Purim at TBH

Sunday, March 8
Parade and Shpiel
10:00am-11:30am
Carnival
11:30am-3:30pm

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Adult Purim Feast & Megillah
Monday, March 9
Billy Joel Style Sing-A-Long
7:30pm

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We are proud of TBH Teens from our Next Dor Religious School program. Our teens traveled to Washington, D.C. with 400 other students from around the United States to learn and activate together under the auspices of the Reform Movement’s Religious Action Center (RAC). They participated in a seminar called L’Taken. Each teen learned about the legislative and lobbying process, and how money affects it all. They studied in-depth topics they chose from Reproductive Rights to Campaign Reform, from Mental Health Issues to LGBTQ, from Gun Violence Prevention to Climate Justice, from Migration Reform to Criminal Justice Reform and so much more! Our delegation of young leaders learned that their voices are powerful when they presented in front of our California Senators and Congressmen.

Our teens presented on two issues specifically, Reproductive Rights and Gun Violence Prevention. Please see the words they shared to the office of Senator Harris and Congressman Sherman.

Hello, my name is Michael Goldman and I’m from Temple Beth Hillel in Valley Village. Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with us today. We are in Washington with hundreds of other teens from the Reform Jewish Movement to participate in the L’Taken seminar, an intensive four-day program, focused on Jewish values and social justice, sponsored by the Religious Action Center, which is the social justice office of the Union for Reform Judaism whose nearly 850 congregations across North America encompass 1.5 million Reform Jews, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), whose membership includes over 2000 Reform rabbis. We would like to discuss several issues with you today. They are Gun Violence Prevention, Reproductive rights, the Environment, and Mental Health.

Hello I am Ethan Harmon. And I’m Zoe Hronsky.

**Ethan:** We are from Temple Beth Hillel in Valley Village and we are here to talk about reproductive rights and access to abortion. In 1973 the Supreme Court made the decision in Roe v. Wade stating that all Americans had the constitutional right to have an abortion. Ever since the introduction of Roe v. Wade many have tried to overturn it. The oldest of these is known as the Hyde Amendment, passed by Congress in 1976, which limited the use of federal insurance to cover the cost of abortion. Following the Hyde Amendment more legislation has been introduced to severely limit access to abortion. Since 2011, 420 new restrictions were brought forward by hostile state legislation. This is alarming as this makes up 30% of all restrictions since Roe v. Wade was passed. The scene is increasingly hostile and restrictive in the U.S.

While the country appears through legislation to be against assuring freedom for abortion, we know that a May 2017 Gallup poll suggests differently with 70% of Americans wishing to ensure the right, and in October 2 in 3 voters believe health insurance should cover reproductive health care including abortion.

**Zoe:** We believe that the ability to have reproductive health care and access to abortion is extremely necessary. As a young woman, I know that in my future I would want to make decisions regarding my own body and reproductive health. If I was raped I would want the option to get an abortion. If I was carrying a terminally ill child I would want the option to get an abortion. And if I was extremely young I would want the option as well. The decision is tough enough for anyone, why should national or state legislation make it that much harder or even illegal? While some women would find happiness in raising their child, others would not. For them, choosing an abortion might be their only option for their mental well-being and stability.

As Jews we are taught of the importance of *kaavad ha’briyot*, which is the respect for individual dignity – The right of each person. It is a requirement in Jewish law that all are worthy, and this is taken away by the Hyde Amendment. Federal money given through Medicaid is banned from being used for an abortion. Medicaid is only given to those of low-income, so these individuals most likely cannot pay for an abortion as abortions cost hundreds of dollars. This amendment destroys many people’s lives and disrupts our values.

Furthermore, we are also taught in Deuteronomy 4:15, that “You shall indeed guard your souls,” which has been interpreted as commanding us to protect our health. We have to obtain health care and we must insure that our health (continued on page 7)
SHABBAT & HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

March

SHABBAT, MAR. 6-9
Torah Portion: T’zaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10
Friday, Mar 6
6:00pm
Super/Souper Hero
Tot Shabbat
Kids come dressed as their favorite Super Hero and be a hero, bringing a can of soup for the food pantry.

6:00pm
WTBH is hosting a Potluck Shabbat dinner. To RSVP please contact sisterhood@tbhla.org

7:00pm
Women of TBH Shabbat
Join WTBH for a festive Shabbat celebrating the Women of TBH, led by Rabbi Hronsky, Cantor Rhodes, and Anachnu Shir. WTBH will be presenting the Braille Award to the TBH Taskforce on Homelessness.

Saturday, March 7
10:00am
Aiden Davidson Bar Mitzvah

4:00pm
Moses Program: S’udah Shleesheet

Sunday, March 8
10:00am
Purim Costume Parade and Shpiel
Dress in honor of Purim and get ready to shake your groggers! Purim parade and our TBH Shpiel, Shushan Wars!

Monday, March 9
7:30pm
Adult Purim Feast and Megillah and Billy Joel Style Sing-A-Long
All adults are welcome! Please RSVP at bethhillel.info

SHABBAT, MAR. 13-14
Torah Portion: Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35
Friday, Mar 13
7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Led by Rabbi Hronsky, Cantor Lance and our Cantor’s Chanters. Birthday blessings will be shared. Oneg to follow.

Friday, Mar 14
5:00pm
Hannah Kuklin Bat Mitzvah

SHABBAT, MAR. 20-21
Torah Portion: Vayak’heil - P’kudei,
Exodus 35:1-40:38
Friday, Mar 20
7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
A Special Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Stein, Songleader Strauss, and our 4-7 grade Religious School Students.

Saturday, Mar 21
9:00am
Brotherhood Shabbat Minyan
All are welcome to bring in Shabbat with Rabbi Stein, Cantor Lance, and the TBH Brotherhood. Brunch to follow.

10:00am
Megan Gaisford Bat Mitzvah

5:00pm
Jessica Wanackt Bat Mitzvah

SHABBAT, MAR. 27-29
A 6,7,8 Shabbat in honor of National Refugee Shabbat
Torah Portion: Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26
Friday, Mar 27
6:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Hronsky and Cantor Rhodes.

7:00pm
Shabbat Dinner
RSVP at bethhillel.info

8:00pm
Special Guest Speaker
Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian

Saturday, Mar 28
9:00am
Shabbat Hike
Welcome Shabbat morning with a hike! Two levels: a slightly vigorous path and a level, easy trail. We’ll divide up and meet at the end for Shabbat learning. Serrania Ridge Trail 20864 Wells Drive, Woodland Hills, 91364. Park on the east end of the park in the small lot.

Sunday, Mar 29
5:00pm
Brotherhood and WTBH Sederim
RSVP at Brotherhood@tbhla.org and Sisterhood@tbhla.org respectively.

April

SHABBAT, APR 3-4
Shabbat HaGadol
Torah Portion: Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Friday, Apr 3
6:00pm
Drumming Tot Shabbat
Let’s make a beat for Shabbat! Join Rabbi Hronsky and Songleader Stein for a fun service followed by oneg.

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
We welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Hronsky, Cantor Lance and our Cantor’s Chanters.

Saturday, Apr 4
4:00pm
Moses Program: S’udah Shleesheet

5:00pm
Philip Friedlander Bar Mitzvah

5:00pm
L’Dough V’Dough:
Featuring L’Dough V’Dough: A project of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. We join together in partnership with Brotherhood and LAMOTH in making challah as we listen to the stories of survivors. All ages are welcome, but you must RSVP to bethhillel.info

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join Rabbi Hronsky and Cantor Lance for a Yom HaShoah Shabbat Observance.

Saturday, Apr 25
9:00am
Shabbat Hike at Hollywood Reservoir Trail
Meet at North Gate (also known as gate 2). Parking on Hollywood Drive, easily accessible from Barham Blvd east of the 101 freeway. There is not a large lot, but rather street parking. This hike is family friendly, but not dog friendly.

Saturday, Apr 25
10:00am
Max Alpert Bar Mitzvah

5:00pm
Ilana Mighdoll Bat Mitzvah

SHABBAT, APR 10-14
Torah Portion: Chol HaMo-eid Pesach,
Exodus 33:12-34:26
Friday, Apr 10
7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join Rabbi Hronsky and Songleader Stein for a musical Shabbat. Service includes birthday blessings and oneg to follow.

Tuesday, Apr 14
7:00pm
Passover 12-Step Service
A special 12-step meeting open to participants in L’Dough V’Dough

Saturday, Apr 17
7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join Rabbi Hronsky and Songleader Stein for a musical Shabbat. Service includes birthday blessings and oneg to follow.

SHABBAT, APR 17-18
Torah Portion: Sh’mini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47
Friday, Apr 17
7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
Join Rabbi Hronsky and Songleader Stein for a musical Shabbat. Service includes birthday blessings and oneg to follow.

Saturday, Apr 18
9:00am
Shabbat Minyan
Welcome Shabbat morning in a musical and contemplative service including Torah study led by Rabbi Stein.

TBH Book Club: Next Meeting!
March 18 at 7:00-8:30 pm in the Kaufman Beit Midrash
Moderated by Rabbi Hronsky
Book: Antisemitism: Here and Now by Deborah Lipstadt

5:00pm
Cole Plager Bar Mitzvah

SHABBAT, APR 24-25
Torah Portion: Tavria - M’tzora,
Leviticus 12:1-15:33
Friday, Apr 24
5:30pm
A Special Yom HaShoah Program
Featuring L’Dough V’Dough: A project of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. We join together in partnership with Brotherhood and LAMOTH in making challah as we listen to the stories of survivors. All ages are welcome, but you must RSVP to bethhillel.info

6:45pm
Dinner
Pizza and salad dinner for participants in L’Dough V’Dough

7:00pm
Erev Shabbat Services
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Remember to set your clocks forward, Saturday, March 7
How would you describe yourself? Are you an observer of what happens in your life, or do you participate in doing something about it? Do you see things that drive you crazy and just comment, or do you get involved to try to affect change? Do you feel powerless to do anything to correct what you see as injustice in the world or even in your own small sphere and just don't know what to do?

I know at times I certainly do. But then I look around me at people I know personally, folks in our Temple community, who have looked at situations and said "no, there must be something I can do that is more than just giving lip-service to my displeasure." These are folks who are actually participating in the process and I am in awe of them.

SAM WOLFF - Sam is 29 years old, and the son of Lynnanne Zager (TBH congregant and the voice you hear when you get the Temple's voice-mail). Sam heads a mental health clinic in Van Nuys. He would walk the neighborhood and talk to homeless people. Sam got fed up with the lack of attention that his neighborhood was getting from local officials and decided to run for Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and he won. Then he put his name forward to be the president of the council and won. Sam is no longer just an observer of what he saw as wrong in his neighborhood. He is now a participant in bringing about change.

SAMANTHA DORF - Samantha, congregant and mom of children in our schools, saw a need and acted by becoming involved with MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA - a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Sam knew that parents in her community wanted to take action after so many school gun shootings but didn't know how, so she helped start a local group of Moms Demand Action in the San Fernando Valley. Now Sam is the California state lead, helping groups in other areas of the state get established and become robust. Samantha is a participant in bringing about change. In her own words, "silence is complicity."

GLENN BLOCK (Congregant and chair of TBH Personnel Committee) - Glenn was elected to the Valley Village Neighborhood Council. He is also the chairperson of the Planning and Land Use committee that functions to preserve the updated community plan. With so much building going on and as a resident of Valley Village, Glenn chooses to be a participant, not just an observer of what happens in his local community.

What all these amazing folks have in common is their desire to try to affect change. It's easy to complain but it's a challenge to actually put yourself out there and do the work that it takes to make change happen. I like to think I've tried to do that here at Temple Beth Hillel by taking on a leadership role. It's how I learned how an organization functions. It has taught me to be a better leader. Being a member of the Temple board is a wonderful environment in which to mentor new and future leaders. If you have a desire to step up and serve, even if it’s just to learn how it’s done, please talk to me or Freddie.

One last thought, and I know for most of you I'm preaching to the choir, the way we all can affect change is through the power of our vote. It's where we can all get involved on whatever level we choose. We just have to do it!
Behind the Scenes with Our Choirs: Anachnu Shir and the Cantor’s Chanters

by Cantor Lance Rhodes

Our choirs: Anachnu Shir and the Cantor’s Chanters enhance many of our TBH moments with their voices and spirits, which include leading not only the regularly scheduled monthly choir Shabbat services but other exciting events such as our Thanksgiving Interfaith service, Chanukah party, Gospel Shabbat, singing for residents at The Village at Sherman Oaks, our Purim Shpiel, and much more! Yet, in addition to our choirs leading wonderful events and services, it’s also about community.

Our adult choir, Anachnu Shir (which means “our song”) is made up of all volunteer singers from within our own congregation, many of whom have been or are currently involved with our TrBH Board of Trustees, and others who are very involved in other wonderful ways for our congregation. It’s not just a group of singers, it’s a family within a family. Whether it’s celebrating special occasions with each other or supporting one another with other events, we are a fun and warm musical ensemble that is always open to including others who would like to be a part of our choir. Anachnu Shir generally leads Shabbat services once a month during the regular season with a rehearsal Tuesday prior to the upcoming Friday Choir Shabbat.

We also have our Cantor’s Chanters kids’ choir! They are our vocal youth stars and sign autographs upon request.

Women of TBH

Reflecting on The Impact of Family

by Laura Ex
Women of TBH President

For many years, Women of Temple Beth Hillel has been supporting the residential families of the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation through their annual Adopt-A-Family program at the holiday season. We have given two families in need. We help them have a brighter holiday season by fulfilling their family’s wish lists. WTBH collects donations from our members and our community and then goes shopping with their lists in hand. It is a true mitzvah, for which we receive lovely thank you letters. We’d like to share those letters with you so you can feel the love we feel when we support this wonderful program.

• Family 1: To our generous patrons:

I was overwhelmed by all of the gifts my family received! My son was so excited to receive so many of the things he wanted. He loved everything, especially the sweatshirt. He was also so excited to use all of his gift cards. Ramon loved all of his gifts too, especially the coffee and sweatshirt. Thank you for all that you gave to my family! I loved my coffee pot and bathroom set. Everything was so special. I hope that your holiday season was as great as you made ours. The goodness of your hearts made all the difference to our family. God bless you. –Elena, Ramon, and Matthew.

- Family 2: To the Women of TBH, Thank you so much for the gifts you sent as part of the Hollywood Community Housing Adopt-A-Family program.

I was flabbergasted that I received most everything on my wish list and so did Rosa and Stephanie. Everything was the perfect color, size, and style.

My mom was the glue for my family and she always made Christmas special for us. She passed away in 2006 and my family fell apart. Christmas and holidays lost all meaning. By 2011 I had no job, no car, and we were living in a homeless shelter. Day-by-day, step-by-step, I slowly got my life back. This Christmas was the first time in a long time we could afford a small tree. Your ornaments and lights added joy and hope to our home. They made it feel a little bit like mom was back with us. Christmas again had meaning!

What you are doing is wonderful and it does truly touch the hearts of the people you adopt. Bless you for your help and the best of holidays to you.

Thank you. –Mark, Rosa, and Stephanie.

From Sarah Letts, Executive Director, Hollywood Community Housing: The true impact of your efforts is difficult to measure. It is not simply the amazing gifts you provided that made the holiday season so special and memorable for our residents. It is the act of giving, the thoughtfulness that went into purchasing each gift, and the kindness and compassion with which you gave. HCHC is honored to have been the recipient of your generosity.

Women of TBH will be supporting this program again next holiday season. We will let our community know and will gratefully accept your donations should you want to participate in this mitzvah.

Women of TBH Gift Shop

Visit us for all of your Passover needs!!

Open Tuesday-Friday, and Sunday!

See tbhla.org for shop schedule
Winter is almost over and Brotherhood is ready to Spring into action! Brotherhood will join the greater Temple community by participating in the Purim Carnival. When your energy drops from the fun and games, we’ll be there to help you recharge with our annual hot dog stand. While you’re there, ask the Brotherhood members about our activities. We welcome your input and participation throughout the year.

March 14 will also see one of our members named Man of the Year by the Men of Reform Judaism. Watch your email blasts for information on the location. Please join us for a gala event.

Two of Brotherhood’s events coming up in March and April are family oriented and we invite you to come with your children and grandchildren. Our annual Men’s Seder is March 29, held here at TBH in cooperation with our fellow Brotherhood members from Temple Ahavat Shalom. Cantor Lance will lead us through and, of course, there will be a traditional meal. Back for the third year, April 24 will be L’Dough V’Dough, which has become one of our most popular events of the year. Join us for this part of our Yom HaShoah commemoration for learning and challah baking. This is an event you will NOT want to miss! RSVP on bethhillel.info. We’ll also be holding our annual Brotherhood Shabbat Morning Minyan in March and we’ll participate in the Yom HaShoah commemoration with a virtual candle lighting. Of course, there is always much more with some special surprises on the planning board. Watch the weekly email blasts for information on other events. Brotherhood is always looking for your input and participation as to how we may unite and serve the community. Feel free to reach out to us with your suggestions at brotherhood@tbhla.org.

Be Ready for More Brotherhood Action!
by Michael Heiss & Sean DeVore
TBH Brotherhood Co–Presidents

Yom HaShoah Events

Yom HaShoah Virtual Candle Lighting
Monday, April 20 at 7:00pm
Our clergy team and TBH Brotherhood invite you to a short lighting ceremony online. Candles are available through our TBH Brotherhood in our main office and by emailing at brotherhood@tbhla.org. Please go to our TBH Facebook page and join us through our video link as you light your candle on Monday evening.

L’Dough V’Dough
Friday April 24 at 5:30pm
This is a very special Yom HaShoah program where we make challah with Holocaust survivors as they speak about their experiences. L’Dough V’Dough is a project of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, in partnership with TBH Brotherhood we invite all ages to come and make challah and be a witness to our people’s story.

Please go to bethhillel.info as RSVPs are required to attend. Stay for a pizza and salad dinner just prior to services.

Yom HaAtzma–ut Events

ECE, Elementary, and Religious School Open House
Thursday, April 30 at 5:30pm
Bring your own picnic and join us on the yard for Israeli themed snacks, dance, and music. Then tour TBH classrooms and explore our programs. A special presentation from our schools will be hosted in the Bauman sanctuary.

Yom HaAtzma–ut Shabbat Service
Friday, May 1 at 7:00pm
Join us for this special themed service in the Bauman Sanctuary.

Congregational Bylaws

We are pleased to announce that after a year of research, consultation with attorneys, revisions and thoughtfulness, we have prepared an updated and restated Constitution and Bylaws. The Board approved this draft at its January meeting. We will be asking the Congregation to approve this document at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, May 26. We have scheduled two town hall meetings to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions. These meetings will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 6:15 p.m. in the Kaufman Beit Midrash and Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bauman Sanctuary. To get a copy of the draft, please email Nolan at NRivkin@tbhla.org to request a PDF copy be emailed to you or to request that a hard copy be available for you to pick up in the Main Office.
bodies and souls are cared for. All medical rights having to do with our body should be available. For some women, giving birth puts their lives at great risk. Their health is also a priority, therefore, for their own health they should have a right to all medical services.

**Ethan:** We recognize that as America is a free country, women should be given freedom of choice on whether or not they want an abortion or to proceed with a pregnancy. Restrictions with little to no consideration towards the person must be limited. We are deeply grateful to Representative Sherman for co-sponsoring the very important EACH Woman Act. For as your office knows, the EACH Woman Act of 2019 has the opportunity to revoke the Hyde Amendment. With this act, we are able to end any and all bans on abortion insuring equal treatment to anyone, no matter their insurance providers or income. Abortion must be a free right granted to women, but it is very hard to access when the government makes the decision unacceptable without connecting to or talking to women first. Thank you again to Congressman Sherman, and we hope he continues to help push this act forward.

Hello, my name is Michael Goldman and I’m from Temple Beth Hillel in Valley Village, California. I’m Zoe Stevens, and I am Sarah Drapkin.

Gun violence and mass shootings in the United States has become an epidemic that’s growing fiercely. Substantially more Americans were killed from firearms than motor vehicle accidents in 2017. In 2019, there were more mass shootings than days in the year. In the shootings with assault weapons, six times as many people were shot. Gun regulations can help address this and save lives! Eighty-three percent of the public, including seventy-two percent of gun owners, support universal background checks for private gun sales. America, including gun owners, agrees! We need to make change!

One way we as Reform Jews pray is to take action. Today we are asking you to continue to take action for Gun Violence Prevention efforts. The arguments made in support of Gun Violence Prevention align with the values of Reform Judaism. Leviticus chapter 19 tells us, “do not stand idly by while your neighbor’s blood is shed.” As Reform Jews, we cannot stand by and watch as 35,000 people each year are directly impacted by gun violence. Jewish tradition stresses the value of human life. The more background checks we have, the fewer lives that are lost. Jewish law also says, “When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet (fence) for your roof, so that you do not bring blood-guilt on your house if anyone should fall from it.” This law teaches us that we as Reform Jews should be committed to making our communities safer for everyone, which is why we are pushing for the establishment of these precautionary acts.

On January 6, I sadly experienced an act of gun violence in relation to one of my fellow schoolmates named Joseph Lopez. Joseph was a 15 year-old sophomore who had always had the brightest attitude towards those around him. We had even had an inside joke since the sixth grade bantering about mint gum. January 6 was a very sad day as my friend Joseph was devastatingly shot and killed by Archie Chavez. Chavez, an under-aged man, utilized a gun to kill another sweet soul. While murder like this used to be shocking, today in our society, it is common place and thought of as a mere inconvenience. According to a study published in the American Journal of Medicine, we learned that the death rate of children being gunned down is six to nine times higher in the United States than any other developed nation. It was not a mere inconvenience for me or for any of Joseph’s friends. We are heartbroken and so melancholy knowing we will never be in the presence of our classmate again.

We thank Senator Harris for cosponsoring the Background Check Expansion Act (S42), demonstrating their commitment to closing the private sale loophole, and preventing gun violence. We urge the senator to call for the immediate passage of the bill.

**Footnotes:**

On Saturday, Jan. 25, we welcomed many from our beautiful community to Comedy Night! It is because we came together in generosity and support that the event was such a wonderful success.

Our Sincerest Appreciation!
Comedy Night Committee, Temple Co–Presidents, Clergy, Staff & Board of Trustees

We can't thank you all by name, but this success is because of each and every....

• Attendee
• Wine Contributor
• Raffle Participant
• Silent Auction Participant
• ECE Playground Funding Participant

A Very Special Thank You!
Comedy Night Committee:
Diana Beyer, Marisa Aron, Felicia Justman, Judy Kogan, & Gili Niv

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Janessa Brooks
Lalo Sanchez
Maintenance Team

Talent Booking:
Dan Levy & AJ Tesler

Pre–Show Host:
Kevin Klein

Talent:
Dan Levy (Host), Ian Abramson, JF Harris, Laurie Kilmartin, Dan Mintz & Owen Smith

Thank You Comedy Night Sponsors!
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Jennifer & Edward Kitsis
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Gili & Uri Niv

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Ca Del Sole
Wood & Water
Gangadin Indian Cuisine
Harvest Moon Kitchen & Marketplace
Art’s Deli
Mister O’s
Beat Buds
Menchies, Valley Village
The M Jewelers
Mitzvah Day was a HUGE success. Thank you to all who volunteered and performed several mitzvot through acts of gemilut chasadim – loving kindness. A special thank you to our Mitzvah Day committee and those who led stations. One beautiful day created so much good in our world!

- Collected 44 units of blood
- Approximately 300 blessing bags for PATH and Our Community
- 200 lunches, 100 grocery bags, and several dozen packets of diapers and wipes, for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry
- A full meal and 24 Welcome Home Baskets for 150 residents at LA Family Housing
- Prepared meals for, collected approximately 150 Pretzel Rod desserts, 75 pants, countless underwear, and socks for the NoHo Home Alliance Drop-In Program
- 100’s of bags of dog food and homemade pull toys for individuals experiencing poverty
- 130 gratitude cards for life sustaining Chai member congregants
- Trike-A-Thon raised $143 for No Kid Hungry
- Bake Sale raised $300 to support the meal for LA Family Housing meal and supplies for People Assisting The Homeless bags
- 317 hats for newborn babies with Craft a Mitzvah
- 6 boxes of books for a local elementary school in need
- 125 signed in attendees for the countless individuals who attended the vendor fair at the Environmental Summit
- Many entertained residents at The Village of Sherman Oaks as our Cantor's Chanters Youth choir performed for them

Temple Beth Hillel Presents: The Business Hour

Looking to Expand Your Network & Generate More Business?

Open to TBH Members from all industries: March 24, April 28, May 26, Jun 23

Location: TBH, Beit Midrash
8:00-8:30 am – Networking & Breakfast
8:30-9:30 am – Meeting

For more information and to RSVP email:
Jennifer Komsky @ jkomsky@laklawyers.com or
Erika Jarrick @ eljarrick@gmail.com

The TBH Task Force on Homelessness welcomes guest speaker Amy Anderson

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00pm at Temple Beth Hillel

Amy Anderson currently serves as the Chief Housing Officer for L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and she will discuss initiatives and policy goals the city is putting in place to increase the availability of affordable housing and address housing instability.
What makes for a fun summer camp experience? Being outside, exciting hands–on experiments, creative cooking, playing with water, and a nurturing and loving environment. Temple Beth Hillel’s ECE Summer Camp offers all this and more. Temple Beth Hillel’s ECE Summer Camp plans themed weeks, offers flexible schedules, and developmental grouping to fit your child’s needs.

Summer will be here before we know it! Our ECE staff is busy planning a rewarding camp experience for your children. If you would like more information or a tour of our facilities, please call 818–761–6983.
Important School Dates

Youth Group & Religious School Events

Family Education Days
Family Education Day is an important part of your child’s Religious School experience, and a wonderful opportunity for you to engage in learning and fun together. Each grade will have one Family Ed day each year and will incorporate learning for both parents and students. These programs run during regular religious school hours.

Upcoming:
• 2nd grade, March 1
• 4th grade, March 15
• 1st grade, March 29
• 7th grade, April 26

HRTY & Jr HRTY
HRTY is Temple Beth Hillel’s High School Youth Group. Jr. HRTY is for children in 6, 7, and 8th grades. Events throughout the year will be on and off campus.

Saturday, March 28
5:00-6:30
Sky High Sports
6033 De Soto Ave,
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
For 6th–12th grade

To sign up for this event, sign a waiver, and for more information, access this link: http://bit.ly/2I3m0q6

Students will meet at Sky High Sports at 5pm and be picked up at 6:30pm. Students may bring money to purchase snacks as food will not be provided. There is a fee of $25 to cover the cost of tickets, which you can pay by credit card or check.

RSVP no later than 3/20/20 using the above link.

Religious School, L’Dough v’Dough Experience
Friday, April 24

Tot Shabbats at 6:00pm
• Super Hero Shabbat, Friday, March 6 featuring ECE rooms 3, 4, 5 & 6
• Drumming Shabbat, Friday, April 3

Religious School Shabbat:
• Friday, March 20 featuring grades 4-7

ECE & Elementary School:
• Tuesday, March 3, Community Assembly and Parent Meeting
• Thursday, April 23, Elementary School Admissions Early Look Parent Tour
• Thursday, April 30, Elementary School and ECE Open House
(No Childcare after 3pm)

HRTY Katan & HRTY 45
Sunday, April 19 at TBH
11:15am-12:00pm
HRTY Katan
2nd and 3rd graders will join in the social hall for games and fun community building activities.

12:00pm
HRTY 45
4th and 5th graders join in the social hall for a pizza lunch with the HRTY Katan group followed by more fun, games, and activities.

1:30pm
2nd and 3rd graders get picked up by parents in the Social Hall

This is a free event. Let us know you’re coming by emailing Aviva Eagle at aeagle@tbhla.org

Youth groups for the younger kids at Temple Beth Hillel act as an introduction to our youth programming. It is a chance to socialize outside of the classroom and with other students while engaging in activities in a fun way while learning.

School Closures
No School/No Aftercare – ECE
Monday, March 16
No School – ALL SCHOOLS
Sunday, April 6 –
Friday, April 17
No School – Spring Break

Highlights:
Tuesday, March 10
Elementary and ECE
Purim Celebrations

Tuesday, March 31
ECE Speaker Series

Thursday, April 2 –
Friday, April 3
Elementary and ECE
Passover Classroom Observances

Last Tuesday of Religious School
Tuesday, April 28

The BHDS Party Book 2020 is now LIVE!

Thank you to the Beth Hillel Elementary School Parent Association for organizing this FUNdraiser!

To sign up, please go to: https://bhds.onlinepartybook.com

All parties are generously hosted and completely donated by Beth Hillel Elementary families to provide creative and unique community-building experiences for all. Every penny that we raise from ticket sales from this fundraiser will go directly to our school!
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We know that older Americans are at greater risk for social isolation, which can lead to physical illness, depression, and even dementia. According to researchers at the American Association of Retired Persons Public Policy Institute and at Stanford and Harvard Universities, the numbers of people living in social isolation have increased. Loneliness can be a killer, attack our bodies, and shorten our lives.

What is loneliness? A researcher says it is a universal human experience and has implications when social connections are not satisfied. There is a human need to be embedded, connected, and integrated in a social network. When the social network is missing, the consequences are very real in terms of mental and physical health.

Most of the alarming statistics about loneliness come from studies that don’t look solely at the way it feels but also examine clues to its presence provided by other, more quantifiable factors such as physical isolation, marital status, the number of close family members, and the amount of television being watched. Evidence from census data show that there is an increasing number of people living alone, and there are declining marriage rates, and increasing rates of childlessness. It is known that lacking social connection, puts people at greater health risk.

Studies are still in progress regarding the ills connected to loneliness. Researchers have found a way to measure loneliness because loneliness may mean different things to different people. Is there a continuum which can measure whether someone is slightly, moderately, or extremely lonely? The UCLA Loneliness Scale seems to fit the bill for that need. The findings of researchers in devising this continuum came from examining the social and psychological impact of the internet when it was extensively used for communication. They found that the greater use of the internet was associated with declines in participants’ communication with family members in the household, declines in the size of their social circle, and increases in their depression and loneliness.

Research on ways to help lonely people are mixed. One of the most effective methods seems to be cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), which can help a lonely individual better understand how his or her assumptions and behavior might be working against the desire to connect with others. Another strong way to help oneself become more connected is volunteering. What lonely people thrive on is finding a way to connect with others in a positive manner. Volunteering is a way to connect.

In summary, there is an upsurge in public awareness of the physical and psychological problems as well as the economic problems in combating loneliness when it impacts the health of people. I am hoping that research will continue.

For more information on this subject, you may call the TBH Community Center at 818–762–4817.

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**Passover Observances**

First Night Seder – April 8 • Second Night Seder – April 9 • Yizkor Service – April 15 at 9:00am

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

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**WOMEN'S PASSOVER SEDER**

Sunday, March 29

5:00PM

$25 per person

Rabbis Hronsky and Stein will lead a Beatles-style seder at Temple Beth Hillel.

We welcome all women – grandmother, mothers, daughters, nieces 7+

RSVP to sisterhood@tbhla.org

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**MEN'S PASSOVER SEDER**

Sunday, March 29

5:00PM

$25 per person

Cantor Rhodes and the TBH Brotherhood will lead a men’s seder with Temple Ahavat Shalom at Temple Beth Hillel. We are encouraging members to bring their sons who are over 8 years old and will be half price for the seder.

RSVP to brotherhood@tbhla.org
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Simply Giving
by Leslye Adelman

My cousin Bobbi, a TBH member, calls me each week before she does her grocery shopping to see what we need at the pantry. Does she buy food because she’s doing it for me or because she really cares? I mentioned how appreciative I was for her weekly purchases for the pantry and she responded with:

“I go to the market every week. I put 1, 2, 3, or more grocery items in my cart. I’m not going out of my way.

I don’t understand why EVERYONE doesn’t do the same. If everyone got 1 or 2 items each week look at the difference it would make. I just don’t get it.”

Bobbi’s concern for the pantry should echo throughout every household and if every TBH member did what my cousin does, we would not be forced to purchase food. My request for you is to become my cousin and look at the list below for ideas of what to get. Use your coupons, Friday Freebies at Ralph’s and weekly ads to maximize your purchase. You will make Bobbi AND me extremely happy!! Thank you to all who filled our SOUPER BOWL giant soup can.

Items Needed:
• Canned beans, vegetables, fruit in juice, tomato product, ready to eat soup (Progressive Lite is the healthiest)
• Unsweetened cold cereal
• Small cans or pouches of protein (tuna, chicken, ham and even spam)
• Small plastic jars of peanut butter
• Small bags of rice, dried beans, packages of pasta

Whatever you can buy can be put into the big pantry box in the Temple Lobby. Thank you for caring. Can’t wait to empty the weekly overflowing box.

Condolences To...
- Karen Morin and family on the passing of her mother, Elaine Rockey
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