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Women Who Make a Difference

2012 Women's Forum Honorees to be celebrated During Women's History Month



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Members of the Jewish community of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys will gather on Thursday, March 22, to honor the 2012 *Women Who Make a Difference*. The *Honorees*, who will be feted at this annual event which takes place during Women's History Month, represent local woman who have been selected from synagogues, educational institutions and organizations for their accomplishments, ongoing involvement, and dedication. As *Honorees*, they now take a place in the history of the Jewish community in the Greater San Gabriel & Pomona Valleys. These exceptional women, who have assumed varied roles, have given selflessly to the Jewish community and the broader community. This yearly event is scheduled to start at 9 am (registration begins at 8:15 am) and will again take place at the Courtyard Marriott in Baldwin Park.

The Jewish Federation sponsored event will highlight Women's History Month by featuring actress Elaine Rembrandt in a one-woman performance titled *Courage and Commitment*. During her performance Ms. Rembrandt will take on the identities of four well-known Jewish historical figures: Deborah the Judge, Dona Gracia Mendes, Emma Lazarus and Golda Meir. Her

performance will be followed by brunch and the Honoree program. All guests will have a chance to make their 2012 campaign pledge to the Jewish Federation just following the special performance. During brunch, there will be time for attendees to visit with friends, family and community members.

Cover art for the Women's Forum invitation is by Los Angeles based artist Barbara Mendes. It is a beautiful rendition of Dona Gracia Mendes, one of the women featured in performance artist Elaine Rembrandt's one-woman show.

Organizations, friends and family members will again have an opportunity to congratulate a Women's Forum Honoree in the event program with a single line tribute at \$18 or more. If you would like to congratulate an honoree with a special tribute, please contact the Jewish Federation office. Tribute information is also listed in the Women's Forum invitation which was mailed out in early February. The deadline for early Forum registration and tributes is March 12. While deadlines are approaching, it is not too late to request an invitation. Late registration is March 13-19. For information and reservations, please contact the Jewish Federation office (626) 445-0810 or go to www.jewishsgpv.org.

From Where I Sit

by Jason Moss
Executive Director, Jewish Federation

The How is far less important than the Why

It is truly amazing, at least to me, how people develop their ideas of what is right and what is wrong. While I think we would all agree that most of this hopefully happens when we grow up and is taught to us by our parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. What I find so remarkable about all of this is not what is actually right or wrong, but more so it is about how to become a good person and helps people along their path of life. There are very few bad people in the world. For the most part, everyone is trying to do the best that they can and are driven by their desire to do so. While everyone's path might curve this way or that way, our goals and ambitions are very similar. The only difference really comes to the path each of us actually takes.

Think about this for a moment in regards to your favorite store or restaurant. Everyone has a different way to get there, and but everyone is there for the same basic reason. The same is true for many important things in our lives, our country and the world.

We are in the midst of a critical time in our country. The members of the House and the Senate seem to be spending quite a bit of time focusing on why one side of the aisle is wrong, while they are right. We have Republican Presidential hopefuls, doing the same thing to not just one another, but also to President Obama. Instead of constantly focusing on how one way or one side is wrong in their approach (i.e., the *how* they are going to get there), we need to keep in mind one very important fact... and that is that we all have a shared vision and the vision is what is important... not who is wrong or right.



We need to stop the adversarial approach to trying to solve a problem, and focus more on the cooperative approach and figure out a way to work together to accomplish our shared goal. Maybe instead of a "you're wrong and I'm right," maybe we need to adopt an approach like Tevye's in *Fiddler on the Roof*. During a discussion, someone makes a point and Tevye says, "He's right." And then, after someone else makes a counter-point, Tevye says, "He's right." When a third person points out that they can't both be right, Tevye states, "You know...you are also right."

The same is true regarding Israel and our views about what is going on. There are different perspectives and different opinions of what we need to do with and about Israel. These viewpoints come from all sides and from across all over our religious, political, socio-economic, generational and other spectrums. And while you may not agree with them, they are all speaking pretty much the same message.... peace. The goal is the same, but the route to which each viewpoint comes from varies.

In the current issue of *Moment Magazine*, there is a symposium article entitled, "What Does It Mean To Be Pro-Israel Today?" They asked respected thinkers, activists and writers to respond to the question that many have a hard time discussing in a public forum. John J. Mearshimer, Martin Peretz, Peter Beinart, Amos Oz, Benny Morris, Caroline Glick and others shared their opinions. **I would be curious to hear from our local religious leaders what they think it means to be Pro-Israel today.**

After reading through each and every perspective in the article, the concept of the why versus the how became very evident to me. Israel has continually been at the forefront of our thought for some time now as Jews. I think that we sometimes label people with a different opinion of our own as anti-_____ (you fill in the blank). In actuality, they are more informed than those without an opinion.

I think it is time for all of us to re-shuffle our perspective on how we look at issues and the viewpoints of others. It is time for us to spend less time focusing on the how we are getting somewhere, and spend more time focused on the why we are striving for this. By doing so, there would be less tension and conflict because we would be able to rally behind the cause and then be in a better place to discuss the how we are going to make it happen.

I am not saying this is going to be easy. It is sort of like opening and closing a map (when we used to use them instead of GPS). Once the map is completely opened, it sure was hard to try to get back together in the original condition it was. However, when we opened it carefully and understood how each part fit together and where this crease went inside the correct fold, it was a snap.

Jason



Jewish Community News

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Istoria Judia – La Convivencia Musical A Musical Celebration of 1,300 Years of Spanish Jewish Culture and Commemoration of the 1492 Expulsion of Jews from Spain

Featuring Vanessa Paloma, Internationally renowned performer, scholar and lecturer Thursday, March 29, 2012, 8 p.m., Ann & Steve Morgan Auditorium, University of La Verne

The University of La Verne, an ethnically diverse university, will partner with the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, and Temple Beth Israel of Pomona to present a concert of the music of the Spanish Jews featuring internationally renowned artist Vanessa Paloma, along with members of the LA Jewish Symphony, Kol HaEmek, the University of La Verne choir, and Cantors from local synagogues.

This event is titled **La Convivencia**, the name given to describe the era in Spanish history from 711 to 1492 when Jews, Muslims, and Catholics lived in peace together. **La Convivencia**, from the Spanish word for “coexistence,” celebrates the interplay of cultural ideas and tolerance between the three great western religious traditions during the “Golden Age of Spain.”

Vanessa Paloma, a Senior Fulbright Scholar and Musical Artist now residing in Morocco, has spent years uncovering the metaphoric meaning of ancient texts that are embedded in the collective memory of the Jewish community there. Morocco is the only country in the world where the chain of transmission from the Spanish Golden Age has not been broken by migration or political upheaval. It carries the remnants of **La Convivencia** of Christians, Jews and Muslims and this is clearly seen in its musical traditions. The concert will be a uniquely beautiful and powerful celebration five centuries after the Expulsion, and yet another testament to how Jewish life perseveres in spite of the all too frequent attempts to crush it.

The event will take place on Thursday, March 29, 2012, 8 p.m., Ann & Steve Morgan Auditorium, University of La Verne. Reservations can be made by visiting vanessaepaloma.eventbrite.com or by calling 909.593.3511 ext. 4696. There is a suggested donation of \$18 for the event.

Since its inception in 1994, the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony has touched the hearts and minds of the culturally and religiously diverse Jewish community of greater Los Angeles, and through its education programs, also sought to raise awareness of the deep cultural ties that the Jews of Spanish descent share with people of Latin America. **Istoria Judia – La Convivencia Musical** continues this outreach, and is scheduled on the anniversary of the Expulsion Order of the Jews issued by Spanish rulers, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, in 1492. This musical commemoration allows the performers to demonstrate their shared vision of a time of community and mutual respect, **La Convivencia**. The concert will be preceded by a lecture and presentation at 11 am by Vanessa Paloma at University of La Verne focused on this theme.

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Your Jewish Federation would like to “officially” welcome our community’s latest B’nai Mitzvah into our community and wish mazel tov:

Jeremy Kaye
December 10, 2011
(Temple Beth Israel of Highland Park & Eagle Rock)

Maia Cohen
January 28, 2012
(Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center)

Nathaniel Simpson
March 10, 2012
(Temple Beth Israel of Pomona)

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December 17, 2011
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April 28, 2012
(Temple Beth Israel of Pomona)

Jeffrey Silver
January 14, 2012
(Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center)

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Cultural Arts Program News

by Cantor Judy Sofer, Cultural Arts Program Coordinator

On Sunday, January 29, we held our first Coffeehouse, Kafe B'Kef. This event was very well attended with many people performing Yiddish, Ladino, and Sefardic musical selections along with four of our local artists exhibiting their art and wonderful food both savory and sweet. The food included offerings from our Challah Club maven, Jan Robertson, knishes by Ricki Lane, and wonderful Sefardic food by Stella Haines.

Auditions were recently held for our next theatre production, "Pajama Game." We are very excited to have a wonderful cast and production crew from all over the valleys. Each time we discover more hidden talents in our community who will be joining us on the stage. The performances will be held at the Jewish Federation on Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please plan on coming to one of these performances to share in the fun. The ticket prices are \$36 premier seats, \$25 general, and \$10 children/students. We will also be selling blocks of tickets of minimum of 10 for \$20 a ticket, general admission only. We are looking for sponsors for our Playbill for the show. Our audiences consist of the Jewish community and friends from all over the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys so this is a good opportunity to do some advertising. Please get in touch with the Federation office at 626-445-0810 for more information.

The Challah Club is continuing to meet the third Friday of each month. Our next Challah baking will be on Friday, March 16 and April 20. Please RSVP to the Jewish Federation so we can buy the proper amount of ingredients. Please check the eblast for any last minute notifications.

Finally, we will continue our get-togethers on Saturday evening, March 24, for our second Kumsitz. For those of you who are not familiar with this word, it is the Hebrew word for campfire where everyone sits together and sings. Although we won't have a campfire, we will have food and drinks. After Havdalah the cantors and songleaders of the community together with our Jewish Community Chorale, Kol HaEmek, will lead you in Jewish song, with a mix of Israeli, American, Yiddish, and Sephardic. Words will be provided. This Kumsitz will take place at Temple Beth Israel. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at the Federation office 626-445-0810 or by sending an email to jsofer@jewishsgpv.org.

Finally we are planning another Coffeehouse event on May 20. Our theme for this evening will be "Poetry and Storytelling." It is also Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day which we will be celebrating. We are looking for poets, storytellers, and visual artists who would like to exhibit and sell their art this evening. There will be a cover charge of \$10 including a light dinner and desserts and coffee and tea. The event will take place at Temple Ami Shalom in West Covina on their outside patio weather permitting. If you are interested in participating or know someone else who would be interested, please get in touch. -- Cantor Judy Sofer

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In its continued attempt to reach all of the Jews living in the greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, the Jewish Federation joined the Facebook revolution and has had its own page for the past year. Check us out by going to www.facebook.com/jewishsgpv.



The page offers information about upcoming events, links to relevant news articles, videos, and other important information.

"With the addition of a Facebook page," explains Jason Moss, Jewish Federation's Executive Director, "we are making more people aware of the amazing and important work we do for our local Jewish community."

The Jewish Federation's Facebook page is just one of the many tools the organization utilizes to connect with the local Jewish community.

For more information about the Jewish Federation's Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/jewishsgpv or contact the Jewish Federation by calling 626.445.0810 or sending an email to federation@jewishsgpv.org.

Jewish Federation highlights 2012 Spring Enhancement Grant Awards

The Jewish Federation is pleased to announce its latest Enhancement Grant awards for Spring 2012. The goal of this program is to assist our area schools provide unique educational opportunities that they would not be able to have without some financial assistance. Below is a brief overview of projects that were awarded grants that were made possible through gifts made to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.

Temple Beth Israel of Pomona Preschool – to send all of the school's teachers to the annual Builders for Jewish Education Early Childhood conference.

Western University of Health Sciences Hillel – to help the club's Jewish and Israel education campaign for the entire school's population. Various programs will include bringing an IDF soldier to speak at the campus, a Purim party and ongoing Spirituality and Growth classes.

B'nai Simcha – to send two teachers to an early education math and science conference, as well as to purchase materials that will enable them to enrich the students' math and science experiences.

Weizmann Day School – to support Jewish Astronomy Night and the chaperone fee for Astrocamp. Following the 5th grade students experiences at Astrocamp with Temple Beth Hillel's students, the entire school will have the opportunity to participate in a Havdalah and Jewish Astronomy Night program which will feature activities and learning opportunities from the students experiences at Astrocamp.

Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center Religious School – to support Mishpacha Magic, a series of three Saturday Evening Family Education programs, including Havdalah, for the school's students and families. Each session is geared to a specific age group and activities are planned around a central theme.

Cal Poly Pomona Hillel – to support an event at Cal Poly Pomona that will educate the students on campus about Jewish culture and traditions as well as simultaneously demonstrating aspects of Israeli culture. The 3-day event will include booths about Jewish food, holidays, Israeli products, geography and facts about the country.

Temple Beth David – to bring in a story telling specialist to assist and engage the students in helping them create meaningful and lasting experiences in the classroom. Over a series of three sessions, through story prompts and working with the specialist, all of the school students will have the opportunity to explore and enhance the story of Chanukah for themselves and the congregation.

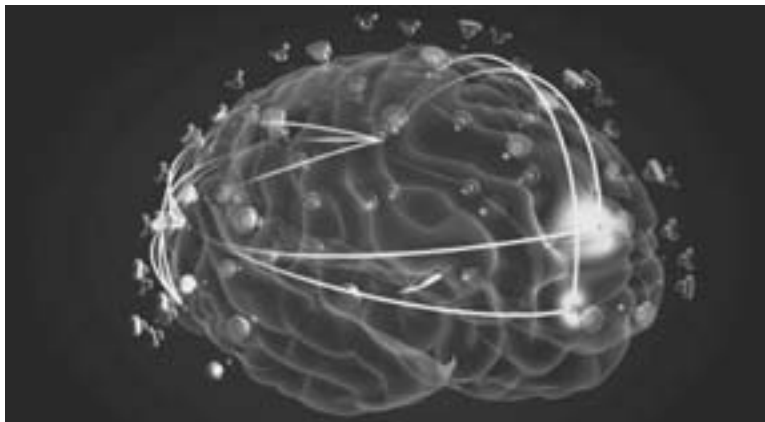
The deadline for the Fall 2012 Enhancement Grant Program is Friday, August 31. For more information about the grants, to volunteer to be on the Enhancement Grant Proposal Review Committee or to learn more about the grant program, please contact the Jewish Federation by calling 626.445.0810 or by email at federation@jewishsgpv.org.

Israel News

Editor's note: These news stories were reprinted from Israel 21c's website – www.israel21c.org.

Non-invasive tool identifies Alzheimer's, depression and ADHD

By Abigail Klein Leichman



Revolutionary Israeli system takes the guesswork out of diagnosing and treating ADHD, depression, Alzheimer's and other brain-related diseases.

EIMindA aims to revolutionize treatment of a number of brain disorders by opening a new window in to the way the brain works. One out of every three people suffer from a brain-related disorder such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, ADHD, chronic pain or depression. But because the human brain and the conditions that affect it are so complex, blood tests and imaging are of limited value for diagnosing brain diseases and documenting the effects of treatment. Even in the 21st century, there's a lot of guesswork involved, and that means low treatment success rates at high costs.

The Israeli company **EIMindA** could revolutionize the field by opening a new window into how the brain works. Its trademarked, non-invasive BNA (brain network activation) technology has shown promise in clinical studies. "Our vision is that every psychiatrist and neurologist in the world will routinely send every patient for BNA tests," says Dr. Eli Zangvil, EIMindA's strategic advisor for business development. "Our test would add information and aid in diagnostics in a way no other existing technology can do."

The procedure is simple and painless. Patients sit at a computer for 15 to 30 minutes, performing a specific task many times while the device maps network activation points in the brain. The repetition allows the device to sift out brain activity unrelated to the task (such as thinking about what to eat for lunch). The result is a three-dimensional image of nerve cell connectivity and synchronization that is highly sensitive, specific and reproducible. The tool is sensitive enough to show subtle differences in the severity of the condition from one day to another, says Zangvil. It can also optimize drug dosing by monitoring the changes in brain network activities as the drug takes effect.

Within five years or so, BNA could be helping doctors pinpoint the stage of disease and predict which patients will respond to which drugs. "To do that, we must collect a lot of data," says Zangvil. "To say this person has a certain disease or condition, I have to be able to compare their pattern to a normal brain pattern of a person of the same age and gender."

To gather adequate data, the company is pouring millions into experiments at the hospitals of Michigan and Pittsburgh universities. These studies focus on mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) and ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). "We hope we'll get FDA approval by the end of 2012 and be in the US market for monitoring and decision-making for the treatment of concussion — especially sports-related concussion — in 2013," Zangvil tells ISRAEL21c.

Why concussion? It's long been known that boxers develop chronic brain conditions after taking many blows to the head. But newer research shows that someone who gets hit in the head just a few times — not even hard enough to knock him out — is at great risk of developing irreversible brain damage, depression and Parkinson's.

For now, doctors must rely on information from patient questionnaires to assess these injuries because CT and MRI scans can't detect mild trauma. "We believe our technology offers an objective way to measure the situation and be useful as a tool for making decisions, like whether the player can go back on the field. This is a concern for every mother whose child plays contact sports," says Zangvil.

In much the same way, clinical trials are proving the tool's value for objectively diagnosing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, which affects up to one in 20 US children.

Diagnosis today is based on a subjective behavioral and clinical

evaluation, with a high rate of misdiagnosis and unnecessary drug treatment. BNA mapping would simplify diagnosis by comparing the patient's scan to a normal and an ADHD profile. It would also play a role in treatment decisions and monitoring.

The privately funded EIMindA was founded in 2006 by Prof. Amir Geva, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (currently the company's chief technology officer) with Dr. Goded Shahaf, who is no longer with EIMindA. "They come from totally different approaches," relates Zangvil.

"Amir thought about a different analysis of electrophysiology of the brain more than 30 years ago, when doing research on Israeli Navy SEALs suffering from seizures. He was looking at the problem top down, trying to predict seizures. Goded came from the micro level, taking small clusters of brain cells and measuring electric currents and behavior of these cells."

Putting their opposite approaches together, the two found they could vastly improve on the capabilities of existing mapping techniques, such as the EEG. The company, under CEO Ronen Gadot, has about 18 employees at its Herzliya office and is backed by a world-class scientific advisory board.

Israel's solar-powered tulips

By Karin Kloosterman



Hooked up together, a "flower garden" of AORA solar energy plants could power entire cities. Thinking small allows for greater flexibility in siting power plants and maintaining them as well.

They look like something commissioned by the Museum of Modern Art: 115-foot-high yellow tulip-shaped sun collectors designed by **AORA**, a solar energy innovator from Israel. With about 50 tracking mirrors focusing the sun's rays onto it, the solar "tulip" generates electricity using ultra-high temperature concentrating solar power (CSP) technology.

AORA, which started generating solar power in Israel in 2009, will dedicate its second demo power plant in February in Almeria, Spain, on a half-acre plot of land at the Plataforma Solar Almeria science park. It is hoped to serve as a point of entry into the European market and beyond. The system uses giant yellow solar receivers fitted with 100-kilowatt gas turbines, which heat air to about 1,000 degrees Celsius using the sun's energy, directing the heated air to a turbine that then converts thermal energy to electric energy.

The new installation in sunny Spain will provide 100 kilowatts of electric power to the grid, as well as 170 kilowatts of thermal power, enough to supply 50 average households. The idea is to build clusters of these plants in order to achieve big numbers in energy production. It's a hybrid system, meaning that when available sunlight is not sufficient, it can operate on any alternative fuel source in order to guarantee an uninterrupted power supply.

The first AORA power station, in Israel's southern Kibbutz Samar, is still providing power to the grid since it was turned on in 2009. Zev Rosenzweig, the CEO of AORA, tells ISRAEL21c that the Spanish deal could open up business in the Italian market nearby - and eventually, much farther afield.

Since Spain is already a solar energy leader, that was the easiest market to enter, he explains. "We hope to have one dozen [plants] in the southeast United States by end of 2012," he says, "as well as a number of plants in Mexico, our primary focus for the next two years."

A migrant to renewables from the nuclear industry, Rosenzweig admits that at first blush it seems that the kilowatts of power promised by AORA pale in comparison to megawatt systems, like the BrightSource **CSP plant in California** that deflects sunlight from its mirrors, or heliostats, to a high tower where they turn turbines to generate electricity. But the premise behind AORA, conceived in the **Weizmann Institute of Science** lab of Prof. Jacob Karni in the 1980s, is to avoid losing energy in the usual CSP process as the sun's rays travel through the air.

By building the collection station close to the mirrors, and by

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CHILDREN OF DIVORCE:

Protecting and Supporting your Children During and After a Major Family Disruption

By HARVEY BUZIN, L.C.S.W.

The increase in separation and divorce rates has focused renewed attention on the potential impact that these events can have on the affected children. Parents splitting up is among the most challenging of experiences that any child will likely face in their lifetime. As parents, we need to find ways to assist them during this difficult transition. It's an especially problematic task, since we can be going through our own, often overwhelming, experiences at the same time. If parents understand their children's behavior and how their actions impact them, the kids are much less likely to experience long term problems.

It's not unusual, however, for children to experience some of the following issues during the separation, and for a year after:

1) Anger directed at one or both parents, self, or siblings. It may be expressed physically, through fighting or yelling. It can also be turned inward, and present as flat affect.

2) Sadness, in reaction to the losses and changes. This can take the form of crying or loss of interest in favorite activities.

3) Guilt, blaming themselves for the breakup, as if some previous transgression caused the split.

4) Regression to previous stages of development. This can show itself in tantrums, baby talk, or bedwetting.

5) Fears and Insecurities, shown by refusing to go to school or child care, becoming possessive of people and things, and testing and seeking limits when switching from one parent's home to the other. Anxiety can be demonstrated by being afraid of sleeping alone or of having the parent out of sight.

6) Denial, pretending the separation did not occur, or that they are unaffected by it.

7) Assuming the Parental Role, acting like an adult to take care of parents or trying to reunite them.

If confronted with the issues noted above, parents can supportively intervene to minimize the impact on their children. Leave lines of communication open, responding with accurate information to their inevitable questions. You may need to repeat your comments many times. Listen to what your children are saying, including the feelings underlying their statements. Reflecting these feelings will go far in letting them know that you

“get it” in recognizing their fears and insecurity (for example, “Josh, it sounds like you're scared that daddy doesn't love you any more.”) In circumstances such as these, we can't assume that our kids know that we will continue to care about, and for, them. We need to put these into words. To provide comfort during this period, touching is important (such as holding them). Spending some extra minutes together at bed time can be reassuring. Depending on their level of

sophistication, reinforcing of the following can relieve much stress:

“The divorce is not your fault. It is OK to be sad, angry, or any other way you are feeling. You don't have to take care of me.” To provide additional security, it is recommended that you maintain structure and discipline. Most importantly, avoid using the children as pawns, messengers, spies, or force them to take

sides. The best predictor of the well being of children in divorce is in minimizing the amount of conflict between parents. Using mediation and/or professional counseling, to mitigate differences, can go far in assisting your children in adjusting to their new reality.



Harvey Buzin, L.C.S.W., is a licensed psychotherapist and one of several clinicians affiliated with Jewish Federation's Jewish Family Resource Services (JFRS) program. He is a former school psychologist and Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California. He counsels children, adolescents, and adults who live in the San Gabriel Valley. If you, a relative, or a friend is in need of a consultation about a problem, please contact JFRS at (626) 445-0810, Ext. 27, and we will assist you.



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building the plants close to or on the grid, more power is retained. “Our philosophy is to have many small units, each highly efficient, and close to the tower,” says Rosenzweig.

Rather than billions, a half million dollars can build a solar plant to power roughly 50 homes in Europe, and a few fewer in the United States where consumption is higher. Hooked up together, a “flower garden” of AORA plants could power entire cities, or simply feed their power back to the grid as they are currently built to do. Off-grid solutions, though, are possible.

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AORA is based in Rehovot, Israel, and together with its staff in Spain employs 18 people. About \$25 million has been invested to date; the company seeks an additional \$25 to 30 million. The company was founded in 2008 and has private shareholders as well as a major shareholder, EDIG.

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Jewish Federation Meets with Local Elected Officials

Over the past month and a half, Jason Moss, Jewish Federation's Executive Director, has been meeting with the community's local elected officials in an attempt to make them more aware of the Jewish community and make sure they know about the work of the Jewish Federation on behalf of the Jewish community.

This latest venture was spurred on by an email the Jewish Federation received from a local community member. Leslie Martel, a member of Temple Ami Shalom in West Covina, attended an event with a local elected official who had no idea that there was a Jewish community in our area, let alone a Jewish Federation.

After hearing from Martel, Moss sent an introduction letter, an eight-year Jewish calendar of holidays, and a map of the Jewish community to every elected official in the community, including Mayors, State Senate, State Assembly, County Board of Supervisors, US Senate and House. Letters were also mailed out to all school superintendents in the community.

After receiving the letters, the Jewish Federation's phone started to ring with many requests for meetings with the Jewish Federation's Executive Director.

So far, Moss has met with Senator Dianne Feinstein's office, State Assemblywoman Norma Torres, Congressman Joe Baca and Adam Schiff's office, San Bernardino County Board Supervisor Janice Rutherford, State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, and Claremont School Superintendent Gloria Johnston.

"The point of the meetings," Moss explains, "is for the officials to hear from the Jewish community and to know that if issues arise, there is an organization in the community that is available to be a resource."


Moss hopes that by continuing to meet with the local officials, the Jewish Federation will continue to serve in its role as being the voice for the Jewish community.

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Tunisia's Arab Spring

We have all read about the recent elections in Tunisia (a small North Africa country bordered by Algeria and Libya), which are celebrated by the world as the first truly democratic elections in the countries of the Arab Spring. As we go to press, it appears that the "moderate" Islamist party has gained a plurality in the body elected to write the country's new constitution, and that the liberal parties will join in a coalition government.

Jews first came to the territory of modern-day Tunisia in ancient times, perhaps as far back as the First Temple period. Jewish communities in contemporary Tunisia skew towards the elderly and are situated in the northern cities of Tunis, Sfax, and Sousse, the southern city of Zarzis, and on the island of Djerba. The small remaining Jewish population enjoyed the protection of the Tunisian government under its now-deposed dictator, and it is not yet known just how Islamist the new government will be, nor how it will deal with its Jewish community in the future. Having provided continuing support to this community over the years, the Joint is on the ground and will adjust its activities as required during the country's evolution.

Want to learn more? Check out The Joint at its website jdc.org or its disaster-relief blog at nopassportrequired.jdc.org.

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B'nai Simcha Preschool Supports L.A. Arboretum for Tu B'Shvat

Each Friday as part of their Kabbalat Shabbat ritual, the children at B'nai Simcha Jewish Community Preschool collect tzedakah. As their pushkas fill with coins, the students discuss what they should do with money collected. Following the wind storm there was lots of discussion about all of the fallen trees, blackouts, and other adventures experienced during that time. Many of the children had visited the Arboretum after it reopened and talked about all of the damage. It was decided that the current tzedakah funds should be given to the L.A. Arboretum to help with their tree fund.

Cantor Richard Schwartz of Temple Beth David, and music specialist at B'nai Simcha, led the children in song as they gathered beside the school orchard on Tu B'shevat. They have planted and harvested pomegranates, mandarin oranges, peaches, etrogim, oranges and figs. At the end of their celebration, Judy Callahan, Director, presented Nancy Carlton, Volunteer Coordinator at the Arboretum, a check for the Arboretum Tree Fund. The Arboretum thanked the children and presented them peacock book marks.

B'nai Simcha tries to tie in holiday celebrations with experiences in the children's lives. They hope to mount a food drive for Purim and participate in a project with

Shoes That Fit at Pesach (it is hard to participate in an Exodus without sturdy footwear). The school is currently accepting enrollment for their summer and fall programs. For more information about B'nai Simcha, call (626) 445-4805 or go to bnaisimcha.org.



The Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys' Cultural Arts Program presents



The dangers of a workplace romance are explored to hysterical effect in this romantic comedy. Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between the new superintendent Sid Sorokin and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7 1/2-cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well.

Bright and brassy, this unconventional, fast-paced Broadway favorite is every bit the embodiment of legendary director George Abbott at his very best. The energetic score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross is brimming with songs and dances which have become popular and musical theatre standards including "Hey There," "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway."

Performance Dates

Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.

Ticket Prices & Location

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CONGREGATION NEWS

TEMPLE SINAI OF GLENDALE **Mock Wedding during Artist in Residence Weekend**

On Friday evening, January 20, The Michael Winograd Klezmer Trio added an amazing Shabbat experience at our services and afterwards at the oneg. On Sunday, they played as our fourth grade class held a mock Jewish wedding with congregants the guests at the wedding. Truly an weekend of nostalgia and immense joy as we listened and recreated the sounds of Eastern Europe.

Solar Panels Dedicated

On Sunday, January 29, Temple Sinai of Glendale dedicated its Solar Panel Installation. It is an exciting step toward lowering our carbon footprint and saving valuable resources.



100 Voices: A Journey Home

The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai is thrilled to be able to present the documentary "100 Voices: A Journey Home" which follows 100 cantors from the United States back to Poland. It serves as a poignant reminder of the rich Jewish culture of that country that was lost but also shows us a resurgence of Jewish culture in Warsaw and Krakow.. All proceeds will go towards our Campership scholarships and the renovation of our school classrooms. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with Havdalah then hors d'oeuvres, beverages and schmoozing. The Documentary will start at 6:45 p.m. (running time 90 min.). RSVP by Wednesday, March 21. Tickets: \$10 each or two for \$18. Make Check Payable to: TSG Sisterhood and mail to Temple Sinai Office, Attn: Suzy Lenkowsky, 1212 N. Pacific Ave, Glendale, CA 91202

Yom HaShoah

Our Yom HaShoah Program and service will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 10 a.m. We remember all those who perished at that time and also delight in those who survived and their families who continue to be a light to the nations.

Sinai Jazz Club and Casino

Come listen to the Jazz music of Sara Leib and the Jazz Wailers as Temple Sinai transforms its social hall into a Jazz club and Casino for this year's fundraiser on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. Silent and live auctions offer the most tempting objects that serve to compliment the delectable Hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

HUGAT HAVERIM

Celebrate Passover 5772 With Congregation Hugat Haverim

Join us on Friday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. for a Pot-Luck Dinner to Celebrate Passover. Cost: \$22 for adults, \$15 for students, \$5 for kids 10 and under, 2 and under free. We are located at Neighborhood Church – Main Sanctuary; 301 North Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena. Items Provided: Congregation Hugat Haverim will provide main dish, sweet wine, and paper goods. All other food items are "pot luck". You may bring your own dry kosher for Passover wine if you wish.

Reservations and "what to bring": Please call Carol Schilling at 818-500-9902 or at Carollouise@mindspring.com for reservations and "what to bring". All participants (each two adults) are encouraged to bring a dish that serves 8-12 persons.

Payment Deadline: To assure adequate food and material supplies, reservations and checks are requested no later than April 6. Please send your checks, made payable to Congregation Hugat Haverim, to Judy Martel, 712 E. Irving Dr., Burbank, CA 91504.

Late Payments: The dinner price for payments after April 6 will be increased by \$3 per person. For "pay at the door", the price will be increased by \$5 per person.

PASADENA JEWISH TEMPLE AND CENTER

March and April Activities

The PJTC programming for March and April features wonderful services, provocative and inspirational speakers and classes, and some fun special events.

March begins with our Scholar in Residence program scheduled for the weekend of March 2-4. Dr. Steven Windmueller, noted Jewish communal service scholar, educator, and internationally known specialist on political issues and American Jewish affairs will speak at three separate events. On Friday evening, March 2, Dr. Windmueller will discuss "The Jewish Contract with America" immediately after Kaballat Shabbat services. On Saturday evening, March 3, a wonderful Havdallah service and Whitman Family supper will precede Dr. Windmueller's second discussion: "Changing Jewish Political Attitudes." The final event will be a Bagel Breakfast on Sunday morning, March 4, at 10 a.m., where the topic will be: "The Future of the American Jewish Community." Question and answer sessions are planned with each program. This should be a fabulous weekend of learning and interaction, with topics especially appropriate for this election year. Please contact the Temple office for further information.

Purim highlights the following week, with a special event on Wednesday evening, March 7. The festivities begin with a "Tot Service" from 6:30-7 p.m.,

followed by a "Family Service" from 7-8 p.m., and an "Adult Service" from 8-9 p.m. The event will include the Megillah reading and a Purim Spiel. Wear costumes, make lots of noise, and celebrate with our Temple family! Refreshments and other surprises are being planned.

March 15 is the starting date for Cantor Harris' upcoming class, an "Introductory Shabbat Workshop." Find out all you ever wanted to know about Shabbat over a three-session course. This will be our new Cantor's first adult education class. Take the opportunity to meet and get to know her in an intimate class setting. The times and other details for the course are being planned. Don't miss it! A follow-up, more advanced workshop is also on the horizon.

April this year begins with Pesach. The traditional PJTC Community Seder will again be held on the second night, April 7. Join our PJTC clergy, Temple family and friends as we celebrate together this special holiday commemorating our people's liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt. This is always a wonderful family event. Make plans and reservations early. Contact the PJTC office for further information. The conclusion of Pesach in 2012 will also include a very special USY event. On Saturday evening, April 14, the USY has scheduled a "Chocolate Seder" to celebrate the holiday in a unique and delicious way. Unfortunately, this event is only open to USY members - no adults are allowed! Contact our PJTC Youth Director, Aaren Weisz for the details.

April programming also includes events for Yom Ha Shoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut. On April 22, PJTC will be having its Yom Ha Shoah Seder led by Temple member Ernie Robinson. Yom Ha'atzmaut will be celebrated on the evening of April 26. Food, music, dancing and other festivities are being planned.

90 Years of Inspiring History

Save the date for May 5, 2012! PJTC will commemorate 90 years of inspiring history and beloved memories through a special Synaplex celebration for all ages. Please save the date and join us for an evening to remember!

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL OF POMONA **Visit Temple Beth Israel Preschool**

English, Hebrew, Spanish Farsi, Russian, Arabic..... the diversity of our preschool community is reflected in the languages of the families at Temple Beth Israel Preschool. The commonality is the appreciation of the nurturing, stimulating environment which integrates secular and Jewish learning.

Now is the time for new families to visit TBI Preschool and indicate their interest for the 2012-13 school year. Registration will be in April for September, 2012. You can view the preschool's website at <http://www.templebethisraelpreschool.org> and become a friend on the Temple Beth

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Israel Preschool Facebook page. Contact Deborah Pruitt to schedule a visit to our Jewish early childhood program.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL OF POMONA



Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz visits with children at Temple Beth Israel Preschool.

Mitzvah Day at Temple Beth Israel in Pomona

Temple Beth Israel's 13th Annual Mitzvah Day took place on February 12. This community wide service day was organized by the Social Action Committee and celebrates the Pomona synagogue's largest collective tikkun olam activity. The day of good works began at 9 a.m., with the Sisterhood hosting a brunch, followed by songs with Cantor Buch and blessings from Rabbi Kupetz. Approximately 100 volunteers spent the morning doing the bidding of the eight non-profits participating. Approximately 300 hours were offered doing tasks such as garden clean-up and planting, indoor painting, window washing, general cleaning and much needed organization of storage areas.

The agencies participating this year were Ability First in Claremont; The ACORN Project at the Claremont Wilderness Park; Bilingual Counseling Services in Ontario; Foothill Aids Project in Claremont; Foothill Family Shelter in Upland; The House of Ruth in Pomona; Inland Valley Hope Partners food bank in Ontario and Temple Beth Israel. New to the roster of agency's this year was the Bilingual Counseling Center, while the very popular ACORN Project joined Mitzvah Day three years ago. The other groups have been participating since TBI's first Mitzvah Day in 2000.

Additional mitzvot opportunities included financial contributions which were shared among the agencies. About \$350 were donated. The Food 4 FAP project encourages all attending Mitzvah Day to bring canned goods to assist the many clients of Claremont's Foothill Aids Project.

As these non-profits often struggle with budgetary constraints, they have come to count on TBI's yearly effort. Clients and staff expressed gratitude for helping make their environment more welcoming and attractive. While some folks reported needing an ADVIL at day's end, everyone who attends Mitzvah Day knows that they made a real difference.... and that feels

really good! -- Ethel Steinberger, Social Action Committee Co-Chair.

TEMPLE BETH DAVID Want to Learn Hebrew?

Conversational Hebrew/Israeli Culture for Beginners and Non-Beginners taught by international journalist, Brenda Gazzar:

This course will give you the tools to express yourself and understand some basics of modern Hebrew as well as teach you some essential vocabulary, phrases, grammar and cultural know-how so that you can ask for (and get) what you want, Israeli style.

Brenda Gazzar's love of the Hebrew language was kindled when she did an intensive summer ulpan in Israel at the age of 19. She studied abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem during her junior year of college and later worked in Jerusalem as a journalist for five years. She has also worked as a teacher's assistant in Hebrew while pursuing her master's degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

The continuing dates for the classes are 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18 from 5-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$36 for the series and will be held at Temple Beth David.

Brenda Gazzar has worked as a journalist for more than a decade, including nearly five years while based in Jerusalem and Cairo. She worked as the Jerusalem Post's Arab Affairs correspondent in 2008-09 and has also freelanced for outlets such as Reuters, *Ms. Magazine* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. She now works as a reporter at the *Pasadena Star-News*.

TEMPLE AMI SHALOM

Temple Happenings

The following activities are scheduled or on-going. Every Shabbat after services and lunch there is an all comers soccer match, age, sex or skill is not a determinant. The goal of the game is to have fun, and havorshaft (friendship). The game is held the second and forth Saturday of every month. It is played on our newly build soccer field. So far a good time has been held by every participant.

On Wednesday March 7 at 7 p.m., we will be reading the Megillah or the Book of Esther it's a book in the Jewish Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible). It tells the story of a Jewish girl called Esther, who became queen of Persia and thwarted a plan to commit genocide against her people. The Book of Esther or the Megillah is the basis for the Jewish celebration of Purim. Its full text is read aloud during the celebration.

This year the second Seder which corresponds to April 7, 2012 will be performed that evening at 6:30 p.m., at the Temple. See our website at amishalom.com for more information. The Passover Seder order, arrangement" is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is conducted on the evenings of the 14th day of Nisan in the Hebrew

calendar, and on the 15th by traditionally observant Jews living outside Israel. It is a ritual performed and for the local Jewish community involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. This story is in the Book of Exodus (Shemot) in the Hebrew Bible. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8) Traditionally, families and friends gather in the evening to read the text of the Haggadah, an ancient work derived from the Mishnah (Pesachim 10).[The Haggadah contains the narrative of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, special blessings and rituals, commentaries from the Talmud, and special Passover songs. Seder customs include drinking four cups of wine, eating matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate, and reclining in celebration of freedom. The Seder is performed in much the same way by Jews all over the world. Hope to see you there.

TEMPLE SHOLOM OF ONTARIO Updates and Events

Temple Sholom will be the site of another Mahjong tournament on Sunday, March 4. The games will begin at 9 a.m., and run through 4 p.m. The entry fee is \$36 per person, which includes brunch. The last tournament was sold out, so we suggest you sign up early. For further information contact Stephanie at (909) 983-9661.

Temple Sholom of Ontario will host its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 11. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m., with games for children of all ages, a magician, face painting, and much more. Come in your favorite Purim costume to get into the swing of things.

On Sunday, April 1, Temple Sholom of Ontario will host an Interactive Women's Seder. This event, held in conjunction with Sharon Group of Hadassah, will be begin at 9:30 a.m., with the Seder being led by Marcia Alper, whose vast experience in leading informative and enjoyable Seders makes this a 'must' to attend. Along with the traditional Passover items, a light lunch will be served. All this for a nominal cost of \$12 per person. Reservations are required, so please call the Stephanie at the Temple office at (909) 983-9661 to reserve your spot.

Temple Sholom of Ontario's Sisterhood will host a Community Seder on Saturday, April 6 at 6 p.m. As usual, Rabbi Gil Alchadeff will preside over the ceremonies, fully explaining each step of the way with scintillating commentary. These annual events are always extremely well attended, so be sure to call Stephanie at the Temple office to secure a place at the table. The Temple number is (909) 983-9661.

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TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL OF HIGHLAND PARK AND EAGLE ROCK Education News

With almost 60 students now enrolled in our K - B'nai Mitzvah programs, TBI's education program continues to grow and grow! With courses always being added, adults and kids at Temple Beth Israel have been able to learn their Hebrew and their Jewish History, Plus they also get to do some singing and dancing as Temple member, Mom, and TBI Music Director Ellen Kennedy leads the classes in monthly music instruction.

Our wonderful Sunday Adult Education class continues as Rabbi Susan Goldberg leads the popular **Pathways Into Judaism**. This thought provoking class meets on the first Sunday of the month from 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Recently added to our Adult Education Program, is a most unique course: "Navigating TBI's Shabbat Morning Service: *A Beginner's Introduction to a Meaningful Relationship*". The class, facilitated by TBI Education Director Mark Strunin, meets every Tuesday from 7-8:45p.m., and runs until April 3.

B'nai Mitzvahs – Still More to Come!

We're still kvelling about our three Bar & Bat Mitzvah's pioneering efforts in TBI's resurgence. Not only were these our first Bar Mitzvah celebrations in 35 years, but Rebecca Tokofsky was also TBI's very first Bat Mitzvah! Sheldon, Rebecca and Jeremy made their families and our congregation so proud. And it's not over! Education Director Mark Strunin and Rabbi Goldberg are preparing our future B'nai Mitzvah students Liam Davis (May) and Shane Held (August) for their Bar Mitzvahs!

March TBI Events to Highlight Thursday, March 1, 7 – 9p.m. - Community Action Town Hall

Kehiladad, our social action committee, invites you to join us as we have community leaders come to discuss our neighborhood. We want to learn what the issues are in the community. How can we help? And we will begin to discuss, as a Temple, which of the needs we want to engage and how we want to commit our energy. These are just a few of the items on the agenda that will make for a lively evening. A light supper will also be served.

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. - Purim

Celebrate Purim at Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center. We are all invited as a congregation to PJTC to hear the reading of the Megillah! Tot Purim at PJTC at 6:30, with the Megillah reading at 7p.m.

Friday, March 9, 6 p.m. - Friday Night Family Purim Service

Come one/come all! Bring your kids and the kid in you to this special Friday Night Family Service! Not only will we

make and bake Hamantaschen: we'll eat some too! And as part of our Purim celebration, we'll be presenting an original Purim musical entitled "Esther's Destiny"! Our very own Ellen Kennedy is producing and directing the show, written by the multi-faceted (and tireless) Bill Burnett, TBI member, professional musician, and TV producer (Nickelodeon, etc.)!

April TBI Events - Save the Date! Sunday, April 1 - TBI Passover Spring Cleaning!

It's our first annual TBI Spring Cleaning! Since we'll be cleaning up the Temple inside and out, we need everyone's help. Not only will we kasher the kitchen for Passover, but there's cleaning, gardening, and organizing to do. There will also be fun activities for kids - like searching for Homitz, plus a discussion of Passover led by Rabbi Susan Goldberg.

Saturday, April 7 - TBI Passover Seder

Due to the overwhelming response to last year's Seder, this year's annual TBI Second Night Seder will be held in the All Saints Episcopal Church Social Hall (just one block away on Monte Vista St.). The Seder, which includes a delicious catered meal, is designed for all ages, and will be led by Rabbi Susan Goldberg and Cantor Ken Rothstein. Details at www.tbila.org.

Continuing Events

Our wonderful Cantor Ken Rothstein conducts TBI's weekly Saturday Services at 10 a.m. Rabbi Susan Goldberg leads our First Friday Services and second Friday Family Friday Services for families and young children. All followed by a yummy Kiddush prepared under the supervision of Harriet Neal.

Contact Us

Become a friend of TBI on our Facebook Page and follow all our religious, educational and cultural activities! Our Facebook page is findable as "TBI of

Highland Park and Eagle Rock". As always, check out our website at www.tbila.org for additional and late breaking details.



A new TBI Tradition! Cookie baking by the congregation for upcoming Bar Mitzvahs!



Jeremy and Sheldon discussing their Bar Mitzvah experiences...



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Weizmann Day School News

A One-of-a-Kind Tree in our Own Front Yard

By Lisa Feldman, Weizmann Day School, Head of School, M.A. Ed.

Trees receive much attention in Jewish tradition — from the Garden of Eden to *Tu B'Shvat*. Now, a very special tree is the crowning jewel of the yard that our communities saw to fruition. Early on, the yard planning committee envisioned the tree as a symbol for the project and sold leaves and tiles to help raise money. Today, we can all take in this lovely monument bearing so many of our fingerprints.

It all began with a simple drawing by Weizmann Parent Katharine Higgins, which graced every pledge card at our fundraising events. This sketch then became the inspiration for the large-scale tree mosaic —



Left: Katharine Higgins, Josh Arnn and his father David Arnn install the tree trunk and branches on *Tu B'Shvat*.

which was created by the entire student population of our school under the vision and

supervision of our extraordinary art teacher Ellen Dinerman, who holds an MFA in Ceramics and Sculpture from Claremont Graduate School.

Ellen collected spare tiles from Contractor's Tile Mart and Home Depot. Next she sketched out a tree on cement board, which Weizmann parent, David Arnn, Jig-sawed. Our Middle School students assisted in selecting texture and color. Then, each class cemented and later grouted the mosaic pieces.

Our students studied local ecosystems to create the ceramic creatures that will adorn the tree. Kindergarteners made beautiful flowers. First graders hand-crafted colorful insects. Second graders

worked on native reptiles. Third graders focused on birds while fourth and fifth graders created small mammals. As a next step, Ellen, Katharine, and parent Annette Silverstone made the inscribed leaves. Finally, on *Tu B'Shvat*, David installed the trunk and branches on the yard's North wall — with daily additions of leaves and creatures.

I experience pure joy every time I visit the tree. For one, it's quite the advertisement for our school's incredible fine arts program. It is also the physical manifestation of the generosity and vibrancy of our communities. The leaves bear inscriptions of so many familiar names. There are also inscriptions in memory of loved ones including Cindy Bernath (z"l) for whom the play structure is also dedicated, and Daniel Pearl (z"l) whose leaf was presented to his parents at our last Harmony for Humanity concert. This mosaic mural is a beautiful piece of art in its own right. But its significance, like that of trees in nature and in the Torah, transcends far deeper than what is seen on the surface.

The dedication ceremony is tentatively slated for Sunday, May 6. Please stay tuned for details. We also invite you for a sneak peak of this truly magnificent tree. To order a leaf, email info@weizmann.net before March 25.



Above: Ceramic leaves, inscribed with supporter's names and messages, await the kiln.

To schedule a visit of our school or new tree mosaic, please call the office at (626) 797-0204 or visit www.Weizmann.net. We are now accepting applications for the 2012/13 school year in all grade levels, K-8.



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MARCH 2012 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>March 4 8:30 a.m.: Tefillin Service, TAS 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 10 a.m.: Introduction to Judaism, BSW 10 a.m.: From the Ghetto to the Oscars, TSG</p>	<p>March 5 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS 7 p.m.: Beginner Reading Hebrew Class, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Sisterhood Meeting, TBD 8 p.m.: Beginner Conversation Hebrew Class, TAS</p>	<p>March 6 7 p.m.: Education Committee Meeting, TBD 7:30 a.m.: Rabbi Grater's Meditation Class, PJTC 7:30 p.m.: TBD Social Club</p>	<p>March 7 6:15 p.m.: Beginning Hebrew, BSW 6:30 p.m.: Purim Spiel and Megillah Reading, TSG 7 p.m.: Talmud Study with Rabbi Gil Kollin, PJTC 7 p.m.: Purim Service and Spiel, TBI 7 p.m.: Megillah Reading, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Rabbi Grater's Class, "Making Prayer Real," PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Continuing Hebrew, BSW</p>	<p>March 8 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 12 p.m.: Torah Study and Lunch with Rabbi Grater, PJTC 12 noon: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rick, TSG 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew Class with Nurith Brier, PJTC 7 p.m.: Study with Rabbi Shelby, BSW 7 p.m.: TBD Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purim</p>	<p>March 9 6 p.m.: Tot Shabbat Service, TBD 6:15 p.m.: Family (K-3 Shabbat Service, TBI 6:30 p.m.: Family Dinner, TBD 7 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service with Special Guest Karen Golden, TBD 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBI 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat, AR 8 p.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC 8 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSO</p>	<p>March 10 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 9 a.m.: Torah Study, BSW 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 9:30 a.m.: Weekly Torah Study, TBI 9:45 a.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 10 a.m.: Nosh 'n' Drash with Rabbi Jay Sherwood, AR 10 a.m.: Tot Shabbat, TSG 10 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Torah Reading, TSO 10 a.m.: Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah, TBI 10:30 a.m.: Lay Led Shabbat Morning Service, TBI 10:30 a.m.: Minyan, TSG</p>
<p>March 11 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 9:30 a.m.: Jewish Intellectual History Class, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School, TBD 11 a.m.: Purim Carnival and Blood Drive, TBI 12 p.m.: Purim Carnival, TBD</p>	<p>March 12 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 12 noon: Sinai Seniors Book Club, TSG 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS 7 p.m.: Beginner Reading Hebrew Class, TAS School Bldg.</p>	<p>March 13 7:30 a.m.: Rabbi Grater's Meditation Class, PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Social Club Meeting, TBD</p>	<p>March 14 4 p.m.: Hebrew School, TBD 6:30 p.m.: Tashlich, CIE 7 p.m.: Bible Study with Rabbi Gil Kollin, PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Rabbi Grater's Class, "Making Prayer Real," PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Continuing Hebrew, BSW</p>	<p>March 15 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 12 p.m.: Torah Study and Lunch with Rabbi Grater, PJTC 12:30 p.m.: Monthly Jewish Book Club, TBI 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew Class with Nurith Brier, PJTC</p>	<p>March 16 6:30 p.m.: Jewish Meditation, TSG 6:30 p.m.: Tot Shabbat Service, TBI 7 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 7:30 p.m.: Sisterhood Shabbat Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service and Guest Speaker, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Evening Service, TBI 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service with special guest Jamie Papish, TBD 8 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSO</p>	<p>March 17 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 9 a.m.: Torah Study, BSW 9:30 a.m.: Weekly Torah Study, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 9:45 a.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 10 a.m.: Family Shabbat Minyan, TBI 10 a.m.: Nosh 'n' Drash with Rabbi Jay Sherwood, AR 10 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Torah Reading, TSO 6 p.m.: TBI's Got Talent Showcase, TBI</p>
<p>March 18 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 10 a.m.: Introduction to Judaism, BSW 9:30 a.m.: Jewish Intellectual History Class, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School and Bagel Breakfast, TBD 11 a.m.: TBI Simchah Faire, TBI</p>	<p>March 19 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS 7 p.m.: Beginner Reading Hebrew Class, TAS 8 p.m.: Beginner Conversation Hebrew Class, TAS</p>	<p>March 20 7:30 a.m.: Rabbi Grater's Meditation Class, PJTC 1:30 p.m.: "Knotty Ladies" Crochet Group, TBO 7:30 p.m.: JLI Six-Week Winter Course: Money Matters - Jewish Business Ethics, CIE</p>	<p>March 21 4 p.m.: Hebrew School, TBD 6:15: Beginning Hebrew, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Rabbi Grater's Class, "Making Prayer Real," PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Continuing Hebrew, BSW</p>	<p>March 22 Annual Women's Forum</p>	<p>March 23 10 a.m.-12 noon: Ganeinu Parenting Class, PJTC 7 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Evening Service, TBI 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBD 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Musical Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat, AR 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSO 8 p.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC</p>	<p>March 24 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 9 a.m.: Torah Study, BSW 9:30 a.m.: Weekly Torah Study, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 9:45 a.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 10 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Torah Reading, TSO 10 a.m.: Nosh 'n' Drash with Rabbi Jay Sherwood, AR 5:30 p.m.: "100 Voices: A Journey Home," TSG 7 p.m.: 2nd Annual Kumsitz</p>
<p>March 25 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 9:30 a.m.: Jewish Intellectual History Class, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School, TBD</p>	<p>March 26 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS 7 p.m.: Beginner Reading Hebrew Class, TAS 8 p.m.: Beginner Conversation Hebrew Class, TAS</p>	<p>March 27 7:30 a.m.: Rabbi Grater's Meditation Class, PJTC 1:30 p.m.: "Knotty Ladies" Crochet Group, TBO 7:30 p.m.: JLI Six-Week Winter Course: Money Matters - Jewish Business Ethics, CIE</p>	<p>March 28 6:15: Beginning Hebrew, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Rabbi Grater's Class, "Making Prayer Real," PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Continuing Hebrew, BSW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR THE MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS</p>	<p>March 29 8 p.m.: Istoria Judia – La Convivencia Musical Celebration, University of La Verne</p>	<p>March 30 10 a.m.-12 noon: Ganeinu Parenting Class, PJTC 7 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Evening Service, TBI 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBD 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat, AR 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSO 8 p.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC</p>	<p>March 31 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 9 a.m.: Torah Study, BSW 9:30 a.m.: Weekly Torah Study, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 9:45 a.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 10 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Torah Reading, TSO 10 a.m.: Nosh 'n' Drash with Rabbi Jay Sherwood, AR 10 a.m.: Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah, TBI</p>

APRIL 2012 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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 TAS = Temple Ami Shalom
 TBD = Temple Beth David
 TBI = Temple Beth Israel of Pomona
 TBHPER = Temple Beth Israel of Highland Park and Eagle Rock
 TBO = Temple Beth Ohr

BSW = Beth Shalom of Whittier
 TBE = Temple B'nai Emet
 CIE = Chabad of the Inland Empire
 CP = Chabad of Pasadena
 PJTC = Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center
 TSO = Temple Shalom of Ontario
 TSG = Temple Sinai Glendale



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<p>April 8 8:30 a.m.: Tefillin Service, TAS 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 10 a.m.: Introduction to Judaism, BSW 10 a.m.: Great Thinkers Series - Rashi, TSG 3 p.m.: TBI Brotherhood Superbowl Party, TBI</p>	<p>April 9 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 12 noon: Sinai Senior Book Club, TSG 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS 7 p.m.: Beginner Reading Hebrew Class, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Sisterhood Meeting, TBD 8 p.m.: Beginner Conversation Hebrew Class, TAS</p>	<p>April 10 7:30 a.m.: Rabbi Grater's Meditation Class, PJTC 11 a.m.: Caffeine for the Soul, Coffee Bean, Claremont, CIE 7 p.m.: Education Committee, TBD 7:30 p.m.: TBD Social Club Meeting, TBD 7:30 p.m.: JLI Six-Week Winter Course: Money Matters - Jewish Business Ethics, CIE</p>	<p>April 11 4 p.m.: Hebrew School, TBD 6:15 p.m.: Beginning Hebrew, BSW 6:30 p.m.: Tu B'Shevat Seder with Cantor Mike Sirota, TAS 7 p.m.: Mussar III, TSG 7 p.m.: Talmud Study with Rabbi Gil Kollin, PJTC 7:30 p.m.: Continuing Hebrew, BSW</p>	<p>April 12 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 12 p.m.: Torah Study and Lunch with Rabbi Grater, PJTC 12 p.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rick, TSG 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew Class with Nurith Brier, PJTC 7 p.m.: Study with Rabbi Shelby, BSW 7 p.m.: TBD Board Meeting</p>	<p>April 13 10 a.m.: Morning Service for 7th Day of Passover, TBI 11 a.m.: Passover Yizkor Service, TSG 6:15 p.m.: Monthly Family (K-3) Shabbat Service, TBI 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBD 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Sisterhood Shabbat Service, TBI</p>	<p>April 14 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 9:30 a.m.: Weekly Torah Study, TBI 10 a.m.: Family Shabbat Minyan, TBI 10 a.m.: Tot Shabbat, TSG 10:30 a.m.: Minyan, TSG 10:30 a.m.: Lay Led Shabbat Morning Service, TBI</p> <p>Passover Ends</p>
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<p>April 22 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 9:30 a.m.: Jewish Intellectual History Class, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School, TBD 10 a.m.: Introduction to Judaism, BSW 10 a.m.: Yom HaShoah Service and Program, TSG</p>	<p>April 23 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS</p>	<p>April 24 7:30 a.m.: Rabbi Grater's Meditation Class, PJTC 1:30 p.m.: "Knotty Ladies" Crochet Group, TBO 7:30 p.m.: JLI Six-Week Winter Course: Money Matters - Jewish Business Ethics, CIE</p>	<p>April 25 4 p.m.: Hebrew School, TBD 7 p.m.: Mussar III, TSG</p>	<p>April 26 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 7:15 p.m.: Simchat Torah Celebration, CIE</p> <p>Yom Ha'atzmaut</p>	<p>April 27 10 a.m.-12 noon: Ganeinu Parenting Class, PJTC 7 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 7 p.m.: Yom Ha'atzmaut Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Evening Service, TBI 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TBD 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSG 7:30 p.m.: Musical Shabbat with Cantor Mike, TAS 7:30 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat, AR 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service, TSO 8 p.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC</p>	<p>April 28 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, PJTC 9 a.m.: Shabbat Service, TBE 9 a.m.: Torah Study, BSW 9:30 a.m.: Weekly Torah Study, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Cantor Mike, TAS 9:45 a.m.: Shabbat Service, BSW 10 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Torah Reading, TSO 10 a.m.: Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah, TBI 10 a.m.: Nosh 'n' Drash with Rabbi Jay Sherwood, AR 5:30 p.m.: Family Fun Night, TBD 6 p.m.: Sinai Jazz Club - Temple Fundraiser, TSG 8 p.m.: Pajama Game, Jewish Federation</p>
<p>April 29 9 a.m.: Sunday Minyan, PJTC 9:30 a.m.: Jewish Intellectual History Class, TBI 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School, TBD 2 p.m.: Pajama Game, Jewish Federation 7:15 p.m.: Pajama Game, Jewish Federation</p>	<p>April 30 8:30 a.m.: Minyan, BSW 10:30 a.m.: Young at Heart Guest Lectures and Bingo, BSW 1 p.m.: Maj Jong Group, TAS 7 p.m.: Beginner Reading Hebrew Class, TAS 8 p.m.: Beginner Conversation Hebrew Class, TAS</p>					

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8:00 pm**
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