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### From the Board Jennifer Marcus Lutzky



My family joined Temple Judea 16 years ago when we were looking for a temple in the valley where we could actively participate, rather

than attend only on High Holy Days. I have very fond memories of attending bar and bat mitzvah services at Temple Judea while growing up in the valley. Our first experience after joining the temple was a lovely baby-naming for both of our daughters, and then we waded right in!

I enjoyed being involved at Temple Judea right from the beginning. From parenting classes, to religious school mom, to longtime member of the Social Action committee, I have always found Temple Judea to be a warm, vibrant and fun community in which to participate. Now that my daughters are a bit older, I have found time (but never enough!) to increase my involvement, and I now serve as the chair of the Social Action committee as well as a trustee on the temple board.

Social action has been important to me my entire life, as I believe it is every person's responsibility to do what they can – however big or small – to make the world a better place. Each person always has something to offer others. I also think it is important to keep the Jewish community active by participating in synagogue activities. Serving within the temple's lay leadership gives me an opportunity to not only engage in those important pursuits, but also to help shape and promote them for the future.

When I'm not planning Social Action Committee activities or attending board events, I work as a school librarian at Campbell Hall in North Hollywood. I have also worked as a children's librarian for Los Angeles Public Library, and as a literacy tutor. I have always had a passion for reading and learning. I love that Judaism holds learning in such high regard, since they are both so important to me. It is one reason I enjoy being at Temple Judea so much, where ongoing education is valued and there are always opportunities to learn something new.



### 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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### Real Gratitude Rabbi Samuel L. Spector

e are in October and it is now time for the most important Jewish holiday! Wait... what?!?! I thought that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were over! Well, believe it or not, historically the most important Jewish holiday was Sukkot. Why Sukkot? Much like Southern California, the Land of Israel is a dry, desert climate that lacks rain and other water sources. For the ancient Israelites, who were

predominately farmers, nothing was more important than rain in order to sustain their communities; the first rains always happened to fall around the time of Sukkot. Even shaking the lulav was done to imitate the sound of rain

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can read it again and again ensuring that no generation ever goes without hearing its stories, and lighting the Chanukiah as we celebrate the privilege of living in a country with freedom of religion. However, these holidays alone do not sustain our community, but rather, celebrating them with each other keeps us alive, vibrant and strong.

> As a rabbi, I see so many beautiful, kind, loving faces of my community members, only on the High Holy Days, and I would like to challenge everyone this year to show us that, after the holidays pass, being a part of your everyday

with the branches hitting against each other as a way to pray to the Almighty for a rainy season to replenish crops.

Today, I think the holidays that fall after Yom Kippur – Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Chanukah – are actually still among the most important holidays for us, even if the vast majority of people in our community are no longer farmers. These holidays represent the components that sustain our communities as American Jews today; being able to sit with family and friends in our Sukkah, finishing the Torah and rerolling it so that we life year-round is important. So please, come one day and have a picnic with your family in our Sukkah, join us as we dance with the Torah and reroll it, and light the Chanukiah with us in December. For the year 5778, let us make sure Temple Judea is not a place where we just drop off our kids for programs or the place where we have solely an incredible High Holy Day experience, but rather, let us each find ways to ensure that Judaism and Jewish community are forms of sustenance for us daily. I look forward to another wonderful year with you all!

### Parenting Center Margie Ipp - Director of ECC Lisa Whitman - Assistant Director of ECC



Everyone loves a fresh start, which is why the newly painted and decorated Temple Judea Parenting Center made us all feel giddy with anticipation of a new school year. How was it that a coat of blue paint could make us feel such excitement and joy? We know as educators that providing a calm, clean, safe space for children helps them to learn. If their environment is warm and welcoming, they will be less likely to feel stress and more likely to soak in all the many play and learning opportunities available. That coat of blue paint was our welcome mat for families of new little friends and their grown-ups. We were ready in September to support them on their journey of learning, and we continue to enjoy each day that we spend with them.

The Nursery School teachers were also getting ready for a new start in September. They were cleaning, organizing, decorating, putting names on walls and cubbies, and considering a year of new possibilities for the children that they would be guiding for the next 10 months. Setting up a classroom is more than just putting things up on the walls. Our teachers created developmentally appropriate learning spaces so that learning opportunities are in reach of children's hands, pretend play is encouraged and supported, and children feel like they are in their home away from home throughout the year.

It was only fitting that the new school year aligned with the Jewish New Year. Once the children were in their classrooms, they learned about Rosh Hashana, the "head" of the year. They heard the shofar blow, and knew that they were about to embark on an exciting new adventure in the Temple Judea Early Childhood Center. It was a wonderful start, and we can't wait to see what this school year brings.





### We Are A School Where Values Matter Rabbi Bruce Raff - Director of Education

This year, we are proud to introduce a new element to our Religious School program. Jewish values will be part of each student's course of study as an overlay of values on top of the grade level curriculum. This addition will show the power of mitzvot (commandment) and present our students with the reasons for Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). Judaism values each individual as an ongoing partner with God in

creating the world, and each of us must live our lives as if we are responsible for making the world a better place. Each grade level will focus on a specific mitzvah of Tikkun Olam throughout the year.

We want what our students learn, in Religious School, to be relevant to their lives. We want them to understand the lessons of Judaism as important, valuable tools in living a better life. We are committed to character education. Our school mission includes teaching, inspiring, and modeling Jewish values. We teach that each of us has the opportunity to improve the world through our words and actions.

mitzvah taught.

### The mitzvot we will explore.

Kindergarten – Welcoming Guests Grade 1 – Caring for Animals Grade 2 – Caring for the Environment Grade 3 – Respect for Differences Grade 4 – Feeding the Hungry Grade 5 – Respect for the Elderly Grade 6 – Love of Israel and Caring for the Stranger

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Grades 7 and 8 – B'nei Mitzvah projects and once-a-month activities designed to make the world a better place.

Grades 9-12 – Students are involved in ongoing teen philanthropy and social action activities. the world a better place, in the specific area of the grade level's mitzvah (literally commandment, but in this case, referring to the value they are studying).

By taking on these mitzvot our students are demonstrating the Jewish way of looking at the world. They relate to all areas of life, the practice of rituals, our relationship to God, our responsibility to family, neighbors, the environment, animals, and the world.

Students will proudly share their mitzvot – and projects they are involved in with their parents and the entire community at Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 5. Students

We will use Tikkun Olam to teach values that are important to our students, in their various grade levels, and in ways that are age-appropriate. Our students are not only going to learn about the importance of the principle of Tikkun Olam, they will actively, and on a regular basis, experience mitzvah magic will arrive according to their normal schedule, but Mitzvah Day, and a chance to get involved in all types of programs based on values, will take place that day for everyone – parents and students alike, from 9:15 -10:45. We hope to see you there. Join us – and show your children that you get behind and join them in working to make our community and our world, a better place.

by participating in activities related to the theme of the

In addition, each class will collect tzedakah (literally refers to

doing the right thing, but in this case, refers to the collection

of money) each time they meet; the funds collected will be

distributed to organizations whose mission is helping make

### Start the New Year off right! Join us for these classes this fall:



### The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning



Thursdays, 9:30am - 12pm

Temple Judea is offering Melton's signature two-year program of study beginning October, 2017. This world-class two-year curriculum includes four courses on Jewish history, ritual, festivals, ethics, and much more, taught by highly trained teachers. If you are interested in substantive, meaningful and inspirational Jewish learning, then we strongly suggest you consider participating in the Melton Adult Learning program at Temple Judea.\*

#### **BaBayit – Inspiring Jewish Learning in Homes around the Valley**

The Temple Judea Clergy are teaching a series of mini-courses consisting of three classes each, in the homes of fellow congregants. Throughout the Valley, our congregants have offered to open their homes and invite our community to attend these learning sessions in a comfortable and relaxed setting. Because of this, space is very limited. Here are the first three of the courses offered. Exact locations will be provided prior to the beginning of each session.\*



### Rabbi Josh Aaronson

Game of Thrones: The Kings of Israel Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, 2017



**Rabbi Sam Spector** The Failure of Discourse: Three Conferences that Led to the Holocaust Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 2017



#### **Rabbinic Intern Lillian Kowalski**

Israeli Arts & Culture: Discovering Israel through Poetry, Cinema, and Dance Mondays, January 8, 22, 29, 2018

### **Ongoing Learning**



Weekly Torah Study (Parashat Hashavua) Wednesdays, 12pm In the Littman Music Room No experience or sign up necessary. Just come!



**People of the Book – Book Club** First Wednesday of the month, 6pm In the Wiener Library

\*visit TempleJudea.com for more information and to register

### **Our Sacred Kehillah** *Eileen Aroesti, Director of Development*

Growing up, I loved the High Holy Days. I loved my family gathering together, eating my bubbie's chopped liver and my aunt's brisket. Gefilte fish was mandatory (like it or not) and the desserts were out of this world, always with crisp apples dipped in honey for a sweet year. We would rush off to temple in new shoes and dresses and slowly make our way to our seats as my parents worked the room, wishing all well and enjoying their good fortune at being a part of this synagogue community.



But the main reason I loved this time of year was because my birthday is at the end of September and inevitably landed on either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur or somewhere in between. I was certain that this was also my personal birthday celebration and God had done all of this just for me. Either on Erev Rosh Hashanah or Break the Fast, there was a big birthday cake, presents and lots of hugs and kisses. He had created me and my birthday to coincide with the most important days of the year. And all these rituals – the blowing of the shofar, my mother cooking in the kitchen with her sisters, and my dad wrapping me in his tallit as I sat with him during services – they were all part of my birthday celebration.

More years have passed than I care to admit since those glowing, easy days of birthdays celebrated with the High Holy Days. I finally realized that God did not do this just to celebrate me (like it or not). If the holidays came at the early part of September or later in October, it wasn't a pre- or post-birthday party, it was really the holidays.

What I did learn was that the synagogue was going to be there and the rituals would be just as meaningful, birthday or no birthday. No matter where I went, if I wanted to be part of this sacred Kehillah (community), all I had to do was show up; I was a part of something that was greater than me, more important than me and would last much longer than me. Learning that put me in my place and gave me great comfort. It made me want to give that feeling to everyone I met.

Who we are and what we do is no accident. How we partake in our synagogue home is completely up to each of us as individuals. Being a part of Temple Judea guarantees that there is always a home for you: in your community, with your community and for your community.

I wish you all a blessed year filled with joy, laughter, fulfillment and community.

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### TEMPLE JUDEA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

We have some great activities planned specifically for Young Professionals, adults between the ages of 21 and 39.

Please contact Rabbi Sam Spector at Sspector@templejudea.com or visit www.Templejudea.com to find out more.



with Sushi Chef Harvey (Best Kosher Sushi Chef in Los Angeles)

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 from 7pm - 9:30pm\$10/person register before Monday, October 9, 2017 at 5pm\$20 at the door\*

## B'nei Mitzvah - October / November / December



Shayna Bresnick Daughter of Tiffani & Stephen 10/7/2017, 10:30am Project: Wrote a poetry book and donated all proceeds from the sale of 350 books to Children's Hospital, Los Angeles.



### Chloe Zitsow

10/7/2017, 10:30am Daughter of Adrienne & Arthur Zitsow Project: Volunteered with Food Forward, an organization that gleans extra produce from farmer's market vendors to distribute to the homeless and hungry across Los Angeles.



Henry Zitsow: 10/7/2017, 10:30am Son of Adrienne & Arthur Zitsow Project: Volunteered with SOVA Food Bank, helping to distribute food, goods and medicine to less fortunate families.



Hank Dufine Son of Julie & Darren 10/7/20174, 5pm Project: Worked with Play It Forward, a student run organization that provides sporting goods to underserved Los Angeles schools.



Rowyn Lambert 10/14/2017, 10:30am Son of Joanna & Mark Lambert Project: Volunteered visiting with elder residents at the Jewish Home For The Aging in Tarzana.



Jacob Spierer 10/14/2017, 5pm Son of Sunny & Michael Spierer Project: Created and distributed care packages for children in the hospital.



Alexandra Astalos 10/21/2017, 10:30am Daughter of Anja & Joseph Project: Collected and donated children's books to homeless children in Los Angeles in hopes to brighten their lives and open up their world.



Zoe Nemetz Daughter of Stacie & David 10/28/00002017, 10:30am Project: Collected socks for donation to a homeless shelter in the San Fernando Valley.



Madeline Amen 10/28/2017, 5pm Daughter of Shani & Jeremy Amen Project: Volunteered at Best Friends Animal Society, helping dogs who need to find their forever homes.



Jennifer Barnett I 1/4/2017, 10:30am Daughter of: Judith & Brian Project: Jennifer helped teachers prepare for the new school year at a school for low income students.



Jessica Naidrich Daughter of Gina & Mitchell 11/4/2017, 5pm



Justin Naidrich Son of Gina & Mitchell 11/4/2017, 5pm



Lucas Mogilevsky Son of Gina Kilberg & Boris Mogilevsky 11/11/2017, 10:30am Project: Lukey's project was about finding ways to help the homeless population in our community and around the world.



Lilly Tochner 11/11/2017, 5pm Daughter of: Lara & Eric Project: Created a team of family and friends and an online fundraising page to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Zachary Brown Son of Kami & Russell 11/18/2017, 10:30am Project: Volunteered as a mentor and buddy for Sunrise Little League Baseball-Challenger Division. A baseball league for children with special needs.



Aiden Fogel Son of Tanya & Brent 11/18/2017, 3pm



Matthew Wynne I 1/25/2017, 10:30am Son of Suzie & Brian Project: Volunteered at West Hills Champions, a baseball league for young people with special needs.



Gabrielle Fallas I 1/25/2017, 5pm Daughter of Felicia & Joey Fallas Project: Volunteered her time to make blankets for the organization called Newborns in Need.



Rachel Lerner Daughter of Jennifer & David 12/2/2017, 5pm Project: Rachel worked with the West Valley Food Pantry to feed the homeless.



Jacob Katz Son of Jenifer & Andy 12/9/2017, 5pm Project: Cooked meals and served them to the homeless at PATH (People Assisting the Homeless).



Ryan Feinberg Son of Kimberly & Jeffrey 12/16/2017, 5pm Project: Helped kids with special needs in a variety of ways.



Ethan Schwartz Son of Corey & Marc 12/21/2017 – Israel Project: Delivered Beanie Babies & Birthday Boxes to the children's unit at Hadassah Hospital.

# TEMPLE JUDEA MUSIC PROGRAM

### The AOK (Acts Of Kindness) Mitzvah Concert is BACK!

Friday, November 17, 2017, dinner and performance following the Shabbat Service



Learn from our talented teens and kids as they share with us their "truth": the wisdom they have gleaned from the music they love. Proceeds from this Bar Mitzvah Project (by Jacob Wissot) will go to support scholarships for Judea kids to attend Jewish camp.

### **Patty Wells Memorial Concert**

Sunday, January 21, 2018, graciously sponsored by Nancy and Alan Wiener



<u>The Cantor's Couch</u>, a journey through Cantor Jack Mendelson's real life stories growing up in 1950's Borough Park, Brooklyn. The son of a loving deli owner and an overbearing mother, he paints a picture of a bygone day in Jewish America when Jews would flock to synagogue to hear the golden voices of cantors as if it were a concert hall. It is a relatable story of a childhood riddled with anxiety and doubt, mixed with joyous memories of music and celebration — all told with the expertise and comic timing of a master storyteller. Don't miss this extraordinary event with one of Rabbi Cantor Wissot's most revered teachers. More details to follow.

### Erev Shabbat Shirah Friday, January 26, 2018



Join us for a heightened musical experience as the Cantors teach in honor of Shabbat Shirah, the Shabbat when we read the miracle of the splitting of the sea. Participants will include the Temple Judea Choir, Cantors in Training, Junior Cantors in Training, and the Pop up Choir.

Purim Shpiel Wednesday, February 28, 2018



Calling all singers, kids & adults for this intergenerational project. Stay tuned, details to be announced!





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### Back To Shul Shabbat and Dinner

Our Back To Shul Shabbat and Dinner in September was an overwhelming success, with almost 400 attendees enjoying the service, music (including our children's choir), and the incredible dinner prepared by master chef and long-time member Lou Werbe.

Thanks to Lou, our temple Brotherhood and Women of Temple Judea. Hallelujah!





**CELEBRATE SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS** 

# Friday, October 6, 2017 - 6:15pm Super Sukkot Shabbat

For more info, please visit templejudea.com

### Simchat Torah

Celebrate the full cycle of the year and the Torah at this rousing musical service that celebrates students as they begin their religious education. Friday, October 13 at 6:15pm.

# CHANUKAHPALOOZA

Friday December 15, 2017 6:15pm Service 7:30pm Dinner

Adult & Children's Pop Up Choir Art Projects Activities Music & MORE!!!

### Women of Temple Judea Aime Friedman, President

Women of Temple Judea has many exciting programs planned for the coming year, starting with our annual membership event on Wednesday, October 25. This event is an evening of dinner and comedy featuring comedian Stephanie Blum, free for all Women of Temple Judea members. If you're not yet a member but would like to join WTJ, please email WTJ@templejudea. com for more info.

On the heels of our membership event is our annual Mah Jongg Tournament on Sunday November 12. We are thrilled to announce our Rosh Chodesh "Mini Retreat" on Sunday, November 19. Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot will be leading us on this spiritual retreat, along with special guests Jennifer Burton, Cantor Lilah Sugarman and Sheila Linderman who will guide us in art, yoga and cooking projects.

Rounding out November, WTJ is pleased to present the first of three speakers in its joint speaker series with Brotherhood.

Check our website and the temple eNews for more information. Then we are in December, and that means Chanukah! Our annual Chanukah boutique will be held on Tuesday, December 5, as a joint project of Women of Temple Judea and the Early Childhood Center. Its one day, one boutique, with all of your favorite vendors and more! Please come out and support this and all of our events. Email WTJ@templejudea.com with any questions.

Please help us help Temple Judea. We would love to have you be part of our vital and energetic group.





### Brotherhood David Daniel and Anthony Gluck, Co-Presidents

Wow, did we have a busy summer! Our latest International Tasting Series event was a huge success, we cheered the Dodgers to victory on Jewish Community Day, served dinner to hundreds of congregants at the Sha-BBQ and the Back To Shul Dinner, and prepped the Temple Directory for delivery.

And we're not slowing down as we swing into fall and winter! We're planning this year's Speaker Series with WTJ, our annual sponsorship of the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving Feast, next spring's Men's Retreat, and more. Meanwhile, we're continuing our biweekly lunches, our monthly poker nights... and our uproarious monthly meetings, the second Tuesday night of each month. Join us!



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### Mazal Tov to

Lauren & Danny Rosen, on the birth of their daughter Reese.

Desiree & Richard Jacobs, on the birth of their daughter Sloan Harper. Also celebrating is big sister Emma, a student in our Nursery School.

Christina and Hai Waknine, who welcomed son, Daniel Joseph Waknine, on August 25, 2017. Big sisters are Sophia, a student in our Nursery School, and Isabella.

### Social Action Wants to Hear From You!

On August 4th, a small but mighty band of our Camp Zehut campers helped the Social Action committee fill 750 backpacks with a wide assortment of school supplies. These backpacks were donated to School on Wheels and were distributed to homeless children in Southern California. This program allows children living in cars, motels, or on the street the ability to feel like every other student in their class, armed with a new backpack filled with the appropriate supplies.

The amount of work our Zehut campers did was astounding, and we hope they felt proud of what they accomplished! Many thanks to those who donated supplies and the camp administration and especially to the counseling staff for welcoming us and helping out so much.

Our efforts were rewarded when Temple Judea, Camp Zehut and the Social Action committee were named Donor of the Month for August in the School on Wheels newsletter. Their staff was thrilled to receive so many backpacks as well as additional supplies to distribute to their clients.

We are deeply thankful for each camper, counselor, volunteer, and donor for your involvement with our project and with our committee. For more information about the backpack activity or other Social Action programs, please visit our website at http://www.templejudea.com/about/community/social-action/ or email Jennifer at jenlutzky@yahoo.com.



### 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 to discuss your planned gift.

### New Members We welcome you!

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### Meet Rabbinic Intern Lillian Kowalski

Hailing originally from Albany, NY, Lillian (Lily) worked in almost a dozen different Jewish organizations before matriculating at HUC-JIR in LA. She is currently a 4th year rabbinical student.

Lily received a Masters in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC in 2016 and her Bachelors from Brandeis University in 2008. For her undergraduate work, she majored in Judaic Studies and Music.

Last year, Lily served as the student rabbi at Temple Shalom in Yakima, WA and prior to that, she spent two years as the Educational Administrative Intern for Temple Kol Tikvah in Woodland Hills.

Outside of the synagogue and the classroom, Lily enjoys frequenting many of the Israeli folk dance sessions in LA

and weekend long dance camps across the country.

Lily is excited to be joining the Temple Judea team and to share her passion for fusing pop culture with Jewish values and ideas with the Temple Judea community. Please join Lillian for her upcoming classes in November: Israeli Arts and Culture: Discovering Israel through Poetry, Cinema, and Dance.



In addition to teaching adult learning, expect to see Lily teaching in religious school, working with our social action and social justice committees, and participating in our services from the bima.

The 1<sup>st</sup> San Fernando Valley Interfaith Solidarity March on September 10 brought together hundreds of walkers and several houses of worship to promote our common humanity. Thanks to Marsha and Mark Novak for planning this important event.



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Long-time member Josie Berger at the dedication of the sculpture made by the Berger family. The granite sculpture with water feature, crafted by Jose Moroles, was donated in memory of her late husband Bob, who was an active lay leader for many years. Ora Asilnejad in appreciation of Rabbi Sam Spector

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