Social Justice that is!

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January 5 - Dinner, Gospel Shabbat and Pulpit Exchange with Ward AME Church of Los Angeles
Join us at 6:30 pm for dinner and welcome our guests from Ward AME Church. 7:30 pm services. RSVP for dinner at bethhillel.info by Jan. 3. Cost is $18 Adults/$15 kids.

January 13, 9 am - Shabbat Morning Services: Songs of Social Change
Join Rabbi Steinman, Zamar Goldberg, guest musicians, and Brotherhood for this inspiration Shabbat observance. Followed by a Shabbat brunch.

January 14, 8:30 am-3:00 pm - Mitzvah Day
TBH's annual tradition of serving our greater community.

January 19, 6:30 pm - Hero/Justice Tot Shabbat
A festive short Shabbat service celebrating heroes.

7:30 pm - CLUE’s (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) Right to Thrive Weekend:
Honoring MLK’s Vision of Worker Justice
Our Shabbat services will include a guest speaker and short film for discussion on worker’s rights and justice.

January 21, 10 am - Pulpit Exchange
Rabbi Hronsky is the featured speaker during the worship experience at Ward AME Church. All welcome.

January 19-22 - TBH Teens Go to Washington
Rabbi Steinman leads our trip to Washington, D.C. to learn with the Religious Action Center. Teens will lobby on Capitol Hill through the L’Taken program.
O’ Jerusalem
by Senior Rabbi Sarah Hronsky

I am wistful when I think of the holy city of Jerusalem. She is the capital of my personal Judaism. She is the heart of deep Jewish learning and engagement from my rabbinical school of HUC to the Shalom Hartman Institute. She holds personal joys as it is within her streets that I met and dated my husband, escorted my parents around her holy sites, and shepherded my children through her tunnels and museums. She is the place I return to year after year, across time, to learn, to grow, to reset my Jewish soul.

As she has been for all Jewish people, a capital within our hearts, Jerusalem this holy city, has been turned to over and over again across 3000 years as the capital for the Jewish soul. But, this word capital is oh so complicated when it comes to Jerusalem.

She is also the city in which I witnessed the miracle of Chanukah publicized so beautifully with chanukiyah in windows and upon the gates of homes. Our rabbis taught: "It is incumbent to place the Chanukiah lamp by the door of one’s house on the outside; if one dwells in an upper chamber, place it at the window nearest the street." When we share the light of our menorah, we publicize the miracle of Chanukah publicized so beautifully with chanukiyah in windows.

Thus, I refer to the words of Rabbi Dan Cohen, when he wrote, “Like the Maccabee’s victory over far more powerful forces, the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 was a modern miracle. And, since 1948, Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish State. I believe any foreign embassy should be in the capital of the host country. As a result, I have always believed the United States Embassy should be in Jerusalem rather than its current location in Tel Aviv.”

As strongly as I hear these words, on the other hand, we have the second part of our rabbis teaching: "But in times of danger it is sufficient to place it on the table." This means that while we should place it for public viewing, our sages taught us that when it would cause danger or potential harm the community should refrain from doing so. As a child in Missouri, we often placed our chanukiyah on the kitchen table not in the front window. We were proud of our heritage, but cautious with those around us.

Perhaps, this is why previous US administrations while not opposed to Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, did not force the move. Rabbi Cohen continued, “In fact, the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. At the same time, those administrations refrained from formally recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and moving the embassy to Jerusalem, because they understood that doing so might have serious ramifications. Such a formal declaration, they feared, could make peace an even more distant hope, could spark a new round of violence and might further isolate Israel from the rest of the international community. The intent to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital was there, but serious foreign policy, as well as safety and security concerns for Israelis AND Palestinians, prevented the US from doing so.”

Jerusalem as the capital pulls me in many directions. As the Hillel Omer will soon go to publish and the holiday season of Chanukah is upon us, I sit with this seesaw of needs, wants, desires, heart, and pride for my people, for our land, and for all peoples. Which draws me deeper to our texts, in Breishit Rabbah we learn that, Jerusalem, our holy city, derives her name from two righteous men, Avraham and Shem, who called this holy place by two different names. One called it Yir’eh—meaning God will show—and the other, Shalem—meaning wholeness, completeness, and peace. God did not want either to feel wronged, so compromised and called the city Yir’eh Shalem, or Yerushalem.

Although, I will proudly place my chanukiyah in my window at home, I worry about the light to shine over and within the city of Jerusalem. I pray that God will show us a way towards peace in this city. That God will show us a way to bring peace to the surrounding cities, countries, and throughout the world. She is so important to so many, and she is a capital, but may the compromise from which her name is drawn be an example of the compromises we may need to make us draw closer to her name Shalem, a place of wholeness and peace.
PURIM
at Temple Beth Hillel 12326 Riverside Dr. Valley Village, CA 91607

ADULT PURIM EVENING
Wednesday, February 28
7:30 pm - Dinner/$10 per person
RSVP at bethhillel.info

Billy Joel-style Purim Sing-A-Long

FAMILY PURIM DAY
Sunday, March 4
10:30 am

Aladdin Shpiels

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL
11:30 am
- Food Booths
- Rides
- Games
- Music
- Puppy Pen
- Free Admission
- All New Prizes
- Arts & Crafts

Ticket info online at bethhillel.info

This year’s carnival will feature several brand new rides and attractions including the 5D Simulator Trailer. We will once again welcome the adorable puppy petting pen in addition to great carnival games, a climbing wall, bouncers, etc. There’s entertainment throughout the day and delicious food booths that will tempt you!

* Proceeds from Purim are invested back into our Temple and schools. Please consider sponsoring a ride featuring your family or business name. For a list of opportunities go to tbhla.org/purim.
SHABBAT & HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

January

SHABBAT, JAN. 5-6
Torah Portion:
Sh’mot, Exodus 11:1 - 6:1
Friday, January 5
6:30 pm
Dinner and Pulpit Exchange
Help welcome our guests at dinner. RSVP at bethhillel.info by 1/3. $10.
7:30 pm
Gospel Shabbat and Pulpit Exchange with Ward AME
Join us in the Feldman Horn Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Hronsky, Cantor Linksy, Zamar Goldberg, and band, and adult choirs. Oneg to follow.

SHABBAT, JAN. 12-13
Torah Portion:
Vayeira, Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
Friday, January 12
7:00 pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Hronsky and Zamar Goldberg. Birthday blessings will be shared. Oneg to follow.
Saturday, January 13
9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Services: Songs of Social Change
Join Rabbi Steinman, Zamar Goldberg, TBH Brotherhood, and guest musicians in the Feldman Horn Mercaz for this inspiration Shabbat observance. Shabbat brunch to follow.
10:00 am
Bat Mitzvah of Shoshee Nagibi
5:00 pm
B’nai Mitzvah of Victoria & Sam Krol

SHABBAT, JAN. 19-20
Torah Portion:
Bo, Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Friday, January 19
6:30 pm
“Hero/Justice Tot Shabbat”
Dress up like your favorite hero or superhero friend. Join Rabbi Hronsky and Zamar Goldberg for a festive Shabbat service.
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Hronsky and Zamar Goldberg followed by an oneg.
Saturday, January 20
5:00 pm
Bat Mitzvah of Sasha May
Sunday, January 21
10:00 am
TBH Pulpit Exchange
Rabbi Sarah Hronsky featured speaker at Ward AME Church during their worship experience. All are welcome.

SHABBAT, JAN. 26-27
Torah Portion:
B’shalach, 13:17 - 17:16
Friday, January 26
5:45 pm
Shabbat Nosh
Join us in the Sands-Mallet Hall prior to service.
6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Steinman and Zamar Goldberg.
Saturday, January 27
9:00 am
Shabbat Hike
Join Rabbi Hronsky at Franklin Canyon Park. Enter at Coldwater Canyon & Mulholland; go to Franklin Canyon Dr.
4:00 pm
Moses Program
Outreach for Jews with disabilities.

February

SHABBAT, FEB. 2-3
Torah Portion:
Yitro, Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
Friday, February 2
6:00 pm
Tu BiSh’vat Service and Seder
Join us in the Sands-Mallet Hall for a seder and services led by Rabbi Steinman and Zamar Goldberg. Dinner for ages 4+ is $15. RSVP at bethhillel.info by 1/31.

SHABBAT, FEB.9-10
Torah Portion:
Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 - 24:18
Friday, February 9
7:00 pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Hronsky and Zamar Goldberg. Birthday blessings will be shared. Oneg to follow.
Saturday, February 10
9:30 am
Drumming Shabbat
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz led by Rabbi Steinman and Zamar Goldberg.
10:00 am
Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Alpert

SHABBAT, FEB. 16-17
Torah Portion:
Trumah, Exodus 25:1 - 27:19
Friday, February 16
6:30 pm
Rosh Chodesh Dinner
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for text study with Rabbi Steinman.
Saturday, February 17
9:00 am
Shabbat Text Study
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for text study with Rabbi Steinman.
5:00 pm
Bat Mitzvah of Dylan-Leigh Fay Abraham

SHABBAT, FEB. 23-24
Torah Portion:
T’zaveh, Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
Friday, February 23
5:45 pm
Shabbat Nosh
Join us in Sands-Mallet Hall prior to service.
6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat
Join us in the Bauman Sanctuary for services led by Rabbi Hronsky, Zamar Goldberg, and 4th grade Religious School students.
Saturday, February 24
10:00 am
TBH Elementary School Shabbat Minyan
Minyan in the Bauman Sanctuary led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, Zamar Goldberg, and students.
4:00 pm
Moses Program: S’udah Shlesheeth
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash for a special outreach to Jews with disabilities.
5:00 pm
B’nai Mitzvah of Jason & Joshua Rotmensz

Wednesday, February 28
7:30 pm
Adult Purim Dinner/Celebration
Join us in the Kaufman Beit Midrash led by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Steinman, and Zamar Goldberg. RSVP at bethhillel.info - cost is $10pp.(see page 3)

Congrats to our January & February B’nei Mitzvah!

January 13
Victoria Krol, daughter of Hilde Garcia and David Krol

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Sam Krol, son of Hilde Garcia and David Krol

January 20
Sasha Elizabeth May, daughter of Len and Lana May

February 10
Zoe Rose Alpert, daughter of Gregory & Shayna Alpert

February 17
Dylan-Leigh Fay Abraham, daughter of Cori and Ken Abraham

February 24
Jason Rotmensz, son of Nathan and Sharon Rotmensz

February 24
Joshua Rotmensz, son of Nathan and Sharon Rotmensz
As we move into 2018, our theme throughout this past year has been the future of our Temple. From nearly every perspective, the future is looking bright. Our membership has stabilized. This was in no small part due to our seasoned senior staff: Rabbi Sarah, Claudine Douglas, Rabbi Ellie, Kathryn Jensen, and Al Welland. Not to mention, all of the every day support from our office staff and teachers.

Even though we are only halfway through the year we are tentatively anticipating that we will end this year on a positive note in many ways. Our finances are empirically on budget. Our Elementary School and Religious School have gained students since starting in September, and more than last year. Our ECE continues to expand and is approaching our increased capacity. We have many young(er) and new(er) congregants who are taking an active part in TBH. Our leadership of board members, staff, and committees are looking to the longevity of our Temple beyond the end of our fiscal year in June of 2018, most notably through Strategic Planning and Leadership Development. These are necessary and important steps to meet the challenges for years to come. This process is continual and is constantly re-evaluated to meet our ever changing needs.

One of our two incoming presidents, Margie Meadow, is taking an active role with membership and working with the URJ mentoring program on benchmarking, survey results, and more. Our other incoming president, Freddie Goldberg, is working to allow the endowment to begin spinning off interest, to help assure our future needs.

Donating to this important and long-lasting fund, are gifts that keep on giving year after year from the interest on all donations. These donations are for all sorts of amounts, often by bequests, but are not being used to cover operating expenses. Instead, the money is invested to create a stream of income (from the interest) that’s available to support TBH.

An endowment fund is a wonderful benefit to all of us as it will support such things as program enhancements, facility renovation, and extraordinary expenses. A strong endowment fund can help to weather times of economic hardship by providing additional income in a time of need, or support special projects that cannot be funded out of the operating budget or where the benefit is more than a single year. Our Endowment Fund was created many years ago by a dedicated group of generous temple congregants who wanted to do their part to ensure the prosperity and future of TBH. They set up an irrevocable trust and specified that, once the fund reaches its trust corpus, the trustees can begin to use the income from the investments to support the Temple. We are expecting to reach that goal this year. A donation to the Endowment Fund should never take the place of support for our annual fundraising initiatives, such as the High Holy Days Appeal and fundraising events. But for those who are able to provide additional support, it is a meaningful way to provide for the future of Temple Beth Hillel, year after year, from even a one time contribution.

What does curriculum based in Jewish tradition and values contribute to my child’s development? This is a question that is often asked of me when a prospective family comes on a tour at our ECE. While I take pride in answering that we strive to provide excellent education based on developmental theory and brain research while nurturing a strong Jewish identity, the answer is much deeper than that. I agree with Maxine Segal Handelman, an early childhood education expert, who says “Judaism must be a meaningful part of every day, not just an addition to the curriculum.” The pace of Jewish life is often set by the Jewish calendar. Holidays are a natural spring board for teaching many educational and spiritual concepts. When we are not learning about a particular holiday, our kiddos are experiencing other important aspects of living a Jewish life.

Our Schools’ theme this year is focusing on learning to look at all situations with optimism. [Recent studies suggest that giving to others makes us even happier than spending on ourselves.] What’s more, our kindness might create a virtuous cycle that promotes lasting optimism and altruism. Doing mitzvot is an important part of living a Jewish life. It is central to the values that we teach our children in the ECE, Elementary School and Religious School.

Recently, each classroom participated in a mitzvah project that was meaningful and appropriate for each age group. One of our 2 year old classrooms collected and decorated pumpkins to brighten Thanksgiving Day for a local retirement home. Our 3 year olds wrote thank you notes to our local community helpers including, policemen, librarians, and firefighters. Many of the classrooms collected cans of food for our Interfaith Food Pantry. (see photos above)

Mitzvah Day on Sunday, January 14 is a wonderful opportunity to come to Temple and empower your children to continue their social action. The ECE children are holding a Trike-A-Thon to raise money for tzedekah. These customs promote social growth and teach our children, from a very young age, that they matter and can help to make the world a better place.
The Women of Temple Beth Hillel started off the holiday season with a chocolate babka baking demonstration. Chef Linda Rourman taught us how to craft the best chocolate babka ever. Everyone went home with a full stomach, a recipe, and enough dough and chocolate streusel to make their own loaf pan version!

WTBH continued in its commitment to community with our annual holiday Adopt-a-Family Project. We must give a huge thank you to those of you who participated by donating your time, effort, and finances in providing holiday gifts making two family’s holiday much more joyful. These contributions have a huge positive impact. In our own small way, we can make the world a little brighter.

The Chanukah Holiday Boutique was also a huge success. There were great vendors --many old favorites returning and some new and interesting additions. We are so grateful for our dozens of volunteers who did everything from setting up to cashiering, food service and beyond. It is so wonderful of those of you who came out and purchased gifts from our boutique. The one stop shopping is an easy way to see many different kinds of interesting items; and, it’s always so much fun to chat with friends--old and new.

The food court was busy selling hot dogs and home made latkas. The bake sale was also filled with yummy desserts that had everyone drooling --and buying! We want to thank all of our volunteer bakers for their continued baking support. Eating food made from the heart is always so memorable. (And we always have room for those of you who enjoy baking to contribute to our Oneg Shabbat and other special occasions!)

We have so much to look forward to this year in terms of WTBH events. There is our Ladies Night Out scheduled for January 21! Also, please come to our Women’s Shabbat on February 16 where the service also coincides with Rosh Chodesh. Share in the joy of our female congregants and support us as we make our annual Braille Review Award presentation to this year’s much-deserved volunteer. And, because of its popularity, we have added another Mah Jongg Tournament on February 18. Look for upcoming registration details. Spaces fill up quickly.

New for this year will be a special workshop on March 13, just in time for Passover. We’ll have a few recipes and some ideas on what makes a Seder special. What foods do you need? How can you easily tell the Exodus story to your family and friends? This class is open to all members of our community! If you are leary of conducting your own Seder...this great class can help.

WTBH will continue in our tradition of a women’s only Passover Seder, which will take place on March 18. This is a unique time to study as women, to engage in friendships and storytelling that will be lead by our fabulous Clergy. We are just in the planning stages here and we heartily welcome all women to come and participate in the planning.

Let’s Celebrate The Souper-Bowl by Leslye Adelman
The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

To all who brought full bags of groceries, thank you so much. You helped make the holidays a little better for those in need.

This is a great time of the year to volunteer at the NHIFP. I’ve already had scouts, students in need of community service credits, and newbies who heard about the pantry during the holidays, contact me about helping. I can be reached at gentlenurturing@me.com.

In January, we are continuing to gather the staples that are always in need: peanut butter (or other nut butters), tuna or canned meats, rice, and beans. Please remember NO GLASS jars. Lastly, we are always in need of your brown paper bags, too.

In February, in addition to the staples, we are celebrating Souper-Bowl week starting Sunday, Feb. 4. Please bring cans or boxes of soup along with your other non-perishable items to TBH and place in the NHIFP bin in the lower lobby. Let’s make this food drive a “touchdown!”
**Giving Thanks**

*by Chris Dwyer & Mark Singer*

**TBH Brotherhood Co–Presidents**

The weather was a major challenge as we prepared for the TBH Brotherhood’s 17th Annual Thanksgiving Day event. Never fear, though, umbrellas and canopies were set up, so it may have been only 85 degrees in the shade! The food was delicious, the volunteers were welcoming and our guests were very grateful. We prepared over 800 meals, serving several hundred guests at the Temple at our Feast of Caring on Thanksgiving Day and distributing hundreds more throughout the Los Angeles community. We thank all of the volunteers on site on Thanksgiving Day, our cooking crew on the days before Thanksgiving, and to all who generously donated to help underwrite this important and meaningful event.

Many, many Brotherhood members were instrumental in making the event a success. We wish to acknowledge just a few. (Apologies to anyone omitted.) Michael Randall spearheaded the effort to identify and recruit guests. Cary Nord helped in obtaining donations for our gift bags. Thank you to our hardworking Kitchen Crew who were all instrumental in preparing and cooking a tremendous amount of food, and making it delicious to boot! Co-President Chris Dwyer oversaw our fund raising efforts and co-President Mark Singer coordinated the volunteer activities. Finally, we must hail the contributions of our kitchen guru and master chef, Scott Tessler.

We have a number of activities in January and February. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend we will join with the temple for Mitzvah Day -- various activities to serve the community. That very same week we will be hosting the Brotherhood Shabbat Morning Minyan on Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 am.

In February, we hope to host our community again in our Brotherhood Movie Series. Coming up on the Brotherhood agenda later this winter is the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) “Man of the Year” dinner in March.

If you are interested in learning more about TBH Brotherhood activities or would like to propose an event, please feel free to contact us or simply join us on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm for our monthly Brotherhood Board meetings.

Wishing you a happy & healthy 2018, Mark and Chris

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**HRTY Events Are "Loads of Fun"**

*by Sammie Gugisch, HRTY Communications Vice President*

Shalom everyone! As Communications Vice President, my duty is to take pictures at events that we host, make posters for them, and talk to members within the youth group as well as help new members join! One of my goals for this year is to continue to get more attendees at events. Events are loads of fun, and being able to take pictures of all the smiling faces, and being proud of the event that the board has created means a lot to me. I want to be able to spread the news about HRTY more throughout the Temple, and to have a successful year. Our youth group keeps growing as the years go on, and I am so proud to be a part of it. I can’t wait to see what happens, and I can be sure that we have tons of fun events lined up! HRTY is a great way to have fun and meet new friends, and I hope that everyone in 9th-12th grade has a chance to come to an event this year!

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**Mid-Season Stride**

*by Phil “Akela” Connery*

The calendar says “New Year” but Pack 311’s program year is in full swing! With TBH’s Mitzvah Day coming up, Pack 311 looks forward to giving back to the Temple Community as a small symbol of how thankful we are to be part of the TBH family.

Every month, year round, we have at least one 2-to-4 mile hike for our Pack 311 families. In January we head to Wildwood Park in Thousand Oaks.

This park is a wildlife corridor connecting the Santa Monica Mountains to the Santa Susana Mountains. We might see anything from a mule deer or bobcat to a grey fox or a California vole.

In January, we also hold one of our hallmark events, the Pinewood Derby. This is staple of Cub Scouts nationwide. Each Scout will design and build his own car from a block of wood. We’ll all get together on the 28th and race the cars with the winners receiving trophies. Additionally, prizes are awarded for design and build quality based on the Scouts voting. It’s a great time and gives the Scouts a chance to complete a multi-step project from inception and design, to build and test, to race day. If you’ve never seen a Pinewood Derby, please stop by on the afternoon of January 28th and enjoy our chaos!

February brings our Blue & Gold Banquet. It’s a birthday party for Cub Scouts and a chance for the boys to dress up (in uniform) and enjoy a sit-down dinner to celebrate Scouting and our accomplishments throughout the year thus far.

Pack 311 welcomes boys in kindergarten through fifth grade, or 6–10 years of age, from all religious and family backgrounds. For more information, visit [www.cubpack311.com](http://www.cubpack311.com.)
by Gussie Sitkin, MFT
Clinical Director of TBH at the Community Counseling Center

The larger question is “Why do adolescents need to become more resilient?” An article in Family Therapy Magazine helps us answer that question. The word “resilience” represents the grit and determination we all need in order to succeed in life. It is the key to success and happiness, so says the article. It goes on to say that it is less clear how adolescents come to appreciate and acquire those qualities, build them and put them to use.

Decades of research in the behavioral and social sciences have produced a rich knowledge base that explains why some people develop adaptive capacities to overcome significant adversity and others do not. It was found that the single most common finding is that children who end up doing well have at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult. For this reason and others, adolescents can be assisted in becoming more resilient.

Adolescents can be helped to face challenges ranging from grief, neglect, or abuse, to bad test scores or painful encounters that can seem so minor to adults, but can be devastating to young people. A Harvard study in 2015, found that resilience comes from both the internal disposition and the external experience with particular emphasis on supportive relationships and positive experiences. The report showed that specific characteristics including self-awareness, self-regulation, mental agility, strength of character, optimism, and the ability to connect, were also very important in becoming more resilient.

However, the family is key! Core family protective factors fostering resilience such as warmth and connection, routines and traditions, and the level of support available, especially in challenging situations, come from family. The more connected we are to families, the stronger we are to go out and face the challenges that life presents. The article notes that children who have faced an inordinate amount of stress or trauma – particularly disadvantaged children – are less likely to bounce back in a healthy way when faced with more. They will need help.

Another author who was mentioned in the article, believes that resilience is increasingly important for all adolescents because they have complex and stress-filled lives, amplified by the speed of communications today. Since the family is key to helping children become more resilient, here are five ways parents can help:

1. Treat adolescents as equals. Adolescents are not yet adults, but they will be soon, and no longer want to be treated as children. It is extremely helpful to throw away any preconceived notions about their stage in life out the window. Speaking with them as a peer lays the foundation for establishing rapport, and are more likely to open up to you.
2. Speak with them, not at them. Try for an exchange of ideas, rather than showing them who is the boss.
3. Actively listen to them. It can be easy to get caught up in making a point that we end up dictating it.
4. Be honest with them. Trust is a significant factor in any relationship. With adolescents, it is easy to revert to a teacher-student relationship. Young adults want to know that you are genuinely interested in what they have to say.
5. Seek help when needed of therapists who specialize in working with adolescents.

For more information, call the Community Counseling Center at TBH, 818-762-4817.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO JULIA WACKENHEIM**

*Our Temple and Women of TBH Social Action Chair*

Julia has been elected as a Board Member to the National Board of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) for the 2018-2021 term. Julia, a woman who easily handles her roles as wife, mother, actress, comedian, and producer, is also a committed Jewish activist. After converting in 2009, Julia embraced her role as an activist, taking her role in honoring the Jewish value of tikkun olam quite seriously: That we must all remain responsible for the health and welfare of healing the world. And Julia does this with vigor and enthusiasm. Julia’s love for tikkun olam has led her to advocate for women’s rights issues and to focus on the current state of caregiving and domestic worker rights. She has also tirelessly worked with Rabbi Kaufman in Caring Across Generations: A Faith Based Los Angeles Alliance.

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TBH's annual tradition of serving our greater community. This year Mitzvah Day is part of our month of social action... JUSTICE JANUARY. Join us for nosh on the yard, an opening ceremony, and the following variety of activities and actions to be taken.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:00 a.m. - Cedar-Sinai Blood Drive Begins
For info and to make an appointment, email Jodie Reff at: reffhouse@sbcglobal.net or visit: www.cedars-sinai.edu/donateblood.

8:30 a.m. - Nosh on the Yard

9:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremony in the Bauman Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. - Mitzvah Day Activities
Join us for social action activities that include: crafts to help seniors; giving blood; ECE Trike-A-Thon; writing to our soldiers; packing food for those in need; and, more!

9:45 a.m. - ECE Trike-A-Thon
Students are raising money to support NoKidHungry.org. Each child will race 2-4 times around the track. Sign-up sheets to participate will be posted on the big playground gate.

Visit BethHillel.info for more details.
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**Mon., Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
**Mon., Feb. 19 - Presidents’ Day**

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**JANUARY**

**Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
12:30 pm
Adult Ed: Torah Tuesdays
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz for adult Torah study with clergy. Welcome to bring your lunch.

**Sunday, January 7**
10:30 am
Adult Ed: Basic Judaism
The last class in this course. For more information visit bethhillel.info

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**Wednesday, January 17**
7:00 pm
Adult Ed: Book Club
Join us as we will discuss *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman led by Joan Small. Meeting monthly through June; check calendar for upcoming dates.

**Sunday, January 21**
2:00 pm
CAG Movie & Discussion
Pre-screening fellowship, vegetarian small bites (halal/kosher), wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Followed by “CARE” the documentary and post-discussion. RSVP to: Julia Wackenheim at juliaville@gmail.com

6:00 pm
WTBH Ladies Night Out
Join Women of TBH for an evening of fun. RSVP to sisterhood@tbhla.org

**Saturday, January 27**
9:00 am
Shabbat Hike
(see Observance Schedule on page 4)

**Sunday, January 28**
2:30 pm
Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
Each Scout designs and builds his own car from a block of wood then race on the 28th with the winners receiving trophies.

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**FEBRUARY**

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**Wednesday, February 8**
12:00-1:00 pm
iEngage Class on Israel
Join Rabbi Hronsky in an in-depth exploration of Israel's Milestones and their Meanings, a Shalom Hartman curriculum. Study from your office, home, or your backyard. Join us with easy technology on-line via Zoom. You will receive emails with instructions, materials, and videos upon your registration. Go to bethhillel.info to register. The course is 8 weeks, on February 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 22.

**Sunday, February 11**
11:00 am
PATH's Lunches for Bunches
As part of Mitzvah Day, TBH is making lunches for those in need with PATH. Contact: andreachasek@gmail.com

**Sunday, February 18**
8:30 am
WTBH Mah Jongg Fest
Women of Temple Beth Hillel are hosting a mah jongg tournament. Entry fee is $36 pp and includes breakfast nosh and lunch buffet. Call Judi Nachenberg for info: 818-764-6240.

**Wednesday, February 21**
7:00 pm
Adult Ed: Book Club
Join us as we will discuss *How to Be A Muslim: An American Story* by Haroon Moghul led by Rabbi Hronsky. Meeting monthly through June; check calendar for upcoming dates.

**Wednesday, February 28**
7:30 pm
Adult Purim Dinner/Celebration
Join us in the Feldman Horn Mercaz for a Billy Joel sing-a-long and spiel. The children's spiel will be Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 am followed by the Community Carnival at 11:30 am. (See page 3 for more information. Visit bethhillel.info to RSVP.)

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**Temple Closures for Jan.-Feb.**

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Mon., Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mon., Feb. 19 - Presidents' Day
Join us for Tu BiSh'vat Seder with Shabbat Blessings & Dinner
Friday, February 2
6:00pm

Temple Beth Hillel
$15/per person
(Tots 3 and under are free!)
RSVP by Jan. 31 at: bethhillel.info

SCHEDULE:
8:30-9 am - Check-In/ Breakfast Nosh
9-12:00 pm - Session 1 (3 rounds)
12-1:00 pm - Lunch break
1-4:00 pm - Session 2 (3 rounds)
4:15 pm - Awards Ceremony

REGISTRATION:
Fill out form below, enclose check for $36 payable to TBH Sisterhood.
Mail to: Judi Nachenburg,
7037 Park Manor Ave.,
North Hollywood, CA 91605

For more info, contact:
Judi Nachenber - 818-764-6240
Freddie Goldberg - 808-517-5268

Name: ____________________________
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Check all that apply:
☐ I will bring my Mah Jongg set and dice
☐ I am willing to be East and keep score
*Bring your 2017 Mah Jongg card with your name on it

Seder In The Desert
April 5-7
Yucaipa State National Park
$20 per person; must RSVP
For more info, visit: tbhla.org/sederinthedesert

Save the Date...

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**January**

**Thursday, January 4**  
Elementary School  
8:30 am - Parent Association Meeting

**Sunday, January 14**  
9:00 am-3:00 pm - Mitzvah Day

**Monday, January 15**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, January 17**  
Elementary School  
6:00 pm - Open House

**Friday, January 19**  
6:30 pm - Hero/Justice Tot-Shabbat

**Tuesday, January 23**  
Elementary School  
9:00 am - Admissions Parent Tour

January 26-28  
Elementary and Religious School  
4th-5th Grade Retreat

**Sunday, January 28**  
Religious School  
6th Grade Family Ed. Day

**February**

**Thursday, February 1**  
Elementary School  
8:30 am - Parent Association Meeting

**Tuesday, February 6**  
Early Childhood  
8:30 am - ECE Community Assembly

**Saturday, February 10**  
9:30 am - Drumming Shabbat

**Sunday, February 11**  
Religious School  
4th Grade Family Ed. Day

**Friday, February 16**  
Professional Dev. Day  
NO SCHOOL &  
NO CHILDCARE

**Monday, February 19**  
Presidents’ Day  
NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Early Childhood &  
Elementary School  
Make-up Picture Day

**Thursday, February 22**  
Elementary School  
Admissions Meet the Teachers

**Friday, February 23**  
Early Childhood  
10:45 am - Special Person Shabbat

**Saturday, February 24**  
Elementary School  
10:00 am - Shabbat Minyan

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**Important School Dates**

**Upcoming Youth Group Events**

**Saturday, January 27**  
HRTY Disney Night  
6:00-9:00 pm  
Join us for a night of Disneyland-themed fun. Dress up, Disney-themed games, Disney foods, and art. Early bird fee $30; Regular fee $35.  
https://tinyurl.com/hrtydisney

**Sunday, February 4**  
Club 345 Let’s Get Messy - Art Afternoon  
12:00-3:00 pm  
We will be getting messy with some fun art and games. Early bird fee $20 before Jan. 26; Regular fee $25 after.  
https://tinyurl.com/letsgetmessy

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

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  Register at bethhillel.info

• Watch for Yom HaAtzma-ut details on our website, eBlasts, Omer, and social media pages.

• Alden Solovy is a liturgist, author, journalist, and teacher. He has written more than 600 pieces of new liturgy. His visit will include learning and book signing.