PURIM

Adult Night:
Wednesday, March 20
7:30pm

Grab your leather jackets, your poodle skirts, and your hair grease and join us for dinner and a sing-along Purim Schmaltz (Grease) Shpiel!

$10 per person
RSVP to bethhillel.info

with special musical guest Leah Finkelstein!

Family Day:
Sunday, March 24
10:30am
Purim Shpiel

11:30am - 3:30pm
Community Carnival

11:30am - 12:30pm
Chili Cook-off

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

Ticket info online at tbhla.org/purim

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Have you ever felt this kind of conflict, either in response to your own actions or with someone you love? Pride in one moment for a huge achievement and then in the blink of an eye, a torturous level of shame and humiliation. As you all know, I deeply love Israel, her people, her history, her food, her cultures, her sites, her sounds, her tastes -- all of her; and yet, while my heart soars with pride, I am deeply humiliated and ashamed by the recent act of her Prime Minister.

This past week, this tiny nation launched Bereishit, a rover bound for the moon! Only the fourth nation to do such a feat, and for just a fraction of the cost of the United States, the former Soviet Union, and China. Israel, a relatively new country, is a technology superstar reaching for great heights. She sets her goals high, shooting for the stars and achieving. True pride.

And then, with the snap of a finger, a newsreel comes across my screen, and I feel the explosion in the deepest recess of my heart. Why? Israel, who represents not just a sovereign Statehood but the entire Jewish people, marched backwards away from our values. So, while the rover is still bound for the moon, Israel’s democracy feels as if it is crashing apart as her leadership turned its back on our people’s core values.

Prime Minister Netanyahu, through a proposed merger, has set into motion to bring the party, Otzma Yehudit (Jewish Power) back into the Knesset. Otzma Yehudit is a right-wing party whose ideology descends from Meir Kahane: a man who founded and led Jewish groups in acts of terror, including the 1994 slaughter of 29 Palestinian worshippers.

Some will say, “Who are you to cry foul about Israel’s political scene…you did not fight in her wars, serve in her national service, or choose to live within her borders!” I acknowledge this is true when it comes to the election itself. Let her citizens vote and declare their values and voices loudly. But, it is my obligation to not stand idly by, to ring the bell as loudly as I can, when the State’s values are being thrown asunder; my right as a Jew no matter where I reside. She is a nation state of her residents, but the Jewish state for all of us.

To be clear mainstream Israelis are not in line with Otzma Yehudit party members’ views. Some voices from within Otzma Yehudit call for segregating Jews from Arabs and expulsion of any Arab from the land who they feel may be disloyal to the State. These are not the values on which Israel was founded as a democracy and just state for all who reside within her borders.

Two important groups, AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and AJC (American Jewish Congress), have joined together in condemning the views of Otzma Yehudit as reprehensible. It is certainly an unusual step for these groups to criticize the government of Israel and to comment in such a strident way during an election season.

And, within Israel the rebuking is just as loud. Rabbi Benny Lau, a leading Orthodox rabbi is unapologetic for his statement, “As someone who dreams the dream of the return to Zion, I will fight so the doctrine of Kahane doesn’t enter the Knesset, because it is a racial doctrine like the Nuremberg Laws.” And, Dr. Rabbi Donniel Hartman writes, “That the rebirth of Israel has enabled the fostering of these abominations is a source of great pain, embarrassment, and ultimately a responsibility. As a teacher, my whole life’s work is to ensure its continued marginalization. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu - you know better. To paraphrase Elie Wiesel’s famous rebuke to President Ronald Reagan, ‘That place Mr. Prime Minister, is not your place.’”

So with humiliation, anger, and the conviction of the values of our Torah, I too cry out against the forces that push the treasured democracy of Israel towards extinction. Our moral lens cannot stand for Otzma Yehudit’s voice to be in power. Prime Minister should your rise to power be because of this new coalition, your hands will be stained bringing the State of Israel alongside of you.

In the skies above at night, the stars and the moon are the shining light in the darkness. Your political motivation and power-seeking has compromised the morality of the state and reaches only towards the darkness. And yet, there is the hope of Bereishit who is soaring towards the biggest light in that darkness. I stand with this dream, with this image of hope. I lift up the dream of Zionism and recognize just how beautiful and inspiring Israel can be. I continue to call out her achievements, like sending a rover to the moon, being the first along the ground around the world following the explosion in the deepest recess of my heart. Why? Israel, who represents not just the treasured democracy of Israel towards natural disasters, and serving the needs of so many refugees along her borders.

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SHABBAT & HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

March

**SHABBAT, MARCH 1-2**
Torah Portion: Vayikrah, Leviticus 11: 5-26

Friday, March 1
6:00pm
Tot Shabbat
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for Tot services and drumming led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Song Leader Jeffrey Prince, and ECE older nursery students. Oneg to follow.

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Jeffrey Prince. Oneg to follow.

**SHABBAT, MARCH 8-9**
Torah Portion: Pekudei, Exodus 38: 21 - 40:38

Friday, March 8
6:00pm
WTBH Rosh Chodesh Dinner
All are invited to share a Middle Eastern dinner and discussion. Cost is $20 per person. RSVP at sisterhood@tbhla.org.

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Service on International Women's Day
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and members of Women of TBH. We will celebrate 30 years of Women of the Wall and honor Braille Award recipient Susan Edwards Martin. Birthday blessings will be shared. Oneg to follow.

Saturday, March 9
10:00am
Noah Castiel Bar Mitzvah

4:00pm
Moses Program - Purim
Join us for this very special outreach to Jews with developmental disabilities. RSVP to Rabbi Jim Kaufman at rabbikaufman@tbhla.org.

5:00pm
Alexandra Green Bat Mitzvah

SHABBAT, MARCH 15-16
Torah Portion: Vayikrah, Leviticus 11: 5-26

Friday, March 15
7:00pm
Special Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman and Cantor Stephanie Kupfer. Guest speaker Stephanie Klasky Gamer, CEO LA Family Housing will join us and share her first-hand experience on serving the Homeless community in the area. Oneg to follow.

Saturday, March 16
10:00am
Shabbat Morning Minyan
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman. Followed by a potluck lunch.

5:00pm
Piper Rinsky Bat Mitzvah

Wednesday, March 20
7:30pm
Adult Purim Dinner & Grease Shpiel Sing-along!
Join Rabbis Hronsky and Steinman with special musical guest Leah Finkelstein! Dinner is $10 per person. RSVP to bethhillel.info. (see page 1 for details)

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for Tot services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Song Leader Daniel Strauss, and younger nursery kids. Oneg to follow.

**SHABBAT, MARCH 22-23**
Torah Portion: Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

Friday, March 22
6:00pm
Pre-service Nosh

5:45pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Cantorial Student Bryce Megdal. Oneg to follow.

6:00pm
Family Purim Shpiel
Join Rabbis Hronsky and Steinman for Costume Parade, Grease-inspired Purim Shpiel by TBH Youth. Purim Community Carnival to follow.

SHABBAT, MARCH 29-30

Friday, March 29
7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Cantor Shira Fox. Oneg to follow.

Saturday, March 30
9:00am
Shabbat Morning Hike
Join Rabbi Sarah Hronsky for this hike at El Escombro, 24501 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91307.

April

**SHABBAT, APRIL 5-6**

Friday, April 5
6:00pm
Tot Shabbat
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for Tot services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Song Leader Daniel Strauss, and younger nursery kids. Oneg to follow.

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Cantor Shira Fox. Oneg to follow.

Sunday, April 7
5:00pm
Brotherhood Passover Seder
Join Brotherhood off-site at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Northridge for a men’s seder. $25 per person. For more information, please contact them at brotherhood@tbhla.org.

5:00pm
WTBH Passover Seder
Join Women of TBH and Rabbis Hronsky and Steinman in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall for a women’s seder. $30 (age 13+); $15 (age 7-12). To RSVP, please contact sisterhood@tbhla.org.

SHABBAT, APRIL 12-13
Torah Portion: Metzorah, Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

Friday, April 12
7:00 pm
Erev Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Visiting Cantor Patti Linsky, and Anachnu Shir. Birthday blessings will be shared. Oneg to follow.

SHABBAT, APRIL 19-20
Special Reading: Exodus 12:21 - 51

PASSOVER, APRIL 19
NO SERVICE
Enjoy your seder at home.

Saturday, April 20
10:00am
Shabbat Morning Minyan
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman and Song Leader Justin Stein.

Tuesday, April 23
7:00pm
12-Step Passover Service

SHABBAT, APRIL 26-27
Special Reading: Leviticus 16:1 - 34

Friday, April 26
9:00am
Passover Yizkor Service
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for Yizkor led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman.

6:00pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, song leader, and percussionist. Oneg to follow.

SEDER IN THE DESERT XL APRIL 26-28
Join Rabbi Sarah Hronsky at Yucaipa State National Park for this special 40th anniversary event. $20 per member; $30 for non-members that attended previously; everyone must RSVP. Contact Rabbi Sarah Hronsky at rabbisarah@tbhla.org. (see page 16 for more details)

Congrats to our March B’nei Mitzvah!

March 9
Noah Jack Castiel, son of Zev and Sharon Castiel

March 9
Alexandra Green, daughter of David Green & Dana Green and Jason Wanatick

March 20
Piper Rinsky, daughter of Josh and Holly Rinsky
My Favorite Jewish Holiday
by Margie Meadow
TBH Co-President with Freddie Goldberg

If you ask Jewish kids what their favorite Jewish holiday is, without a doubt, the answer would have to be Chanukah. And I guess, up until the age of 10 or so, I would have said Chanukah, too. What kiddo doesn’t like getting presents? But since that time until today, my favorite Jewish holiday is Passover. (In case you’re wondering, I don’t really have a favorite non-Jewish holiday.)

As far back as I can remember (and that’s a long time), I’ve equated Passover with family. Back then, my family would get together with my mom’s sister’s family, my cousins, my grandparents and whoever didn’t have a place to go. My nana would make the chicken soup and matzo balls, my mom and my aunt would make the rest of the meal. We were not a particularly observant family so the haggadah we read from was probably a somewhat shortened version. It didn’t matter to us if some parts of the seder were abbreviated as long as we told the story, spent quality time with family, and ate delicious food.

When you have seder every year, it’s natural that one seder blends into the next as time goes on. But my family had a few interesting seders that stand out in my memory. Here are two of them.

Our family has always been big basketball fans, particularly UCLA and the Lakers. We were born and raised in LA and they were our teams. And my dad played basketball for UCLA in the 40’s (leaving the year Wooden started). This particular year, Passover happened to fall during the NBA playoffs, and there was no way our crowd was going to miss a Laker playoff game, even for a Passover seder (this was before you could record a game and play it back later). So, we delayed the start of the seder until half-time. The minute the first half ended, we made a bee-line for the table and my uncle lead our seder in record time, ending at the buzzer signaling it was time for the game to resume. We grabbed our plates and sat down to eat dinner and watch the 3rd quarter. Between the last two quarters, we searched for the afikoman. When the game ended (to this day, I can’t tell you who won), we continued with the 3rd and 4th cups of wine (or grape juice), invited Elijah in to join us and that seder was inscribed in the book of our family.

My other story of an unforgettable seder was when my family spent a week with my aunt, uncle, and cousins over Spring Break in Hartford, Connecticut. My Uncle Mike, one of my favorite uncles, was (to put it mildly) “fond of the grape” and very funny when he consumed a little too much of it. Uncle Mike took the lead as the seder started as usual, and when it was time for the first cup of wine to be drunk, he took the instructions in the Haggadah quite literally and consumed a full cup of wine. He did the same with the second cup and maybe a third ahead of its proper place in the Haggadah. If memory serves, I think it was about this time that the somberness of the evening started to unravel. We did make it through the seder, thanks to my aunt, who took over for uncle Mike.

Over the years, my sisters and I have assumed the mantle of food preparers and seder leaders as we are now in the position that our parents were when we were kids. We still tell the story, spend quality time with family and eat delicious food. I now make the soup and matzo balls and I’m sure my nana would be quite impressed, especially with my matzo balls (for this recipe, visit smittenkitchen.com).

I still look forward to Passover.

Leadership

RABBI SARAH HRONSKY

Israel is like most countries, most people, and most of us. She is multisided, multifaceted, and complex. We can in one moment be so rightfully proud and in another moment be so hurt and ashamed. As a Jew, I will seek out and encourage the moments where Israel is reaching towards the light and in so doing being the light to all nations. And as a Jew, I will never stand idle when our core values are being destroyed. May the light radiate through the darkness and dominate our skies and within the State of Israel.

1 jpost.com
2 timesofisrael.com
3 ibid
Preparing for Purim and Passover
by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman
Rabbi Educator

TBH Adar II and Nisan 5779 on the Hebrew calendar, or March and April 2019, bring us two wonderful Jewish holidays, Purim and Passover. There are going to be a plethora of events to celebrate these holidays at TBH. Children who attend our ECE, Elementary, and Religious Schools will celebrate in age-appropriate ways including costume parades, classroom sedarim, and Passover related activities. There are also many ways to observe and prepare for these holidays at home. (Grandparents, keep reading, too. There are wonderful activities that you can do with your grandchildren).

One of the mitzvot, sacred obligations, for Purim is matanot l’evyonim, gifts to people in need. You and your family can come to TBH and make hygiene kits for PATH on March 10 or you can make them at home. You can do a special grocery shopping trip for non-perishable food items to bring to TBH for distribution by the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. You and your family can also decide on an amount of money that will be donated to a charitable organization, perhaps a percentage of what you spend at the amazing Purim Carnival (see page 1). We hope to see your whole family in costume on Sunday, March 24 for our Purim Shpiel and Carnival.

We know that Passover is the most celebrated of all of the Jewish holidays. While your children will learn age-appropriate material about the seder and some have the skill to lead the family seder, there are still a variety of things that you can do at home as Passover involves a lot of preparation. We clean our houses carefully, remove the chametz, leavened products, and purchase special foods for the observance of the holiday. Each of these are activities that your child(ren) can help to complete.

Passover is a time-bound holiday. The first seder is Friday, April 19. It will surely take a team of people to make sure everyone is ready for the celebration. Your child(ren) can help you plan the meal, cook the food, set the table, and bring their creativity to the centerpieces and table decorations. There are also many resources to make the haggadah, the special book we use during the seder, relevant to everyone who will gather together. Reformjudaism.org is one great resource. Rabbi Hronsky and I are happy to help you personalize your seder experience. Please contact clergy assistant, Nolan at nrivkin@tbhla.org, to set an appointment time.

May your Purim be joy-filled and your Passover be liberating!

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**TBH Taskforce on Homelessness presents**

This March, those on the front lines working to end homelessness will be at TBH to share their knowledge and insight. Join us for one or all three parts of our series titled “Addressing the Issues Around Homelessness.” Learn about:

A. What is being done locally;  
B. What are the rights of homeowners and homeless individuals; and,  
C. Bridge Housing, Measure HHH.

**Sunday, March 3**  
11:00am

**Learning About the Homeless in Our Community:**  
What are some services being offered and what are the rights of residents and the homeless on our streets. Featuring:  
- Leon Steynsburg, Administrator of NoHo Home Alliance  
- Art Figueroa, Lead Volunteer at NoHo Home Alliance  
- North Hollywood Lead Officer Robert Benavidez, LAPD

**Tuesday, March 5**  
7:00pm

**How is Our Government Serving the Homeless Community? What is Bridge Housing, and How does Measure HHH Factor In To All of This?**  
Featuring:  
- Paul Krekorian, Councilman - District 2  
- Jacqueline Serrano, East Valley Representative, Office of Public Engagement for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

**Friday, March 15**  
7:00pm

**Special Shabbat Service Addressing Homelessness:**  
Guest speaker Stephanie Klasky Gamer, CEO - LA Family Housing will join us and share her first-hand experience on serving the homeless community in our area. What do they offer, how can we help, and what should we be expecting?

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~ Please RSVP to bethhillel.info ~
Congratulations to TBH Brotherhood's Man of the Year Honoree, Michael Heiss. Michael will be honored at the 21st Annual Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) West 'Man of the Year' Dinner at TBH on March 2. Kol hakavod to Michael for his service to the TBH Brotherhood (see photo to the right).

Please join us for our annual Men's Seder on Sunday April 7 at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Northridge (last year, MoTAS, the Men of Ahavat Shalom, joined us here at TBH). We take on our Passover ritual with a different perspective inspired by the Men's Haggadah. Contact us through the TBH Brotherhood email for registration details and so that we can arrange carpools.

Speaking of Passover, the 40th Annual Seder in the Desert is on the horizon. Once again, Brotherhood will be an important component sponsoring both the Horseshoe and Jewish Jeopardy competitions. We hope to see you and have you participate in our events on this auspicious occasion.

Our Movie Night on February 22 was an outstanding success. We enjoyed the manic antics of the Marx Brothers in "A Night at the Opera," as well as the Chinese dinner Brotherhood provided to all who attended.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Brotherhood Minyan on February 16. The event was very meaningful and we thank Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Ari Herstard for their invaluable contributions.

As ever, you all know that if you are interested in learning more about TBH Brotherhood activities or would like to propose an event, please feel free to contact us at brotherhood@tbhla.org. You may also wish to join us on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm for our monthly Brotherhood Board meetings.

Happy Purim and Happy Passover.

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**Passover Observances**

First Night Seder - April 19 • Second Night Seder - April 20 • Yizkor Service - April 26

Haven't led a service before, no worries. Make an appointment with one of our clergy and they will be happy to offer guidance. Contact Nolan at nrivkin@tbhla.org. Need a reminder of Passover songs, the four questions, and more? Go to tbhla.org/passover and click on the links.

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**WOMEN'S PASSOVER SEDER**

Sunday, April 7
5:00PM
$30 (age 13+); $15 (age 7-12)

Join Women of TBH and Rabbis Hronsky and Steinman in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall.

Enjoy a fun seder, many plaques, joy, laughter, good food, and dancing. And take home a Haggadah to make your own seder!

Participate in our dessert contest. There are two categories: Cakes and Cookies. Please bring enough to share a small bite so we can vote on winners!

RSVP by April 1 to sisterhood@tbhla.org

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**MEN'S PASSOVER SEDER**

Sunday, April 7
5:00PM
$25 per person

TBH & Ahavat Shalom join together for a Men's dinner. Modeled after the traditional Passover Seder, we’ll be exploring what it means to be a contemporary Jewish man, and traditions, new and old, from around the world. Traditional Passover foods plus BBQ from Stonefire Grill.

Temple Ahavat Shalom
18200 Rinaldi Place
Northridge, CA 91326

RSVP by April 4 to: seder.tasnorthridge-motas.org
Shalom everyone. 2019 started off with a very busy schedule. WTBH participated in many events, such as Mitzvah Day, with enthusiasm. We donated towels for families as requested. They weren’t glamorous or exciting to us; but, imagine the wonder and comfort it gave to families who were just starting to find a place to call home. Dishes, a pan, soap -- things we take for granted have been way outside of many homeless people's dreams. It is such a comforting feeling to know that we can make a difference in people’s lives. And it doesn't cost us much in terms of money or effort especially when the rewards of helping people get back on their feet are so satisfying.

The Women of Temple Beth Hillel in conjunction with the TBH Brotherhood were major supporters of Comedy Night. What an outstanding night of great food and lots of laughter, all while raising money to benefit the Temple. Hats off to the wonderful organizers for doing a spectacular job.

March and April are proving to be as exciting and fun filled as usual. We can’t wait to help with Purim. The carnival is so much fun for all of the children -- lots of games, prizes, and food for all. So be sure to wear your costumes and come visit us when you are racing around all of the activity booths!

March 8, we have our Women’s Shabbat and Braille Review. This year, we are delighted to honor a longtime sisterhood member, Susan Edwards Martin. Susan is such a bright light in all of our lives. Susan, who has a big heart and lots of energy, not only sings and entertains us, but, she is ALWAYS the first to sign up to help with an event. For years, she has been the organizer and leader of the children’s section of gifts at the Chanukah Boutique. She volunteers for baking on many Friday nights. Her chocolate chip cookies are the best! We know because she’s won the dessert prize with these cookies at our WTBH membership dinner this past year! Susan is always helping out at Mah Jong getting women to buy raffle tickets. But, on her own, Susan has been a stalwart part of helping out people in need. She has attended many events on our behalf and is always the first to volunteer when we need some help for collecting, delivering and helping those less fortunate than us. Susan, we salute you: You are an inspiration for all of us!

And let’s not forget our annual Women’s Seder coming up. We cook, we bake, we plan, and consult with the Rabbis to help make this event very special for women. For so long, women have been relegated to lesser roles in our history, but by studying together and learning together, we are beginning to understand how rich our women's heritage is in the Jewish faith. Hopefully, you and your daughters will join us as we repeat our annual tradition of telling the story of how we became free. There will be prizes, lots of surprises, afikomen hunts for our daughters, camaraderie, and GREAT food.

The WTBH have also begun a new series of events and programs for those of our community who have available time during the day. It is our hope that many people who may not have time or the desire to participate at night might find these programs interesting. Emeritus Rabbi Jim Kaufman led the first two programs where we learned about the structure of the Israeli government giving us an understanding of why many things work the way they do in Israel. We got to express our feelings - both positive and negative - in animated group discussions (see photo below).

It is our intent to have a variety of different kinds of events and programs - study, field trips, discussions, meals, movies, museums, art class, baking, and much more. We welcome your ideas and are trying to tailor everything to YOUR needs. What do you want? What day (Wednesday or Thursday) works best for you? So contact us. We love to hear from you: sisterhood@tbhla.org. ♡

Lshalom,
Leslie and Evelyn
**MARCH**

Saturday, March 2
6:00pm
TBH Brotherhood
Man of the Year Dinner
TBH Brotherhood will join with other temples for the 21st Annual Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) West ‘Man of the Year’ Dinner. Contact brotherhood@tbhla.org for details.

Sunday, March 3
11:00am
Learning About the Homeless in Our Community
Join us for one or all three parts of our series titled “Addressing the Issues Around Homelessness.” (see page 5 for details)

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
12:30pm
Adult Ed: Torah Tuesdays
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for adult Torah study with clergy.

Tuesday, March 5
7:00pm
How is Our Government Serving the Homeless Community?
Join us for one or all three parts of our series titled “Addressing the Issues Around Homelessness.” (see page 5 for details)

Sundays, March 10 and 17
10:30am
Masa‘im tovim - Good journeys!
This Adult Ed course continues from January. Mussar is a Jewish practice that helps us explore our character, and how we can continue its development. Taught by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky. Please RSVP to: nrivkin@tbhla.org.

Sunday, March 10
12:00pm
PATH Volunteer Day
To volunteer to help put hygiene packs together, visit: bethhillel.info. Here you’ll also find a link to our Amazon Wish List.

**APRIL**

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 30
12:30pm
Adult Ed: Torah Tuesdays
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for adult Torah study with clergy.

Sunday, April 14
11:00am
PATH Volunteer Day
To volunteer to help put hygiene packs together, visit: bethhillel.info. Here you’ll also find a link to our Amazon Wish List.

**TBH Calendar of Events**

**Check out bethhillel.info for upcoming event details**

**TEMPLE CLOSURES FOR APRIL**

Please be advised that the offices will be closed on:

Friday, April 19 - Erev Passover
(closing at noon)

Friday, April 26 - Passover Yizkor

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**Don’t Forget to set your clocks ahead!**

**Tot Shabbat**

Join us Fridays at 6:00pm:

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3

Families with young children, birth to 6 years old, are an important part of our community. These special worship experiences are fueled by children’s natural curiosity, energy, and joy.

Tot Shabbat, held the first Friday evening of the month, is a time for parents, grandparents, and children to share in the joy of being Jewish.

This brief service is filled with song, a story, and sometimes a special theme.

**Sunday, March 24**
10:30am - Family Purim Shpiel
11:30am-3:30pm - Purim Carnival
(see page 1 for details)

**Wednesday, April 17**
7:00pm
Adult Ed: Book Club
Join us as we will discuss The Bridal Chair: A Novel by Gloria Goldreich. Meeting monthly through June; check calendar for upcoming dates.

Fri.-Sun., April 26-28
40th Seder in the Desert
Attendees must RSVP by April 12. Visit tbhla.org/sederinthedesert.
(see page 16 for details)
2019 TBH COMEDY NIGHT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Yom HaShoah Commemoration
Sunday, April 28 - 2:00pm
Join us and other temples and community organizations as we gather for a meaningful day of memories, spoken word, and song. Meet at the Pan Pacific Park in Los Angeles. To register, contact rzaiden@jewishla.org.

Yom HaShoah Virtual Candle Lighting
Wednesday, May 1 - 6:30pm
Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and TBH Brotherhood invite you to a short lighting ceremony online. Light your Yom HaShoah candle anytime after 6:30pm. Visit TBH on Facebook or YouTube to view the video. Candles are available from TBH Brotherhood, please email brotherhood@tbhla.org.

Yom HaShoah Service
Friday, May 3 - 7:00pm
Please join us for this special service where we will be commemorating those who died in the Holocaust. We will be joined by a guest speaker from the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust.

Yom HaAtzma-ut Events
ECE & Elementary School Open House
Thursday, May 9 - 5:30pm
Bring your own picnic. There will be Israeli-themed music and snacks. Then tour Temple Beth Hillel and visit the classrooms.

L'Dough V'Dough
Friday, May 3 - 5:30pm
This very special Yom HaShoah program includes making challah while Holocaust survivors speak of their experience. This free program is provided by the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. RSVP required at brotherhood@tbhla.org.

Yom HaAtzma-ut Shabbat Service
Friday, May 10
Join us for this special service in the Bauman Sanctuary with special guest speaker Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Ph.D.

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Friday, March 1
Tot Shabbat

March 1-3
Religious School Retreat

Monday, March 4
Early Childhood CLOSED and No ECE Childcare
Elementary School in session

Tuesday, March 5
Early Childhood
Community Assembly

Thursday, March 7
Elementary School
Parent Association Meeting

Sunday, March 10
Religious School
3rd-grade Family Education Day

Thursday, March 21
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Friday, March 22
NO SCHOOL - Childcare available
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Sunday, March 24
Purim Shpiel & Carnival
Religious School in session

Sunday, March 31
Religious School
6th-grade Family Education Day

APRIL
Tuesday, April 2
Early Childhood
Community Assembly

Thursday, April 4
Elementary School
Parent Association Meeting

Friday, April 5
Tot Shabbat

Sunday, April 7
Religious School
1st-grade Family Education Day

Saturday, March 16
5:00-8:00pm
HRTY 45 - Duct Tape Mania
Come join us for an evening of sticky fun! Cost is $20 for early
bird; $25 after March 10. Dinner included. RSVP required
online at: https://tinyurl.com/DuctTapeMania.

Saturday, March 16
8:00pm-8:00am
HRTY & JR HRTY - Overnight Party
12 hours of fun! Come to TBH at 8pm and we will enjoy a
night of games, art, movies, snacks, and Havdallah. Cost is
$35 before March 10; $40 after. RSVP required online at:
https://tinyurl.com/HRTY8to8.

March 22-24
3:00pm-8:30pm
NFTY Leadership Kallah
HRTY attends this leadership event at the American Jewish
University.

Saturday, March 23
3:00pm-8:30pm
NFTY 678
Jr HRTY attends this final spring event at the American
Jewish University.

Sunday, April 7
11:15am - 2:00pm
HRTY Katan - Un-Birthday Party
An Unbirthday party is a celebration on any day that is not
one’s birthday. Lunch, birthday cake, party games! Cost is
$15 before March 31; $20 after.

April 26-28
NFTY Spring Kallah
Registration opens March 25. Open to 8-12th graders.

For more information about any of the TBH Youth Group programs, please contact
Ellie Laycook, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, at ELaycook@tbhla.org.

HRTY Katan = Grades 2, 3
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Beth Hillel Elementary FUNdraiser!

A special invitation for you to support Beth Hillel Elementary in our annual FUNdraiser, PARTY BOOK!
When you sign up for a party you are supporting our school community and friends who are hosting the parties.
Feel free to purchase as many parties as you like! 100% of the money made from this FUNdraiser goes
directly back to the school, thanks to the gracious donations made by your friends, the party hosts!!
Parties are on sale now, and they are filling up fast! Don’t miss out on the super fun selection of parties this year!
There’s a party for everyone!
To sign up, please go to bhds.onlinepartybook.com

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Learning Service and Leadership Skills
by Phil “Akela” Connery

2019 brought some big and long-overdue changes to the Boy Scouts of America. Today, all ranks are open to every child, from Lion (kinder) to Eagle Scout, regardless of gender.

Our parent organization, “The Boy Scouts of America” remains unchanged. Now, each of the four branches--Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturers--is open to both boys and girls. Of course, we have several policies in place to assure appropriate conduct at all levels at all times. In the case of Cub Scouts, each Den is made up of about 6 to 10 children, all the same school grade and all the same gender. In this sense, the Cub Scout experience is a single-gender adventure. We gather our Dens together for Pack meetings or outings; each Den has its own unique identity and leadership, apart from other Dens. We have an all-girls Webelos Den (4th graders) and an all-girls Wolf Den (2nd graders). And now, with Scouts BSA, our girls will have several options to continue their scouting adventures beyond 5th grade, when they move to a troop.

My own daughters (8 & 11) are in Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts of America is a great organization, but completely independent and separate from the Boy Scouts of America. There is no overlap in governance or charter. Both organizations admirably serve the youth of America. But the programs are different. For many, the Girl Scouts approach to service and leadership is a perfect fit. My youngest daughter is one of these. She has no interest at all in Cub Scouts. But some girls will find a better fit in the Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA program. Some, like my oldest, may end up in both organizations.

If your son or daughter has interest in Cub Scouts, please drop me a line at Akela@Cub311.com and I’l l be happy to answer any questions I can. ♦

Pack 311 welcomes all 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,

The Impact of Child Sexual Abuse
by Gussie Sitkin, MFT
Clinical Director of TBH at the Community Counseling Center

I have written previously about child sexual abuse, but it still persists in haunting us. Research tells us that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before they turn 18. There seems to be a culture of silence surrounding child sexual abuse. Cases of abuse often continue for years because the abuse is built on a foundation of secrets and fear. Survivors frequently fear what will happen to them if they tell. Societal norms can also diminish a survivor’s likelihood of disclosing.

It is important to know that every demographic is included. Identifying signs of child sexual abuse is not easy or straightforward. The signs are not always clear-cut. The abuse is insidious, because it goes on before the offender actually touches the child. It leaves no physical wounds to identify. Noncontact abuse includes peeping, making the child watch pornography, encouraging the child to sit on one’s lap and play the “tickle game.” The offender grooms the child to build trust.

Physical signs that may indicate abuse may be bladder and vaginal infections, changes in eating habits and stomachaches, and there are also emotional changes as well. Behavioral changes include not wanting to be alone, not wanting to remove clothing to change or bathe, being afraid of being alone at night, having nightmares, or having difficulty concentrating.

In addition, survivors of child abuse have experienced higher rates of depression, anxiety, panic disorders and posttraumatic stress behaviors. This is a nightmare for both the child and the family.

If you or family members discover sexual abuse in your family or others, it is important that you make an intervention such as stopping the abuse, reporting it to an official, or telling a trusted person. Having the child work with a counselor is recommended as the counselor will have the right “tools” at his or her disposal. Some “tools” are the use of sand trays, arts and crafts materials, books, and drawing materials. The goal of using these materials is to elicit feelings around the abuse such as anger, guilt, anxiety, and fear.

Fortunately, the effects of child sexual abuse don’t end with childhood. Children revisit their trauma at almost every stage of development and might need counseling each and every time they do. Survivors of child sexual abuse often blame themselves for the abuse and must be told that it wasn’t their fault. Compare the size of them as a child and the size of the adult to make a point. Children need to develop self-compassion for what they have experienced and counselors and others can help with that. ♦

For additional information, please call the Community Counseling Center at 818-762 4817.
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Thank you to those who helped make Mitzvah Day a great success. Here are some figures from this year’s event that should make us all proud:

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- 200 hot meals delivered to LA Family Housing Shelter/Bridge Housing
- 50 hot meals made for the NoHo Home Alliance Drop In Program
- 150 PATH toiletry kits
- 35 "Welcome Home" baskets made for LA Family Housing
- 150 lunches for NHIFP
- Over 50 tote bags with kind message and treats delivered to our long time older congregants
- 400 bags packed for our North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry
- ECE Trike-A-Thon and Elementary School Bake Sale raised more than enough money to cover the cost of the meals that were made for individuals experiencing homelessness
- 30+ tote bags made for walkers used at the Jewish Home for the Aging
- 100's of chocolate covered pretzels to lift the spirits of LAUSD strikers
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Please plan on participating in the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm via ZOOM

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