Keara Stein

Keara Stein to be Ordained

On May 18, after two years as Temple Beth Hillel’s rabbinic intern, Keara Rachelle Stein will be ordained as a Rabbi by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Keara is one of just 13 rabbis being ordained that day at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills.

An accomplishment five years in the making, Keara has enjoyed support from Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and the Temple Beth Hillel community, mentor Rabbi Jan Offel of the Union for Reform Judaism, and her own large extended family.

Keara is the youngest of five children raised in Scottsdale. She was a music major at Williamette University in Salem, Oregon, studying to be a concert violinist. When she suffered a severe wrist injury, the way was clear – she switched to Williamette’s religious studies program. Keara admits that her path to the rabbinate – through a Methodist-founded university with strong music and religious studies programs – had some heavenly guidance. “It was bashert,” she says.

As she leaves our Temple family and considers her next steps, Keara is first looking forward to spending time with her husband, Jason (who is also bashert), son JT, and the twins that she is expecting in July.

Keara is very interested in the relationship-based, pastoral side of the rabbinate. She has written a thesis, Practical Bichor Cholim: A Guide to Visiting the Sick, that provides wisdom from Jewish sages like Maimonides, modern medical protocols, and ways to nurture healing of body and spirit through prayer and personal support. Keara has provided her own wisdom, love and support to our congregation for the past two years. We have been blessed to have her, and wish her much b’hatzlaucha, nachas, and simcha (good luck, blessings and joy!)

SEE A NOTE FROM KEARA ON PAGE 2
I write this just one month before my rabbinic ordination and I can’t help but look back on my five years of rabbinical school. I have been so fortunate to experience many roles of the rabbinate – from my student pulpit in Amarillo, Texas to chaplaincy internships at UCLA and St. John’s Hospitals, congregational outreach at Temple Judea, grief counseling at Our House and the two wonderful years I spent working at Temple Beth Hillel.

In Pirke Avot we read, “who is wise? One who learns from all” (4:1) and in my time teaching and learning at TBH, you all made me more wise.

I learned from each and every b’nei mitzvah student who taught me Torah through their eyes.

I learned from the Women of TBH and men of the Brotherhood who showed me what a community can do when people who care for each other work together.

I learned from the religious school and confirmation students who are wise beyond their years.

I learned from every Adult Education class and event, and I thank you all for trusting me on our journey from learning Hebrew to studying texts to chanting prayers and meditations.

I learned from every Shabbat service and will carry those tools with me throughout my rabbinate.

I learned from the faculty and staff of our TBH schools, teaching me a little piece of their passion and broadening my understanding of what it means to be a Jewish leader.

I learned from the office and maintenance staff who do so much to keep the building open and running smoothly every day of the year.

And I learned from Rabbi Sarah who will forever be a mentor, a friend, and a colleague.

While I am leaving Temple Beth Hillel as your intern, I will never forget what you have taught me. Our official journey together is ending but our relationship does not have to. I will be staying close by with my family and would love to hear from you! Thank you for supporting me on my journey towards ordination!

B’Shalom,
Keara Stein

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CELEBRATE WITH US

You are invited to share in blessings, in gratitude, and to send off Rabbinic Intern Keara!

**May 17 - Morning Minyan** at 9 am followed by a potluck oneg. We will offer Keara our blessings during the service. Please let us know what you will be bringing by emailing ngilboa@tbhla.org.

**May 18 - Ordination Ceremony** at 10 am at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, 8844 Burton Way, Beverley Hills 90211. Please let ngilboa@tbhla.org know if you will be attending by May 11. For security purposes, we must submit all names one week in advance.

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Mazal Tov to the families celebrating B’nei Mitzvahs at Temple Beth Hillel this spring and summer.

SHABBAT, MAY 2-3
Friday
6:00 pm - Community Shabbat Dinner. Join us in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall for a Community Shabbat Dinner. Please call or visit BethHillel.info for reservations.
7:30 pm - Sisterhood Erev Shabbat Service. Rabbinic Intern Keara Stein, Cantor Shana Leon, the Women of TBH, and the Adult Choir lead services in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.
Saturday
10:00 am - Bat Mitzvah of Mikaela Blasberg
4:00 pm - Moses Program. Outreach to Jews with disabilities. Songs, prayers, and learning with Rabbi Jim Kaufman in the Kaufman Beit Midrash. RSVP to Tobi Schneider.
5:00 pm - Bar Mitzvah of Imogen Katcher

SHABBAT, MAY 9-10
Torah Portion: Behar, Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Friday
7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Service. Led by Rabbinic Intern Keara Stein, Song Leader Justin Stein, 4th and 5th Grade Religious School students, and the Cantor’s Chanters in the Bauman Sanctuary. May birthday blessings included. Oneg to follow.
Saturday
10:00 am - Bat Mitzvah of Mikealas Blasberg
5:00 pm - Bar Mitzvah of Ben Langley

SHABBAT, MAY 16-17
Torah Portion: Behukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34
Friday
5:45 pm - Shabbat Nosh. Join us for a meet and greet with light refreshments on the Upper Patio.
6:05 pm - Musical Kabbalat Shabbat. Service led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Justin Stein on the Upper Yard.
Saturday
9:00 am - Shabbat Morning Service honoring Rabbinic Intern Keara Stein. Service led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Cantor Shana Leon, and Song Leader Justin Stein. Followed by a potluck oneg to celebrate Keara’s ordination and to thank her for sharing her heart and talents with us.
5:00 pm - Bar Mitzvah of River Samuel Jordan

SHABBAT, MAY 23-24
Torah Portion: Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20
Friday
6:00 pm - Special Adult Service at Adat Ari El with Rabbi Uri Regev of Hadlush. Email Kiddush names to be read to rabbisarah@tbhla.org. Optional dinner ($20 per person) at 7 pm, Rabbi Regev speaks at 8 pm. See page 20 for more details.
6:30 pm - Tot Shabbat. Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Justin Stein lead a brief service with story and song in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.

SHABBAT, MAY 30-31
Torah Portion: Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89
Friday
6:30 pm - Rosh Chodesh Nosh and Community Time with the Women of TBH.
7:30 pm - Shabbat Service celebrating the new month of Sivan. Led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Cantor Shana Leon on the Upper Yard.

SHAVUOT, JUNE 3-5
Tuesday
7:00 pm - Shavuot and Confirmation Service in the Bauman Sanctuary.
Thursday
9:00 am - Yizkor Service with Rabbi Sarah Hronsky in the Bauman Sanctuary.

SHABBAT, JUNE 6-7
Torah Portion: Beha-Alotekha, Numbers 8:1-12:16
Friday
6:00 pm - Community Shabbat Dinner. Join us in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall for a Community Shabbat Dinner. Please call or visit BethHillel.info for reservations.
7:30 pm - Erev Shabbat Service and Board Installation. With the participation of the incoming TBH Board of Trustees, Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Cantor Shana Leon, and the Adult Choir lead services in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.
Saturday
9:30 am - Drumming Shabbat Experience for families with young children. Led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Justin Stein in the Feldman Horn Mercaz. Oneg to follow.
10:00 am - Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Wirtz
4:00 pm - Moses Program. Outreach to Jews with disabilities. Songs, prayers, and learning with Rabbi Jim Kaufman and temple volunteers. Please RSVP to Tobi Schneider.
5:00 pm - Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Elhanani

SHABBAT, JUNE 13-14
Friday
7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Service. Led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Song Leader Justin Stein, and the Cantor’s Chanters in the Bauman Sanctuary. Special recognition of the Cantor’s Chanters and June birthday blessings included. Oneg to follow.
Saturday
10:00 am - B’nei Mitzvah of Alyse and Harrison Rovner

SHABBAT, JUNE 20-21
Torah Portion: Korah, Numbers 16:1-18-32
Friday
5:45 pm - Shabbat Nosh. Join us for a meet and greet with light refreshments on the Upper Patio.
6:05 pm - Musical Kabbalat Shabbat. Service led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Justin Stein in the Upper Yard.
Saturday
9:00 am - Shabbat Morning Service with story and song in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.
10:00 am - Bar Mitzvah of Ben Joseph Pfeifer
5:00 pm - Bat Mitzvah of Alyse and Harrison Rovner

SHABBAT, JUNE 27-28
Torah Portion: Hukkat, Numbers 28:9-15
Friday
6:30 pm - Tot Shabbat. Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Justin Stein lead a brief service with story and song in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.
7:30 pm - Adult Shabbat. Led by Cantor Shana Leon. Oneg to follow.
Two Years in the Blink of an Eye
by M. Bruce Gumbiner, President

This is my last opportunity to address you in the Hillel Omer as your President. It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the past two years. It does not seem that it has been that long. I have many people to thank for the successes during my tenure. During my stint as President we have developed an amazing team of people with more ideas than could be implemented.

During this period, we have completed the remodeling of the Sanctuary and Social Hall, had highly successful Purim Carnivals, Comedy nights, The Show, The Show II, and transformed the religious school to a new model.

There is a new look to services with the addition of audio-visual effects and a new elevator to access our services. Outreach to the general community has improved and many people to thank for the successes during my tenure. During my stint as President we have developed an amazing team of people with more ideas than could be implemented.

The committee leaders bent over backwards to acknowledge and thank volunteers, visitors, and staff – have been making everyone feel welcome and well taken care of. I recently had the pleasure of working with the Purim and Rosalind Wiseman lecture committees. The committee leaders bent over backwards to acknowledge and thank volunteers, visitors, and staff (for proof, see pages 6-7 for a list of everybody who helped). Temple Beth Hillel will be a successful place not because of all the programs we offer, but because we live as brothers and sisters in a generous, caring community.

The Secret to our Success
by Bill Weber
Communications Team Leader

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! – Psalm 133

Our Temple programs (for example, Comedy Night, Shabbaton, Men’s and Women’s Seders, and Shabbat services) have been attracting record numbers of participants.

I would like to say that it is because of the beautiful new Hillel Omer and weekly E-news. But I know better.

People are attending our events because we – the congregants, parents, teachers and staff – have been making everyone feel welcome and well taken care of. I recently had the pleasure of working with the Purim and Rosalind Wiseman lecture committees. The committee leaders bent over backwards to acknowledge and thank volunteers, visitors, and staff (for proof, see pages 6-7 for a list of everybody who helped at Purim.)

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If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? – Rabbi Hillel

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Tikkun for Both Body and Soul
by Jodie Reff and Lillian Burkenheim Silver
Women of TBH Co-Presidents

Did you know Tikkun Olam (caring for the world) was good for you? In UCLA Health-David Geffen School of Medicine’s winter publication, I came across an article titled “Be Happy: Your Genes May Thank You for It”.

The article says people with high levels of eudaimonic well-being - the kind of happiness that comes from having a deep sense of purpose and meaning in life – had favorable gene expression profiles in their immune cells. They had strong expression of antiviral and antibody genes and low levels of inflammatory gene expression.

People with relatively high levels of hedonic well-being – the type of happiness that comes from consummatory self-gratification – showed just the opposite. The study found both types of people had high levels of positive emotions but their genomes responded differently. Doing good and having a sense of purpose is positive for the health of your genes.

Lillian has an interest in the science of happiness and what makes people happy and I have a passion for social action and social justice. We both believe that education with action is the key to empowerment and happiness.

The Women of Temple Beth Hillel have been hoping to increase opportunities for all of us to help repair the world and keep our genes as healthy and happy as possible.

We have educated ourselves on Heart Health and Breast Cancer. We have done social action by adopting a family through Los Angeles family housing and providing them with gifts for the holidays. We actively support the Food Pantry and walk to support causes like Jewish World Watch.

Please join us for a very special Shabbat Service on May 2, when we recognize the active volunteerism of Evelyn Lever.

On May 4, we will be cooking for Project Chicken Soup, which provides kosher meals for people suffering from AIDS, HIV and other chronic illnesses.

On May 10, we plan to participate in the Revlon/Run walk with the congregation to raise money for Breast Cancer research.

We would love your participation in these and as many of our events as you would like to join us. We are here for TBH and for each individual member of the congregation.

As we begin to plan for next year, please let us know if there is a program you would like to do; feel free at anytime to contact us. I’m Jodie at reffhouse@sbcglobal.net. Lillian can be reached at lburkenheim@gmail.com.

Man of the Year
by Cary Nord and Mark Singer
TBH Brotherhood Co-Presidents

Our Brotherhood “Man of the Year,” Cary Nord, along with nominees from eleven other congregations were honored at the 16th Annual Man of the Year Dinner held, for the third time, at Temple Beth Hillel on Saturday March 1. Over 200 people attended and were very impressed by the ongoing improvements here at TBH.

Thank you to Cantor Shana Leon and Tova Morcos for providing the entertainment. Our Brotherhood Co-President and former MRJ West President Mark Singer was honored to help host this event for the seventh time.

The Brotherhood’s Hoppin’ Hot Dog and Sausage Stand at the Purim Carnival was a gastronomic and financial success. Thank you to all of the volunteers who manned the booth, and special thanks to Chris Dwyer for his sponsorship of the booth.

Thanks to all who participated in our Seventh Annual Men’s Seder. Led by Rabbi Jim Kaufman we had a number of interesting discussions on a wide range of topics. Thank you Scott Tessler and Silver Spoons for the delicious meal. The event was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Congratulations to the winners of the Horseshoe Tournament at the Seder-in-the-Desert. Also a tip of Brotherhood’s Kipaah to the “Jewish Jeopardy” contestants and the winning team.

Brotherhood thanks all the members who helped distribute the Yom HaShoah candles and all who have sent contributions to help support this important effort. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, it is not too late!

We were also proud to co-host the Yom HaShoah event with the Women of Temple Beth Hillel. At the event we viewed and discussed the film, “100 Voices: A Journey Home.”

On the last day of religious school we will help host the Maccabiah event with the religious schools at a local park. Please participate in this event and enjoy some more Brotherhood eats.

We also wish to sponsor another summertime movie event. Please contact us if you have suggestions for an appropriate movie.

Our monthly Board meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. We will continue to have meetings during the summer, with a special planning meeting and dinner to be announced.

At the Man of the Year banquet (from left to right): host and MRJ-West Past President Mark Singer; TBH 2013 Man of the Year honoree Cary Nord; presenter David Beck; MRJ-West Board member Steve Sherman.
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We are grateful for our sponsors – family, friends, neighborhood businesses, foundations – who have joined with us this Purim to celebrate freedom and show that a community that works together and cares about each other can make a difference. The funds raised by our Purim programs feed young minds, hungry bodies, and souls throughout Los Angeles and the world.

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To all the fabulous volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this the best Purim Carnival ever – we say thank you! We are truly grateful for your time, your effort, and above all, your dedication. Our TBH community is lucky to be filled with such amazing people, and we appreciate each and every one of you.

– The Purim Committee

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Please forgive us for any errors or omissions. Many apologies if someone slipped through, but just know that even if we didn’t list you here, we appreciate you!
“Feeding America” Starts Here
by Leslye Adelman
Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator

Whenever I give a tour of the Pantry, I begin with a brief history and end in the present, which looks pretty grim these days. We received no monetary assistance from the Federal Government last year and the 2014 Farm Bill is affecting our ability to feed the hungry in a big way. Cuts in funding to the SNAP program (formerly Food Stamps) has meant a 1% or 8 billion dollar deficit which translates into 850,000 households losing about $90.00 in monthly benefits.

“Feeding America,” a coalition of food banks across the country, said the effect of the Farm Bill will mean 34 lost meals per month for all affected households. All of this means we will have more people in need of food and no government funding to assist us in providing that food.

Recently, a 10 year old trainee, having heard my introductory story, remarked that he was “getting more and more angry with the government” while he placed cans into the bags he and his sister were packing.

On the brighter side, we have had many wonderful donations since the last Omer: One girl, a TBH member, set up a lemonade stand and raised more than $100.00 for the Pantry. Rather than simply handing me the money, her mother took her to the market and allowed her to purchase food items. I felt this would have a greater impact on her.

The Purim Carnival brought in more than 100 items in the “Cans for Cotton Candy” food exchange.

When my dad turned 95 in March, he distributed cloth grocery bags for his friends to fill. He collected more than 200 items. Several of our B’nai Mitzvah families added to the Bimah Fruit by putting fresh fruit into the centerpieces at dinners and parties.

We cannot let the summer months slow down our momentum. I will be happy to train you and your families to volunteer (summer is the time for students to begin earning their community service credits for the next school year.) If you have an idea for a fun and/or productive drive, reach out to me at (818) 929-2606.

Have a great summer and please know you can almost always find someone in the basement waiting for your assistance!

Helping Adolescents Battle Depression
by Gussie Sitkin, Ed.D., MFT
Clinical Director of TBH Community Counseling Center

In an article in Counseling Today dated July 2011, Gary Gintner, associate professor of counselor education at Louisiana State University, said that at any one time, about 2 percent of children younger than age 12 have depressive disorders. That number rises to between 4 and 8 percent for those ages 12 to 18. Once adolescent girls hit puberty, their risk of depression is double their male classmates.

This means that it is very important for those close to children – parents, school, friends, counselors – who are the first line in identifying children suffering from depression- to seek help for these children.

One key indicator of depression among students is a precipitous drop in grades, especially if accompanied by other symptoms of depression: low self-esteem, sleep problems, fatigue, apathy and feelings of unworthiness, changes in appetite, loss of pleasure in life and problems concentrating.

Gintner also says that uncharacteristic or excessive irritability is a symptom associated with depressed adolescents and children. Also, he says that many times the behavior is interpreted as oppositional, but • the young person is actually depressed.

When depression is noted by those close to the child or adolescent, experts need to be sought out for help. The first expert is the medical doctor to see if there are physical reasons for the depression. The next expert, if indicated, should be a counselor/therapist. Experts say that psychotherapy or talk therapy is most useful for those with mild to moderate levels of depression. Cognitive behavior therapy or interpersonal therapy have been noted as being very helpful. The therapist will be able to describe the nature of depression, the development of problem-solving skills, self-monitoring, building relationship skills, communication training, and setting small achievable goals.

Here are the symptoms of depression:
• Difficulty with relationships.
• Frequent sadness, tearfulness, crying.
• Frequent complaints of illness.
• Hopelessness.
• Frequent absences from school.
• Decreased interest in activities.
• Poor performance in school and concentration.
• Social isolation and poor communication.
• Change in eating and sleeping habits.
• Feelings of guilt and low self-esteem.
• Talk of or efforts to run away from home.
• Increased irritability, anger or hostility.
• Thoughts or expressions of suicide.

Please contact the Community Counseling Center at Temple Beth Hillel for further information and resources at 818-762-4817.

Volunteers Wanted

Food Pantry
The Food Pantry needs volunteers to prepare bags of groceries and the fruit in our Bimah Fruit display for distribution. Contact Leslye Adelman at momof3inla@att.net or 818-929-2606.

Food Forward
Food Forward (foodforward.org) is looking for teams to help pick residential fruit trees. Brotherhood and Women of TBH will be putting together a team from our temple. If interested, please contact either Mark Singer (singermark@hotmail.com) or Leslye Adelman (momof3inla@att.net.)
OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS learned the story behind Passover and many of our holiday traditions. Clockwise from above: Making charoses and setting up the Seder plate; Moses leading the Israelites to the Red Sea; Mechina students dressed for desert living; Rabbi Sarah participating in a class session; the joy – and mess – of matzoh with chocolate.

RABBI SARAH HRONSKY wrote and led our annual Women’s Seder, where over 70 participants expressed gratitude for their freedom, their faith, and their friendships. Clockwise from upper left: the tables were filled with women of multiple generations; the Sephardic practice of lashing one another with green onions reminds us of the pain of slavery; Cantor Shana lifted spirits with song; the women circled the room for a shared blessing.

AT THE DAY SCHOOL, our Third graders (top picture) put on a show; Fourth (center) and Fifth (bottom) Graders led their own lively seders.

OUR ANNUAL MEN’S SEDER offered an opportunity for men to bond over food, music, and discussion topics that included family, faith, and personal goals. Rabbi Jim Kaufman led a gathering of over 40 men through the MRJ Men’s Hagaddah.
We’ve been using a new on-line RSVP and ticket sales system for the past few months. Thank you for bearing with us as we worked out a kink or two.

Whether you go online or not, please RSVP! We need your reservations to order food, book guests, and decide whether an event will happen or will be cancelled.

Use BethHillel.info or call or visit the temple office to répondez s’il vous plaît. Merci!

Shabbat at TBH

Every month we present a series of special Shabbat observances, open to the entire community.

First Friday – Community Shabbat Dinner at 6 pm, followed by a Choir service at 7:30 pm. Community Shabbat Dinners are not held in July and August.

First Saturday – Moses Program. Songs and prayers specially designed for people with developmental disabilities. 4 pm.

Second Friday – Family Shabbat. An inter-generational service led by our clergy, youth choir, and students from our schools. 7:30 pm. Oneg following.

Second Saturday – Family Drumming Shabbat. A bi-monthly service designed especially for families with young children. 9:30 am. (Next service is on June 7.)

Third Friday – Musical Kabbat Shabbat. A musical service with our Song Leader. 6:05 pm. Join us at 5:45 pm for a Shabbat Nosh beforehand.

Third Saturday – Shabbat Morning Service. A beautiful musical service with an extensive Torah study. 9:00 am. Oneg following.

Fourth Friday – Tot Shabbat at 6:30 pm, Adult Shabbat at 7:30 pm.

Fifth Friday – A special themed service to be announced. 7:30 pm.

All events are held at our Valley Village campus unless otherwise noted.

REGISTER ONLINE for courses, dinners, and special events at BethHillel.info.

Every Sunday - Food Pantry Volunteer Service. Come anytime between 8:30 and 10 am to pick, pack, and prepare grocery bags for distribution. Newcomers are asked to call Leslye at 818-929-2606 in advance.

Every Tuesday - Torah Tuesdays study group with Rabbi Sarah and other senior staff. No prior Torah or Hebrew knowledge is required for this relaxing and friendly hour. 12:30-1:30 pm.

Every Tuesday - Boy Scouts. 7:00 pm.

May 1 - Rosh Chodesh celebration with the Women of TBH. In the Kaufman Beit Midrash at 6:30 pm.

May 2-4 - SoCal Jewish LGBT Family Retreat. TBH is a co-sponsor of this weekend at the Shalom Institute in Malibu. Includes Havdalah, arts & crafts, music, sports, yoga, nature and animal programs, kosher food, adult discussions and more. Info: Sarah at sarah@shalominstitute.com or 818-889-5500 x 102.

May 4 - Project Chicken Soup. The Women of Temple Beth Hillel will be cooking for this non-profit organization that delivers kosher meals to people with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses. We cook for 125 people and invite anyone who would like to cook and/or deliver meals to the clients. More information at ProjectChickenSoup.org. To volunteer, email Jodie Reff at reffhouse@sbcglobal.net.

May 6 - Yom HaAtzma-ut Party. We're celebrating Israel's 66th with a big birthday party! Join us for arts and crafts, Israeli dancing, and fun things to do and eat. An Israeli dinner is available for $10 per person. Please RSVP (whether you are having dinner with us or not) at BethHillel.info.

May 7 - Coffee & Schmooze with Rabbi Sarah. A chance to talk parenting and other burning issues with Rabbi Sarah in her study. 8:30 - 10 am. This month's topic is “How do I talk to my kids about death and dying?”

May 7 - TBH Event Fair. See all the exciting new trends in event planning and entertainment at this annual event. Meet entertainers, event planners, photographers, DJs, calligraphers, florists and more. Taste fabulous food from a variety of caterers. Free. 6-8 pm.

May 10 - Revlon Run/Walk with co-captains Freddie Goldberg, Jamie Stevens, and Zoe Stevens. Visit BethHillel.info to link to fundraising and registration information.

May 18 - Ordination of Keara Rachelle Stein. Rabbinic Intern Keara Stein becomes Rabbi Stein at this Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion ceremony held at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. 8844 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. 10 am. It is important to RSVP to ngilboa@tbhla.org by May 11 so that you can be added to the security list.

May 23 - Rabbi Uri Regev of Hiddush. See the article on page 20.

May 24 - Ishmael-Isaac Program. Join members of TBH and MPV (Muslims for Progressive Values) for a study session at a private home. After we learn more about each other’s values and religions, we share a potluck meal, evening prayers and Havdalah. 6:00 pm. See the ad on page 11. RSVP at BethHillel.info.

May 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting. Feldman-Horn Mercaz. 7 pm.

May 31, June 1 - Disney Alice in Wonderland. Jr. Our Day School students present their spring musical, directed by Jan Plank. All ages invited to attend. Performances on the Sands-Mallet Social Hall stage at 7 pm Saturday and 2 pm Sunday. Tickets on sale May 14. Saturday night dinner, and Sunday afternoon tea party, available. Tickets on sale at the door or through the Day School office.

June 1, 8 - Healthcare and Caregivers. A Women of TBH Social Action Event. See the article on page 20.

June 6 - Board Installation. Honoring past members of our Board of Trustees and charging the new members during our Erev Shabbat Service. 7:30 pm in the Bauman Sanctuary.
High Holy Days 2014

High Holy Days
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S’lichot - Sat., Sept. 20
Erev Rosh HaShanah - Wed. Sept. 24
Rosh HaShanah - Thurs., Sept. 25 and Fri., Sept. 26
Tashlich - Sat., Sept. 27
Erev Yom Kippur - Fri. Oct. 3
Yom Kippur - Sat. Oct. 4
Erev Sukkot - Wed., Oct. 8
Sukkot - Thurs., Oct. 9 and Fri., Oct. 10
Erev Shemini Atzeret - Wed., Oct. 15
Shemini Atzeret - Thurs., Oct. 16
Erev Simchat Torah - Thurs., Oct. 16
Simchat Torah - Fri., Oct. 17

June 8 - Chai Dinner. Our annual banquet honoring those who have been Temple Beth Hillel members for longer than 18 years. 6 pm. Please contact the Temple office if you are a Chai member and have not yet received your invitation.

June 11 - Mechina Graduation. 5 pm in the Bauman Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall.

June 12 - Women of TBH Book Club: I Shall Not Hate by Izzeldin Abuelaish. 7 pm. RSVP to sheliamilov@yahoo.com.

July 20 - Women of TBH Mahjongg Tournament in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall. 8:30 am.

August 22 - Shabbat-que. Our annual outdoor celebration of Shabbat and community. On the patio, in the yard, and in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall. 5:45 pm.

August 24 - TBH Poker Tournament. Feldman-Horn Mercaz. 11 am.

Planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, or Other Kind of Party? Need Fresh Ideas?
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SATURDAY, MAY 24 FROM 5-7 PM
Ishmael-Isaac Educational Program

Remember our inspiring Jewish-Muslim Shabbat service in February? The beautiful prayer songs sung by our Jewish/ Muslim choir? Our leaders standing shoulder to shoulder to preach love and understanding?
Join us on May 24 when members of Muslims for Progressive Values and Temple Beth Hillel share a potluck dinner and spend another evening together in study and prayer.
As we learn about each other, we discover that the differences that divide us are not nearly as great as the community that claims us.

WHAT: Ishmael-Isaac Program Educational Evening and Potluck Dinner
WHERE: Private home in the San Fernando Valley
WHEN: Sat., May 24 from 5-7 pm
HOW: RSVP at BethHillel.info

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When looking at countries and schools that offer the best education, the one common factor – whether the school is in Finland, Japan, southeast Asia or the U.S. – is that teachers engage in meaningful professional development for a significant amount of time.

At BHDS, our ECE and Elementary School teachers engage in over 100 hours of professional development every school year. A third of those hours occur at weekly teacher meetings on Tuesdays.

This year, topics of these meetings have included teacher language, student reflection, project-based learning and student/teacher success. The teachers engage in protocols to discuss student growth and care; discuss curriculum and examine assessments to be sure we have vertical articulation (i.e. ensuring mechina students are ready for kindergarten); and collaborate across grade level (everyone who teaches our 3 year-olds) or across department (everyone who teaches Hebrew). These meetings are invaluable for ongoing development of our teachers.

In addition to these meetings, our teachers have more intensive development time on our 11 full student-free days. We use these hours for in-depth collaboration and learning.

On March 10th, for example, our ECE teachers all attended the BJE Early Childhood conference and learned about documenting student work, cultivating authentic self-esteem and confidence in children, and examining the role of teachers in an ECE.

On other days, we have had guest speakers, engaged in conversation about student growth, and collaborated on curriculum development. Without this time and these kinds of conversations, our program could not be as cutting-edge and innovative as it is.

Finally, in addition to these scheduled hours, our teachers spend their own time doing classroom observations of their peers, reading professional books and meeting in collaborative groups.

Based on the book Instructional Rounds, our teachers have watched each other teach and then held conversations with critical feedback on specific topics.

Every teacher engages in professional reading; in just the past year, staff members have read The Positive Classroom (Muriel Rand), Strengths Based Leadership (Rath & Conchie), How Children Succeed (Paul Tough), Teasing, Tattling, Defiance and More (Margaret Berry Wilson), Verbal Judo (Thompson & Jenkins), Word of Mouth (Andy Sernovitz), Queen Bees & Wannabees (Rosalind Wiseman), Masterminds and Wingmen (Rosalind Wiseman), Queen Bee Moms and Kingpin Dads (Rosalind Wiseman), Learned Optimism (Martin Seligman) and An Ethic of Excellence (Ron Berger).

Teacher education is the single-most important quality of a successful school. You wouldn't let a surgeon operate on you if she didn't know the latest methods of surgery. You wouldn't trust a banker who only knows how to take deposits in person. Teachers require the same level of time and material to develop their craft. It's your child's learning at stake.

On April 7, approximately 350 people came to Temple Beth Hillel to hear Rosalind Wiseman, New York Times best selling author, speak about “Girl World, Boy World and Navigating the Social Dynamics of Each.”

Ms. Wiseman spoke about how to listen to your child so he will talk, how to help your child when she is being bullied, and how to give your child skills to handle difficult confrontations. Her wise and humble approach invoked a lot of laughs, and the comment most commonly heard at the book signing and reception afterward was, “Thank you so much! This makes so much sense and helps me so much.”

Thank you to the committee for putting on such a fabulous event and thank you to those of you who attended this informational and interesting evening.

“Conflict is inevitable. Abuse of power is inevitable. Our children need to know how to handle themselves in these situations.” – Rosalind Wiseman

Clockwise from top: Parents paid rapt attention to Ms. Wiseman’s presentation; Ms. Wiseman greeted guests and signed books with the assistance of Dr. Erica Rothblum; parents and school staff discussed the topic during a reception.

Photos by Lisa Cahan Davis
There’s More to Girl Scout Cookies than What’s in the Box!
by Stacey Michrowski, Cookie Chairperson

The Beth Hillel Girl Scout Troop had an amazing cookie season! Our 13 Daisies and Brownies who are currently in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade sold an impressive 1,709 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. We started as individual families soliciting cookie orders and gathering at a Troop Cookie Pickup Party in February. However, our smart young ladies led by Troop Leader Garland Fybel are measured by more than the 143 cases of cookies we distributed. Selling cookies teaches goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics – aspects essential to leadership, to success, and to life.

Each of the customers at one of our three cookie booths in March helped our learning process. Public speaking skills were enhanced every time one of our girls asked a customer “Are you familiar with the varieties?” and then proceeded to explain each cookie – of course being sensitive to note the presence of peanuts in Do Si Dos.

Our girls had their math skills tested by people asking “How much would 4 boxes be?” or “How much change will I get back if I give you $20?” We watched decision making and critical thinking first hand every time a girl was asked “Which type of cookie do you think I should buy?” Of course, my favorite was when one of our girls would answer “All of them!”

Ultimately, we upheld the reputation and behavioral expectations of both the Girl Scouts and members of TBH every time we thanked a customer for supporting us, regardless of whether or not they bought any cookies. Our troop donated 58 boxes of cookies to the Girl Scout “Gift of Caring” program, whereby a box of cookies is delivered to military serving our country. In addition to the patches and t-shirts and other fun prize rewards, based on sales volume our troop will receive over $1,000 for their sustained operation and to do even more good.

Our girls decide as a troop how to best use their money, and in the past have donated to the Beth Hillel Elementary School library and to local animal shelters.

If you purchased any cookies from our troop, we thank you. If not, be on the lookout for us next cookie season. The Girl Scouts are a warm, inclusive group of impressive young ladies. To learn more, please contact Garland Fybel at testafybel@gmail.com.

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Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Fourth of July
by Glenn Cote
Cubmaster, Cub Scout Pack 311

May begins with our second annual joint TBH Cub Scout/Boy Scout Channel Islands sport fishing trip (on the 4th) – where we’ll spend a day at sea in Scouting brotherhood and Do Our Best to catch our limit! Then on May 8, at our last Pack meeting of the 2013-2014 Cub Scout year, our proud Cub Scouts will “bridge” to their next rank levels in a very special ceremony.

Also occurring in May (on the 18th) is a hike in Placerita Canyon, and then on Saturday, May 24, Pack 311 will join other Cub Packs, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops in one of the most solemn and important duties that Scouts perform -- the pre-Memorial Day planting of flags on the graves at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in West Los Angeles. Other than a Scout Jamboree, you will never see so many Scouts gathered together in one place – and after planting 14 acres of flags in respectful silence, the sight of 85,000 American flags (one for each grave) is truly breathtaking.

May 27th is “Wear your Uniform to School Day,” followed shortly by our Recruitment Night on the 29th. Boys at any grade level (kindergarten graduates through grade 5) who register with Pack 311 that night not only get free uniform patches, they also get an early-bird discount on registration fees and are invited to participate in all the summer Pack activities, beginning with a Summer Kickoff Campfire on June 14 (Flag Day) which features nature stories, campfire songs, s’mores, and a flag retirement ceremony!

Our June 28 hike is going to be in Temescal Canyon, then we’ll participate in the Valley Village Independence Day Parade on the 4th of July.

Pack 311 welcomes boys in first through fifth grades, or 7-10 years of age, from all religious and family backgrounds. For more information, visit www.cubpack311.com
MAZAL TOV to all of our young people who are graduating from Temple Beth Hillel schools this year. We are very proud of you and wish you the best as you move up into a wider world!

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Class of 2014

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Sydney Breman
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Charlie Dobrow
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Jacob Haimovitz
Samantha Robbins
Amani Ross

Bottom row:
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Elana Sternin
Amanda Tanner
Sarah Mae Weise
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**MAZAL TOV**

To Nathalie and Craig Bernstein, who welcomed Maximillian Bernstein, a new baby boy, into their family.

To Kathleen and David Schieber on the birth of their son, Elias William Schieber.

To Barbara and David Motz on the birth of their new grandson, Ari Benjamin Motz.

To Robyn Rose Valentine, a student and madricha (teaching assistant) in our religious school, who spoke at a February TEDx conference at Los Angeles’ Milken High School. Robyn, daughter of Jacqueline Hamilton and David Valentine, gave a talk entitled, “Standing Between Bubbles,” about being a Black Jew at Milken and traveling between her worlds. Her presentation was reported in the Los Angeles Jewish Journal and can be viewed online (beginning at the 1:45:00 mark) at http://tinyurl.com/ljnpept

To Herb Slavin, who is celebrating his 83rd birthday with a second Bar Mitzvah on July 5. Herb has been a supportive presence at Temple Beth Hillel for many years, having served as an officer. We wish him many more birthdays and mitzvahs to come.

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH**

Wishing a full and speedy recovery to Florence Adler, Joyce Adler, Rodney Armstrong, Barbara Berman, Gary Berman, Eddie Bloom, Robyn Fagen, Robert Friedman, Kenza Kadmiry, Barbara Levine, Joyce Rabinowitz, Larry Sacks, Walter Sage, Lonnie Stanley, Irwin Sussman, Ben Watson, and Barbara Weiss.

**SOCIAL ACTION**

Our partners at Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) hosted an April screening of their documentary, Ijtihad: Feminism & Reform, at the Rayburn Office Building in Washington, DC. Co-sponsored by the British Council and British Muslims for Secular Democracy, the event was designed to educate members of Congress of the growing international progressive Muslim movement. We support MPV as the organization lobbies for freedom of, and freedom from, religion. (A joint TBH-MPV event is scheduled for May 24 – see page 11.)

**FAREWELL**

To Dr. Erica Rothblum, BHDS Head of School, and Tarlan Rabizadeh, Interim Director of our Religious School, who are leaving Temple Beth Hillel at the end of this school term. Erica and Tarlan have both made major contributions to the stellar reputation of our schools; our parents, students, teachers and staff wish them success and happiness as they pursue other interests.

**In Memoriam**

**ANN PARKER**

In 1963, Ann Parker and her two children moved to the San Fernando Valley. Shortly thereafter, she began what ultimately became thirty years of employment at Temple Beth Hillel. Ann passed away peacefully on December 14, 2013.

Back before voice mail and automated phone answering, Ann was quite literally “the voice” of Temple Beth Hillel. “Shalom, Temple Beth Hillel” echoed through the main office as Ann fielded questions and routed calls. As the secretary-receptionist, Ann typed documents, helped with the sisterhood newsletter, “cut” mimeos prior to the advent of copy machines, and enjoyed helping the teens in the religious school with their many projects that needed clerical support.

Ann’s co-workers became life-long friends – Shirley Shore, Helen Schwartzberg, Edyce Brager, Esther Rubin and Pauline Martin. These women provided support, love and encouragement to a young divorced mom raising two children.

In 1993, with the advent of computers, Ann retired from Temple Beth Hillel just short of her 65th birthday. In the years that followed, she found great joy in hearing about the families of TBH and particularly enjoyed watching those teenagers grow up to start families of their own.

Ann Parker leaves behind her daughter Meg Solera (Jose), her son Bruce Parker (Kathleen), and four grandchildren. Her ashes reside in a niche under a lovely oak tree at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto, California. At her request, the plaque on her resting place will note her name followed by, “Shalom, Temple Beth Hillel.” May her memory be a blessing.

– Meg Solara

**temple talk**

Ann Parker at her 80th birthday in 2009, and with Shirley Shore at Temple Beth Hillel in 1993.
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FRIDAY, MAY 23 FROM 6:00 TO 9:30 PM

Rabbi Uri Regev: Fighting for Religious Freedom and Equality for Jews in Israel

Presented by Temple Beth Hillel and Adat Ari El

Rabbi Uri Regev is the president and CEO of Hiddush, an international non-profit working to separate religion from politics and end discrimination against the non-Orthodox in the state of Israel.

Hiddush petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to stop paying for Ultra-Orthodox students’ education if the students refused to obey the draft. And they won.

Hiddush insisted that the Ministry of Religious Services allow women to serve on Religious Councils. And they won.

Now, Hiddush is lobbying the Supreme Rabbinical Court to allow civil and non-Orthodox marriage – including the marriage of same-sex couples.

To find out what happens next, join us when Rabbi Regev personally fills us in.


WHEN: Friday, May 23
6:00 pm - Shabbat Services. Rabbi Sarah will be reading Kaddish names for TBH members. Please email the names you would like read to rabbisarah@tbhla.org.
7:00 pm - Dinner ($20 per person, optional)
8:00 pm - Rabbi Regev speaks

HOW: RSVP and pay for dinner at BethHillel.info. Reservations are not required if you are not joining us for dinner.

SUNDAYS, JUNE 1 & 8 FROM 1-2:30 PM

Healthcare and Caregivers

Presented by the Women of TBH, Bend the Arc, and Caring Across Generations

The number of Americans needing long-term care is expected to double from 13 million in 2000 to 27 million by 2050. Are we ready? Will long term health care be affordable? Will there be enough skilled caregivers? How can we make sure that we, and our children, get the care we will need?

Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash when Julia Wackenheim and Rabbi Jim Kaufman (of TBH and Bend the Arc) and guests from Caring Across Generations, the Pilipino Workers Center, and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of LA show us how we can support families in need of long-term affordable healthcare and support improved training, standards, and working conditions for the caregivers who provide it.

RSVP: rabbikaufman@tbhla.org or the Temple office: 818-763-9148 x 103.