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A Traditional Conservative Synagogue

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Shvat/Adar 5767

Temple Israel

is very excited to host

Soul Farm

live in concert

Saturday night February 10th at 8:00 PM

Soul Farm is a spectacular band that combines the musical roots of their heritage with a shared passion for melodic song writing and modern, progressive ar-



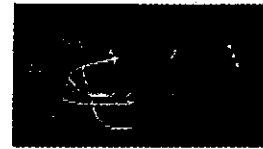
rangements. They create a potent sound that screams originality as it melds a wide range of influences from rock and Latin, to Hebrew and Celtic folk music.

General Admission \$36 Children under 13, \$18
Call Temple Office for Group Pricing 432-1410

Temple Israel Men's Club

Presents

Super Bowl Party



Sunday Feb. 4, 2007 - 6:00 PM

• Lavish Buffet • Scoring Pools



Cost: \$18 per Adult \$10 per Child (under 13)
RSVP 432-1410

Candle Lighting Times

Fri. Jan. 12	4:33 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 19	4:40 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 26	4:49 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 2	4:57 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 9	5:06 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 16	5:14 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 23	5:22 p.m.

Shabbot Ends

Sat. Jan. 13	5:37 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 20	5:45 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 27	5:53 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 3	6:01 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 10	6:10 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 17	6:18 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 24	6:27 p.m.

BASIC JUDAISM

Everything you ever wanted to know! Rabbi Gradofsky's Basic Judaism course runs on Wednesdays at 7:30PM. Our current subject is "Jewish Literature, from Torah to Today," which will include an overview of Jewish literature, including each book of the Bible, different forms of Rabbinic literature, later commentaries, philosophy, and works of history. If you have not attended these classes yet, now is a good time to start.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY*Fulfilling Our Mission*

In his famous (or infamous) opening to the 1992 Vice Presidential debate, Admiral James Stockdale asked, "Who Am I? Why am I here?" It was funny to hear these words from a man running for political office. On the other hand, this is a question we should always ask ourselves.

Recently, I, along with several other leaders of Temple Israel, attended a seminar provided by the UJA on the subject of how to build a synagogue. The seminar emphasized the importance of a synagogue knowing its own identity and mission, and then how to put that mission into action. We learned how these questions are the first questions a synagogue must ask. No doubt, it is also important to understand the needs of the community, but it is the synagogue's identity and mission that will determine how it can best fulfill those needs.

Temple Israel's mission is simple. We strive to be a caring and loving family, as we draw people closer to observance of Judaism. We believe that everything we do – whether it be religious services or social events – is part of this mission.

I believe that Temple Israel has achieved many successes in striving towards its goal. We are, indeed, a warm and loving family. We have a strong membership, and a successful Hebrew School. But we can do more.

During the next few months, I plan to concentrate efforts on how we can make our synagogue stronger. Our goal will be not to simply expand our membership, but to create active members, people who attend services, participate in social events, and are a part of our caring community. To achieve this goal, we will need your help.

I am inviting everyone to join me in an "Outreach Committee", where we will discuss the questions that are important to growing and strengthening our synagogue – invigorating our Shabbat services, increas-

ing turnout to social events, attracting new members, and turning congregants into members of our Temple Israel family. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact me at the Temple Israel office, and keep an eye out for our first meeting.

May we be privileged as a synagogue to embody the values of Aaron, the first High Priest as taught in Ethics of the Fathers 1:12: "Lover of peace, pursuer of peace, loving people, and bringing them closer to Torah."

Rabbi Noah Gradofsky

Temple Israel's Annual Purim Carnival

Sunday morning, March 4

Fun for children and parents

Lots of games, food and prizes

Guaranteed family enjoyment

Sisterhood

"Mishloach Manot"

Baskets for Purim

During this festive holiday, the giving of these baskets, filled with lots of Purim treats, has been a tradition at Temple Israel. This is a wonderful way of sending Mishloach Manot to your friends and also supporting Sisterhood.

You will be receiving order forms in the mail, with all the necessary details. Volunteers are needed to help assemble and deliver the baskets. This project, once again, is chaired by the very capable Debbie Gordon.

To volunteer, call :

Debbie Gordon @ 431-6128 or

Marci Ross @ 897-8925

Hebrew School Happenings

We had a very successful and enjoyable trip to the Brooklyn Jewish Children's Museum. Those of you who weren't able to attend should try to visit on your own. It's a very rewarding visit.

Our Havdallah Service on November 18 was very well-attended.

Our Gala Chanukah Celebration was a huge success, with 170 people attending. The group Pey Dalid was most enjoyable.

Our new approach this year, in which the students practice the prayers for the first 20 minutes of each class, is working out. The students are doing very well.

Our thanks to all who donated to the Toy Drive; we hope to have 100% participation next year.

We will be selling trees in Israel for the Jewish National Fund. It is truly a Mitzvah to participate

There will be a Tu B'Shevat seder for the children on Sun morning Feb. 4.

A very happy new year to all.

Barbara, Shlomit and Revi

MAZEL TOV To

• Judi and Dr. Neil Caplan on the birth of Shawn Caplan, son of Hillel and Joann. Shawn is named in loving memory of his great-grandfather, Rabbi Samuel Langer.

• Cindy and Randy Schott on the Bar Mitzvah of Lucas and the Bat Mitzvah of Madison.

• Linda and Henry Davidson on the Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra

• Pearl and Irwin Gordon on the engagement of their son, William, to Kim Hescheles

• Grace and Ed Levie on the birth of a great granddaughter, Brooke Barrie to Sloane and Jason Barrie

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Todah rabah to Pam Garfinkle, program vice president. Everyone enjoyed our movie night and the discussion by Shelley Herman. We are so lucky to have the President of Jewish Women International as our member.

We had a great Hanukkah party with the Men's Club and the Hebrews School. The group Pey Dalit provided very spirited music and Mr. Omelet did a great brunch, with latkes and donuts included.

First prizes were won by two of our children in the National PTA Competition Reflections.

• Esther, daughter of Sheryl and Martin Beck for seventh grade photography

• Melanie, daughter of Robin and Howard Mahler, for eighth grade art.

Our boutique is open. Interested customers should let the office know and they will contact a member with a key to our shop.

Sincere condolences to Michelle, Michael and Daniel on the loss of their husband and father, the wonderful Don Axelrod.

Sincere condolences to Edith Ziselman and her family on the loss of her beloved husband, Ben.

A warm welcome to new Board member, **Elain Goodman**.

Best regards to our snowbirds. They are missed. Write with your news.

Francine Wurman

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank my Temple Israel friends for their ongoing support and concern throughout my grandson Alex's long stay in Iraq, serving with the U.S. Army. He is home safe and sound, and I know that all our prayers and positive thoughts helped him.

With grateful thanks to all of you,
Alice Klein

With Gratitude

Dear Temple Israel Family,

We thank you for your kindness and caring at this sad time in our lives.

I cannot come to Temple; it brings back memories of when I came with Fedor every Shabbat and many other times. With the passage of time, I will come back.

Thank you for everything.

Anita Adler and Family

Heartfelt Thanks

The family of the late Sal Valensi offers heartfelt thanks to all those who expressed condolences at the time of his passing. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Mary Valensi & Family

FREE HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

Temple Israel will offer a Free Hebrew High School this coming year. Classes will be Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 7:15 PM, starting September 13th. These tuition-free classes are open to all students in grades 8-12, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Classes will cover Hebrew reading refreshers, the basics of Judaism, and modern day topics that are important to teens (drugs and alcohol, relationships, peer pressure etc). Please see the flier or Rabbi Gradofsky. Sign up early. Space is limited.

Weekday Minyan

Mornings:

Sunday & Legal Holidays 8:30

Torah Reading Days: 7:00

Days without Torah Reading: 7:15

Talmud class Sundays 7:45 AM

Evening 4:30 through Jan. 19th,

then 4:45 through Feb. 2nd.

Please help with winter minyans!

Chanukah Candles

Our heartfelt thanks to those who sponsored the lighting of various candles in our Chanukah Menorah:

Shamus

Alice Klein

Silvia & Harry Reiter

First Night

Lillian Friedman & Family

Mark & Frances Samuels

Jerome Siegel

Marci & Lenny Ross

Charles, Bonnie & Melissa Alter

Second Night

Debbie & Steve Gordon

Francine & Gus Wurman

Third Night

Bernice Gross Altarac

Fifth Night

Ellen & David Klein

(Yahrzeit of Emil Klein)

Francine & Gus Wurman

Eighth Night

Mark & Frances Samuels

Jerome Siegel

Marci & Lenny Ross

Charles, Bonnie & Melissa Alter

A Nite at the Races

The Men's Club's Nite at the Races is always one of the outstanding events of the year at Temple Israel, and this year was no exception. A large, festive crowd gathered on December 2 to eat, drink, be merry and bet on the horses; no one went home disappointed. There were many great prizes donated by local merchants and synagogue members, including the grand prize of two domestic airline tickets, which were won by the Austins, who were unable to attend.

Plan to attend the Nite at the Races next year. You won't be disappointed.

Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit will be observed for:

JANUARY

- 2 Denise Ross
 3 Morris Zand, Bessie Zand
 4 Sarah H. Press, Warren Cohen
 5 Louis Last, Dr. Ralph Green
 8 Nathan I. Kaminow
 9 Morris Reiser, Lena Kohut, Murray Mager
 10 Diana Kraut
 11 Bernice Simon, Ella Horowitz, Yetta Last, Ilse Carlsen
 12 Samuel Kohut, Basha Rachel Sojbel, Ben Zion Sojbel, Aaron Tzvi Sojbel
 13 Helene Adler, Jack Finkenthal
 14 Eli Benenson
 16 Anne Sackin
 17 Rivka Laib, Isaac Prager, Elsa Gordon
 18 Gussie Balopole, Philip Stern
 20 Yetta Polsky
 21 Joseph Frank, Blanche Cohn
 22 Sol Kuperschmid, Helen Polonetsky-Spirt, Maurice Samuels
 23 Dr. Emanuel Stein, Harriet Einhorn
 24 Charles Knopf, Oscar Eisner
 25 Henry E. Jacobs
 28 Yetta Schwartz
 29 Bessie Kohut, Ida Jacoby, Maria Ginsburg Raskin, Morris Werner
 30 Joseph Cohn, Helen Zand, Sadie Pankin
 31 Max Eisenberg, Pauline Breger

IN MEMORIAM**Dr. Don Axelrod**

The Long Beach community mourns the passing of Dr. Don Axelrod, a prominent podiatrist, a scholarly Jew and one who was admired and loved by all who knew him.

He provided a voice of calm and reason in the board rooms of several synagogues.

Don was a proud father to his prodigal sons, Michael and Daniel. His beloved wife, Dr. Michele Cohen, was a tower of strength for Don, especially in the last few trying years. We thank Michele and their sons for sharing Don with us. His great legacy ensures that he will never be forgotten.

CONDOLENCES to

- Monia Stern on the loss of her beloved father, Abraham Friedman.
- Dr. Michele Cohen Axelrod on the passing of her beloved husband, Dr. Don Axelrod.
- Dr. Hal Waldman on the loss of his dear father, David Waldman.
- Bernice Levy on the passing of her beloved husband, Mel Levy.
- Stanley Birnbaum on the loss of his sister, Thelma Richman.

We extend sincere get well wishes to:

Millie Eagle
 Lillian Friedman
 Dr. Sol Griboff
 Helen Lax
 Leon Lebowitz
 Gladys Reiser
 Rachel Scharman
 Rachelle Weiss
 Michael Weitz

**Donate your Throwaways**

The Sisterhood is collecting used eyeglasses, cell phones, and used ink cartridges. Please drop your donations off in the box near the Hebrew School office.

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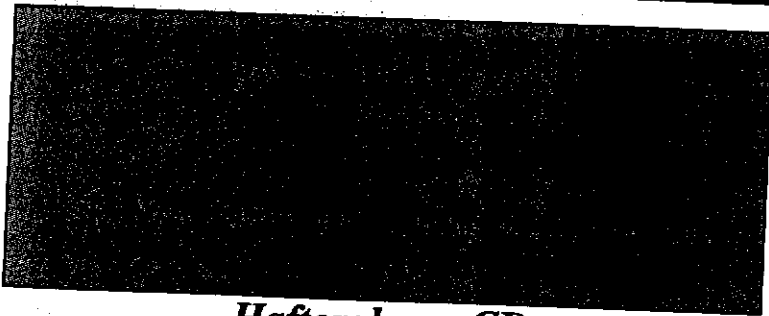
"Tree of Life"

Gold Leaves on the Tree of Life in the upper lobby may be purchased for \$125 each. This is a good way to honor a loved one or oneself on any special occasion, such as a birth, bar/bat-mitzvah, wedding, etc.

Call the Temple Office
 432-1410

Sisterhood Boutique

The Sisterhood Boutique is now open! Think of us for all your Judaic and non-Judaic needs. Beautiful and unique gift items for all occasions. Flexible hours to suit your schedule. Contact Debbie Gordon, Marci Ross, or Ellen Klein or Temple Israel 432-1410



Haftorahs on CD

A complete set of Haftorahs on CD is now available exclusively at Temple Israel. (some special holiday Haftorahs not included)

These recordings are studio quality. The set contains 5 disks, each one containing all the regular Haftorahs of one of the five books of Moses. All the disks contain the pre and post Haftorah Bruchas.

You may buy the set or any individual disk. A great present for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah child or aspiring cantor.

The price per disk is \$10.00, the set of 5 is \$40.00 Call the Temple office 432-1410

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