

# Temple e-Talk



JUNE · JULY · AUGUST 2010



## CLERGY CORNER

Rabbi Heather Miller

## WHERE DID THE TIME GO?

I recently watched an episode of Top Chef Masters—the challenge for contestants was to update the traditional “family dinner” with a modern sensibility. The winner of the challenge, Chef Suser Lee, updated the traditional chicken and potatoes meal: he served roasted curried chicken with polenta and grits, tomato jam, and chili mint chutney.

Part of the brilliance of his dish was that you could serve it without the meat and still have a complete meal for a vegetarian. Chef Lee’s brilliance was that he understood the essence of family dinner meant and kept the necessary components for it, while still thinking about the sensibilities and sensitivities that those in modern families might have, such as a global perspective or vegetarian commitments, and incorporating those. His success lay in the fact that he was able to effectively enliven a classic with modern relevance.

Whether or not we cook, as modern Progressive Jews, we do this all the time. We look at the essence of what it means to be Jewish, and continually update that with contemporary sensibilities and sensitivities. This way, we do not get bogged down in a rigid and unwavering practice, even as we seek to honor the best and reinvigorate the essence of our tradition. This keeps Judaism alive and relevant.

As early reformer Ludwig Philipson said in 1844, “The issue before us is concerned with the entire content of our religion, which we must present and strengthen in its purity in order to rescue it from deadening rigidity on the one hand and from benumbing unfaith on the other.” In this way he insists that we not give up our faith, but neither should we be imprisoned by it.

As Reform Jews, we innovate in the spirit of honoring and making relevant the Jewish way of life. July 17, 2010 marks the 200th anniversary of this visionary spirit. So, what happened 200 years ago?

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## SHABBAT CHAI

### Religious School Moves to Shabbat!

We are looking forward to a year of exciting educational experiences for the entire family as our religious education and Torah learning moves to Shabbat. We are calling this program Shabbat Chai which means “Living Shabbat.” Our goal is simple: learn through authentic experience. We will learn about Shabbat and holidays by celebrating them together. We will learn about Jewish values by going out in the community and living them.

Your children will continue to receive the great Jewish education you have come to count on. Our new comprehensive and holistic structure will better meet the needs for Jewish identity formation for the new generation. Not only will it be great fun and enhance our sense of community, the new Shabbat Chai program will be both informative and transformative.

In addition to programming for your children, parallel adult education will be offered whenever your children are learning. We, as parents, are the best teachers for our children. We model for them what it means to take our Judaism seriously. And we too continue to grow as we learn. Hence, Shabbat Chai includes meaningful adult learning.

Here is what the new Shabbat Chai program looks like: All families with students grades K through 7, as well as Bayit to Bayit families:

- meet on 2 Friday afternoons (4-6pm) per month,
  - community nosh starting at 5:30pm,
  - children will join their parents at 5:45pm, and then
  - at 6pm our Kabbalat Shabbat Services will begin.
  - some Shabbat dinners at 7pm throughout the year
- several Saturday mornings (9am-12pm) per year
- several Sunday Mitzvah day [community service] programs per year.

Pick up your registration packet online or at the religious school desk, and **register by June 1 to receive a 5% discount!**

## SAYING GOODBYE

### Shabbat Honoring Rabbi Miller

At services on **Friday, June 25th at 7:30pm**, we will honor Rabbi Miller for her service and contributions to our congregation. Please join in giving her our thanks, saying goodbye, and wishing her and Melissa well as they begin a new adventure.

## HIGH HOLY DAYS Details on page 3!

Annual Congregational Meeting Tuesday, June 22, 7pm  
Attend in person or be sure to send in your proxy vote!

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Early and Late Services alternate each Friday, except in July and August. Early Services are usually the 1st and 3rd week, Late Services on the remaining weeks (2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays) of each month. In July and August, all services are Early except the last week of the month, which is Late.

### TORAH STUDY AND TEFILAH

Every Saturday 9am

All are welcome to participate in the mitzvah of Torah study as we explore together some of the lessons to be learned from this week's portion. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary, and newcomers are always welcome. Following Torah study there will be a brief lay-led service.

June

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, June 4, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

Welcome the Sabbath with the joyous music and prayer, including our Kabbalat Shabbat Band! Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, June 5, 10am

Parashat Shelach: Numbers 13:1-15:41

REBECCA LIGHTMAN will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

### SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, June 11, 7:30pm

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, June 18, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, June 19, 10am

Parashat Chukat: Numbers 19:1-22:1

MITCHELL EGGEN will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

### SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, June 25, 7:30pm

After the opening hymn, we will ask God's blessing on behalf of those who have celebrated a wedding anniversary during June. If you are observing an anniversary this month and plan to attend this service, please call Kathryn in the Temple Office at ext. 103 to RSVP.

July

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, July 2, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

Welcome the Sabbath with joyous music and prayer. Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, July 3, 10am

Parashat Pinchas: Numbers 25:10-30:1

KELLY TOMPKINS will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, July 9, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, July 16, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, July 17, 10am

Parashat Devarim: Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

BRYAN RUEF will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, July 23, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

### SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, July 30, 7:30pm

After the opening hymn, we will ask God's blessing on behalf of those who have celebrated a wedding anniversary during July. If you are observing an anniversary this month and plan to attend this service, please call Kathryn in the Temple Office at ext. 103 to RSVP.

August

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, August 6, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

Welcome the Sabbath with joyous music and prayer. Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, August 7, 10am

Parashat Re'eh: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

ZOE MARGOLIS will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, August 13, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, August 14, 10am

Parashat Shoftim: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

MAX BERGER will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, August 20, 6pm - preceded by an oneg at 5:30pm

### SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, August 27, 7:30pm

After the opening hymn, we will ask God's blessing on behalf of those who have celebrated a wedding anniversary during August. If you are observing an anniversary this month and plan to attend this service, please call Kathryn in the Temple Office at ext. 103 to RSVP.

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

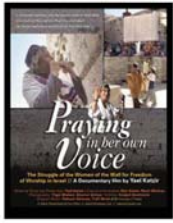
Saturday, August 28, 10am

Parashat Ki Tavo: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

JARED IJAMS will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES WITH THE FILMMAKER!



JOIN US FOR A VIEWING &  
DISCUSSION OF THIS POWERFUL  
FILM DOCUMENTING  
CONTEMPORARY COURAGEOUS  
STRUGGLES FOR FEMALE EQUALITY  
IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

PRAYING IN HER  
OWN VOICE:  
SHOWTIME 7PM  
TUESDAY, JUNE 1ST



DISCUSSION  
WITH THE FILM'S  
PRODUCER,  
RAVIT MARKUS,  
TO FOLLOW.



PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS FREE EVENT  
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### BESTY

**Sunday, June 6th, 3-6pm**, Beach Party: New Board Installation & Farewell to Seniors. Check for details on Facebook, RSVP to [ilovealways2@hotmail.com](mailto:ilovealways2@hotmail.com).

### 12th Annual Women's Retreat

A weekend of praying, studying, sharing, singing - **June 4, 5, and 6, 2010**

Location: Ayres Hotel, Laguna Woods

Contact: Linda at [lkirsch@templebethelsoc.org](mailto:lkirsch@templebethelsoc.org)

### Women of the Book

**Tuesday, June 8th at 7:30pm**, we'll discuss *On All Other Nights*, a civil war story, by Dara Horn. (No meetings in July.)

**Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30pm**, at The Corner Bakery on La Paz (near Henry's Market) - book to be decided at June meeting. At this meeting we'll make suggestions of books for 2010-11.

### Daytime Book Club

At **11:30am**, bring your lunch to the Adult Library.

**June 15:** *Surprised by God* by Danya Ruttenberg

**July 20:** *Drawing in the Dust* by Zoe Klein

**August 17:** *The Book of Lights* by Chaim Potok

Contact Sharon Wolfson [shwolfson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shwolfson@sbcglobal.net) or Claire Stein [originalclarita1@cox.net](mailto:originalclarita1@cox.net).

You can still register for  
ECC summer & fall programs!

### ECC Dates to Remember

**June 4th at 9:30am:** Teacher Recognition Shabbat

**June 10th at 11:30am:** Pre-K & K "Movin On Up" ceremony

**June 28th:** Summer program begins

**September 7th:** Fall Open House 10am

**September 13th:** Fall program begins

## Stayin' Alive Disco Ball

### The Disco of the Decade

On Saturday, May 1st, almost 200 disco kings and queens converged on the Temple's Banquet Hall Disco Floor for a groovin' good time!

In addition to congratulating the honorees, Jane and Pete Moss and Charlene and Ken Zuckerman, we extend a very special thanks to Bev Kritzstein and Susan Samuelli our superb co-chairs, and to their committee: Mark Cherney, Bobbi Cherry, Firuzeh Claar, Beth Denes, Mara James, Lynn Kagel, Marsha Kmec, Linda Lander, Rochelle Pazornik, Neal Ruby, Sheri Saladow, Julie Sherman and Polly Sloan. Thank you all for your hard work. We also extend our sincerest appreciation to our Event Sponsors for their support and participation.

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Full Inclusion Preschool Project.



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Donations made will appear in Temple Talk.

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- In memory of Florence Nachshen

# THE KIRSCHENBAUM FAMILY YAHZEIT REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL WALL

For those of our Temple Members who want to remember loved ones on the dates of their yahrzeits, a plaque on our Memorial wall is available for purchase. A light will be lit on the Friday preceding the anniversary of your loved one's death and kept lit for the following week, and on Yom Kippur.

Please use this order form or come to the Temple office during regular office hours for assistance. If you need any help with Hebrew names or Hebrew dates, Rabbi Levi, Rabbi Miller, Cantor Kalir-Merton or Herb Smolinsky will be happy to assist you.

### YAHZEIT REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE ORDER FORM

Date of Order \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

English name on plaque \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew name on plaque \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to member \_\_\_\_\_

Julian calendar anniversary of death \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish Calendar anniversary of death \_\_\_\_\_

Preference: Julian ( ) Jewish ( ) calendar

If you do not have this information, we will be happy to help you complete this form.

[ ] I need help completing the form.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed [\$375 / Members - \$550 / Non-members]

( ) Cash ( ) Check

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Wishing a Warm Welcome to our Newest Members!

Carolina Issler of Mission Viejo  
 Karean & John Chapman of Laguna Niguel and their children, Mikayla (age 11) and Shayna (age 9)  
 Lisa & William Pine of Monarch Beach  
 Samara & Shay Tal and their children, Leore (age 4) and Arielle (age 2)

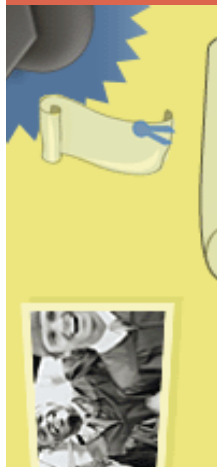


# Chicken Soup

wishing a full & speedy recovery to...

- |                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Leatrice Efron</b>     | <b>Sol Sachs</b>                     |
| <b>Danielle Koff</b>      | <b>Ruth &amp; Rabbi Harry Sherer</b> |
| <b>Rabbi Allen Krause</b> | <b>Ralph Silverman</b>               |
| <b>Leah Levy</b>          | <b>Joanie Triestman</b>              |
| <b>Herb Nathan</b>        |                                      |

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS! NOW, HERE'S THE PLAN...



- Michael Bortz - UC Santa Cruz
- Rachel Covey - Northern Arizona University
- Josh Faskowitz - USC
- Jared Fleitman - USC
- Jeremy Grossman - UC Irvine
- Deborah Hillburn - UC Santa Barbara
- Jared Kehe - UC San Diego
- Ethan Landa - Saddleback College
- Amanda Packer - Washington University in St. Louis
- Griffin Schindler - Loyola Marymount University
- Lauren Shapiro - University of Pennsylvania
- Amanda Young - University of the Pacific



2010 Post Confirmation Graduates  
 Photo by Montgomery Photography

Submissions for the next Temple e-Talk are due by August 5th to Bonni.

Check out the graduating seniors' essays online at:  
[www.tbesoc.org/kehillah.htm](http://www.tbesoc.org/kehillah.htm)

## NACHAS

Mr. Hy Dervitz, PT, will be honored later this month by Temple University, where he was a Professor and Chaired the Physical Therapy department for 19 years (1967-1986)! The graduates of his training program are establishing a Hy Dervitz Physical Therapy Scholarship Award through Temple University's College of Health Professions. This scholarship award will be made available for the first time to incoming graduate students in September, 2010. Congratulations Hy!



## Mazal tov to the following students graduating from their respective colleges/universities:

- Adam Devor, Cal State Northridge
- Michael Gerlicki, Irvine Valley College.
- Rachel Gibbs, Cal State Long Beach
- Sarah Gray, UC San Diego
- Jessica Horan, Boston University
- Greg Mirsky, UC Davis
- Julie Nissimov, UCI School of Medicine
- Brian Packer, University of Washington
- Sarah Rosenbaum, Northwestern University
- Daniel Shapiro, Duke University
- Thomas Thorpe, Yale University

# In Memoriam

The following yahrzeits will be observed during the coming weeks:

## June 4, 2010

Garry Binder, son of Ms. Ann Binder  
Samuel Fishenfeld, father of Mr. Hymie Fishenfeld  
Edith Gerenraich, mother of Kenneth Gerenraich  
Morris Rosen, grandfather of Mrs. Laurie Mills  
Boris Becker, father of Mr. Scott Becker  
Emanuel Choper, father of Mrs. Merrill De Vre'  
Harry Salter\*, father of Mrs. Glenda Rosen  
Anna Shieldkret, mother-in-law of Mrs. Audrey  
Shieldkret

Melvin Singer, father of Ms. Carol Singer  
Thea Bussell, mother of Mr. Kevin Bussell  
Carl Nathan\*, brother of Mr. Herbert Nathan  
Phill Silver, father of Mrs. Avarelle Silver-Westrick  
Dorothy Braunstein, aunt of Mrs. Gail Rosiak  
Edward Sacks, father-in-law of Mrs. Lucille Sacks  
Hy Simms, father of Laurie-Ann Weis  
Emile Timsit, father of Gaby Timsit  
Rose Varney, mother of Mrs. Nina Savlov  
Harry Frank, father of Marilyn Jerome  
Irwin Henderstein\*, husband of Ms. Henrietta  
Henderstein

Betsy Kushner, sister of Dr. Kenneth Kushner  
Albert Lantieri, step-father of Ms. Patti Schneider  
Shirley Merrifield, mother of Mrs. Joanne Kline  
Joe Reis, brother-in-law of Ms. Mary Jo Pelton  
Nettie Rudolph, mother of Mrs. Lucille Sacks  
Helen Blanc\*, mother of Mr. Steve Blanc  
Martin Kiefer, father of Mr. Robert Kiefer  
Mae Strassberg\*, mother of Mrs. Joan Karver  
Moussa Younessi, brother of Mrs. Mahin Schenker

## June 11, 2010

Esther Black, grandmother of Mrs. Susanna Wolfe  
Edward Handman, father of Mr. Sam Hahn  
Elliot Karver, brother-in-law of Mrs. Joan Karver  
Florence Levy, mother of Mr. Stanley Levy  
Minnie Osber, grandmother of Bruce & Mary Jo  
Pelton

Herman Bonder, grandfather of Nora Keisman  
Blanche Lefkowitz, mother of Ms. Henrietta  
Henderstein  
Daniel Chodosh, cousin of Kenneth Gerenraich  
Julius Rosen\*, father of Mrs. Laurie Mills  
Jack Visnov\*, father of Mrs. Bev Kritzstein  
Sidney Wolf\*, father of Mr. Steven Wolf  
Nathen Gantman, father of Mr. Greg Gantman  
Abraham Grinberg, father of Mrs. Rosalind Gantman  
Dorothy Kranz\*, aunt of Mr. & Mrs. Avi Crane  
Carol Labowitz\*, aunt of Mrs. Ruthie Weiss  
Florence Schandling, mother of Mrs. Renee Adler  
Frieda Goldschmitt, mother of Mr. Harry Goldschmitt  
Natie Koransky, father of Dr. Colin Koransky  
Charles Rosen, father of Mr. Aaron Rosen  
Philip Wolfson\*, father of Mr. Kenneth Wolfson  
Jerrold Merton\*, father of Mr. Orren Merton  
Mark Zoller, son of Mr. & Mrs. Curt Zoller

## June 18, 2010

Florence Bisheff, mother of Mr. Steve Bisheff  
Don Devor, father of Mr. Ken Devor  
Sol Kalick, father of Mrs. Sandi Brager  
Ed Devor, grandfather of Mr. Ken Devor  
Rebecca Eggen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Eggen  
Eihel Jaffe, mother of Mr. Dennis Basse  
Carolyn Lenzner, mother of Mrs. Rhonda  
Wasserman

Robert Remer, father of Mrs. Teena Robinson  
Phillip Blank, father of Mr. Allen Blank  
Hilda Kalir\*, mother of Ms. Shula Kalir-Merton  
Hilda Kalir\*, grandmother of Mr. Orren Merton

Bernard Packer\*, father of Joel Packer  
Nina Lopez, mother of Mr. Boris Landoff  
Morris Neiman, relative of Nora Keisman  
Barry Packer\*, brother of Joel Packer  
Julius Pollak, father of Mr. George Pollak  
David Sterns, father of Dr. Daniel Sterns  
Paul Bercovitz, father of Mrs. Judith Marshack  
Rose Gurewitz, mother of Mr. Bernard Garwin  
Rachel Rosenbaum, mother of Dr. Daniel  
Rosenbaum

## June 25, 2010

William Denny, brother of Mrs. Carol Stanton  
Hy Landman, grandfather of Mr. Howard Landman  
Jerry Cohen\*, father of Mr. Scott Cohen  
Bessie Gurewitz, aunt of Mrs. Leah Levy  
Soloman Pine, father of Mr. William Pine  
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Pauline Gantman, mother of Mr. Greg Gantman  
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Mr. & Mrs. Pete Moss  
Morton Pelzner, uncle of Mrs. Marsha Young  
Louis Rozenfeld, brother of Madeleine Nussen

## July 2, 2010

Philip Belzer\*, father of Mrs. Wendy Levin  
Mary Brill\*, sister of Mrs. Marilyn Silverman  
Jerome Kaufman, father of Mr. Bruce Kaufman  
Sara Kurtz, great aunt of Mr. Ken Devor  
Luisa Roitman, aunt of Nora Keisman  
Kenneth Rosen, father of Mrs. Judith Sacks  
Evelyn Zelle, grandmother of Robin Page Cohen  
Evelyn Zelle, mother of Mrs. Leatrice Efron  
Ben Grohman, father of Mrs. Helen Collins  
Teddi Lipton, mother of Ms. Sheri Lipton  
Rose Lowsky, grandmother of Mrs. Linda Eisenberg  
Robert Norman, father of Dr. Gary Norman  
Enrique Szpringer, cousin of Nora Keisman  
Tovah Yechezkiel, cousin of Mr. & Mrs. Avi Crane  
Morton Fink, cousin of Mrs. Barbara Lavenstein  
Toivo Karianinen, father of Mrs. Millie Goldschmitt  
Benny Tee, father of Lonnie Tee  
Arthur Waltzman, brother of Mr. Herbert Waltzman  
Anne Russo, mother of Mrs. Marianne Barth  
Frederick Stein, father of Mrs. Sue Greenfield  
Frederick Stein, grandfather of Mrs. Carolyn Kappes  
Frederick Stein, grandfather of Ms. Lauren Young  
Wayne Wolfson, brother of Ms. Sharon Wolfson  
Marcie Walfish, sister of Mrs. Lori Chazen  
Sarah Brenessel\*, grandmother of Mrs. Glenda  
Rosen

Ann Plocker, mother of Suzan Berns  
Joy Remer, mother of Mrs. Teena Robinson  
Irina Visotskaya, mother of Mrs. Ganna Levitin

## July 9, 2010

Saul Gilson\*, uncle of Mr. David Mirsky  
Willard Resnick, friend of Dr. Marvin Gordon  
Iris Segal, sister of Mr. Ivan Young  
Sally Sherman, grandmother of Mrs. Debra Whaley  
Hugo Goldschmitt, father of Mr. Harry Goldschmitt  
Donald Koff, father of Mr. Eric Koff  
Samuel Manaccus, uncle of Mrs. Audrey Shieldkret  
Emile Wijngaard, uncle of Mr. Alec Valk  
Michael Goldstein\*, brother of Mr. Rob Goldstein  
Joe Planto, grandfather of Mrs. Rikki Landoff  
Michael Hofmann\*, brother of Mrs. Sherri Krause  
Sylvia Lavenstein, mother of Mr. Murray Lavenstein  
Shirley Rogoff, sister-in-law of Mrs. Joan Karver  
Jamile Diwan, mother of Fortunee Tawil  
Rabbi David Cedarbaum\*, husband of Mrs. Sophia  
Cedarbaum  
Sylvia Cohen, grandmother of Jill Klein  
Sylvia Cohen, mother of Mr. Bruce Rasner  
Harry Lange\*, father of Mrs. Susan Riesz

## July 16, 2010

Rose Shayness, grandmother of Dr. Brian Leish  
Eunice Dobrofsky\*, mother of Mr. David Dobrofsky  
Morris Greenberg, father of Dr. Jay Greenberg  
Veronica Schwartz, mother of Penny Tee  
Ida Wolfson, mother of Ms. Sharon Wolfson  
Abraham Angel, father of Katherine Lane  
Steven Roseman, father of Mrs. Felisa Ihly  
Jacqueline Weiss, mother of Mr. Evan Weiss  
Pauline Bardach, sister of Mrs. Leah Levy  
Gabriel Friedman, husband of Ms. Freda Friedman  
Gabriel Friedman, father of Ms. Cheryl Friedman  
Florence Honigman, mother of Sherri Phillips  
Daniel Marcus\*, father of Mrs. Joan Colvin  
David Waterman, father of Mr. Allan Waterman  
Miles Efron\*, father of Robin Page Cohen  
Miles Efron\*, husband of Mrs. Leatrice Efron  
Vernon Rosenberg, grandfather of Mrs. Lori Covey  
Carolyn Chernin\*, sister of Mrs. Lorraine Kramer  
Paul Drotman, father-in-law of Mrs. Gilda Drotman  
Edward Lavenstein, father of Mr. Murray Lavenstein

## July 23, 2010

June Bauman, mother of Vicki Meursing  
Harry Hillman\*, grandfather of Mr. Dennis Kite  
Brenda Smiley\*, mother of Mr. Evan Smiley  
Samuel Zelle, grandfather of Robin Page Cohen  
Samuel Zelle, father of Mrs. Leatrice Efron  
Estelle Marks, mother of Mr. Kenneth Marks  
William Goldstein, brother-in-law of Marilyn Jerome  
Allen Kite\*, father of Mr. Dennis Kite  
Peggy McConnell, mother of Stacy Bilt  
Margaret Minzer, grandmother of Mrs. Rikki Landoff  
Sally Fine, grandmother of Mrs. Nancy Kiefer  
Lillian Greengus\*, mother of Mrs. Marlene Beach  
Walter Hofmann\*, father of Mrs. Sherri Krause  
Charles Nadel, father of Mrs. Debby Cohen  
Gladys Silberling\*, mother of Mrs. Terry Fierle  
Michael Frank, brother of Deborah Brown  
Donald Koff, father of Mr. Jeff Koff  
Irma Littmann\*, cousin of Mr. Herbert Nathan  
Edith Nathan\*, wife of Mr. Herbert Nathan  
Judith Eisenberg, sister of Mrs. Susan Samuelli  
Dorothy Goldman, mother of Mrs. Noel Schnayer  
Bela Nussen, husband of Madeleine Nussen

**"May their memories be for a blessing"**

Yahrzeit names are read at the Friday Night Service which falls on or before the anniversary dates

**\* In loving memory, a light will be lit on the Temple's Memorial Board**

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July 17, 1810, Israel Jacobson debuted a "reformed" prayer service in Seesen, Germany—previously, Jewish prayer services had included a cacophony of voices, murmurs and chants; now, the service would be decorous with brilliant robes, a processional, and music played on an organ and sung by a choir. Some hail this date as the beginning of the Reform Movement itself. True, the sensory details of what early Reform Jews brought to the table are perhaps the most memorable, but their ideology was their lasting contribution.

Much like Chef Suser Lee, they sought to re-invigorate a beloved classic with a contemporary sensibility. They applied ideas and thought processes such as rationality and historicity to Judaism's most revered practices. They sought to balance their commitment to Jewish sacred texts with an understanding of modern science. When others would have simply abandoned the rigid Jewish tradition that they grew up with in favor of new identities as citizens of the modern world, the early reformers rolled up their sleeves and dug in to shape a lasting process that would ensure the continual renewal of Jewish life: they encouraged progressive Reform, a process that we continue today.

At the outset, the new ideas of the early reformers were harshly criticized. Since they challenged the status quo with out-of-the-box ideas, they were called dirty names, such as "heathens" and "heretics."

Sadly, we Reform Jews, and now Conservative Jews as well, sometimes face not only name-calling, but also violence. Today, progressive Judaism is still challenged. In Jerusalem, my first year of rabbinical school, some women friends of mine, were spit upon simply because they walked down the street

with yarmulkes (skullcaps) on. Other friends of mine had rocks hurled at them as they took a Shabbos bicycle ride through the streets.

We are still facing challenges to our ability to practice our progressive, inclusive, and egalitarian expressions of Judaism. In the past 6 months alone:

- chairs were thrown at a group of women praying at the Western Wall as they attempted to read from a Torah scroll;
- a woman was beaten for having imprints of tefillin (phylacteries) lines left on her arm indicating that she used them in her early morning prayer practice;
- two progressive congregations in the Israeli town of Ra'anana were vandalized as rocks and bricks were hurled through windows; and
- a bill in the Israeli Knesset seeks to limit recognition of conversions to those performed by the most stringent Orthodox rabbis; this would render conversions performed by progressive rabbis - conversions currently recognized under Israeli law - as invalid.

Not only is Progressive Judaism challenged in Israel, but, here, too, in America, Progressive Jewish authenticity is questioned. We have all heard jokes poked at us inferring that we are lackadaisical with regard to morality or traditions. Personally, I have been challenged by people questioning why I had to be a rabbi, and why I could not take on the more "appropriate" role of rebbitzin (a rabbi's wife).

On this 200th anniversary of the beginning of Reform Judaism, and Progressive Judaism in general, I pray that we renew our pride and love for our ideology, and work to preserve our right to challenge, innovate, and maintain a meaningful and relevant practice of Judaism in the contemporary world.

## Support the Temple: Buy in the gift shop!

### Walk to End Genocide

We were well-represented at the Walk on April 25th! The team raised \$2,350 and recruited 24 walkers.



### Shavuot 5770

Divers Cove on Laguna Beach will forever be more special to those who participated in the sunrise Shavuot service (including Yizkor) and delicious blintzes afterward! What a great start to the day!

# JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class  7pm Praying in Her Own Voice	2	3	4 9:30am ECC Teacher Recognition Shabbat  5:30pm oneg 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service  Women's Retreat	5 9am Torah Study  10am Rebecca Lightman Bat Mitzvah  Women's Retreat
6  3pm BESTY Beach Party  Women's Retreat	7	8  6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class  7:30pm Women of the Book	9	10  11:30am ECC "Movin' On Up" Ceremony  12:30 ECC Closes	11  7:30pm Shabbat Service	12  9am Torah Study
13	14  12pm Jewish Mysticism Class	15  11:30am Book Club  6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	16	17	18  5:30pm oneg 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	19 9am Torah Study  10am Mitchell Eggen Bar Mitzvah  5pm BE Sisters Farewell to Rabbi Miller (Capo Beach)
20	21	22  6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class  7pm Annual Congregational Meeting	23	24	25  7:30pm Shabbat Service honoring Rabbi Heather Ellen Miller (includes honor for those with an anniversary this month)	26  9am Torah Study
27	28  ECC Summer Program Begins  12pm Jewish Mysticism Class	29  6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	30	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b> Welcome the Sabbath with the joyous music and prayer, including our Kabbalat Shabbat Band! Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.		



# AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	4	5	6 5:30pm oneg 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7 9am Torah Study 10am Zoe Margolis Bat Mitzvah
8	9 12pm Jewish Mysticism Class	10 6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	11 6:30m Women of the Book (off-site)	12	13 5:30pm oneg 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	14 9am Torah Study 10am Max Berger Bar Mitzvah
15	16	17 11:30am Book Club 6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	18	19	20 5:30pm oneg 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	21 9am Torah Study
22	23 12pm Jewish Mysticism Class	24 6pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	25	26	27 7:30pm Shabbat Service (includes honor for those with an anniversary this month)	28 9am Torah Study 10am Jared IJams Bar Mitzvah
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