

# *the* Judean

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# From the Board

*Ellen Fink Israel - President*



As my term as Board President winds down, I am reflecting on my tenure. People routinely ask me, "so how has it been"? When I answer, "It's been great!" I am greeted with dubious looks and shaking heads, but it is true! I have learned much more about our community, how the temple operates, and about myself. Most importantly, I have witnessed Temple Judea's impact on the lives of our congregants.

I have found our community to be supportive and gracious. From my perspective, as someone who attends temple functions and services regularly, our community is warm and genuine and always ready to extend a hand in friendship or a shoulder to cry on. If you are not a regular attendee, you just don't know what you are missing. We are truly a Jewish home for our congregants and we live Jewish values deeply, plus we have a lot of fun!

I have looked behind the curtain of our temple, and I can tell you that we operate smoothly, not by happenstance, but by the dedicated work of our clergy, senior staff, and all our professionals. There is no such thing as a 9-5 day, many of our staff are working after hours and weekends to make sure that Temple Judea is well run. Our team is creative, forward-looking and brings passion and heart to everything they do. This is also true for our Board of Directors; they are an impressive and dedicated group of congregants who never hesitate to help or make difficult decisions.

When I reflect upon my own personal growth over these two years, I always come back to how being at temple events puts a smile on my face. I marvel at what I see; people of all ages participating with joy and dedication. It is clear to me that Temple Judea affects lives, through times of joy and of sorrow at an even deeper level than I realized. Whether I am at Shabbat services, the Purim carnival or a congregant's funeral, I witness how we touch lives and how we bring light to our world. We infuse our children with Jewish pride and knowledge, and give structure to those of us who want to work to make this world a better place. I have learned that I am deeply moved by our work and that it resonates strongly with my values; more so than I ever knew.

The past two years have truly been a remarkable experience, one I will always treasure. I am honored to have served my term, to have dedicated myself to creating Jewish moments and to have made lasting and impactful memories and friendships. So, when you see me with a smile on my face, it is a smile of pride and ownership of our precious community. Thank you for trusting me.

## **We express our deepest thanks to the following outgoing board members for their service:**

Megan Fischer  
Bill Harris

Andy Keimach

Teri Levin  
Erin Mediuch

## Temple Judea's Mission

Temple Judea exists to enrich the lives of our congregants by creating meaningful, inspiring, innovative Jewish moments that resonate with individuals and families through the generations.

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# Highlights

Rabbi Joshua M. Aaronson

*“Rabbi, I just wanted to let you know that things are very slow right now and I have a lot of free time, so I’d like to know what’s going on at the synagogue.” #thingsnoonesaysever! Really, who says this? Everyone is busy. Children are busy, working parents are busy, empty-nesters are busy, retirees are busy.*

And, Temple Judea is busy. We’ve got a lot going on. And, I want to highlight just a few of things that are happening before we break for summer.

- On Sunday, May 6, we honor Margie Ipp at our annual fundraising event. It’s a wonderful opportunity to say thanks and l’hitraot to Margie on her retirement. She has left quite a mark on Temple Judea during her 32 years of service!
- On Friday, May 18, at 6:15pm, I invite you to join us for an inspirational Service of Confirmation. These 10th grade students have committed themselves in a unique way to our community and to Judaism. Your role as witnesses to this meaningful event is important. The service is always uplifting.
- On Saturday evening, May 19 at 8pm, I invite you to join my colleagues and me as we mark the festival of Shavuot. Shavuot is the festival that commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. This year, we are gathering at the home of a congregant in Calabasas (address will be given upon your RSVP). Members of our community will share personal stories of their own spiritual journeys. There will of course be a nosh and the evening will be capped off with an inspirational worship experience overlooking the Santa Monica mountains.
- On May 25, we are going to once again host members of the Muslim community for an Iftar, the festive meal that breaks the fast on Ramadan. Join us immediately after Friday evening services which begin, of course, at 6:15pm. There is a nominal charge for dinner. Please see our website.
- On Friday, June 1, we open our doors and our hearts at Erev Shabbat services and dinner to wish Margie a fond farewell. The evening begins at 5pm with an ECC Open House with pizza and snacks for the community, followed by our 6:15pm service, and then a catered dinner and festivities at 7:30pm.
- Finally, as you know, we are celebrating Rabbi Sam Spector on Friday, June 15. Rabbi Spector will be leaving us at the end of June to begin his journey as the rabbi of his own congregation. This will be an evening of mixed emotions, but, in the end, I know all of us want nothing but the best for Rabbi Spector. So, let us join together and say “thank you” to Rabbi Spector who has served us so well. Full details are on the website.

Whew! We are busy! Good thing it will be summertime!

# Water Play!

Margie Ipp - Director of ECC

Lisa Whitman - Assistant Director of ECC



 TempleJudeaECC

*Summer is coming, and one of the things we are most excited for in our ECC Summer Session is an abundance of water play. As we all know, playing with water can keep kids cool in the hot valley summer, but educationally it does so much more than that. What are the benefits of playing with water at school and at home this summer?*

**Sensory Input** - Playing with water provides lots of opportunities for great sensory input. All of our senses can get involved when we touch, taste, feel, smell, and listen to water. How does it feel when we dunk our hands and feet in it? What does it sound like when we pour it from one container to another? Does it taste cool on our tongues from the water fountain? Does water smell like anything? These are the kinds of questions that are being answered each time the children explore.

**Fine Motor Development** - When children fill up one cup with water and pour it into another, they are practicing much needed fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Squeezing a squirt bottle increases hand strength, and pinching an eye dropper develops the pincer grasp. Both are necessary pre-cursors to holding a pencil and writing.

**Language Development and Social-Emotional Growth** - Water play is a perfect way to talk and interact with friends. As children talk to each other about their play, they are navigating social relationships. Is it

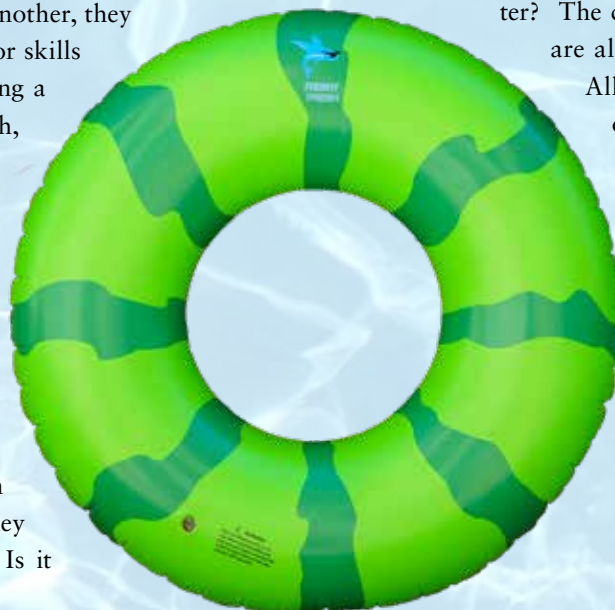
my turn or your turn? Do you like to be splashed? Can I use that sponge now? Language develops as children communicate in new ways associated with their play, and teachers monitoring play can help expand vocabulary by introducing new water words like damp, moist, soaked, and saturated.

**Math & Science Education and Problem Solving** - Water play offers many opportunities for math and science learning. Do items sink or float? How many toys can fit in the basin? If

I move the hose, how does it affect the path of the water? The concepts of full, empty, more, and less are also easily observed through water play.

All of these concepts are building blocks of higher math and science learning.

There will be lots of water play and learning happening this summer in the ECC Summer Program, and also in our fantastic Camp Zehut program. We encourage you to let your children explore and play with water at home too. Make sure children are well supervised, and prepare yourself to get wet!







# Teaching Our Children: The How, What and Why

## Rabbi Bruce Raff - Director of Education

In the last issue of the Judean, I shared that the philosophy of our religious school can be summed up in three words: FUN, MEANINGFUL and MEMORABLE. We want our students to enjoy their time at Temple Judea, and to experience a sense of community and connection in a place that is nurturing, safe and comfortable.

These ideas are the philosophical underpinnings for the vision we have created for the school: seeing Judaism as personally relevant and that the lessons of Judaism offer valuable tools to living a better life. It is our hope (and expectation) that our families join us in this important endeavor, and work in partnership with our religious school team.

**Our goal is that our children develop the competence and confidence to:**

- Understand the Jewish traditions they have inherited through the generations and their responsibility as keepers of those traditions.
- Be connected to one another and understand the positive value of relationships made at the Religious School as part of a synagogue community, and to see temple affiliation as having positive value. Be connected to the larger Jewish community locally, nationally and internationally, and to have developed a connection to the land of Israel.
- Understand that, as Jews, they have a responsibility to make the world a better place and to engage in Tikkun Olam to repair the world.
- Live their lives with an understanding of themselves, of others, and of the world guided by reform Jewish teachings, ethics, and values.
- Master a set of competencies, as reflected in reform Jewish practice, including:
  - Understand how to observe and participate actively in Shabbat, Jewish holidays, rituals and traditions.
  - Know and study Jewish texts, especially Torah.
  - Be able to read and understand the essence of “prayer book Hebrew” and use everyday Hebrew sayings.
  - Have a basic understanding of Jewish history.
  - Be aware of current issues affecting the Jewish people.
- Engage with God and deal with difficult theological questions.
- Develop meaningful individual and communal prayer.
- Be proud Jews.

That’s our philosophy. That’s our goal. That’s our purpose. That’s what Religious School at Temple Judea is about. If you know someone you think would benefit from such a program, have them join us in this fun, meaningful and memorable task of creating Jews.

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## JUDEA COLOR COURSE

for 3rd - 5th graders

Sunday, May 6th, 12pm - 2pm @ Temple Judea

Come in all white and prepare to get **COLORIZED!**

Join your friends in **FUN** obstacle courses where you’ll get doused in (non-toxic) color as you conquer each obstacle! Pizza Party included! Please bring a towel, a bag to put your colorized clothes in, and a change of clothes. **Cost: \$10**

**Non-Temple Members Welcome!**

**RSVP by Thursday, May 3rd at [www.templejudea.com/JCC](http://www.templejudea.com/JCC)**



These are just some of the themes that make **CAMP ZEHUT** so special. Join us this summer with friends that feel like family at Camp Zehut!

For more information on how to join Camp or hop on board as Staff with our super energetic and dynamic Team, visit [www.campzehut.com](http://www.campzehut.com) or reach out to Marissa Subar, Director of Camp Zehut, at [msubar@templejudea.com](mailto:msubar@templejudea.com) 818.758.3800 ext.117.

**We can't wait to make memories with you this summer at ZEHUT!**

## Summer @ TJ

Just because it's summer doesn't mean there isn't reason for you and your children to come to temple. In addition to Erev Shabbat services every Friday at 6:15pm (which are a touch more casual than during the year; come straight from the tennis court!), look what else there is to do:

### CAMP ZEHUT

We're beaming with excitement to invite your family to join us for the MAGIC that is CAMP ZEHUT at Temple Judea this summer! Your incoming Pre-K to 6th Grader (youngest children must be 4 by June 1) won't stop telling you about the adventures they have in team-building, swimming, water play, art, sports, drama, games, field trips (for 2nd+), and more! For more information, please visit our website at [www.campzehut.com](http://www.campzehut.com) or reach out to Marissa Subar, Director of Camp Zehut, at [msubar@templejudea.com](mailto:msubar@templejudea.com).

### NURSERY SCHOOL SUMMER SESSION

Summer Session in the ECC is going to be a wet, wild, exploration-filled extravaganza. Our Summer Session, ideal for children 2 years of age to just under 4, has all the things you love about our regular ECC school year, with lots of water play and special events added in. Each week we'll have a

new theme, and there will be a related special activity every Wednesday. Activities in the past have included Puppy Party, Giant Bounce House, music concerts, Mobile Aquarium, and more! It's sure to be loads of fun!

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Religious School will offer two classes this summer - one for learning how to read Hebrew (for students entering fourth grade who want to get a head start - or for students entering fifth or sixth grades who need to catch up and can use the review) - and a class for students entering fifth, sixth or seventh grades that we are calling a "prayer practicum". This class will give students a chance to work on their prayer reading skills - and will help make them feel more comfortable and skilled as they prepare to become B'nei Mitzvah. Each class will be one hour in length - and will take place once a week for six weeks.



# A SHABBAT IN HONOR OF RABBI SAM SPECTOR



Please join as we say farewell and good luck  
to Rabbi Sam Spector

**Friday, June 15, 2018**

5:15pm Playdate with Rabbi Spector

6:15pm Shabbat Service

Celebration Dinner to follow services

For more info [templejudea.com/samspector](http://templejudea.com/samspector)

## Confirmation Culmination May 18, 2018

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Aiden Marks

Eli Dugan

Sara Daar

Isabella Blumberg

Aidan Suski

## SPECIAL EREV SHABBAT EVENING FOR MARGIE



**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018**

**5pm**

ECC Open House in our courtyard with pizza, snacks,  
wine, and punch. No charge.

**6:15pm**

Shabbat Service

**7:30pm**

Dinner and Festivities catered by Scott Roeb.  
\$40 for adults; \$20 for kids 13 and under;  
kids under 3 free.

Reservations required for dinner;  
Registration will open in mid-April.  
Questions? Call the temple office at 818-758-3800.

## B'nei Mitzvah - May / June / July



Ava Lerner  
Daughter of Cecily & Adam Lerner  
5/5/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Started a handmade jewelry business to raise money for Horse and Pony Rescue Ranch Inc. (HAPRRI) to help prevent abuse and neglect of horses through rescue and education.



Emmy Feldman  
Daughter of Debbie & Jonathan Feldman  
5/5/2018, 5pm  
Project: Volunteered at the Animal Hope and Wellness Organization where she walked and took care of neglected and abused dogs. She will donate a portion of her Bat Mitzvah money to help this organization.



Mollie Erwich  
Daughter of Jodi Novick-Erwich & Craig Erwich  
5/12/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Volunteered at a local animal shelter; animals are a passion of hers, and are God's creatures.



Samantha Erwich  
Daughter of Jodi Novick-Erwich & Craig Erwich  
5/12/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Volunteered at a local animal shelter; animals are a passion of hers, and are God's creatures.



Jenna Zuckerman  
Daughter of Lainie & Jay Zuckerman  
5/19/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Put together a team for the race to erase MS to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis.



Owen Roback  
Son of Michelle & Scott Roback  
5/19/2018, 5pm  
Project: Raised money in support of his cousin Sam's charity, 'Sprint to Cite Soleil', an organization that sponsors kids in Haiti for both school and soccer.



Prior Seven Borick  
Daughter of Tod Borick & Marilyn Borick  
5/26/2018, 10:30am  
Project: TBD



Asher Darling Borick  
Daughter of Tod Borick & Marilyn Borick  
5/26/2018, 10:30am  
Project: TBD



Matok Jeff Borick  
Son of Tod Borick & Marilyn Borick  
5/26/2018, 10:30am  
Project: TBD



Caroline Spector-Townsend  
Daughter of David Spector & William Townsend  
5/26/2018, 5pm  
Project: TBD



Brandon Spector-Townsend  
Son of David Spector & William Townsend  
5/26/2018, 5pm  
Project: TBD



Max Weinstock  
Son of Ellen Smiler & Josh Weinstock  
5/26/2018, 5pm  
Project: Advocated for gun safety laws by attending marches and events, writing to legislators, and raising money to support the cause.





Kelly Leor Reuben  
Daughter of Kathy and Moti Reuben  
6/2/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Volunteered at the Shelter Hope Pet Shop by walking, feeding, petting and playing with the rescue dogs at the facility.



Natalie Press  
Daughter of Elizabeth Mestnik & Warren Press  
6/9/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Volunteered at the Pacifica Assisted Living Home helping with arts and crafts, parties and other social events.



Jackson J Sarrow  
Son of Karen & Jonathan  
6/16/2018, 10:30am  
Project: Joined DSA-LA and Homeboy Industries to provide free brake light repairs in L.A.



Elliott Ross  
Son of Katherine Ross & Larry Ross  
6/16/2018, 5pm  
Project: Volunteered for Guide Dogs of America, helping train future service dogs for the blind.



Remi K. Cooperstein  
Daughter of Tracey and Richard Cooperstein  
6/21/2018, Israel  
Project: Raised funds and helped preserved memory via donations to Holocaust Remembrance at several museums and forests in the US and Israel.



Rachel Rubenstein  
Daughter of Jenna & Josh Rubenstein  
6/21/2018, Israel  
Project: Delivered sports equipment to schools that did not have the funds to buy their own equipment.



Noah Schwartz  
Son of Lisa Schwartz and Joel Schwartz  
6/30/2018, 10:30am  
Project: TBD



Ellis Preston,  
Daughter of Brenna Shenkin Pointe and Jason Pointe  
6/23/2018, 10:30am  
Project: TBD



Gavin Nikolai Mouw  
Son of Raina Krell & Graham Mouw  
6/23/2018, 5pm  
Project: Myeloma Cancer Awareness



Manya Weissfeld  
Daughter of Shana Swimmer & Richard Weissfeld  
6/30/2018, 5pm  
Project: Volunteered for Days For Girls International, a global health organization promoting health and empowerment for girls and women.



Arielle Kay  
Daughter of Danna & Collin Kay  
7/5/2018, Israel  
Project: Collected blankets, children's books and stuffed animals for donation to Project Night Night that works with children in homeless shelters.



Norah Gilderman  
Daughter of Lynda & Scott Gilderman  
7/5/2018, Israel  
Project: TBD



Ethan Croutch  
Son of Kenneth L. Croutch, M.D. and Jennifer D. Levesque  
7/26/2018, Hawaii  
Project: TBD



# J U D E A BOWL

Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 7pm

Join  
Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot & Cantor Yonah Kliger  
with cantorial colleagues Billy Tiep & Emma Lutz

Like at the Hollywood Bowl, you bring a picnic dinner, blankets & lawn chairs and we'll provide dessert, beverages and a fun summer concert at a private residence in Moorpark. Address will be provided upon your RSVP.

This is a "friendraiser", not a fundraiser so bring a friend...or two!

RSVP at:  
[www.templejudea.com](http://www.templejudea.com) or call 818.758.3800  
Arrive at 6pm to picnic, show starts at 7pm!  
\*Let us know if you want to show up earlier  
to take a tour of the ranch!

Tickets: \$18 each

## Tali Tadmor: An Inside Look at the Magic Behind the Music

By: Barri Worth Girvan, Board of Trustees



Tali Tadmor is the renaissance woman behind the keys – piano keys, that is – who delights our ears with beautiful music every Friday night. It is no accident that as congregants, we are transported from a hectic week to embrace the serenity of Shabbat through the music that Tali, our instrumentalists and our clergy, bring to our sanctuary each week. We hear the end result, but raw talent, creativity, passion, artistic

skill, and plenty of rehearsals are the recipe for the superb sound that our services incorporate. And it should come as no surprise that Tali's resume reflects her immense talent that she shares with us at Temple Judea.

A math major at UCLA, Tali never thought she would have a career in music and originally pursued it as a hobby to help get her through college. At the age of 21, our former Cantor, Susan Caro, saw Tali perform and brought her to play at Temple Judea. Tali credits Cantor Caro with giving her a shot, and over 18 years later, Temple Judea remains her home.

Not only has Tali had a career in music, but it has been an illustrious one. She went on to receive her Doctorate in Keyboard Collaborative Arts from USC, and she has performed at Carnegie Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, and with famed Maestro Placido Domingo in the Los Angeles Opera. She heads the Collaborative Piano program at CSUN, and holds faculty positions at the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) and the LA Opera. On top of all of that, she is the Music Director at Temple Judea.

Tali plays at every Friday night service, b'nei mitzvot, High Holy Days and the special events and concerts like the Judea Bowl, Purim Spiel, and preschool graduation. She works closely with the many ensembles at Temple Judea, including the adult choir that performs at High Holy Days, and she coaches the cantors-in-training (CITs) and children's

pop-up choir. Behind the scenes she rehearses with our instrumentalists for an hour before every service.

Music has become an increasingly significant part of our worship experience at Temple Judea over the years, and it is not an illusion that the sounds have become so much richer. In addition to adding regular instrumentalists, we enjoy improved acoustics in the sanctuary and a sound professional on site, which is now standard at each service. Tali credits Rabbi Aaronson with not only his strong support for the music program, but says his leadership has been key in garnering the necessary resources to make it successful. She also adds that it was Rabbi Cantor Wissot's vision to incorporate more music, and this became a reality with our instrumentalists, two full-time cantors, our multiple choral ensembles and our robust CIT program (and it doesn't hurt that we have a Senior Rabbi who plays blues guitar and prioritizes the music program).

Tali describes the most rewarding part of her work is Friday nights when she gets to play from her heart. Originally from Israel, she loves pouring her soul into the music of the service.

"I am most at home when I am behind the piano at Temple Judea playing in my mother tongue," she said. "I feel unconditional love from the congregation and feel so fortunate that people respond to whatever I put out there. I am grateful to and love Temple Judea."





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## Women of Temple Judea

*Aime Friedman, President*

To be a member of Women of Temple Judea is to know real service and cooperation with our Temple. We are always happy to help whenever and wherever we are needed and always with a smile. We love our temple and we love being an integral part of its success.

In April, along with Brotherhood and the People of the Book Club, we sponsored the third of our Speakers Series, hosting an extraordinary gentleman Dr. Henry Oster, author of “The Kindness of the Hangman: Even in Hell, There is Hope.” We were honored to have Henry Oster share his amazing life story with us.

At the end of the month, we experienced “Zen and Sisterhood,” with Scholars Cantor Lilah Sugarman, Rabbinic Intern Lily Kowalski, and Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot. We thank everyone who attended our day of relaxation, learning, connection, and yoga. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen the meaningful connections in our community.

Looking ahead to May and June, Women of Temple Judea will be participating in the Congregational Meeting dinner with the Brotherhood and the celebrations of Margie Ipp and Rabbi Spector. While we are sorry to see them leave our Temple, we wish them every happiness in their new endeavors.

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## Brotherhood *David Daniel and Antony Gluck, Co-Presidents*

Brotherhood had a busy spring! We welcomed temple member and “The Big Bang Theory” co-creator Bill Prady

as our guest speaker at our first overnight Men’s Retreat in Malibu, as we laughed and learned. . . and bade Rabbi Spector a sad, fond farewell. We concluded awards season with another successful “Oscar Night” Speaker Series event, worked on the successful Purim Carnival, and brought back the International Tasting Series with Martini Night. And, as the photo shows, we showed our “love” for Women of Temple Judea, returning as bartenders for their annual Bingo Night in February.



Now, we surge into summer! We’re continuing to bring food and friendship to homeless families at Hope of the Valley Rescue

Mission’s Genesis House. We’re playing poker, serving up great meals at events such as the temple’s annual Congregational Meeting, planning this year’s Dodgers game outing, and much more! Our events and meetings run the gamut from silly to soulful -- appropriate for a gang that spans the generations. You’ve been waiting for a group like Brotherhood... and we’ve been waiting for you. Join us!

# The Big Fill: A Humanitarian Mission

*Jennifer Lutzky, Social Action Chair*

The Social Action Committee was privileged to participate with other Los Angeles area synagogues in The Big Fill on April 8, a day of sorting and packing donations headed to civilians, especially children, affected by the civil war in Syria. Save The Syrian Children, a nonprofit started by a local Jewish couple, solicits donations of medical supplies and clothing to ship directly into the neediest parts of the country.

Temple Judea was a collection site for local donations of food, clothing, diapers, and medical supplies. All supplies were then transported to Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, where the community worked together to sort and pack supplies. Volunteers from Temple Emanuel, Honeymoon Israel, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Temple Israel of Hollywood, Temple Beth Am, and other synagogues packed more than 10,000 items into more than 80 shipping boxes. Each box had to be inventoried and labeled with individual contents. Volunteers worked cheerfully to accomplish the task and went home knowing they had done a small part to help an extremely vulnerable population.

At the start of The Big Fill, one of the organization's founders, Philip Koosed, spoke about how his organization is able to get into some areas which bigger NGOs, like Unicef, cannot access, and how small amounts of supplies can be the difference between life and death for some patients.

Save the Syrian Children has built a network of doctors working in Syrian hospitals, who provide lists of most-needed supplies. The organization then solicits donations from local hospitals or sources them directly from suppliers. Working with Turkey and Israel, the supplies eventually land in warehouses where doctors from 28 hospitals can access them.

Special thanks to Temple Judea and our Social Action members who dropped off supplies, transported the donations, and helped sort and pack. For more information about Social Action and a calendar of volunteer opportunities, please visit our web page at [www.templejudea.com/social-action](http://www.templejudea.com/social-action).



## Judeans for Justice

*Judy Rutt, VP Membership Engagement*

Did you know that there are a half a million people in the Los Angeles area who have green cards and therefore might be eligible to become citizens? At the suggestion of Rabbi Aaronson, Judeans for Justice formed a partnership last year with Our Lady of Grace Church to help green card holders become America citizens. We are one of the few organizations that provide this service for free.

Our volunteers lead classes that assist applicants through the entire process, beginning with their application – a complicated 20-page form -- to teaching them what they need to pass the citizenship test. During the entire process, each applicant has a mentor who helps with whatever issues arise; we currently have four classes in progress.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer in this rewarding experience, please call Judy Rutt at 213-700-9363. You can also help by spreading the word to permanent residents who are not citizens.



## Mazal Tov to

Elissa and Bryan Blatt, on the birth of Siena Dylan. Siena joins big brothers Landon, Riley and Avery, all students at Temple Judea.

Susan and Randy Snyder, as they welcomed granddaughter Tessa Leigh. Proud parents are Josh and Kimberly Snyder; big sister Emma is a student in the Parenting Center.

Chelsea and Jonathan Alon, who welcomed daughter Bella Sloan. Big brothers Jack and Benjamin are students in the Nursery School.

Sherri and Michael Simkin, on the birth of daughter Skye Harper. Skye joins siblings Oliver and Sienna, who are students in the Nursery School.

Elissa and Mark Berkowitz, on the birth of son Jordan. Big brother Logan is a student in the Nursery School.

Hanna and David Matthew on the birth of daughter Madeline. Big brother Will is a student in the Nursery School.

Breanna and Michael Schwartzbach on the birth of son Rowen Wells. Breanna works in the Nursery School office and as a teacher.



*Have you included Temple Judea  
in your will or trust?*

*Let us know, so we can thank you.*

*Please contact Eileen Aroesti, Development Director  
at [EAroesti@TempleJudea.com](mailto:EAroesti@TempleJudea.com) to discuss your planned gift.*

**New Members**  
We welcome you!

*Bruce & Jan Andelson*

*Nikky Hutch*

*Luke & Shannon Lieberman*

*Michael & Maryam Mamaliger*

*Cari Waterman*

*As of 4/5/18*

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