As I write this article, so much has been happening in the Middle East and around the world. It is unclear to me as to what will be in store for us throughout 5775.

It is abundantly clear, however, that we must stay united as a people, to think of ourselves as one community, no matter our personal Jewish practice, and to support our brothers and sisters at TBH, in the U.S., across the seas and, of course, in our land of Israel.

The Jewish community is a diverse one filled with individuals of all kinds of belief systems, theological approaches, and different political and philosophical mindsets. Indeed, those who state they are Jewish should be embraced as Jews and as part of the sacred community.

Our theme this year at TBH is to unite as one strong community, accepting and embracing the unique individuals who make up our warm Temple.

Connecting individual to individual, soul to soul, is vital to the continuity of Jewish life and synagogue life. Dr. Ron Wolfson, author of Relational Judaism, shares that when we build intimate relationships with one another, we can literally transform a community and how we engage with our spiritual heritage and traditions.

Take into consideration the image on this page.

Some people will see the Kiddush cup in the gold space, and others two faces.

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by Barbara Mott, President

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We are sharing personal confessions and memories to prepare ourselves for Yom Kippur. There is a box, on the counter in the Temple's main office, where you can anonymously insert a piece of paper; you can also email your thoughts to ngilba@tbhla.org.

Memories and Confessions

I've already seen some beautiful images throughout our TBH community.

I also see this year as a year of opportunity to connect individual to individual.

I see the uniting of two souls is sacred.

The section of each service is called kiddushin.

Kiddush is to literally mark a moment of time as sacred. In our connection.

When two people come face to face, eye to eye, they can have a sacred connection between them.

The Kiddush cup symbolizes that connection.

To make Kiddush is to literally mark a moment of time as sacred.

In our Shabbat and marriage ceremonies, a section of each service is called kiddushin.

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I foresee many challenges to our Jewish people throughout this year. May I be so very wrong on this. But nonetheless, I also see this year as a year of opportunity to connect individual to individual throughout our TBH community.

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Shabbat & Holiday Observances

September

**SHABBAT, SEPT. 5-6**
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Friday
6:00 pm - Community Shabbat Dinner. Join us in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall. Call the Temple office or make online reservations at BethHillel.info.
7:30 pm - Erev Shabbat Service. Led by Cantor Shana Leon and the Adult Choir in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.
**SHABBAT, SEPT. 12-13**
Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Friday
7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Service. Led by Cantor Shana Leon and the Adult Choir in the Bauman Sanctuary. September birthday blessings included. Oneg to follow.
Saturday
10:00 am - Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Wollaston.

October

**SHABBAT, SEPT. 19-20**
Torah Portion: Nitzavim-Vayelekh
Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
Friday
5:45 pm - Shabbat Nosh. Join us for a meet and greet with light refreshments on the Upper Patio.
6:05 pm - BHDS Welcome Back Kabbalat Shabbat. Service led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman and Song Leader Justin Stein on the Upper Yard.
Saturday
9:00 am - Shabbat Morning Service. Service led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman and Song Leader Allie Fischman in the Kaufman Beit Midrash. RSVP to Tobi Schneider at tobianne63@gmail.com.
8:00 pm - S’lichot Study in the Feldman-Horn Mercaz. Oneg to follow.
10:00 pm - S’lichot Service in the Bauman Sanctuary.
**ROSH HASHANAH, SEPT. 24-26**
See the full schedule on page 4.

**SHABBAT, SEPT. 26-27**
Torah Portion: Haazinu
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Friday
7:30 pm - Shabbat Service. Led by Cantor Shana Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.
Saturday
10:00 am - Shabbat Shuvah and Tashlich at Will Rogers State Beach. Join our clergy for a morning service, Tashlich ceremony, and family picnic.

Mazal Tov

...to Ryan Wollaston, son of Drs. Sharon and Sean Wollaston, who will become Bar Mitzvah on Sept. 13.

**YOM KIPPUR, OCT. 3-4**
See the full schedule on page 4.

**SUKKOT, OCT. 8-14**
See the full schedule on page 4.

**SHABBAT OCT. 10-11**
Friday
7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Service. Led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman, Song Leader Justin Stein, and the Cantor’s Chanters in our Sukkah. October birthday blessings included. Oneg to follow.

**SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH, OCT. 15-17**
Thursday
9:00 am - Sukkot Yizkor Service led by Cantor Shana Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary.
6:30 pm - Simchat Torah and Consecration Service led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Rabbi Eleanor Steinman, and Cantor Shana Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg and Israeli dancing to follow.

**SHABBAT, OCTOBER 17-18**
Torah Portion: Bereishit
Genesis 1:1-6:8
Friday
5:45 pm - Shabbat Nosh. Join us for a meet and greet with light refreshments in the Sands-Mallet Social Hall.
6:05 pm - Musical Kabbalat Shabbat. Service led by Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Cantor Shana Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary.
4:00 pm - Moses Program.
Outreach to Jews with developmental disabilities.
Songs, prayers, and learning with Rabbi Jim Kaufman in the Kaufman Beit Midrash. RSVP to Tobi Schneider at tobianne63@gmail.com.

**SHABBAT, OCTOBER 24-25**
Torah Portion: Noah
Genesis 6:9-11:32
Friday
5:30 pm - Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner.
6:30 pm - ECE Special Back-To-School Tot Shabbat. Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Song Leader Justin Stein lead a brief service with story and song in the Bauman Sanctuary. Followed by an Oneg and Israeli dancing.
7:30 pm - Shabbat Service. Led by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman and Cantor Shana Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary. Oneg to follow.

**SHABBAT, OCT. 31 - NOV. 1**
Torah Portion: Lekh Lekha
Genesis 12:1-17:27
Friday
5:30 pm - Kaddish Shabbat Service. Led by Cantor Shana Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary.
1. The Shofar on Four Friday Nights
Fridays, Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12 at 7:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 19 at 6:05 pm
It is customary to sound the shofar during the 30-day period prior to Rosh Hashanah to remind us to prepare for the impending Holy Days. We shall hear the shofar at these Shabbat services.

2. “The Art of Forgiveness” by the Jewish Women’s Theatre
Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm
Join us as the Jewish Women’s Theatre presents the theatrical production The Art of Forgiveness in the Feldman Horn Mercaz.

3. S’lichot Night
Saturday, September 20
Service of prayer and preparation for the Holy Days
8:00-9:30 pm. Study with Rabbi Steinman.
9:30 pm. Coffee and dessert.
10:00-11:00 pm. S’lichot Service led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, Cantor Leon and the Adult Choir.

4. Rosh Hashanah Eve
Wednesday, September 24
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm
Service led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, and Cantor Leon.
Oneg to follow, sponsored by the TBH Board of Trustees.

5. Rosh Hashanah Morning
Thursday, September 25
9:30 am - 12:00 pm
**Service led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, and Cantor Leon.
12:45-1:30 pm
Children’s Service (Kindergarten and younger) - Led by Rabbi Hronsky and Song Leader Julie Lockman in the Feldman Horn Mercaz.
Youth Service (1-6 Grades) - Led by Cantor Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary.
HRTY Teen Service (7-12 Grades) - Led by Rabbi Steinman and HRTY in the Kaufman Beit Midrash.

6. Shabbat Shuvah and Tashlich at the Beach
Saturday, September 27
10:00 am at Will Rogers State Beach
Join Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, Cantor Leon and Song Leader Andy Henry for a Shabbat morning service and Tashlich ceremony for the whole family.
Includes the sounding of the shofar and a family picnic.
Bring bread crumbs to “cast away our sins,” a picnic lunch, chairs or towels, sun protection, tefillin and shofar.
Please note that there is a fee for the beach parking lot.

7. Yom Kippur Eve - Kol Nidre
Friday, October 3
7:30 - 9:30 pm
Service led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman and Cantor Leon.
8. Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 4
8:45-11:00 am
**Services An Alternative Machzor (prayer book) led by Rabbi Hronsky and Cantor Leon.
11:30 am - 2:00 pm
**Services TBH Traditional Machzor (prayer book) led by Rabbi Steinman, and Cantor Leon.
10:00-11:30 am
12-Step Service “Choose Life.” In the Feldman Horn Mercaz.
12:15-1:15 pm
Community Memorial Service for non-members. Led by Chaplain Barbara Singer and Song Leader Julie Lockman in the Feldman Horn Mercaz.
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm
**Guided Jewish Meditation with Howard Blumenfeld in Room 22/23.
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm
Children’s Service (Kindergarten and younger) - Led by Rabbi Steinman and Song Leader Julie Lockman in the Feldman Horn Mercaz.
**Youth Service (1st Grade and above) - Led by Rabbi Hronsky, Cantor Leon and HRTY in the Bauman Sanctuary.
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
High Holy Days Discussion with Chaplain Barbara Singer in Room 20/21.

9. Sukkot Family Picnic and Blessings
Wednesday, October 8
5:30 pm
Celebrate the festival of “booths” and the harvest season in our Sukkah (on the Upper Patio) and our Upper Yard. Bring a picnic dinner.

10. Sukkot Family Fun Day at Shalom Institute
Saturday October 11
10:00am - 3:00 pm at the JCA Shalom.

11. Sukkot Yizkor Service
Thursday, October 16
9:00 am
Led by Cantor Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary.

12. Simchat Torah and Consecration Service
Thursday, October 16
6:30 pm
Led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, and Cantor Leon in the Bauman Sanctuary.

Service Notes
All services are held in the Rabbi Morton A. Bauman Sanctuary and the Sands-Mallet Social Hall, unless otherwise indicated.
Our Temple Beth Hillel Adult Choir sings at all adult services.
Tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services are available through the Temple office.
** Child Care and Youth Program is offered for indicated services.
Reservations are required for all child care - please see the “HHH Ticket Request Form.”
Face to Face in a Digital World
by Barbara Motz, President

In this issue of the Hillel Omer, Rabbi Sarah discusses the theme for this year: panim el panim, face-to-face. I took a few minutes to think about this in relation to the question that I posed in the last Omer, “What will the synagogue of the 21st Century look like?” I think our theme – meeting each other face-to-face and developing meaningful and sacred relationships – is part of the answer.

In many ways, we think of the 21st Century as the Digital Age. We communicate by email and texting. We shop online. Our children learn on computers and play on game consoles. We download movies, and we stream music. The URJ provides Torah study, delivered to your computer’s inbox or on its website. And some Temples stream their religious services to anyone who wants to listen.

In many ways, these are good developments. I appreciate immediacy of electronic communications and the convenience of shopping over the Internet in my bathrobe. Computer games can be useful teaching tools. They can also entertain and help build muscle coordination. It is nice to be able to watch “Casablanca” or listen to Carole King in the comfort of my home whenever I want.

When educational materials about Judaism are provided online, the information becomes more accessible. And when religious services are streamed over the Internet, people who cannot come to the temple are able to observe the event.

Yet, these experiences are not the same as being face-to-face with another human being. I like going to my neighborhood store, where the proprietor knows me and we can greet each other. I am excited to receive real, snail-mail from people I know. A game on a Wii console may be fun, but it is not the same thing as playing in the park on a lovely day or participating in team sports with friends. Seeing a play or hearing a live concert is a different experience than watching TV or listening to a CD. Reading a Torah study alone over your computer is not the same as joining others in a discussion of the Torah portion on a Saturday morning. And observing a religious service over the Internet is “light-years” apart from singing a closing hymn arm-in-arm with fellow congregants. And each of these “non-virtual” experiences is deepened, the more we know the people sharing the experiences with us.

I think these types of special moments - ones that cannot be experienced digitally – will be important aspects of the 21st Century synagogue. The Board of Trustees is exploring ways for our members to share these meaningful moments of fellowship and is looking forward to opportunities to engage in these face-to-face conversations that will enrich our relationships with one another.

As always, we value your ideas and your involvement in creating and nurturing these experiences.

As the High Holy Days approach, I wish everyone a good year, one of health, happiness and prosperity. And may our relationships with one another blossom and grow.

Sh’mi Yisrael
by Jodie Reff and Lillian Burkenheim Silver
Women of TBH Co-Presidents

Hear O Israel. We begin Rosh HaShanah listening. We listen to our hearts, our souls and consider what we have done. And what we have neglected to do. For most of us, our acts of omission are those things we have neglected to do for ourselves. Those acts of self-caring: things that make us feel healthy, happy, and good about ourselves and others.

As Women of TBH, we are dedicated to improving our lives by creating opportunities:

to laugh – it is the music of the soul;
to think – it is a source of power;
to play – it is the source of imagination;
to learn – it is the power of knowledge;
to love and be loved – it ignites the soul;
to create friendships – it provides strength;
to give – it repairs the world and our spirit;
to pray – and be part of a warm Jewish community.

On Yom Kippur, it is sealed. Commit to doing something special this year – become involved in a year of doing those things that make you feel good. Join the Women of TBH community.
Always in Action

by Chris Dwyer and David Schneider
Co-Presidents, TBH Brotherhood

TBH Brotherhood wishes everyone L’Shana Tova 5775. May everyone enjoy a sweet, joyous, prosperous and happy New Year.

We have enjoyed a busy summer. Seventy of us attended a Dodgers-Angels game in August and we had a fun time at Brother-hood Movie Night. Our recent kickoff planning meeting for the year was held at Steve Peck’s home and our master chef, Scott Tessler of Silver Spoons Catering, served up some tasty barbecue. Thanks guys. Thank you, too, to Rabbi Ellie, who stopped by to introduce herself to the fellas. We also enjoyed participating with the Women of TBH in hosting this year’s Shabba-Que.

With devotion to service, personal support, and spirituality, Brotherhood members build friendships, provide meaningful services to our congregation and the neighboring community, and have fun along the way. The TBH Brotherhood is always in action. Here are a few of our regular activities:

High Holy Days. We serve as Ozreem (ushers).

Passover. We produce the Community Mens’ Seder at the synagogue, and assist with cooking and games at Seder in the Desert.

School Events. We host a Pancake Breakfast for the first day of religious school, and assist the end-of-term Maccabiah Games.

Social Events. We hold joint events with the Women of TBH, throw sports-themed parties for the men, and movie nights for families.

Thanksgiving. We feed over 500 community members at our annual Feed Those in Need Thanksgiving Feast.

Sukkah. We build the community Sukkah.

Yom HaShoah. We distribute yellow candles in remembrance of those lost in the Holocaust.

Man of the Year Banquet. We join with other synagogue mens’ clubs to honor outstanding character and devotion to service.

We always welcome participation in Brotherhood – especially young dads who would like to get involved and who may like to introduce some new activities. Everyone interested is welcome to attend our monthly Brotherhood meetings which take place the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 22-23.

For more information, or to get involved, contact us at brotherhood@tbhla.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Bakers for our Onegs

The delicious cakes, cookies, and brownies that we serve at Onegs are donated by our own Temple bakers. If you would like to bake for an upcoming Oneg (we freeze everything to keep it fresh), please contact Sheila Milov at sheilamilov@yahoo.com.

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Bruchim Haba’im

Bruchim haba’im – welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! We are excited to welcome all of our students and families to the Temple Beth Hillel Schools. Our Beth Hillel Day School (BHDS), comprised of our Early Childhood and Elementary School and our Religious School, are set to start at the beginning of September.

We are excited that Claudine Douglas begins her second year directing our ECE, Seth Pozzi serves as the principal of the Elementary School and Rabbi Ellie Steinman will oversee our Religious School.

As you may know, there were many changes in our schools last year. This year, we, your Education Team, have joined together in new ways and are poised to lead our schools into the future.

When you walk into the Education Office, whichever school your child attends, you will find staff able to assist you with all of your needs. The offices of the directors of all Temple Beth Hillel’s schools are also found in the Education Office.

Being a one-stop-shop for all of your questions is not the only purpose of the Education Office. The schools’ leadership meets regularly to ensure that we are making the best use of our talents, resources, and time to make our schools the best they can be.

Temple Beth Hillel’s theme for the year is panim el panim – face to face. As busy as our lives can be, please know that we are always available to sit and meet with you panim el panim to make sure all of your child’s needs are met. Sometimes much more can be communicated in 15 minutes spent together than 15 emails or phone calls back and forth.

We look forward to learning with you and your children in the days, weeks and years to come.

Shanah Tovah – Happy New Year!

Claudine Douglas
Director of Early Childhood Education
Seth Pozzi
Principal of Elementary School
Rabbi Ellie Steinman
Director of Religious Education

WELCOME MICAH MILLER

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Micah comes from a long line of Jewish educators.

He attended Columbia University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and American Jewish University. He has worked as a religious school teacher, second grade teacher, youth group advisor, and as a private Hebrew and bar/bat mitzvah tutor.

We are excited to have him join the education team of Temple Beth Hillel as the Religious School Program and Youth Director.

Religious School Opening Days

Sunday, September 7th
K-3rd Grade - 9 am-11:15 am
4th-6th Grade - 9 am-12:00 pm

9:00 am – Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast – please join the Temple Beth Hillel community for a delicious beginning to our first day of learning together. Students will also find out their classroom assignments at this time.

Parents, please plan on accompanying your student into school to ensure their registration is complete.

9:20 am – Opening Tekes (ceremony)

K-3rd grades
9:30-11:15 am - Class
11:15 am-12 pm - Childcare (you must pre-register your child)

4th-6th grades
9:30-11:00 am - Judaica
11:00-12:00 pm - Hebrew

Tuesday, September 9
K-3rd Grades: 4:00 - 6:00 pm
6th-7th Grades: 4:00 - 6:45 pm
8th-9th Grades: 4:45 - 6:45 pm

K-1st, 2-3rd, 6th, and 7th grades
4:00 pm – Students will meet their teachers in the Bauman Sanctuary after parents have confirmed registration is complete.

8-9th grades
4:45 pm – Students meet in the Bauman Sanctuary after parents confirm registration is complete.

Tuesday, October 15
10th-11th Grade begins at 5:15pm

Wednesday, October 22
12th Grade inaugural meeting at 5:00pm

Parents!

Please make sure your Religious School registration is complete prior to opening day. Contact our Religious School office at 818-763-9148 ext. 109 as soon as possible.
After a fun-filled summer that included leading the Valley Village Independence Day Parade, hiking, camping, and fishing, Pack 311 will ease into our 2014-2015 Cub Scouting year on September 1st with a Labor Day Bike Hike and Family Potluck Picnic at Lake Balboa – where we ride around the park on bikes, trikes and scooters and afterward, enjoy a great family picnic!

On September 11, we will participate in the 9/11 memorial ceremony at LAFD Station 88 in Sherman Oaks, then on the 14th we’ll go “Walking with Dinosaurs” on Boy Scout Day at Staples Center. Our September 18th Pack Meeting will feature not only the awarding of Activity Pins and Outdoor Activity Patches (that the boys have been working hard on all summer), but also the distribution of boat kits for our upcoming derby known as the “Raingutter Regatta.”

This year, October 19th is the date of the Regatta — in which the Scout-built trimaran sailboats race down narrow inflatable channels. Each family that competes in a Cub Scout derby follows a set of simple, easy rules. The winners get prizes, and every boy is recognized for taking part. Win or lose, they take pride in having done their best while learning craft skills, the rules of fair play and good sportsmanship – things they will remember all their lives.

Rounding out the month of October, we’ll have another Pack Meeting on the 23rd, and our annual “Popcorn for the Troops” fundraiser will conclude with two days of “boothing” on the weekend of the 25th and 26th at local businesses like Menchies – so if you happen to see us, stop by and buy a bag of delicious caramel popcorn for the troops overseas and take some home for yourself!

Pack 311 welcomes boys in first through fifth grades, or 6-10 years of age, from all religious and family backgrounds. For more information, visit www.cubpack311.com

Baby & Me (3-13 months)
This Parent & Me class is about the new and exciting developmental stages that happen during the first year of life. Watch your baby grow in awareness through exposure to the joys of music and infant creative movement. Share your concerns and experiences with other parents in our relaxed, supportive, and nurturing atmosphere.

Little Explorers (13-27 months)
Our Little Explorers class is about the wonderful discovery of art and science. Parents and children explore various topics through sensory activities and creative projects.
16 Wednesdays
Sept. 10 - Jan. 28
9:15 am-10:45 am
Instructed by Sari Edber
$400 for 16 classes paid in full ($30 for classes paid individually)

NEW HEBREW/ENGLISH CLASS!
Evening Toddler Time - Hebrew/English (18-30 months)
An introduction to the Hebrew preschool experience using Hebrew and English languages. The children will play, sing songs, explore art, listen to stories, enjoy the outdoor yard, and participate in Jewish holidays. The instructor will lead a weekly discussion on a variety of parenting topics.
14 Thursdays
Sept. 11 - Jan. 29
4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Instructed by Sharon Neumann-Eini
$350 for 14 classes paid in full ($30 for classes paid individually)

Shabbat is Here (13-27 months)
An introduction to the joys of Shabbat with Jewish stories, songs, music, art and cooking projects.
15 Fridays
Sept. 12 - Jan. 30
9:15 am-10:45 am
Instructed by Shanti Greenspan
$375 for 15 classes paid in full ($30 for classes paid individually)
MAZAL TOV

To Josh and Susan Ackerman who had a baby girl, Jayden. Big brother is Oliver.

To Jason and Emily Horn, who welcomed Olivia Anna Horn into the world. Proud grandparents are Janis Feldman Horn and Roger Erlich.

To Yuri and Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, proud parents of Ryan Benjamin, their new son born on July 31. Big sisters are Zoe, Eden and Josie.

To Jonathan and Mandy Wolf on the arrival of their new son, Abraham.

To Allison Zuckerman and Adam Rodgers on the birth of Nora Alexis Rodgers. Big sister is Mila.

KOL HAKAVOD

To the children of our Early Childhood Education program, who collected over $450 for the Solar Cooker Project, part of Jewish World Watch. The Mechina classes got a special visit from a JWW staff member who showed us how the solar cooker works.

Every year, our child learn that Tzedakah is more than giving "charity" – it means "justice " or "fairness". The kids were encouraged to bring coins to place in the classroom’s Tzedakah box each week. Most classes decorate their own box at the beginning of the year, and we all sing a song as each coin or bill is placed inside.

To the members of Girl Scout Troop 6496, who raised $360 for our 360 Construction Campaign.

To David Reff and the 360 Construction Campaign Committee for delivering on their promise of a beautiful new elevator in time for the High Holy Days. The elevator, located outside the South entrance to our building, connects the Bauman Sanctuary and Sands-Mallet Social Hall with lower level rest rooms, all classrooms, and offices.

To Steven Weinstock, first place winner at our first Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament. Steven, pictured at center with co-chairs Tobi and David Schneider, was one of 40 players raising funds for our community.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

Wishing a full and speed recovery to Sylvia Marcovitch, Jerry Raphael, Steve Rouff, and Peter Weiss.

PRAYERS

For the family of Leo Adelman, father of Leslye Adelman, who is in home hospice.

For the family of Robert Friedman, who has entered home hospice.

CONDOLENCES

To Lisa Rosenfield Podolsky and her family, on the loss of Phillip Rosenfield, her father.

To Jennifer Russ and family, on the death of her grandmother, Raya Diamond.

To Ben Tadelis and family, on the passing of Rose Tadelis, his mother.

To Bill Weber and his family, on the death of his mother, Beverley Weber Bayar.
RSVP AND BUY TICKETS ONLINE for courses, dinners, and special events at BethHillel.info.

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

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 beginning Oct. 7 - Torah Tuesday. Study Torah with our clergy in a relaxed and friendly environment. No prior Torah study or Hebrew knowledge is required, only a desire to learn. 12:30 pm.

Every Tuesday - Boy Scouts. 7:00 pm.

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 - Tues. - Shofar Class. Learn to blow the shofar in this free drop-in class led by Elissa Goldman. Loaner shofars available. 7:00 pm.

Sept. 5 - Fri. - Community Shabbat Dinner. Join us for the first meal together of the season, and the last of 5774. RSVP and buy tickets at BethHillel.info.

Sept. 7 - Sun. - Open House and Pancake Breakfast. Bring your friends and neighbors to our free pancake breakfast, served by our very own Brotherhood. It’s also the first day of Religious School, so you’ll meet students and teachers, take a tour of our campus, and enjoy our warm TBH hospitality. 9 am.

Sept. 10 - Wed. - TBH Book Club. Now part of our Adult Education program and open to all men and women of the congregation. Discussions will be led by our clergy as well as by fellow congregants. Tonight: The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance by Edmund de Waal. Discussion led by Stuart Finder. 7 pm.

It’s important to RSVP!

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!
Oct. 19 - April 26 - Sun. - Basic Judaism. A 17-session, twice monthly introduction to the Torah, Midrash, Talmud, and much more. 9:45-11:00 am. $75 members, $175 non-members. Tickets on BethHillel.info.

Oct. 19, 26 - Sun. - To Everything There is a Season. A look at Ecclesiastes, the featured scroll of the holiday of Sukkot with Cantor Shana Leon. 9:45-11:00 am. $10 Members, $20 non-members for series. Tickets on BethHillel.info.


Oct. 26 - Sun. - Religious School Back-To-School Night for the parents of students in K-7th grades. 4:30 pm - 6:45 pm.

Nov. 2 - Sun. - Mitzvah Day. Work on projects that contribute to tikkan olam. Times and activities to be announced.

Nov. 9 - Sun. - Women of TBH New Member Tea. 1 pm at a congregant’s home.

Nov. 23 - Sun. - Chanukah Boutique and Craft Fair. Sponsored by the Women of TBH. 9 am - 3 pm. See page 5 for details.

Nov. 23-25 - Sun. - Tues. - Cooking Thanksgiving with the TBH Brotherhood. It’s time to put on your orange t-shirts again to help the men prepare the big feast to be served on Thursday. 8 am - completion.

Nov. 27 - Thurs. - Thanksgiving Feed the Hungry Feast. Under the leadership of the TBH Brotherhood, we’ll serve over 500 meals to our neighbors in need beginning at 12:30 pm. Volunteers needed to cook, set-up, serve, and clean-up from 6 am - completion.

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enough. They want to know why they are asked to contribute so often. And, there is uncertainty about the various campaigns and what they are for.

I hope this article will provide some insight into why we seek your financial support above dues and school tuition.

Temple Beth Hillel realizes the value of the money it receives from congregants and friends. The staff and the Board of Trustees work hard to minimize expenses. We are always looking for ways to save money while providing comfortable and safe facilities, enriching religious experiences, meaningful programming and worthwhile community service.

But for TBH, as for the vast majority of Reform temples and other Jewish institutions, dues and tuition payments are not enough. We rely on voluntary contributions from our members and friends to help us meet our financial needs. And we greatly appreciate those donations!

TBH is a very active temple, and many of our programs and departments will be reaching out to you for support in the coming year. Each one of these philanthropic campaigns is intended to meet specific needs within our congregation. By knowing what each of these campaigns is and how it benefits the temple, donors can decide the appropriate level of giving and how to allocate their contributions between the campaigns.

Please keep in mind that contributions to many of these campaigns may be made by a pledge, paid in monthly installments. Ten dollars a month can turn into a $120 contribution; $50 a month means $600 to the Temple.

Temple Annual Fund

Temple Beth Hillel’s Annual Fund provides vital support to our congregation, and a donation to the Annual Fund is one of the most important ways to help our temple. Unrestricted gifts to the TBH Annual Fund benefit the entire congregation by providing additional funds to our operating budget to support our temple’s activities.

This money helps to pay the expenses relating to our school, adult programming, unexpected costs (such as the repair of our stained glass eastern wall, dues assistance for congregants in need, and much more. The Annual Fund is supported by our High Holy Days appeal, by fund raising activities, such as the Poker Tournament, the Purim Carnival and Comedy Night (including sponsorships), and by on-going donations throughout the year.

High Holy Day Appeal - Mitzvah Circle

One exciting new aspect of our High Holy Day appeal is the creation of a “Mitzvah Circle” for congregants who donate $1000 or more to the Annual Fund. $100 of every donation over $1000 will be put in a special fund.

Later in the year, an event will be held at which staff and members of our community can make proposals for the use of that fund in ways that benefit our congregation. For example, the Religious School may request extra books. The ECE may seek more toys for the play yard. The adult education program may seek funding for an extra scholar-in-residence event. The members of the Mitzvah Circle will then vote to decide how the money should be used.

Elementary School Annual Fund

Our BHDS Elementary School also has its own Annual Fund campaign. As parents of our elementary school know, these contributions are a very important part of funding the school, and they help maintain the high standards of excellence in the school’s curriculum. As is true of the Temple’s Annual Fund, this annual fund campaign is one of the most important ways to support the elementary school.

360 Construction Campaign

In addition to the annual funds, TBH has an ongoing capital campaign, known as the 360 Construction Campaign.

In 2013, we commenced a major renovation of our sanctuary and lobbies. We now have modernized our sanctuary, updated our front lobby, added a back
We began this project with significant donations raised over many years from generous congregants. However, with inflation and the scope of the planned project, those funds are not enough. Two years ago, we commenced a capital campaign to pay for the construction. Unfortunately, we have not raised enough money to cover all the costs and have taken out a small loan on our property to pay the last of the costs.

Our capital campaign seeks to raise enough funds to pay off the final construction costs and the loan. Donations to this fund contribute to the future well-being of our temple by helping to pay the construction costs and retire the loan.

Endowments

Endowment funds provide another way that our donors can help to insure the future of our synagogue. Endowments are generally funded by significant contributions (sometimes, with pledges paid over several years), bequests, life insurance policies and other gifts.

The purpose of an endowment is to keep the principal— or a large part of the principal— intact, while using the investment income for the benefit of the charitable organization.

Endowments benefit the organization in many ways. They can provide financial security in times of financial insecurity when the annual income or annual fund contributions unexpectedly drop. They can help to support extra programs and activities. They can allow the organization to try new ideas without putting the operating budget at risk.

Temple Endowment Fund

Temple Beth Hillel’s endowment fund was created in the 1990’s. It was established with the requirement that assets in the fund reach $2,000,000 before any income can be distributed to the Temple.

We are very close to reaching that goal and contributions to this fund will help us open up this important stream of income for the temple.

In the next few months, as the Elementary School’s endowment campaign (see below) gets underway, donors will also have an opportunity to contribute to the TBH endowment fund and help us to reach this goal.

Elementary School Endowment Fund

The creation of an endowment fund to help insure the future financial stability of the BHDS Elementary School is another exciting development this year. The Elementary School was one of twelve Jewish day schools in the Los Angeles area selected to participate in the Generations L.A.

Tribute Funds

Finally, our Temple has several funds that are supported by tributes made by congregants and friends of TBH during the course of the year. In general, these funds are supported by relatively small donations that are made to honor, to appreciate or in memory of some one.

Each of these funds is used for a specific purpose. For example, the Music and Cantorial Fund is used to enhance Jewish music at our temple. There are several funds that support the buildings and grounds, our schools and other aspects of our temple life.

In addition, we also have a Food Pantry fund, which supports the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. The purpose of each of these special funds can be found on our website.

There are many ways that congregants and friends can support TBH: by participating in our religious services, programs and activities; by volunteering for committees and to help put on events; and by providing financial support.

We appreciate all the ways our members and supporters help us everyday. We hope this information helps you to appreciate the importance of your monetary contributions and to understand the different ways by which you can donate to our temple.
Honor, Appreciate or Remember a Loved One

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

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- $360 Construction Fund
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- School & Youth Funds
- Beth Hillel Day School
- Religious School
- Scholarship
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- Tree of Life
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