from our cultural norm of insane self-centeredness, and work together as a community, not separated by geography, religion, sexual identity, the color of skin, maybe just maybe if work together as one. We become the bucket carriers, not just of the water to quench the flames, the bucket carriers of kindness. Maybe it is through these acts of kindness that redemption can and will finally be found. That Dr. King’s dream of beloved community can be actualized, and freedom in America can truly equate to the right for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As Dr. King declared, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” It may seem trivial, but as a community Temple Beth Hillel has undertaken a spread kindness campaign, a spreading light campaign. Just like the marchers did for my soul yesterday, we are so hopeful that these small acts of kindness will increase the light and help bring about redemption. We are seeking to use light to dampen out the darkness. The light of chesed, kindness, to bring about freedom.

Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once stated, “I am a Jew because, our ancestors were the first to see that the world is driven by a moral purpose...teaching for the first time that human life is sacred, that the individual may never be sacrificed for the mass, and that rich and poor, great and small, are all equal before God.

I agree with Rabbi Sacks with a complete heart. But I also believe that people who are drawn to religion are drawn deeply to being people of character. We are drawn to caring for the community, we are commanded to weep when others weep, we are the moral torch bearers, bringing the light when times are the darkest- spreading hope around us. We are the bucket fillers, willing to head to the front line to drown the fires. And, we are the people who know being united, being together, being civil, this is truly bringing divinity into our world.

I believe that all of us gathered in this holy community today, feel the quaking underfoot, and know it is our duty to bring divinity to the world, and help bring about the dawn after the dark.

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