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FROM RABBI KLEIN



THE TEMPLE IS A HOME, THE HOME IS A TEMPLE

Growing up, my father's art studio was attached to our family's home, so any time of day my brother and I could run in while he was working and see what was going on. His work was not mysterious to us at all. We would race in and out of the studio in our socks, tracking sawdust and woodchips throughout the house despite our mother's pleading. I would throw myself into a bin of fabric and chat about school while he sat at his drawing board carving Swiss pear wood into intricate designs. His work was never something separate from our home or our lives.

In many ways, I think I've subconsciously emulated that by choosing a career where the lines between 'home' and 'work' are often blurred. My children come to Temple and throw their shoes into my office and run around in their socks. They know that there are bagels every Saturday morning at the Torah study in the library, and they know where to find colored markers and scrap paper in my desk.

Part of the beauty of Judaism is the very partnership between the home and temple in living a Jewish life. One of the questions I often ask myself as a rabbi is "How do I help make the Temple like a home?" When we create programming, we think a lot about creating a welcoming environment where people feel at home.

There is a complimentary question I'd like you to ask yourself, and if you are willing, I'd love to hear some of your answers. "How do I help make my home like a temple?" Just as there are aspects of a temple which should feel like a home, there are aspects of our homes that should have the sanctity of a temple. Perhaps it is how you give tzedakka, or the conversation around a Shabbat table. Perhaps it is in a bedtime ritual which includes singing a soft Shema, or a morning prayer to say, "Thank You for a new day." Perhaps it is in how you conserve energy and water. Perhaps it is how you honor relationships through devotion of time and dedicated listening. Perhaps it is a blessing you give one another by the mezuzah, or the way you are generous with forgiveness and quick to repent.



Many of you will be receiving a brochure for our religious school presenting a new program called *TIYUL: Connections* which, along with our *Shabbat B'Yachad: Shabbat Together* program, is an innovative approach to Jewish learning designed to bring Jewish

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living to the family as a whole. Our rabbis teach that the very first school to which any child is exposed is his or her home, and a child's first and most important teachers are his or her own father and mother. These programs give parents the tools to teach their own children through learning, playing and praying together. *TIYUL: Connections* will take place alternatively at the Temple and in people's homes. I encourage you to find out more about this unique Religious School opportunity which we are so excited to launch this coming year.

Traditionally, the prayer "*Shalom Aleichem*" is recited when you are returning home from Shabbat services at your temple. The prayer welcomes the Shabbat angels that are accompanying you home. I love the idea that when one leaves the temple, they are taking angels home with them. The angels, it seems, go back and forth with us each visit. We take a little of our homes with us when we come together as a community, and we take a little of our sacred space with us when we return home. May our Temple continue to be an ever-embracing home, and may your homes be sanctuaries of love. ■

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For the entire week, the Yanov Torah has been sitting on a chair in my office. This amazing scroll is truly unlike any other Torah in the world. In occupied Poland during World War II, inmates of the Yanov Labor camp, wanted desperately to preserve Jewish rituals. They cut up these scrolls and wrapped them around their bodies and walked right through the gates of the labor camp. Hiding the pieces of the scroll in the barracks under floor boards, bed posts and even in the camp cemetery, the inmates took great risks to ensure their ability to study Torah and keep Judaism alive. At the end of the war, in 1945, after the camp's liberation, an inmate came and collected all of the pieces of the Torah and assembled them into one single scroll. Looking at the scroll, one can easily see how it is made up of pieces from many Torah scrolls, whose light illuminates the Jewish message of hope and survival. This Torah is unlike any other: we are permitted to touch the text, and it was never to be placed in a museum.

“Would you risk your life for Torah? If it meant love and justice, goodness, hope and freedom...”

The Torah was given as a gift to the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles so its students could take it to congregations around the West Coast and retell its story.

As I sit with it in my office, all I can think of is the great risk that every Jew took to preserve Judaism at a time when it seemed as though Jewish religious practice might be destined for its death. Risking our lives for Torah, could you do it? Could I do it? I would surely risk my life to save my daughter's life or my wife's life, but for Torah could I do it? A special thread binds the pages of this scroll together; it is the thread of heroism. To risk one's life for Torah means to be a hero; to risk my life for my religion is to know that I stand up for the atrocities that shake this world at its core. To risk my life for Torah might mean that I do everything I can to make

painstaking efforts at healing this world so that every individual knows that special light of Torah. *Ki mitzion teitze Torah* - from Zion Torah will go forth (Isaiah 2:3). When the prophet Isaiah spoke these words, he most surely must have been referring to a place. We call Israel Zion, but what if Zion was not a place, what if it were a person or a group of people? And what if we as Jewish individuals were part of that group? What would it take for Torah to go forth from our midst?

The Yanov Torah contains these answers; our brothers and sisters who died for their freedom in the Nazi death camps fought for Torah. They risked their lives for it. Zion truly came forth from their midst. Knowing that they had fought to make Torah come alive for them at the time of the world's greatest darkness, they gave light and hope to Jews who would always know the true meaning of Torah.

Our prayer book Mishkan Tefillah contains the following words, “In this scroll is the secret of our people's life from Sinai until now. Its teaching is love and justice, goodness and hope. Freedom is its gift to all who treasure it.” Would you risk your life for Torah? If it meant love and justice, goodness, hope and freedom, then it would be a great gift that goes far beyond my life span. ■



WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON BIG SUNDAY?

**May 3
Temple Isaiah
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

All ages are welcome.
All ages are needed. Families too!

Join your Temple Isaiah congregants and help out on America's largest citywide community service event!

Big Sunday is a multi-cultural, non-denominational, non-political weekend of community service and community building.

Whatever your talent, whatever your passion, we can use your help! (And it's free for everyone)

Temple Isaiah is a Big Sunday Hub. What does this mean?

In keeping with our Temple's social justice theme, we have volunteered to host a variety of projects to benefit the needy within our immediate community and more!

AT TEMPLE ISAIAH:

Toiletry, Snack, and Art bag assembly (for Beyond Shelter's Crisis Center's homeless families)

Lemonade Stand (Change for Change)

Feel Better Cards (decorating cards placed bedside at Mattel's Children's Hospital)

Flower Pot Project (create smiles with cheerful paper flower pots)

Blood Drive (benefiting St John's Hospital)

Baby-2-Baby Clothing/Toy/Gear Drive (drop off your gently used baby/child items to benefit children all across greater Los Angeles)

Back Pack Stuffing (fill back packs with school supplies for Jewish Family Services)

Nothing But Nets (shoot basketball hoops to raise money for Nothing but Nets)

Letters for Soldiers (write and decorate letters to those in uniform who could use a kind word)

Stitches from the Heart (knit your love into beanies for babies)

Off Site:

Broadway Village 2 Family Picnic (bring your families and enjoy this party for families who have survived the streets, been given an opportunity, and are now living at Beyond Shelter's Broadway Village 2)

And at the same time:

Organic Garden Planting at Broadway Village 2 (bring your green thumbs and create a sustainable source of food for the families of Beyond Shelter's Broadway Village 2)

**SIGN UP ONLINE AT
WWW.BIGSUNDAY.ORG**

Or contact rllebowe@aol.com or alimyers@mac.com ■

Two new innovative, whole family alternatives to Sunday School beginning Fall 2009!



Shabbat B'yachad: Shabbat Together

For families with a child in grades K-3 and their siblings

and TIYUL: Connections

For families with a child in grades 4-6 and their siblings

This program is built on the chavurah (small group gathering) model.



Designed to build community, strengthen families and deepen your Jewish identity. In these new programs you will learn together, play together, and pray together. Guided by qualified, enthusiastic teachers, there will be opportunities for educational kids-only programming while parents delve into lively topics. Sound like fun? Then this choice is for you!

For more information about these programs, please contact:
Shabbat B'yachad - Rachel Ackerman at Rachel@templeisaiah.com
TIYUL: Connections - Carla Kopf at Carla@templeisaiah.com



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CAMP ISAIAH 2009

Jewish. Summer. Camp. Experience.



For Entering Grades 1-10

Session 1: June 22—July 17

Session 2: July 20—August 14

Monday—Friday, 9:00am—3:00pm

Lisa Greengard, Camp Director
310.277.2772 ext. 23
lisa@templeisaiah.com

MAZEL TOV TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Friday, May 29, 6:15 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate the Confirmation ceremony. It will take place on Friday, May 29 during Shabbat Services beginning at 6:15 p.m. We will celebrate the Confirmation of:

Emily Baker
David Berger
Erica Hendry
Marc Huberman
Evan Kahn
Samuel Landsberg
Alexander Leichenger
Sara Levine
Scott Livker
Rose Margo
Benjamin Moss
Michelle Nagler
Arianna Neikrug
Cody Rappaport
Amanda Sabel
Jonathan Schwab
Talia Smith
Alexandra Trantham
Sophie Trauberman
Joseph Wise
Michele Wunderlich ■

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NEI MITZVAH



Jackson and Maxwell Martin

Sons of Lisa and Gregg Martin
Saturday, May 2



Sabrina Jankovic

Daughter of Lori and Irwin Jankovic
Saturday, May 2



Nikoli Partiyeli

Son of Shirine and Farshid Partiyeli
Saturday, May 9



Michael O'Krent

Son of Catherine O'Krent and Marc O'Krent
Saturday, May 9



Taylor Short

Daughter of Sheree Blavin and Brad Short
Saturday, May 16



Julia Berg

Daughter of Kate Chilton and Rick Berg
Saturday, May 16



Samantha Garfield

Daughter of Sherry and Bruce Garfield
Saturday, May 23



Adam Schwartz

Son of Kathleen Reiss and Alan Schwartz
Saturday, May 23



Harrison Fahn

Son of Jennie and Jonathan Fahn
Saturday, May 30



Aaron Wolfe

Son of Lisa and Jeffrey Wolfe
Saturday, May 30

THE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION: A Partner in Educating Our Children

Did you know that Temple Isaiah Schools are receiving \$10,025 in Jewish Federation funds through the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) this year, that our teachers participate in Bureau of Jewish Education professional development programs, and that the BJE accredits Jewish schools?

The BJE, with the support of The Jewish Federation, has served as a hub of Jewish educational activity in Los Angeles since 1937. Its mission is to ensure the future of the Jewish community by encouraging participation in Jewish education and by helping schools and youth organizations enhance quality and increase access to Jewish education.

The Bureau of Jewish Education provides:

- Financial aid to schools and students
- Professional development for educators
- Expert consultation in Hebrew language and Israel education

- School Accreditation to promote excellence in all schools – early childhood, elementary, and high school
- Guidance in best practices in school operations
- Teacher recruitment and referral
- Networking opportunities for educators
- Teacher recognition programs
- The opportunity for more than 130 L.A. teens, annually, to participate in the “March of the Living.”
- Sulam: Jewish Service Learning resources for teens and youth professionals (www.sulamcenter.org)
- Concierges for Jewish Education to link families with educational opportunities meeting their needs.

The Bureau of Jewish Education works with 150 day schools, complementary religious schools, and early childhood education centers, collectively educating 28,000 students. The Bureau of Jewish Education, a beneficiary of The Jewish Federation, is a vital partner in educating our children. Learn more about the BJE at www.bjela.org ■

**ISAIAH WOMEN
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE
GREAT ACTIVITIES IN MAY,
CULMINATING IN THE DESSERT
AND TEA EXTRAVAGANZA
ON SUNDAY, MAY 31!**

Monthly Mah Jongg

Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

We are starting our Monday evening Mah Jongg group on Monday, May 4. All Mah Jongg players are welcome. We will be playing in the recreation room of Betsy Wuliger's condo building at 10450 Wilshire Blvd. Please RSVP to Betsy at (310) 470-0179 or e-mail: Betsy920@yahoo.com.

Isaiah Women members – no charge

Non-members – \$5.00

Adamson House Tour

Thursday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please join us as we tour the beautiful and historic Adamson House and Gardens in Malibu. We will meet at Temple Isaiah at 9:30 a.m. and car pool to the site. After the tour, we will gather at the nearby outdoor shopping center where lunch may be purchased and enjoyed in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Isaiah Women members - \$10.00

Non-members – \$15.00

Lunch is not included

Please RSVP To Sari Spiro at (310) 475-1162 or e-mail: spiroJJS@aol.com

Solstice Canyon Hike

Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.

Meet at Solstice Canyon in Malibu at 10:30 a.m. and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy by the beautiful waterfall. Everyone is welcome, friends, partners, significant others and husbands! There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP to Sari Spiro at the number listed above, and she will give you directions.

Dessert Extravaganza and Tea

Sunday, May 31, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Temple Isaiah Social Hall for our last big event of the year. Delectable desserts, tea sandwiches and exotic teas will be the backdrop for an afternoon of fun, camaraderie and community.

For those who join Isaiah Women or renew their memberships before or at the tea, there will be no charge for this event. Otherwise it will be \$18.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Jill Smith at (310) 459-9019 or e-mail: jillesmithI@gmail.com ■

**NOTES FROM THE
GREEN TEAM**

By Ethan Greenspan

I am happy to report that I think our task of “tikun olam,” healing our world, has taken a turn for the better in less than three months.



The United States policy on global warming and climate change has changed 180 degrees from denial to acceptance and action to lead the world in dealing with this challenge to humanity. From carbon-emission cap proposals to insisting that car makers produce energy-efficient products, it seems that this new attitude is for real. A U.S.-led global climate change summit is now planned for the end of April in Washington, D.C. to help replace the Kyoto Protocol on global warming (which the U.S. did not support in the past).

Since January, more government agencies have eminently qualified scientists, Nobel recipient Dr. Stephen Chu for example, making scientific decisions on the health of our planet. In March, a new Wilderness Bill was passed protecting over two million acres of our nation's finest undisturbed lands. The solar energy tax credits, which were set to expire at the end of December 2008, were extended and expanded so that now 30% of the cost to install solar panels is tax deductible.

And we should be happy to live in California, still continuing to be a world leader in environmental innovation. ■

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All-Members Picnic

SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cheviot Hills

Recreation Center - Picnic Area #2

It's Free!!

Everyone is welcome and there will be fun activities for all, including a craft table for the kids, board games for everyone, mah jongg, picnic games and races for all ages!

We'll serve hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers with all the fixings! All you need to bring is a dessert and drinks of your choice. Don't miss out!

From Motor Avenue, turn right onto the Service Road next to the golf course. There will be a sign with balloons to designate the spot.

**CARING COMMUNITY
Do you know who we
are and what we do?**

The Caring Community has been busy sending cards and delivering meals to congregants having babies, experiencing illness or loss. Did you know we also deliver soup? As part of a Tot Shabbat Program, our youngest members made, "Love Soup in a Jar." Since that time, these soups have been delivered when the Caring Community is notified of a congregant's illness.

Do you want to be a Soup Maven? It's easy and fun! Please contact Ilene at i2k@pacbell.net for this opportunity. Get it while it's hot! (like the soup... get it!) ■





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YASHER KOACH!

Temple Isaiah made a donation to the Westside Food Bank in honor of our Chai Dinner and our congregants who have been members for eighteen years or more!

Temple Isaiah made a donation to the SOVA Community Food and Resource Program in honor of our Social Action Seder and our congregants who participated! ■

MAY COLLECTIONS:



We will be collecting the following:

- Men's Clothing for PATH
- Tools for Schools for Jewish Family Service
- Toiletries for SOVA and Beyond Shelter



JEWISH WORLD WATCH Sign Up Today for the June 7 Walk for Darfur

The Third Annual Walk for Darfur will once again raise awareness and inspire activism on behalf of the 2.5 million Darfuri refugees. The walk will take place in the Valley and is expected to have 3,000 participants.

Let's walk the talk for justice and make the Temple Isaiah Team the biggest one out there! To sign up for our team, go to www.jewishworldwatch.org and click on "Walk for Darfur." There is no fee to sign up or to walk.

For more info contact Isaiah JWW Team Chair Susan Silver at ssilver@posorg.net or 310.282.8440.



**BUILDING POWER
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY
CELEBRATING PUBLIC LIFE**

CONGREGATION BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (CBCO)

CONTACT: HONEY KESSLER AMADO

What keeps you up at night? We want to know! This past year, conversations with Isaian turned up concerns about public education, especially our local neighborhood schools. We have started to collect information and set up meetings with local leaders and institutions to explore how change might be possible. Interested in Emerson Middle School? We are! For more information about our partnership with Emerson, please contact Rabbi Dara Frimmer at the Temple Office. ■



COMMUNITY FOOD AND RESOURCE PROGRAM

SOVA FOR SHAVUOT!

In honor of the holiday of Shavuot, we are running our third (and final) congregation-wide collection for the SOVA Community Food and Resource Program. Throughout the month of May, please bring in healthy, nutritious foods to donate to the SOVA food pantry. Most requested items: peanut

butter, canned fish or meat, dry cereal, and canned vegetables. Donation bins are located on the second floor, in the lobby stairwell. ■



MAY 2ND AND 3RD

The largest annual citywide community service event in America.

MIRACLES

Ellen Goldberg, *Religious School Principal*



Ellen Goldberg
Religious School Director

meaning of the ceremony itself. Here are some of their ideas:

Matt Leichenger:

From my experience, it is the preparation for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah that makes you a responsible adult. Many students fear standing in front of a crowd of people and thinking, "What if I mess up? What will everyone think of me?" But you will notice that, with daily practice, or even if it is less than that, when your practice is part of a weekly routine, you will learn to manage your time. Once you are on the Bima, doing everything that you have worked on, you will not even notice how quickly it goes by, because you are just doing what you have practiced for months, and in the case of some of the prayers, for several years. My advice is to take advantage of the time you are given to become a more responsible person. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience is based on all of the practice that leads up to your special day!

Sam Leichenger:

While your parents have a speech at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, so do you. Your speech is called a D'var Torah, and it allows you to share a deeper meaning of your Torah portion. Each story in the Torah has an underlying meaning, and it is up to you to determine how you will perceive this meaning. You will work on the D'var Torah with your tutor, but, in the end, it is like your own prescription for eyeglasses, through which only you can see. The D'var Torah is the picture you see in your head, that has a million different views from one person to another, but which you can speak about from your heart.

Austin Skootsky:

Practicing for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah is like practicing any other skill; it must be done consistently. When you begin working with your tutor, you will have about five months until the big event. As a result, you may feel like you have so much time that you don't need to practice very much. As a recent Bar Mitzvah, however, I can tell you that this is not a good

idea! If you really don't take your daily practice seriously, suddenly, when your Bar/Bat Mitzvah is looming just around the corner, you'll realize your grave mistake. Maybe you will diligently practice every week and never fall behind in your studies. That's excellent. But for everyone else, don't consider ignoring practicing!

Chandler Turk:

When you become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you become a more responsible person, and are treated more like an adult. When I was first assigned my Torah portion, I was told to go over it a couple of times before having my first meeting with a Rabbi. I, however, kept putting it off with lame excuses such as "I have too much homework" and "five more minutes watching TV." When the Rabbi asked me if I had read my Torah portion, I had to be honest, so I said "no." I felt pretty embarrassed, especially because we had to waste much of that meeting going over it, when there were so many other things we needed to discuss! When you first get assigned your portion, I recommend NOT doing what I did! Everything is okay now, and I have selected my 20 verses, but it was more stressful than it would have been if I had just stopped watching TV and read my portion!

Michael O'Krent:

In thinking creatively, I have discovered that the meaning of Bar/Bat Mitzvah can be expressed through various foods. For me, steak represents winter, since every winter my family eats at various steakhouses. A Bar/Bat Mitzvah can signal the end of the winter of childhood and ignorance. Any food that is tough and chewy but tastes good in the end, like gummy bears, is like a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. You have to work at it, for a long time, but in the end it "tastes" good. If we really use our imaginations, every food can remind us of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, in its own way.

Sammy Hopp:

My Mitzvah Project was volunteering at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. There I helped the education coordinator with different tasks involving the museum's educational program, such as putting packets together for a teachers' workshop, taking photos of museum objects for informational material to be used in the museum, and helping with the development and design of feedback postcards to distribute to students after their museum visit. I also read and reviewed two books from the museum library, and wrote reviews that are available for visitors to read. Helping out there meant a lot to me because my grandparents are Holocaust Survivors. They tell me stories about their horrible lives during the Holocaust and how they survived. I want to keep these memories alive for future generations, so I wanted to do whatever was necessary to keep the museum running. My time there meant a lot to me, and I hope to volunteer there again in the future. ■

MAY CALENDAR

Friday, May 1

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Religious School Community Shabbat Dinner, featuring grades K, I, and 2 leading the blessings.

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Yom Haatzmaut Shabbat, featuring Keshet, and grades K through 4 performing in song and dance

Sunday, May 3

Big Sunday — all families are expected to participate.

Tuesday, May 5

5:20 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. - Dan's grade 6 Hebrew class will lead a creative worship service for grades 4 through 6. All parents are invited.

Thursday, May 7 Regular session

Sunday, May 10

No classes; enjoy celebrating Mothers' Day

Tuesday, May 12

Julie Kohner's grade 7 class will have their class culmination, featuring an episode of "This is Your Life," about Julie's mother, a Holocaust survivor, to which her class' parents are invited.

Thursday, May 14 Regular session

Sunday, May 17

Closing Day for Sunday classes
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. All Members Picnic

Tuesday, May 19

Student Volunteer Awards assembly at
7:45 p.m. Closing Day for Tuesday classes

Thursday, May 21

Closing day for Thursday classes

Friday, May 22

6:15 p.m. - Grade 6 Syum as part of our Shabbat service. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of Torah trope (chanting) as taught by Cantor Kent and their teachers.

Preschool



*Tamar Andrews
Early Childhood
Program Director*

Just Say "NO!"

Parenting is not easy. The hardest thing to say to our children is often, "NO." Especially, if we were raised in less than fortunate means, we want to provide our children with more than we had. But look at us. We all turned out okay, or relatively okay. But consider this: your child will have an abundant amount of friends. However, your child will only be blessed with one set of parents, you! As such, it is incumbent upon you to act in a parental fashion so that you will be the strong foundation that your child relies upon for his/her entire lifetime. Even after we pass, our children will remember our words, our actions, and our values and internalize these as their own.

I come across parents every day that think the word NO is abhorrent. They feel that their three-year-old is intelligent enough to make decisions about food choices and about bedtime. I see four-year-olds still hitting their parents. And I see parents who never spend quality time as a couple because their children don't want to be left with grandma or a sitter for a few hours. One of my closest friends insists that she is parenting appropriately when she allows her son to have an ice cream cone for breakfast and chocolate for lunch. Another friend constantly interrupts our own conversations because she feels her five-year-old can't wait to be heard...every thirty seconds.

We are given the gift of children from God. I truly believe this. However, just as God gave us the Torah to help guide us and shape

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our behaviors, our values and our morals, so should we do with our children. It is our duty, our obligation, and our pleasure to help

forge our children into citizens of this earth and to exemplify lives that we ourselves have tried to live.

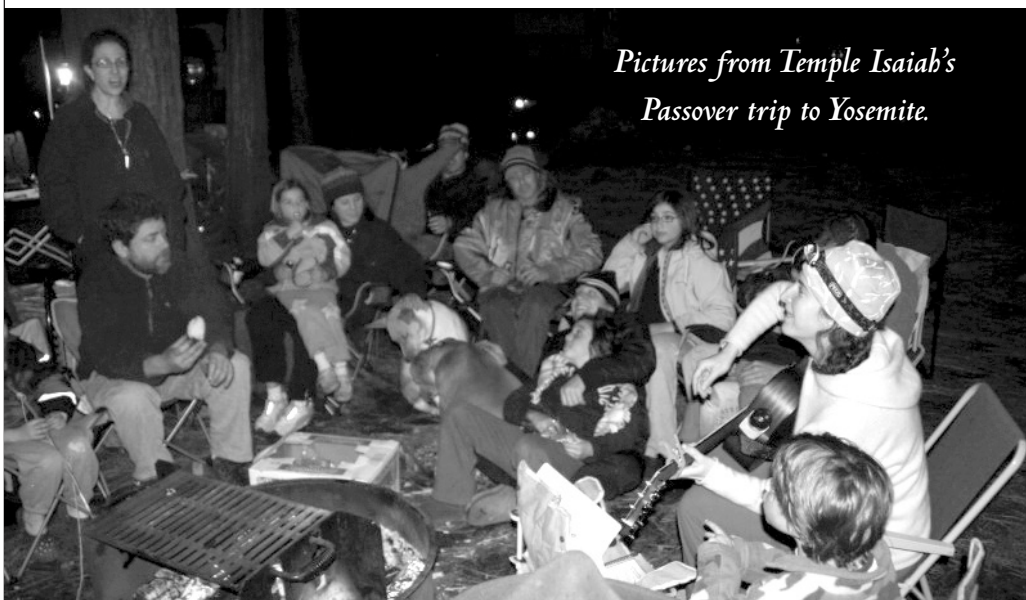
Sometimes it is okay to just say NO. It actually could mean that your child will have a lifetime of yeses. ■

Temple Isaiah's Tot Shabbat

2008-2009 Programs:

October 11	February 14
November 15	March 14
December 13	April 4
January 10	May 9
	June 6

(All programs begin at 9:30 a.m.)



Pictures from Temple Isaiah's Passover trip to Yosemite.

MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	3	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Big Sunday
Wednesday	6	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	CPR Class by Tamar
Friday	8	Close at 12:00 p.m.	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
Saturday	9	9:30 a.m.	Tot Shabbat - Havdallah; Hosted by TP T Th & GP
Saturday	9	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out
Wednesday	13	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	"Dining with Dad" for 3-4's
Thursday	14	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Children's Mattel Hospital Presentation for MM & CC
Saturday	16	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Mom's Day: Tea & Spa
Wednesday	20	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	"Dining with Dad" for 4-5's
Monday	25	Closed - No School	Memorial Day Holiday
Thursday	28	Close at 12:00 p.m.	Erev Shavuot
Friday	29	Closed - No School	Shavuot

Ellen G. Cole, Librarian

READERS ARE LEADERS ARE WINNERS!

Librarian Ellen Cole proudly announces the winners of the 2008-09 Levine Library Reading Contest. In four months, contestants read and reported on over 500 books, many for bonus points, in the **Election Connection Read**. This year's competition connected to the presidential election and historic inauguration. Cole presented the 17 winners who received their prizes at the Library Awards Assembly on Sunday, March 22.



The **Grades 2 to 3 Division** reads picture books. New reader **Gabriel Yudis**, grade two, is victor by a landslide: he sweeps first place with an all-time record-breaking contest total of 122 points. New reader, **Leila Barnes**, a second grader, captures second place with 76 points. Another newcomer, second grader, **Jordan Mamalakis**, nails third place with 60 points. **Anna Winikow**, grade three, wins fourth place in her first contest with 37 points. Returning winners and third graders, **Matthew Simon**, 29 points and

Sarabeth Tansey, 23 points, finish in fifth and sixth place respectively. Five readers achieve honorable mention: third graders **Jake Levey**, 21 points; **Joshua Israel**, 20 points; **Clara Pitt**, 15 points and second graders **Juliann Finkelstein** and **Allie Worchell**, 15 points each.

The **Grades 4 to 6 Division** reads chapter books. Last year's picture book division champion, **Roxy Barnes**, grade four, storms first place with her division record setting total of 107 points. Returning winner, **Molly Scott**, grade five, celebrates second place with 94 points. Returning winner **Sam Winikow**, grade six, captures third place with 45 points. In a down-to-the-wire race returning winners and fourth graders hold fourth and fifth place: **Sadie Scott** with 39 points and **Jessica Garfield** with 38. Returning winner **Libby Grinfeld**, grade five, 16 points, finishes sixth.

Library Hours:

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
 Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Winners of the 2009 Levine Library Reading Contest gain recognition at the Special Religious School Awards Assembly. From left to right they are:

FRONT ROW: Gabe Yudis, Leila Barnes, Allie Worchell, Juliann Finkelstein, Joshua Israel and Jordan Mamalakis. MIDDLE ROW: Anna Winikow, Jake Levey, Molly Scott, Sadie Scott, Jessica Garfield and Matthew Simon. BACK ROW: Roxy Barnes, Clara, Pitt, Librarian Ellen Cole, Sam Winikow and Libby Grinfeld. Missing: Sarabeth Tansey

At the March 22 assembly, clergy, fellow students, principals, teachers and parents applauded the winners. These 17 victorious readers received American-Jewish history books inscribed with their winning rank and contest theme prizes including inauguration T-shirts, patriotic games and keepsake historic newspaper front pages.

Librarian Cole thanks Barry Levine who graciously donated his professional time to photograph the award ceremony. She thanks the kind donors to the Hurewitz and Levine Library Funds whose support finances this popular program which promotes Jewish literacy. Cole congratulates the winners and encourages them to defend their titles next year. ■

PICTURES FROM OUR SOCIAL ACTION SEDER

A special thank you to Barbara and Dale Joyner for all your help.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Talmud says, "Welcoming guests is greater than receiving the face of the divine presence." We welcome those who have become part of our Temple family:

Helen & Andrew Palmer
Dr. Daina & Dr. Itai Danovitch

MAY MEMORIAL PLAQUES

May 1

Jack Bieber
 Robert Brown
 Frieda Bruck
 Leon Davidon
 Maurice Kopald
 Miriam Markman
 Thelma Neworth
 Louis Rokaw
 Jerry Sacks
 Samuel Schechter
 Joe Sherman
 Harry Shoor
 Charlene Weisbaum
 Joseph Weiss

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 Jean Piller
 Morris Max Roth
 Julia Waldner
 Ida Warmbrun

May 15

Maurice Herman Baumer
 Eleanor Bookman
 Harry Bookman
 Dorothy Didak
 Saul Gan
 Hyman A. Goldberg
 William Baruch Katz
 Fanny Levitz
 Anna Riave
 Miriam Rosenwasser
 Howard Ross
 Mildred Weger

Saralyn Schiff Blatt
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 Fred Pobris
 Fay Rapp
 Morris Rohrluck
 Cantor Livingston Smith
 Maurice S. Stern

May 29

Melvin Gross
 Harry Lawrence Indictor
 Jack Miller
 Henry Milner
 Naoum Norman
 Ceyle Osaw
 Flora Romain
 Harold H. Romain
 Molly Rosenbloom
 Elaine Saunders
 Rose Waldner Segal
 Evelyn Stevens

May 8

Sarah Golenternek
 Lt. B. Donald Guttenplan
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May 22

Mary Ascheim
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MILESTONES

Mazal Tov to Shideh and Pascal Javaheri on the birth of their daughter, Emma; Dvora and Marcus Englefield on the birth of their daughter, Eliza; Allison and Eric Samek on the birth of their son, Isaac. ■

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Stephen Margo on the loss of his father, Anthony; Gail Solo on the loss of her cousin, Patricia Codron; Brian Upton on the loss of his father, Howard; and Michelle Werier on the loss of her mother, Janet. ■

SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill, and we want to wish them well: Helene Korn, Isabel Sirof, and Jennifer Smith. ■

If there is a Life Cycle Event

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MAY 2009 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Religious School Dinner 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Shabbat Pre-Oneg 6:15 PM - 9:15 PM Yom Haatzmaut Shabbat Services followed by a bring-your-own dinner	2 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah of Jackson & Maxwell Martin 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Jankovic
3 Big Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Men's Cycling Chavurah 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Religious School 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM Teen Social Action Group- Big Sunday	4 Center for the Widowed	5 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Religious School 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation class 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Kehilla 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah	6 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Daughters of Torah~ Learning Circle 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tamar CPR course 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM LA City Attorney Candidate Forum	7 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Endowment Committee Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Personnel Committee meeting 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM Religious Ed Committee 7:45 PM - 9:45 PM Membership Meeting 7:45 PM - 9:15 PM PS Cabinet Meeting	8 PS Half day - Noon dismissal 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Teacher Appreciation Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Shabbat B'yachad 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Shabbat Pre-Oneg 6:15 PM - 9:15 PM Jazz Shabbat Services followed by a bring-your- own dinner 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Shabbat Programming 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Shabbat Schmooze	9 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Hearts and Minds: A Torah Roundtable 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bar Mitzvah of Nikoli Partiyeli 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Bar Mitzvah of Michael O'Krent 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM Parents' Night Out
10 Mother's Day No Religious School Class	11 Center for the Widowed	12 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM RS Worship Service & Rehearsal 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Religious School 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation class/ rehearsal 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah	13 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Daughters of Torah~ Learning Circle 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dining out with Dad	14 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Mettel hospital presentation 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ordination and Graduation Rehearsal 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Religious School	15 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Shabbat Pre-Oneg 6:15 PM - 9:15 PM Shabbat Services followed by a bring-your-own dinner 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Shabbat Programming 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah	16 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Shabbat B'Yachad- Havdallah and End of Year Celebration 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Short 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Bat Mitzvah of Julia Berg
17 NFTY Weekend Closing Day for RS Sunday Classes 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Religious School 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Picnic in the Park 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Mensch of the Month Assembly	18 Center for the Widowed	19 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM T.L.N.G Meeting 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6th grade Syum Rehearsal Closing Day for RS Tuesday Classes 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Religious School 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation class 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Kehilla 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Confirmation Rehearsal	20 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Daughters of Torah~ Learning Circle 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dining out with Dad	21 Closing Day for RS Thursday Classes 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Religious School 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Green Team Meeting	22 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Shabbat Pre-Oneg 6:15 PM - 6:45 PM 6th Grade Syuum (during Shabbat Service) 6:15 PM - 9:15 PM Shabbat Services followed by a bring-your-own dinner 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Shabbat Programming	23 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Garfield 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Bar Mitzvah of Adam Schwartz
24	25 Memorial Day Temple Office Closed	26 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Confirmation Rehearsal	27 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Daughters of Torah~ Learning Circle	28 Erev Shavuot 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM PS Half Day- 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Tikun Leyl Shavuot	29 PS Closed Shavuot 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Shavuot Revelation Hike 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Shabbat Pre-Oneg 6:15 PM - 9:15 PM Shabbat Services followed by a bring-your-own dinner 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Shabbat Programming 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Confirmation Service (During Services)	30 Isru Hag (Shavuot) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Fahn 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Wolfe
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SHABBAT SCHMOOZE with Rabbi Tali Hyman Friday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m.

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Please join us on Friday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m. following our Jazz Shabbat service. Rabbi Hyman will talk to us about the durability and fragility of our Jewish identities as we move into the 21st century. ■



SHABBAT SCHMOOZE with Gary Frohlich Friday, June 12 at 8:00 p.m.

“Our Heritage and Our Health: Genetic Disorders and Ashkenazi Jews”

Please join us on Friday, June 12 at 8:00 p.m. following our Jazz Shabbat service. Mr. Frohlich will help raise our awareness about Jewish Genetic disorders. ■

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CELEBRATION Friday, May 15, 6:15 p.m.

Mazel Tov to our Adult B'nai Mitzvah class! Please join us as we celebrate the Adult B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. It will take place on Friday, May 15 during Shabbat Services beginning at 6:15 p.m. We will celebrate the Adult B'nai Mitzvah of:

Carolynne Dyner	Tina Oberman
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Mazel Tov to the students and their families on completing this wonderful journey! ■

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT: JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SHAVUOT Thursday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our annual Shavuot Celebration on Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. We will begin with a celebratory dinner and participate in fun interactive learning. This year we will also be celebrating an Adult B'nai Mitzvah reunion. If you became an Adult B'nai Mitzvah at Temple Isaiah, let us know; we want you to join us for this special evening. ■