



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller



The month of November was filled with far too much darkness.

I am grateful that it is Hanukkah. The act of lighting candles, of increasing the light in the menorah from night to night, is the surest, most palpable ritual that reminds me that our world is a place of both dark and light, and that our work every moment of every day is to bring more light.

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The killing of people in prayer, the killing of young people dancing and socializing, the destruction of homes and lives and communities through fire, brought so much darkness into this past month. We all felt it, for we are understanding more deeply than in a long time, that what affects

one of us directly, affects all of us indirectly. The murder of eleven Jews in prayer diminishes non-Jews. The death of young adults at a bar, diminishes all adults, even if we don't drink or dance. The terror of wildfire devastates people who have never seen such destruction, just as hurricanes in the east affects those of us who live out of hurricane zones.

We have seen the darkness of hate. We have seen the evil of gun violence. But we also saw community, love and faith dispel darkness. We saw non-Jews flood to our temple to surround us with support and their shared sense of horror at the murder at Tree of Life synagogue. A non-Jewish woman named Ruth came to Shabbat morning services because she heard on NPR that people should go to synagogue to support the Jewish community, in the aftermath of the Pittsburgh shooting. She spent the entire morning with us because she wanted us to know that others care, and that respect and responsibility for each other still exists in this country. We heard ministers at multiple interfaith services lift up the language of comfort, of love, of partnership. They dispel the darkness.

Neshmat adam ner Adonai – the human soul is the light of God. When our souls are touched by the violence, and the loss and the destruction of recent weeks, we are reminded that it is up to us to perpetuate God's presence in the world. It is that simple. We can let our fears of anti-Semitism diminish our flames. We can let our anger at haters diminish our spirit. We can let people who hold different ideologies, opinions and beliefs

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TBT members provided Shabbat dinner for Temple Or Ami the week after the Woolsey Fire. Good mitzvah work, TBT family, who baked oneg for Or Ami and congregation Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks, and had enough left over to deliver sweets to fire houses in Ventura County.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT LEARNING

Taste of Judaism and Jewish Literacy

with Rabbi Michael Lotker

Tuesday, December 4, 11, 18 at 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

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with Student Rabbi Noah Diamondstein

December 9 at 9:30 a.m.

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Mindful Middot:

Path of Jewish Self-Growth

with Rabbi Lisa

Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m.

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PROGRAMS

Family to Family**

First Sunday of the Month at 6:30 a.m.

DOWNTOWN VENTURA

Food Share

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

River Haven Food Drop-Off

Monday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m.

TBT KITCHEN

Shabbat Hanukkah

Friday, December 7

Congregational Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Family Services 7:00 p.m.

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Shabbat Book Club & Potluck

Walking Lions

Saturday, December 15 at 12:30 p.m.

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Yule at the Shul

Chinese Lunch and a Movie

Fiddler on the Roof

Tuesday, December 25 at 12:30 p.m.

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Congregational Hanukkah Dinner

Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

It's one of our favorite nights—our Congregational Hanukkah dinner! Nothing says Hanukkah like latkes and brisket! So sign up now for dinner—we have been able to hold a great price for kids so that this is a delicious and affordable “traditional” meal! See the flyer and RSVP now.

Bring your family hanukkiyah for the 6th night of Hanukkah! We will light them at 6:00 p.m. followed by Hanukkah dinner. A sing-a-long with Rabbi Noah, a special 7:00 p.m. Hanukkah family service and lots of yummy Hanukkah treats makes this a great night to celebrate with your TBT family!

It's hard not to reflect back on last year's Hanukkah dinner. It was the week after the Thomas fire, and it was the night we brought our whole community back together, after suffering from fear, loss, evacuations, and seeing destruction in our neighborhoods. We were relieved to be with each other, affirming the traditions and rituals that keep us rooted through turbulent times. Hanukkah is always this for us, the celebration that reminds us of the vibrancy of our people through good times and bad. There is no place better to be on Friday, December 7 than at Temple!

Make your dinner reservations by Wednesday, December 5.

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calcify us into tribes who insulate ourselves from others. Or we can use the human life implanted within each of us – our light – to fight the darkness of ignorance and hate. It means facing the dark, not running from it. Speaking up and out.

In these weeks, I have seen more bridges built, more hands being held and more alliances being forged. I have had significant conversations with evangelical ministers and black pastors. I have stepped into more non-Jewish houses of worship than usual. I have been met with willing partners every step of the way – because we are only one of many communities who care about the intolerance, the angry rhetoric, the fomented fears that are destroying the decency of our community. We must face hate with love, we must face fear with partnership, and we must know that this is the work of being a Jew in the world, and in America right now. Our ancestors have lit hanukkiyot at this season for two thousand years, standing up to tyranny, to intolerance, to repression of Jewish life. And they have prevailed. All we need is the will and the courage to be reminded that the values and ideals we hold as American Jews are all worth speaking up for. May our resolve grow stronger each night of Hanukkah, and may our desire to bring more light into the world continue on through all seasons.

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, November 30

PARSHAT VAYISHEV

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

Friday, December 7

PARSHAT MIKETZ

Hanukkah for All Ages

6th Night of Hanukkah

6:00 p.m. Hanukkah Brisket & Latkes dinner

7:00 p.m. Torah School Erev Shabbat

Hanukkah Celebration

Including Hanukkah sing-along with Rabbi Noah

Saturday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

Friday, December 14

PARSHAT VAYIGASH

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Rabbis Lisa and Noah

Saturday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

12:30 p.m. Potluck Book discussion

Friday, December 21

PARSHAT VAYECHI

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

Friday, December 28

PARSHAT SHEMOT

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

*The TBT Office will be closed:
December 24, 2018 – January 2, 2019*



Please Join Us!

Hanukkah for All Ages Congregational Dinner

Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Hanukkah Brisket & Latkes dinner

7:00 p.m. Torah School Erev Shabbat

Hanukkah Celebration

Including Hanukkah sing-along with Rabbi Noah

*Please RSVP by calling the Temple office,
(805) 647-4181*

President's Message

Pam Small

No issue weighs more heavily on me than that of your security.

I am writing this in November with a sorrowful heart. The weeks since my last column have been filled with terrible events which profoundly affect our Jewish community. I was in Canada at the time of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting. Five minutes after I read the story, I had a call from Jackie Stone to tell me that the Ventura Police Department had started hourly checks on our temple. Congregant Ron Turner arrived at TBT at 9:00 a.m. and sat in the lobby watching the front door until 9:00 that night. We are a busy place, but that weekend was packed with activities. We had Shabbat services in the morning, a book group discussion in the afternoon, a special havdalah service in the early evening, and a Dodger fundraiser for the Torah School that night. The Fran Elson Film Festival event took place on Sunday and thankfully, as has become our custom, the Film Committee had reserved security for the afternoon.

On Friday, November 2, Temple Beth Torah hosted a remarkable interfaith service with 20 clergy members participating in a show of unity, love, and faith. We estimate that the crowd was close to 700 people with every chair we had in use, the sanctuary and choir loft packed, and people standing both upstairs and down. Rabbi Lisa has spent years cultivating these interfaith relationships and it was very moving to see so many different religious leaders and people of faith come together in a stand against hate and violence. The violation of a Jewish sanctuary is a violation of all religious sanctuaries. We live-streamed the event and also posted it to our Facebook page if you would like to see it.

As your president, there is no issue that weighs more heavily upon me than that of your security. We have had sterling leadership from past Boards and committees; people who recognized very early the need to keep Temple Beth Torah safe and secure. In 1999 they had video cameras and locking mechanisms installed. We tread on a path laid out by past leaders and your Board and committees continue work that was started years ago. We constantly upgrade our security with the advice and help of our local police and FBI. After the shooting at the bar in Thousand Oaks, we reexamined everything. VPD recommends active shooter drills and we will be

scheduling two and possibly three. I will send a letter to all of you when the drills are scheduled and I ask that everyone attend. Your involvement is key to our success.

The TBT staff has been on high alert during these difficult weeks. One morning Martha was called away from her desk to help the *Shofar* volunteers in the library and Danielle was in charge of buzzing people in. A police officer appeared at the front door and asked to be let in. Danielle checked the parking lot and asked, "Where is your squad car?"

The officer explained that he was a Commander and they drive unmarked cars. In the middle of this explanation, Martha came into the lobby, saw the officer, opened the door, and asked if she could help him. He started explaining that he was a real police officer, he just didn't drive a squad car. Martha let him in, but was somewhat embarrassed by Danielle's diligence. I came into the office later, heard the story, and was very pleased! "That could have been a test by the police department," I said, "or it could have been a stripper!"

You've got to keep a sense of humor.

B'Shalom,

Pam



Twenty clergy people stood together for "Love Over Hate," a community response to Pittsburg.

RABBI LISA'S HIGH HOLY DAY SERMONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D FROM PG. 1

MEETINGS

AA Meeting

Every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Brotherhood Meeting

Monday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

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Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

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House Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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Social Action Committee

Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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***offsite event*

TRANSPARENT TBT

1. The Board received an update on the purchase of lobby furniture.
2. The Design Review Committee is investigating unique ways to memorialize and recognize congregants in place of president photos and donor boards that were previously displayed in the lobby.

Happy Hanukkah

Shofar 

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Brotherhood

Ron Halpern



This year has gone by unusually fast. Our community and TBT have faced many problems and national tragedies—from people being killed by hate—to fires and prolonged drought here in Ventura County. With Hanukkah arriving this month, at the Brotherhood meeting we will light candles with hopes for a brighter year approaching.

Our Brotherhood continues to join together during our monthly meetings to share our thoughts, socialize, and break bread. We plan for our Sunday brunches, attend to the needs of Temple congregants and Children's World families, and respond to miscellaneous tasks that come up in our community. This is what the Brotherhood is about: helping where needed.

I am pleased to report we have added new members to the Brotherhood and they bring their own strengths from working for tzedaka in their former communities. In addition, we held a highly successful Brotherhood Brunch on October 14 that featured a creative showcase about Justice Louis D. Brandeis. The multimedia production, hosted by "The Brandeis Sisters on Radio Station WCOR," summarized the remarkable life and career of Justice Louis D. Brandeis. A big thank you to Ray and Diane Mautner and Connie Korenstein for providing us with a memorable

and entertaining historical production.

As a final word, I would like to thank all the Brotherhood members for helping me out by volunteering at events, working the parking lot at the high holidays, sharing valuable advice, and for just being mensches. I would particularly like to thank my Executive Board members for always stepping up to help manage the Brotherhood.

Please join us at our next Brotherhood Brunch next year on January 6, 2019. We will have as our guest speaker Artie Harris, a professional baseball scout and coach, covering all facets and levels of baseball. Stay tuned for more on that.

Happy Hanukkah!

Next Brotherhood Brunch: Sunday, January 6, 2019



Speaker: **Artie Harris**
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Film Festival News

By Jody Shapiro

The Committee would like to thank Fran Elson for her outstanding mixed media presentation of her remarkable project, "Broken," honoring her parents' experiences during The Holocaust. Coming, as it did, on the day following the tragic events on that terrible day in Pittsburgh, it was especially heartwarming to see such a large outpouring of support from the Ventura-area community.

If you have not made plans for December 25, please join us at Temple for a jolly afternoon beginning at 12:30, as we dine on Chinese cuisine (with both gluten-free and vegetarian options) and a sing-along screening of the classic *Fiddler on the Roof*. Get your reservations into TBT by December 21, so we know how much food to order.



Admission for the lunch and movie is \$25 per person and half-price for children 12 and under. Dessert will be served following the movie. Our own Robin Faigin will lead us as we sing along with the movie.

There are a couple of errors and a change in the Festival Flyer. First of all, the Sponsor's dinner, which is by invitation only, will definitely be held on Saturday, February 2. The film that evening, under the sponsorship of the Sehati Family and Jewelry Couture by Sehati, will not be *Infidel*. The film for that evening is still to be decided but we promise it will be good. If you wish to be a part of the delightful evening, a minimum donation of \$400 gives you dinner for two, plus two passes to all ten events and two extra tickets so you can invite friends. We will need your commitment by January 7, in order to get your names into the Festival Programs.

Please consult your Festival brochure for all dates. The Festival will begin with two free movies on Sunday, February 3, 2019, and conclude with the Brotherhood Brunch, movie and guest speaker on Sunday, March 17. And please let your friends who are not Temple members know about the Festival. We have so many good films and it is a mitzvah to let them in on it so they too can enjoy them.

See you at the movies!

Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

We're approaching the end of the year, but there's still time to learn something new and to think about educational opportunities for the new year! Bring along a friend or meet new friends in class. **Some of these programs require advanced registration—be sure to sign up.**

A Taste of Judaism and Jewish Literacy

Rabbi Mike Lotker

The 15 classes of Jewish Literacy touch on most of the areas of concern and interest to adults who wish to explore the holidays, sacred literature, history, spirituality, mysticism, and living a full Jewish life.

Tuition: There is no cost for Jewish Literacy classes for members of area synagogues. The suggested donation for non-members deciding to "drop-in" on classes is \$10 per session. If these fees are a barrier to anyone's participation, please speak with Rabbi Lotker; nobody will be turned away.

This program is made possible by Temple Beth Torah and the Jewish Federation of Ventura County.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sacred Time

- 12/4 The High Holy Days
- 12/11 Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot

Sacred Literature

- 12/18 Bible
- 1/15/19 The Mishna & Talmud
- 1/22 Midrash, Halacha, Jewish legal codes and issues
- 1/29 Jewish mysticism: Kabbalah & Zohar

#DoJewish@Home: Jewish Rituals, Practice, and Observances that Will Enrich Family Life, Deepen Family Jewish Connections, and Integrate Family Values Into Family Behaviors

Student Rabbi Noah Diamondstein

Sundays, December 9 and January 13, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

ESPECIALLY VALUABLE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES!

Every family that has a connection to Judaism, whether all, most, or some of the family members are Jews, has a set of values that guide family life. Sometimes those values are spoken and specific, sometimes they are implicit and very general, but values shape family life. Jewish values, as we will learn in Rabbi

Hochberg-Miller's course on *Middot*, are an amazing resource for imbuing a life with Judaism, and Judaism has an entire series of rituals and practices (some daily and some just once or twice a year) that can take those immaterial values and make them tangible!

In these sessions, we'll discuss major categories of Jewish ritual and practice, learn where they come from and how to perform them, and make Jewish actions feel doable, customizable, and ready to plug-and-play at home. You get out what you put in! If we take Jewish practice and action seriously, and ensure that they are grounded in *middot*, they will meaningfully enrich our lives every single day.

Mindful Middot: The Path of Jewish Self-Growth

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller

Sundays, December 16 and January 27, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Encountering a trait each month, we will read core Jewish texts that help us understand which of our personal traits need growth and/or repair, so that we can be the person we want to be! Using the techniques of Rabbi Israel Salanter, the 19th century rabbi who brought the practice of *mussar* (mindful self-discipline) into popularity, we will work on our own traits toward self-growth. The discipline of *mussar* invites us to journal, reflect, pray, and consciously work on qualities such as Equanimity (peace of mind), Anger, Holiness, Feeling Secure, and more.

Shabbat Book Discussion and Potluck

Saturday, December 15, 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Library

Come join us for a lively book discussion; please bring a non-meat item to share.

***Waking Lions: A Novel* by Aylet Gundar-Goshen**
Facilitated by Nan Waltman



Israeli author Gundar-Goshen brings us a suspenseful story dealing with some of the most difficult questions that a country and an individual can face. What do you do when you instinctively make a decision that is wrong and against your personal ethics? How do countries deal with the refugee crisis? How does a person view "the other"? What will a person do to protect his family? The protagonist is faced with overwhelming moral issues which are thoughtfully examined in this well-written story set in modern-day Israel.

Crafting Workshops

with Joy Goldowitz

Card Crafting

Monday, January 7, 2:00 p.m.

Have you ever admired cards made by hand or been the lucky recipient of a hand-made card? Why not make your own cards in this fun workshop! We'll learn several easy and creative ways to make each card special.

Creative Lettering

Saturday, January 12, 12:30 p.m.

You don't have to have nice handwriting to do beautiful lettering! Come have fun while



learning easy and artful ways to create beautiful letters. Use your newfound skills to address envelopes, copy

a quote, or write a lovely sentiment.

Beaded Bracelets

Monday, January 14, 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Let's make beaded bracelets together! Learn to make a sliding knot (size adjuster) style and beading with elastic. It's fun and easy with loads of ways to be creative!

There will be a materials fee of \$5 per class. Enroll by 1/2; email Deborah Pollack.

Sculpting

with Susan Kaufman

Thursdays, January 31 and February 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

A class designed to teach parents and grandparents how to go about creating a small sculpture start to finish. Once you've learned, you can do this with the kids; they will love it!

Susan, a professional and award-winning sculptor, will teach the basics of how to create a figure using armature wire or wire mesh and non-drying Sculpey clay. Different from water-based clay, Sculpey sculptures are not baked in a kiln but rather in a toaster oven, which we're all more likely to own. You can experiment with small animals or Valentine hearts; the possibilities are up to your imagination. Make great gifts!

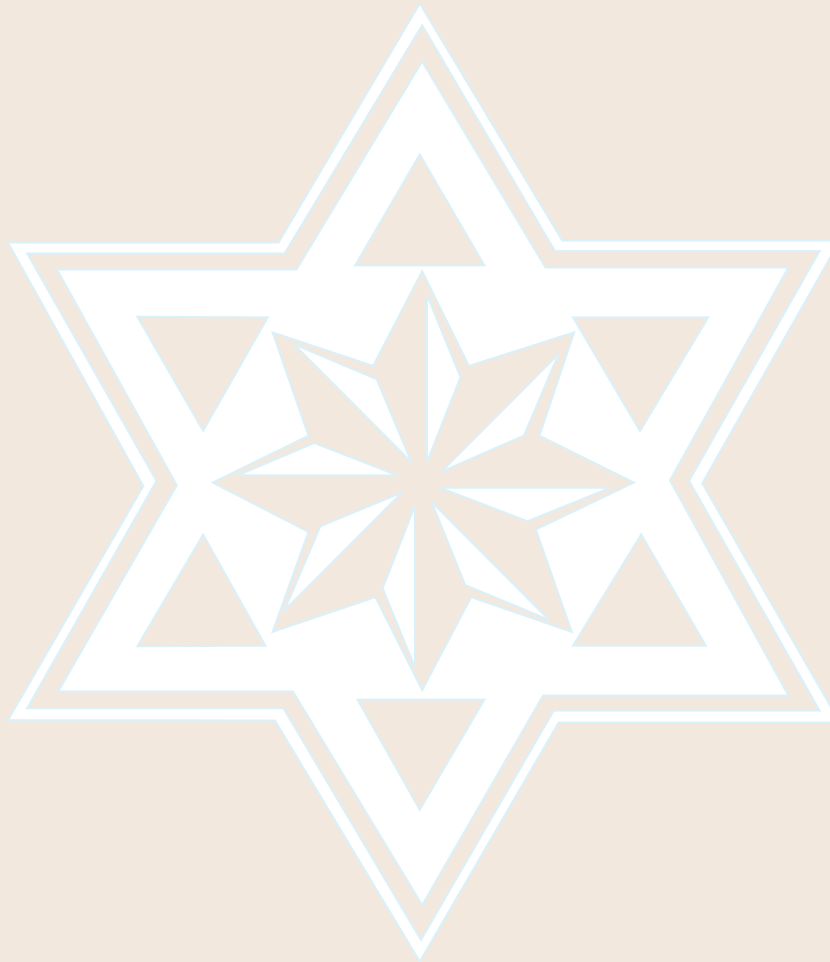
There will be a materials fee of \$9. Enroll by 1/25; email Deborah Pollack. Class size is limited to 12.

Thank You to Our High Holy Day Appeal Donors

The Temple Beth Torah Board of Directors wishes to thank all those who donated so generously to the High Holy Day Campaign. Some of our members gave anonymously and are therefore not listed. Your contributions, as always, are appreciated.



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*As part of this listing of our High Holy Day Appeal donors, we have made every effort to properly record each pledge.
If we have missed or erred in recording your pledge, please accept our apologies and notify us so we may correct it in the future.*

Children's World & TBT Preschools

Marion Levin-Welch



The children will practice how to be a "mensch" so they build themselves into good people.

In the TBT preschool, Hanukkah songs, stories, dreidel making, and cooking will be on the agenda for the first half of December. The merriment will continue with parents and family being invited to a special Hanukkah event Monday, December 3. Centers will be set up for kids to celebrate the season, a special take and make a memory craft will be followed by a sing along for all. **Even if you do not have a child or grandchild in the class, please join us anyway for this celebration at 9:15 a.m. in Meister Hall. Call us at 805-647-3798 to let us know how many will be attending.**

In addition to the children celebrating this special holiday, they will continue learning the blessings for various mitzvot demonstrating their thankfulness to G-d. They will continue their studies in order to prepare for successful futures. They will also practice how to be a "mensch" so they build themselves into good people.

I would like to say thank you to the parents of the preschools for volunteering at the Harvest

Festival, bake sales, gardening days, providing our teachers with goodies, and joining us whenever they can.

Both of our schools benefit so much from working together allowing us to enjoy programming for children and families and provides time for teachers to work as a team to accomplish our goals. Our first goal is to make the children's experiences here rewarding and educational thereby empowering them to stand on their own, sound and secure.

You, the parents, are an important element of our schools. We will journey together through this school year working to enhance our Jewish life and knowledge. Our desire is to make this journey an exciting and rewarding one. The holiday season can add stress to our lives. All of us might find it beneficial to take a deep breath and thank G-d.

As we close the traditional year, we at the preschool wish each of you a very happy holiday season and pray you enjoy all of life's blessings.

B'Shalom,

Marion Levin-Welch M.A.
ECE Director

Torah School Calendar

Torah School Dates:

Wednesdays: December 5, 12, 19

Sundays: December 2, 9, 16

No Torah School Dates:

Wednesday: December 26

Sundays: December 23, 30

Mishpacha Dates:

Sundays: December 2, 16

Women of TBT

On October 21 we welcomed Women of TBT (a new sisterhood) to our temple family at a "baby shower" held in the social hall. We were thrilled to see over 50 temple women, including 4 members of the Board of Directors and Rabbi Lisa. The warmth and enthusiasm was overwhelming, as was the generous donations of diapers, wipes, and children's books. The items were gratefully accepted by the Lighthouse for Women and Children, a shelter for homeless women and children in Oxnard. The Lighthouse provides 112 beds offering shelter, intervention, substance abuse recovery, case management, education, life skills development, vocational training, employment, transitional housing and serves as an overflow domestic violence shelter when the two others in the County are full.

Many ideas emerged for programs and events, but others are welcome too. We encourage you to join and/or take the lead for one or more of the teams below.

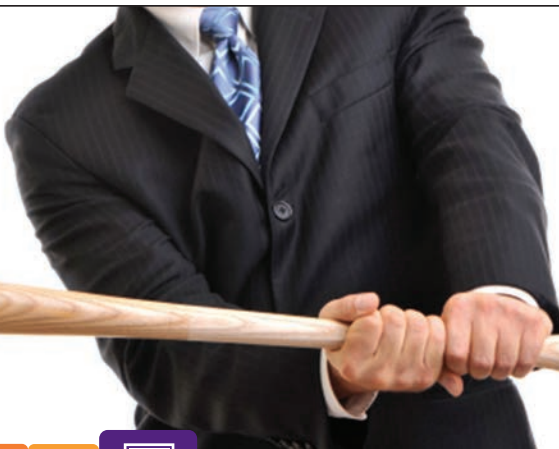
- Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup (12/5/18) for Torah School
- Shiva Sisters
- Women's Seder (April 10, 2019)
- New Member Welcome Event
- Film Sponsors Dinner
- Hanukkah Boutique (2019)
- Onegs & Kiddushes
- Speaker Events
- Board Game Night
- Chick Flick & Dessert
- Mahjong
- Craft/Knitting/Needlepoint Groups
- Bridge
- Sister's Choice (something not listed that you want to do)

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and welcome your involvement, ideas and leadership.

Warmest regards,

Ann Kerman, Candace Rosenbloom-Prober, Kathy Randall, Leslie Druss, Lydia Kaplan, Reta Singer, Rochelle Oslick, Sarah Gordon

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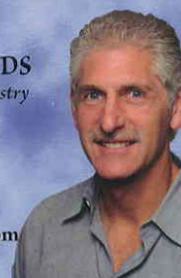
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January 7, 12, 14

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January 15, 22, 29

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January 20

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January 21

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January 27

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January 27

Mindful Middot

January 31

Sculpting Class

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