



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller



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Amy Spitalnick and Roberta Kaplan are two young, passionate Jewish lawyers, and they may be amongst the bravest people I have ever met. These are the lawyers who are suing two dozen neo-Nazis for their role in inciting violence at the white nationalist rally in Charlottesville in August 2017. I heard Amy and Roberta speak recently at a rabbinic conference I attended in Cincinnati. I was reminded that we are not powerless in the face of evil, anti-Semitism, hatred and ultra-nationalism, but we must be brave, smart and committed. And that is a message I wanted to share with you.

Robbie, a civil rights lawyer, and Amy, executive director of Integrity First for America, are determined to ensure that the white supremacist who drove his car into a crowd and plowed down Heather Heyer is not the only one prosecuted for the extreme hatred and racism on display that awful weekend in Charlottesville, when neo-Nazis marched through the town square with torches, intimidating townsfolk while yelling anti-Semitic chants. Using the KKK Act of 1871 which says it is unlawful to engage in conspiracy based on racial animus, (passed by a Reconstructionist-era Congress to protect African-Americans in the wake of the Civil War,) Robbie Kaplan is using the internet postings of multiple hate groups on the dark web to expose a conspiracy to commit violence. Her suit targets Richard Spencer and Andrew Anglin, two white supremacist leaders, with the intent to financially ruin their organizations,

and to convict them for their incitement of violence. Roberta and Amy have found ten plaintiffs, including students, ministers and residents who were threatened by those at the rally. None of the plaintiffs are Jewish. But all are extraordinarily brave, to stand up against people whose hallmark is inciting others to social media defamation, physical violence and verbal accost. Each of these plaintiffs will have to forego participating in an existing legal suit against the University of Virginia for damages, a suit that will likely result in real financial damages being awarded, whereas the Integrity First suit will probably reap no financial reward, but will target the true offenders.

This is an important case to watch. The reality is that hatred is still alive and well in Charlottesville- as it is in most communities, including our own. Charlottesville schools continue to receive threats. The extremist right uses the internet to continue to recruit disaffected young white men, and to feed racial hatred and violence. After watching the video of a compatriot in New Zealand gun down Muslims in prayer in two mosques, Andrew Anglin commented that this brought him more joy than he'd had since he was a kid. There is no redemption for people filled with such sick hate- we can only seek to deny them the freedoms that society accords to responsible, socially appropriate adults.

The other reality is that funding this suit is a big challenge. Imagine the expense of a case

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT AND FAMILY LEARNING

Mindful Middot: Path of Jewish Self-Growth

with Rabbi Lisa
Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Family Hike to Harmon Canyon

Sunday, May 5, 12:15 p.m.
Guided tour through new Ventura hiking land across from Temple!

Women during the Holocaust

Annette Halpern
Tuesday, May 7 and 14 at 2:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Prayerbook Hebrew

Kathy Fink
Tuesday, May 7, 14, 20 & 28 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Family Stories and Histories

Pam Small
Saturday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

#DoJewish@Home:

Rabbi Noah Diamondstein
Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH LIBRARY

Short Stories-Deborah Pollack

Tuesday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

HAPPENINGS

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

Women of TBT

Crafting and Kibbitzing
First Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH LOBBY

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against two dozen defendants who represent organizations that seek to move their followers to violent action. That cost includes the need for secure vans, protective vests, security going to and from court, and round the clock security for the plaintiffs and their families. Collecting forensic evidence from the cell phones of the 24 defendants is \$500 per phone. The defendants have hired a lawyer who is a Holocaust denier, and their expenses are being financed by bit-coins. Can we help them? Yes; visit their website at Integrity First for America to read more or donate at P.O. Box 1831, New York, NO 10016. We can also help by letting Amy and Robbie inspire us, that perverse hatred will not prevail if we do not let ourselves be afraid, and if we counter hate by building deeper relationships of community.

So, let me share with you the deeper connections of community I am seeing, in this past year, in the wake of Pittsburgh and New Zealand. TBT hosted an active-shooter training for Ventura churches recently, with a specialist from the Ventura Police Department. Ten churches sent clergy or lay leaders to this program, which Pam Small hosted on our behalf. In the wake of the New Zealand shooting, I wrote letters from our interfaith community to local mosques that were signed by well over a dozen clergy of all faiths. The level of social action connection between members of the interfaith community is spreading, beyond our decades-old cooperation on issues of

homelessness. The Latter-Day Saints invited us to help compile care packages for menstruant age girls in Africa. The Church of Religious Science brought to us important information about the 2020 census and how we can help get non-computer-savvy residents signed up. The members of the River Community Church texted us at a delicate moment to ask us to keep a critically ill infant in our prayers. The letters of support from area churches were all responded to with our thanks. I recently gave a dozen local clergy copies of *Semitism*, Jonathan Weisman's book about the rise of anti-Semitism and what is leading to this growth in racism. These are small but I believe important steps, in stating that people of good faith can tolerate, accept, and appreciate our differences and that we strive for an open, compassionate society, where people respond to each other from kindness, not from fear.

Take a look at the people you interact with. How can you strive to bring more kindness into the world, and diminish the fear? This is the work of tikkun olam ahead for all of us- and as Ronnie and Amy reminded me so powerfully when they spoke about their case against the Nazis, we are all plaintiffs in the case against violence, intolerance and racism.

Camp Haverim is Coming

I am very excited to be directing Camp Haverim for the sixth year in a row. Last summer was wonderful, and now I am looking forward to creating more memorable experiences this year.

Our camp will offer traditional camp activities, such as arts and crafts, games, sports and water play. We will also offer Jewish cultural and religious activities, Shabbat services on Fridays, and teaching Hebrew blessings.

Camp Haverim will be offered for 6 weeks starting June 17th thru July 26th. Each week will have a different theme, such as Spanish, Art, Gymnastics, Soccer, Drumming, and Lego Creations.

Camp is for children ages 3-9 years old, and we also offer a Parent & Me class for children 20 months-30 months on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Camp will offer a variety of activities that will be appropriate for each child's developmental level.

For more information about Camp Haverim, please stop by the preschool office to pick up a brochure, or call 805-647-3798.

I hope to see you all this summer!

Shalom,
Marlena Gomez
Director, Camp Haverim

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, May 3 Parshat Acharei Mot

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:30 p.m. Congregational Dinner—sign up through Torah School
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Family Service, using Mishkan T'filah for Youth

Saturday, May 4

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Noah
11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah study
Bank Family Library

Friday, May 10- Parshat Kedoshim

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
Honoring Lynn Geller, coordinator of our Tutoring Center,
And all our volunteer tutors
Followed by a special oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah study
Bank Family Library

Friday, May 17 – Parshat Emor

Two options for worship this evening!
Temple Beth Torah:
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service—led by Rabbi Noah
Ner Ami:
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shira community service—a musical Shabbat featuring a combined TBT/Ner Ami choir, presenting Jewish choral compositions. Service led by Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller, at Ner Ami

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service led by Rabbi Noah
11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah study—
Bank Family Library

Friday, May 24- Parshat Behar

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
Followed by oneg

Saturday, May 25

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah study
Bank Family Library



Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:30 p.m. Congregational Dinner—sign up through Torah School
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Family Service, using Mishkan T'filah for Youth

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

President's Message

Pam Small



I do my best to attend the services of our congregants; I know so many of you and also it is often meaningful to family and friends to have the president of the synagogue paying respects.

A friend of mine is in her eighties and every now and then she will have a series of funerals to attend, as if death comes and seizes her relatives, friends, and acquaintances in groups. I seem to have reached that time in my life because I have been attending many more funerals than usual for the last few weeks. I do my best to attend the services of our congregants; I know so many of you and also it is often meaningful to family and friends to have the president of the synagogue paying respects. I am representing all of you at such times and I attend both as myself, but also as a symbol, which can be a very odd feeling.

Judy Simon died in March and as a Holocaust survivor, her funeral was especially significant. Her daughter was grateful that Judy was able to die peacefully and without fear at a very great age. She survived Auschwitz, yet was able to live a normal life,

to marry, to have children and grandchildren, to be loved and appreciated. Her nephew told a haunting story about his father, Judy's brother. He came to America before the war and sponsored his sister and her new husband after the war. Sadly, he was unable to spend time with Judy because she looked so much like their mother. Their parents perished in Auschwitz and he had terrible survivor's guilt. This family story is wrenching; tragedy can ripple through generations in ways we can't imagine.

I attended two different services of people who were married for decades. The spouses left behind were bewildered and beyond grieving, but surrounded and supported by family and longtime friends. Sam and I were in Michigan recently to attend the viewing and burial of a dear friend. He was not a religious man and he didn't want a fuss made over him, but it

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Brotherhood

Ron Halpern



As the Al Jolson song goes, "Those April showers may come in May." Likewise, the Brotherhood provided showers of worthwhile activities in April that will continue to rain upon us in May.

In April we had our yearly Brotherhood Shabbat service and a Brotherhood brunch, back to back, on the same weekend. I want to thank Harvey Harris for orchestrating the Shabbat service. Each of the Brotherhood members either read directly from the Torah (yeshar koah Jim Heller, Payam Minoofar, and Amnon Zaks) or from the prayer book, and Harvey was responsible for the planning and assigning of the parts. He also wrote and delivered an outstanding "drash." I would like to thank all of the men who participated in the service and arranged for the community lunch which followed afterwards. They did a great job. In addition, a big shout out to Robin Fagan who led us in song.

The April 14 Brotherhood brunch, featuring Derek Poultney, Director of the Ventura Land

Trust, was well attended. It was exciting to learn about the soon-to-be public recreation area in Harmon Canyon above Foothill. The Brotherhood fully supports this project and made a donation.

I am pleased to announce our next guest speaker for our May 19 Brotherhood brunch: Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub. Sheriff Ayub took over the job late last year when the fires started in Malibu/Calabasas and the tragic shooting massacre occurred in Thousand Oaks. It should be an interesting presentation, and a question/answer session will follow. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Final note: Jewish Trivia Contest. Honor Code here, no googling the answer. Which two of the Three Stooges were brothers? The first to send the correct answer to rhalpern8@gmail.com will receive a free Brotherhood Brunch.

Shalom to all,
Ron Halpern

Women of TBT

Mahjong
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Friday, May 3

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

River Haven Food Drop Off

Monday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m.
TBT KITCHEN

Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Women of TBT

Chicks and Flicks
Saturday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Havdalah Celebration

Saturday, May 18
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Art Activity
7:00 p.m. Havdalah Service
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Brotherhood Brunch

Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Mini VCTRY

Sunday, May 19 12:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Torah School Yard Sale

Back Lot of Temple Beth Torah
Sunday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Jr. VCTRY

Saturday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA Meeting

Every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Ritual Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Brotherhood Meeting

Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Board of Director's Meeting

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

House Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

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was challenging to come up with the best way to say goodbye to someone we loved and will miss.

I am deeply appreciative of our rituals for death. The simple wooden casket takes away the many choices of exotic woods, brass handles, and expensive linings; decisions that could be overwhelming when made while grieving. The body is not altered with embalming chemicals, the face does not wear makeup, the coffin lid is closed. We are able to remember the beloved as they were, as we knew them, as we loved them. Once a year we stand for them, we say their names, we light candles, and we remember.

B'Shalom,
Pam

TRANSPARENT TBT

1. The Purim Carnival was very successful and one of the most profitable for Torah School in many years!
2. Children's World is almost full for next year.
3. Sloane Burt, Alan Paskin, and Deni Jones have agreed to continue their board service. Alane Samuels' position is open.

Join us for Two Special Services in May

We are both singing and singing praises at two special Erev Shabbat services in May!

May 10— Honoring Lynn Geller and our Project Understanding Tutoring volunteers

Seven years ago, Lynn Geller agreed to take on coordinating a Tutoring Center, so that TBT could be one of 11 communal sites for VUSD students to come to and find friendly, helpful tutors who could help them learn and succeed in their school work. Lynn invested heart and soul in interviewing good tutors, training, interviewing families, matching tutors and schedules with eager families. Within a very short time our outpost of this Project Understanding program grew to helping 50 children per week, with tutoring appointments Monday through Thursday afternoons! TBT members, and others in the community, responded to the call and the result has been a well-coordinated program that has flourished, thanks to the countless hours that Lynn has invested in the program. At the conclusion of this school year, Lynn steps down as coordinator, and the capable hands of Mary Braitman and Martha Jaffe will take over. Many volunteers make this program thrive, from those who are the day coordinators, to the volunteers who are in the classrooms with the students. We invite all of our congregants who have been or are currently involved with the tutoring center to join us as we celebrate the success, and we invite the entire community to come relish the accomplishments of this amazing undertaking of our Social Action Committee.

May 17—Community Shabbat in Song at Ner Ami- combining TBT and Ner Ami for worship

We love when we get to bring the wider Jewish community together for an event- as we do for Simchat Torah, Yom HaShoah, and Shavuot or community speakers. So, we invite you to join us for a special TBT Shabbat- held at Ner Ami! On Friday, May 17, our communities come together, inspired by Jewish music- hence the name, "Shabbat Shira"! The service features a choir with members from both TBT and Ner Ami, singing classical Jewish choral music, and a number of pieces arranged by Ner Ami's own Daniel Lessler. The service begins at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Ner Ami, 515 Temple Ave. in Camarillo. Easy to get to, the congregation shares a church building, at the corner of Temple Ave. and Lewis Road. For those coming from southbound 101, use exit 53B to Lewis Road, and head north (toward the mountains, not ocean.) While we invite everyone to join us at Ner Ami, we recognize that some may not be able to attend. Rabbi Noah will lead an evening service at TBT at 7:30 p.m. There is no need to RSVP for the evening, but we encourage you to do so with the Temple, perhaps for the opportunity to be environmentally conscious and carpool.



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Torah School Calendar

Torah School Dates:

Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Sunday, May 5, 19

No Torah School Dates:

Sunday, May 12, 26

Mishpacha Dates:

Sunday, May 5, 19

Tot Shabbat
Friday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

May is a great month to cultivate flowers, produce, and intellectual growth! Bring your friends and meet new ones at the most appetizing of the following upcoming events:

MINDFUL MIDDOT: THE PATH OF JEWISH SELF-GROWTH

Rabbi Lisa

Sunday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

WOMEN DURING THE HOLOCAUST

Annette Halpern

Tuesday afternoons, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

May 7 & 14

“The historian of the future who will write about the events of our days will have to devote a special page to the Jewish woman and her place in this war. The Jewish woman has assumed a special chapter in Jewish history. In the abyss of darkness she was a pillar of strength and courage.” Emanuel Ringelbaum, historian and head of Oneg Shabbos, the secret archives and chronical of the Warsaw Ghetto

Join Annette, a Holocaust Education specialist, for an exploration and discussion of complex and varied responses of Jewish women to the Holocaust.

Enroll by 5/3; email Deborah Pollack at rp5dp@sbcglobal.net

#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

LAST CLASS!! May 19, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

FAMILY STORIES AND HISTORIES

Pam Small

Saturday afternoon, May 11, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

Are family members downsizing and giving you old papers and photos? Do you need some direction on organization, storage, and donating? Are there clues to interesting facts you may be missing? Pam Small has been the recipient of many boxes of photos and documents, much to the dismay of her husband, Sam, who wishes she would inherit money instead. Through a lively Power Point presentation, she will show you her journey through their family history, the scandalous tidbits she uncovered, the software she uses, and the storage methods she recommends.

SHORT STORY DISCUSSION

Deborah Pollack

May 28, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Join us as we engage in close reading and discussion of superb short stories by writers from diverse backgrounds. Contact Deborah at rp5dp@sbcglobal.net for the title of our next story.

SHABBAT BOOK DISCUSSION AND POTLUCK

June 15, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

Come join us for a lively book discussions; there is no cost and all are welcome. Please bring a non-meat item to share.

The Patriots: A Novel by Sana Krasikov

Facilitated by Annette Halpern

This gripping novel explores the life of a woman who leaves Brooklyn in the 1930s to help build the worker's paradise of the Soviet Union, only to find herself trapped in Stalin's horrifying world. Through the history of one family moving back and forth between continents over three generations, The Patriots reveals the untold story of Americans abandoned by their country and the secret history of two rival nations colluding under the cover of enmity. It is both a grand, old-fashioned epic and a contemporary novel of ideas that explores the power of love, the rewards and risks of friendship, and the secrets parents and children keep from one another.

A Note of Thanks From The Jewish Film Festival

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our most successful Festival ever. It has been the goal of the Film Festival since its inception to screen a variety of excellent and entertaining films not generally available in commercial venues to our Ventura community.

All of you who attended the films, bringing friends and family, participating in thoughtful discussions and probing questions, added so much to the experience.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our underwriting sponsors, many of whom have contributed \$1000 apiece and more, to help us cover the costs of renting the films and the Regency Theater. Many of our sponsors have stepped forward every single year, since the Festival's inception sixteen years ago, to make this local cultural treasure happen.

In October, to kickoff this year's Festival, Fran Elson brought us her touching art glass exposition, Broken, telling the story of her parents' experiences during the holocaust and their emigration to Canada. In addition to the art work, she recounted her own story and showed a wonderful interview of her mother on film as part of the Spielberg Shoah Project. Her Rosh Chodesh group members each made a generous contribution, allowing the committee to provide a bountiful wine and cheese reception. This outstanding event drew a huge turnout, including many attendees from the greater Ventura community, giving us the opportunity to promote the upcoming festival to a wider audience.

For extra fun, this year's free film, Monkey Business, sponsored annually by Mimi Diller in memory of her husband, Ray Diller, was topped off by banana splits.

And hats off to our speakers! Attorney Randy Shoenberg and Judge Art Gilbert made the movie, Woman in Gold, come alive by recounting their work in the successful argument before the Supreme Court. And following another terrific Brotherhood Brunch, Rick Clemens led a spirited discussion about autism spectrum disorder, issues raised in the film, Keep the Change.

I can't say enough to thank the Film Committee. Your indefatigable work throughout the year in vetting films and handling countless tasks of coordination make the festival seem to run so smoothly. (We know how much sweat it takes to seem effortless.)

This year we reached out to the newly reorganized Women of TBT for help in preparing and serving the Sponsors' Dinner. Nancy Marcus took up the challenge and organized a small crew including family members who not only made the most delicious sponsors dinner ever, but served it with elegance. What you may not know is they also contributed all the food and wine which helped our balance sheet greatly.

Thanks to Pam Small and the TBT Board for your ongoing support and assistance with questions about security and logistics. Thank you, Rabbi Lisa, for your support and key blessings at just the right times.

Thanks also to Robin Fagin, song leader for the Fiddler on the Roof sing along. Best Yule at the Shul ever!

Next year—see you at the movies!

Gary Feldman, Chair

Education & Family Programs

Marisa Schrier



Having our community passionate and inspired about Torah School is essential for success.

April's First Family Friday Shabbat was amazing! Families came to mix in and braid hallah for our Shabbat program. People had so much fun picking from numerous mix-in options. Sweet mix-ins included; sprinkles, chocolate chips, mini m&m's, butterscotch chips (Rabbi Lisa's favorite) and cranberries. Savory mix-ins were: poppy, rosemary, oregano and thyme. The families that participated had a great time. We are truly creating a space for sacred community to grow.

Torah School participated in a Whole School Passover Program. Students rotated into numerous stations delving in to specific parts of the Seder Service. They built pyramids, made charoset, created an oversized seder plate and searched for the afikomen. It was a fun-filled day full of learning and working together. Thank you to the teachers for their support in making this program so memorable.

The greatest achievement this last month was our 1st experience with a Passover Escape Room! Students were thrilled to be "locked" into a room with the objective of escaping Egypt after solving numerous clues. The Escape Room involved; 4

different types of locks, a suitcase, balloons symbolizing plagues and challenging clues related to Passover. I enjoyed watching the students work together and escaping.

The TS Committee is busy working on policies, procedures and curriculum for the quickly approaching 2019-2020 school year. I would love your input. Please come to me with all of your suggestions and feedback. Having our community passionate and inspired about Torah School is essential for success. Interested in getting more involved in Torah School? Your support and time would be greatly appreciated.

May brings us two meaningful and sacred days, Yom Ha Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom Ha atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). After spending time honoring the memories of the 6 million that perished, we get to celebrate the extraordinary moment when Israel became the Jewish Homeland, in May 1948. Students 3rd Grade and up will participate in a Yom Ha Shoah Program. The following week, we will come together as a whole school to celebrate Israel and her independence.

Summer will be here before we know it. Have you thought about JCA Shalom as a camp option?

TBT has always been a huge supporter of JCA Shalom, but even more so since they lost their camp site in the Woolsey Fire. The support of our B'nai Mitzvah families and our Torah School families at the April 27 Fundraiser for Camp JCA was proof of that. Visit their website at: www.jca-shalom.com. If camp is something you are considering, please visit: www.onehappycamper.org for information regarding scholarships and grants. Camp is a powerful dynamic. Giving your child the gift of camp will continue to impact their Jewish experience for the rest of their lives.

Looking forward to learning with you soon!

L'shalom,
Marisa



In Our Congregants' Lives:

Mazel Tov:

Jay and Sally Kosoff on daughter Sara's graduation with dual degrees and her teaching credential.

Seth and Lisa Hochberg-Miller on daughter Elisheva's graduation from CSUN with her M.A. in Early Childhood Education.

HaMakom yinechem etchem/heartfelt condolences to:

Bruce and Kim Globerman, Randy and Esther Globerman, on the death of their father Steven Globerman.

The family of Judy Simon, 95-year-old survivor of Auschwitz;

Rosalind Thomas on the death of her beloved husband Robert Thomas.

Weitz Chatenever on the death of her sister Joan Kubik

Refuah Shlayma/for continued healing:

Mike Moss, Juanita Seavey, Judy Meisels, Ava Small, Bob Binstein

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Children's World & TBT Preschools

Marion Levin-Welch



Every day should be Earth Day everywhere. Tikkun Olam is our objective at TBT, and teaching the children the beauty of what Adonai has given us is our goal.

Preschool: defined as a place to have fun, get dirty, make new friends, understand science, do the math, learn to write and move to the next step as defined by Vigotsky.

We have, in the past month, celebrated Passover with our families and have done so many other creative events. One of these is Earth Day. We had not one day but five days in which to celebrate Earth Day. We had activities and crafts such as making bug boxes, getting certified that we nurture the earth, crafting games out of rocks, planted, veggies for Food Share, painting with natural juices from plants and so much more. How can you just do one day? Every day should be Earth Day everywhere. Tikkun Olam is our objective at TBT, and teaching the children the beauty of what Adonai has given us is our goal.

At the time you read this article we will have had our open house with a terrific book fair (Usbourne Books), an ice cream social, an art show (memorable works by the students), and a silent auction with baskets themed science, at the beach, cooking, chocolate making, Disney play, Star Wars and so much more. The parents who partner with us give so much to the teachers and the school. They spend time at our Jog a thon, winter fests, Circus Carnival days, and contribute snacks, items for the classroom, gift baskets, chaperone field trips and so much more. To you a great big

thank you from the staff and me.

We are winding down the school year as it comes to an end with 100% full at the preschools for the school year 2019- 2020. We are proud of the work that each teacher has done and continues to do in keeping with the criteria of what a good school should be.

In addition to a blossoming school, we want to share with you that CAMP HAVERIM will begin June 17th. Don't wait to sign up. Programs offered for six weeks start with Lego building, Soccer, Spanish, Tikkun Olam, Science and Creative Art. We accept children ages 2 to 9 years of age.

We look forward to another year of successes and accomplishments with the support of the TBT Governing Board. Thank You to Juanita, Martha and Danielle, for all your help with whatever we needed or asked for. Thanks to Marisa and Rabbi Lisa for all their visits with the children. Bless you all.

B'Shalom,
Marion Levin-Welch M.A.
ECE Director

WOMEN OF TBT

Our Women's Seder was a beautiful event thanks to the committee of Marilyn Baron, Ilene Ramgren, Annette Halpern, Lydia Kaplan and Deborah Pollack. Marilyn created a new seder liturgy, and Robin Fagin introduced us to new songs and the feminine version of the brachot, and the Pesach nusach. And, of course, Rabbi Lisa brought it all together for an experience like no other. Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped with setup and cleanup. It truly felt like "sisterhood"!

Our first Chick Flicks and Dessert kicks off May 11th at 6 p.m. with a screening of Crazy Rich Asians.

Join us for a great evening with Women of TBT camaraderie, a fun movie, wonderful desserts, coffee, tea, & popcorn.

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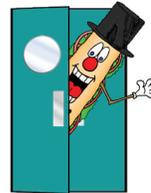
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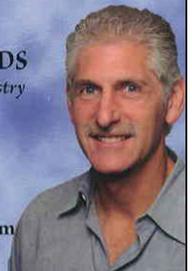
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Last Day of Torah School and Mishpacha

Saturday, June 22

Sawyer Jennings Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, June 23

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Saturday June 29

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