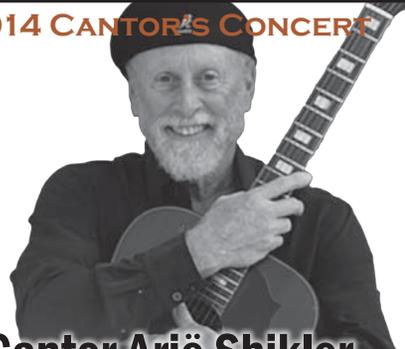


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- **Family Shabbat Under the Stars, "Red, White & Blue for Each and Every Jew"**
Friday, July 4th at 5:00 pm *(note: special holiday time!)*
- **Shabbat Service, "Making Meaning"**
Friday, July 11th at 7:30 pm
- **Tot Shabbat, "Chozen"**
Friday, July 18th at 6:30 pm
- **Shabbat Service with Panel Discussion, "Life's Lessons"**
Friday, July 18th at 7:30 pm
- **Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "Eizehu Ashir-Who is Rich"**
Friday, July 25th at 7:30 pm

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, June 6th

- 7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service with 10th Grade Confirmation

Friday, June 13th

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Adult Choir & Board Installation

Friday, June 20th

- 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service
- 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Temple Musicians

Friday, June 27th

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Service



Cover Photo: From the SHM stained glass window, *Life Cycles Two; UPPER JERUSALEM*. This window includes God's name, the dome and gates of "heaven." This is the Kabbalistic human body with one foot trapped on earth in regrets. This is the light that sustains us. What is it for you?

KEHILAH KEDOSHAH

Throughout this year, we have spent considerable time and energy focusing upon the notion that we can, indeed, build a Kehillah Kedoshah, a sacred community, one relationship at a time. Through individual conversations at oneg Shabbat receptions, at “prenegs” (gatherings before services), in people’s homes for Shabbat dinners and in interactions at every service, program, class or meeting, I am convinced that we have indeed made our community stronger by strengthening the relationships within it.

When Ron Wolfson, author of the book, *Relational Judaism*, was our Scholar-In-Residence in January, he impressed upon us the reality—based in statistics—that people come to synagogues because of programs, but there is no program, regardless of its topic or level of quality, that causes people to stay. Rather, Wolfson teaches, people continue to commit themselves to synagogues because of the relationships that are created and nurtured within them. As I write this, we are preparing for the final weeks of Religious School, and many of our regular, ongoing programs are now holding their final sessions...for a while.

As we enter into the summer months, traditionally relatively quiet months in synagogues everywhere, I am mindful that even in the change of routine, our synagogue remains a Kehillah Kedoshah. Our community continues to be built within our walls—by learning, praying, talking, planning and, of course, by celebrating Shabbat each week. There is a rich, engaging and uplifting series of programs and

celebrations planned for the summer... read your summer announcements carefully for details! Of course, our community continues to be strengthened outside the Michelson walls, as well. Chavurot continue to meet, the Chesed committee continues to reach out and make a difference for so many in our community, and countless of you extend yourselves in friendship to other members of our SHM community.

We know that these are the things that make people realize that even when a program ends, the synagogue continues. These are the things that cause so many of us to feel like this community is not something to which we “go,” but rather, something that is a part of who we are, in every season of the year and in every season of our lives.

One of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century, Martin Buber, famously taught that a person

encounters God through one’s encounters with other human beings and the world. “Meet the world with the fullness of your being and you shall meet God,” he wrote. Our encounters and, thus, our relationships, are Godly. They are sacred. They are the foundation for our sacred community. I look forward to sharing some of those encounters along with you during these summer months! Feel free to be in touch.



Rabbi Leah Lewis
The Jaffe Family Rabbinic Chair

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To our departing board members we would like to say thank you for your years of dedication and service:

Arlene Taslitz, Judy Kuperberg and Larry Thompson

Please join us in welcoming our incoming board members:



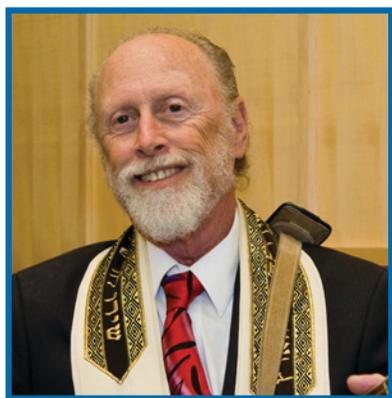
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Cantor Arie Shikler
The Hollander Family
Cantorial Chair

A few weeks ago I received an email that read like this:

To: Arie Shikler
Subject: long time ago

Hi Arie Shikler,

“If you remember me respond, if not it is ok”Tom Dersovitz

My jaw dropped. I’ve been looking for Tommy for many years. He is one of my dearest childhood friends and we have some of the best childhood memories experienced together. I contacted him right away and we’ve resumed our friendship instantly as if almost forty years of no contact didn’t happen.

My neighborhood in Ramat Gan, Israel was a true melting pot for Jewish families who came to Israel before, during and after WWII. It was common to see on our streets men and women with tattooed numbers from a concentration camp on their arm interacting with Jews from the Arab lands and us, the Sabra kids. They all spoke Hebrew, most of them with heavy accents and the language of their former homelands. The Eastern European Jews also spoke Yiddish of course. Just in our apartment building of eight units and seven shops you’d hear Polish, Hungarian, Russian and Arabic.

My elementary school “Beit Sefer L’yaldei Ovdim Alef” (school for children

of laborers) was a microcosm of my neighborhood. The town people were mostly of lower middle class, hard-working folks. Tommy and his older brother Robie lived with their Hungarian parents in a single family house on a small hill next to our school. In our reality they were “rich”. His dad owned a ribbon making factory and Tommy (Naftaly as he was known in school) was a fun loving, good looking popular kid. All the girls liked him and not only because of the ribbons he gave them. In those days we played many games, mostly outside as not to bother our parents who were resting after a long day at work. More frequent than other games was “hide and go seek”. The best place to play it though was indoors in Naftaly’s parents home when they were out. We would turn all the lights off and hide everywhere in the house, top of bookcases, cabinets or a ceiling fan were not out of limits. Naftaly and I would go on hikes in our area picking wild flowers to bring home or “sabres”, the prickly pear fruit we loved to eat.

On one of those hikes we encountered an Arab shepherd tending to his cows on a hill called Har Napoleon (Mount Napoleon). Seeing us walk toward the herd, the man started shouting pulled out a large knife and chased us with a crazy look in his eyes. We dropped everything we had and ran downhill and back to town so fast we hardly touched the ground. Once we were out of danger I heard Naftaly call me to wait for him. I didn’t realize how much faster I was than him. We walked home scared but feeling lucky about our escape. In my old photo album there is a picture of both of us on another hike in the Galilee. He had a camera, a rare luxury in those times. Naftaly also had the first transistor radio he got from relatives in the US and I remember the whole school surrounding him listening to the radio without a power chord. In Israel elementary school ran through eighth grade and then you went to high school.

At the end of the eighth grade year there is a huge party organized by the school and after that kids go to high school or trade school.

Naftaly’s parents decided to immigrate to the States and we all lost a great friend. They moved to New York, I went to “Ohel Shem” high school in Ramat Gan and life went on. We wrote to each other now and then and when I came to the US to study we met in New York.

Now he was Tom and he had an American accent, but to me he was my old dear friend Naftaly. After I had been in California for a while, Tom and his wife Barbara came out and we went on a trip along the coast and to Reno as well. On the way to Holland in ’75 we met again in Long Island and kept in touch via letters when I lived in the Netherlands.

When my son Gidon was born we sent him and Barbara a custom announcement. Upon our return to the US in the summer of ’78 I tried to find him. I knew they had moved to New Jersey, but no luck.

Another dear childhood friend Yossi Dror was working in New York for the Israeli Aircraft Industry and both of us looked for Naftaly, with the same results. Then I got this email. We talked for a long time on FaceTime.

Both of us have lost some hair but the face is the same face and the voice is the same voice. They say that the only thing that doesn’t change as we get older is our voice. We are catching up one conversation at a time. I had been spelling his name “Dershowitz” all those years when I was looking for him. We laughed about it. If I had the right spelling we would have found each other long ago. Better late than never it feels like a great “me’ziah” or a great find in Hebrew.

Years ago a friend of mine from high school found me after seventeen years of lost contact. Arik and I sat next to each other on a school bench through four years of high school. I was drafted to the IDF at the end of our senior year and he got a deferment and went to study in the Technion. In what demonstrates that there are no coincidences, he was working in California for a division of Hughes when his wife went shopping for a sewing

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machine. It turned out that the salesman was my good friend Les. He is an Israeli and naturally picked up on her accent and asked her who she knew in California. She said that the only person they knew is Arie Shikler but have no idea where he is. So Les revealed that he and I were good friends and arranged a surprise meeting with Arik and Miri at his home. We had a blast and never lost contact since. Arik is my source on what is going on in Israel, the happening streets, restaurants etc.

It is amazing how easy it is to find people now. The internet is a resource that speeds up the process to almost instant sometimes. Tom had been looking for me from his location in New Jersey and eventually found me on our temple website. I feel so fortunate that these two dear friends didn't give up and found me again.

It reminds me of a Chassidic story about the rabbi known as the Maggid of Triesk

and the rabbi of Gorlitz. They were good friends and for a period of ten years sent letters to each other. Each letter would start with the words "My important and dear friend" and signed with the sender's name "Avremaleh" or "Baruch'l". Between the greeting and the signature the page was empty.

When the Maggid was asked why he and the rabbi from Gorlitz are sending such letters he answered when you write with ink, you use words. When you write with blood, no words are necessary". There is an expression in Hebrew "Chaver badam" or "a friend in blood" literally. Another way to describe it would be "a close friend".

Even the word "chaver" has a deep meaning. It is from the root "to bond, to connect". If we are fortunate we bond with a few friends like that in the course of our lifetime. Life has a way of taking us on a journey that has its twists and turns. Although sometimes we end up in

different places and circumstances, our real and true connections are always there.

Thank you Tom, thank you Arik for not giving up. By doing that you gave me the most precious gift of all. We read in "Pirkei Avot" (Chapters of the Fathers) "Yeoshua ben Prachya omer: Aseh lecha rav, uk'neh lecha chaver, v'hevei dan et kol ha-adam l'chaf z'chut". Translated: Joshua son of Prachia says Get yourself a teacher, acquire a friend and when you judge people give them the benefit of the doubt.

So, hang on to your good friends. If you lost them, know that they are a phone call or a few keyboard strokes on the internet away. Or you might write a letter with an empty page.

Shalom.

Welcome New Members

Margie & Tom Mergen
James & Juliette McKenzie
Marc & Deborah Brener

In Sympathy

Todd Zive on the death of his grandfather, Leonard Allen

Joanne Grossman on the death of her husband, Morrison

Thank You

To Sandi Lester and Jackson Lester for volunteering their time to help make the Passover Seder extra special.

Mazel Tov!

To Rabbi Steinberg on being asked to sit on the Advisory Search Committee for the new Chancellor of University of California, Irvine.

Rabbi Steinberg with President of the University of California system, Janet Napolitano, Former US Secretary of Homeland Security



SHM Brotherhood



Mark Your Calendar and Bring the Family to Angels Baseball!

Sunday, August 10th

Please join us for our annual Angels Baseball Day! We will meet at Angel Stadium in Anaheim for the Angels vs Boston Red Sox. This game will be nationally televised so a time has not been announced, Regardless of the game time, this match-up will be one that even the most casual baseball fan will not want to miss

Look for more information in the July Ma'alot. Contact the Temple office at 949-857-2226 with any questions.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 5-6-14

I am privileged to be asked to return as President of Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot for a fourth year. This would not be possible without the partnership with Rabbi Steinberg, the leadership of Beth Shikler as our Executive Director, the wonderful clergy and staff team as well as a very active Board. Being President is not possible without the support of my family, since they are also swept up in the momentum of my many activities as President. I wrote last month in the Ma'alot about a week in the life of the President. What was behind the scenes was all the other important things that we share as a household between my husband, son and my daughter to keep the Carroll family running...dinner, running to practices, buying a house and our remodel plans, making lunches, reading stories with the grandkids... we juggle these together to make all of it work as a team.

Our Congregation is a team too. People step up to challenging roles such as chairing the Gala, taking on the Purim Carnival or a Summer Program. People donate their time, money, energy for the collective good. The effort we all put into this place benefits our family at Shir Ha-Ma'alot, but also has an impact on sustaining us as a people. Each synagogue contributes to the future of our people by helping children develop Jewish identities, learn Jewish values, to be Jewish in a town or county where there really aren't a lot of us around. Each synagogue contributes by creating a community for our seniors, providing a place to pray together, to sustain our people. By supporting the operations of SHM, you are not only contributing to our community, but in sustaining us...the Jewish people.

HOW DOES THE TEMPLE PAY ITS BILLS? A major source of funding for the Temple's programs is the annual Financial Commitments from our Temple members supplemented by program fees, tuition, contributions and fund raising projects. Around 44% of our overall expenditures come from the Financial Commitment of our congregants. The Board of Trustees carefully reviewed our current needs and priorities and available resources and approved the 2014-2015 annual budget which, you unanimously approved tonight. Based on the budget, the Board determines the Financial Commitment level that both sustains the Temple and allows us to continue to offer enriching programs.

WHY A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND NOT DUES? Our members are

being asked to make an annual Financial Commitment instead of paying dues. "Dues" are "an obligatory payment, a fee." You make a choice to be a member of Shir Ha-Ma'alot. A commitment to invest in the future of the Jewish people by participating and sustaining our Temple is a choice. More than an obligatory payment, it's a holy commitment. So, we're moving away from "dues" and to the concept of a "Financial Commitment."

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP—THE TARGETED LEVEL OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. We participate in local surveys and we're aware that our Sustaining Membership level, \$2,180, is on the low side for Temples in Orange County. But keeping our Sustaining Membership level at \$2,180 only works if most of our members pay at this level. We realize there are members who are on fixed incomes or who are not able to afford Temple membership at this level. We have a Young Family rate that makes Temple membership affordable for those just starting out in their lifetime of belonging. These factors make it even more important that everyone step up to the Sustaining Membership level and help keep pace with increasing costs that are inherent in any operation.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, BUILDING FUND AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. WHY SO MANY PLACES TO GIVE? I've been asked about why we ask for a Financial Commitment, a contribution to the Building Fund, as well as asking people to contribute to the Capital Campaign Fund. People want to know why they are being asked to give in several different ways. Why is the Temple looking for money from you more than just once a year?

I'd like to share a parallel that puts this in context: Home Ownership. When you own a home, there are regular expenses you have to pay—your personal operating costs, the nut you cover, your Financial Commitment—including insurance, water, gas, electricity, and trash. You maintain your home—your personal building fund, including periodically tenting your home for termites, painting, and patching the roof. You may want to move to a new home or do a major renovation of your existing home—your personal capital campaign fund. The parallels are exactly the same for the Temple.

Capital Campaign Update—We have raised very close to \$5 million thus far. This is half way to our goal of \$10 million and we are



Beth Carroll
Temple President

grateful for the generous pledges and donations that have gotten us to this point as well as the tireless efforts of our Campaign Chairs, Ken Bassman and Bob Yonowitz, Rabbi Steinberg and the leadership of Beth Shikler managing many of the details of the campaign. We've looked in many areas for a suitable location and have not yet located the right place to call our home. We've looked at an office building near the 405, a tilt-up concrete structure off Main Street, and some vacant land among other properties. Nothing in our target area is an acceptable price, the right kind of space, or the right projected cost for renovations. We continue to keep our eyes and ears open.

There are some things we are thinking about while our commitment to solving the problem we originally stated—not enough room or appropriate spaces to deliver our programs or run our school—have not changed since we embarked on this journey. The market, investment trends, other's experience, a new architect, as well as developments in city planning are all important factors in our thinking.

Commercial Real Estate: Since we began the campaign, the Commercial Real Estate market has heated up. As a result, we are sure we can get even more for our current building, however, we will pay more for a new location. Vacancy rates are down, there is much more interest in Commercial property in Orange County.

Investment Trends: We consulted with our banker and advised that many big investors are sinking their money into commercial real estate rather than the stock market. Returns on the stock market are not great, so investors are looking at commercial property purchases of \$8-\$12m and getting larger returns. This is further driving real estate prices up and depleting the market.

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FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR



Becca Zarrabi
Youth Director

As I sit in my office trying to find the right words to say thank you, I look around at all the photos and artwork that decorate my walls. Each and every one of you have touched my heart, bringing so much joy to my life over the past three years. This amazing community has become, and always will be, a special home to me. I am so proud of all the kids' growth during my time here and I'm so excited to see what the future will bring all of them.

In just three short years, the kids and I have accomplished so much here at the temple. We introduced Shmolphin the Dolphin, created Mini MiTY, experienced Israel, learned to paddleboard, and some even encouraged me to face my fears and climb a ropes course. Countless sleepovers, weekends at camp and LOTS of pizza are things that don't even begin to sum up all the fun and exciting experiences we've had together, and I will cherish all these moments forever. So many things are possible, and I know that the kids will continue to make them happen.

I feel so lucky to have worked with such an amazing team of people. Everyone here understands the value of a strong, positive youth environment, and we've all worked together to make it happen. Many, many thanks go to Marisa, the best mentor anyone could ask for. She has been such an integral

part of my experience here, not only at work, but as a friend. Marisa, Mike and their kids have been a second family to me and I will miss them dearly.

Over the past few months, I've been so humbled by all of your support and love as I continue on into my adult life and start a new career. I hope that your kids will continue being proud to be Jewish as they build and cherish their relationships here at the temple.

Parents, thank you for trusting me with your most precious gifts. Kiddos, thank you for making my life so much fun. I'm going to miss you, but will see you again soon.

B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS



Ethan Thompson

June 7, 2014

Son of Scott & Deanne Thompson

I attend: Marine View Middle School

I enjoy: Fishing

Mitzvah Project: Collected bottles and cans to raise money for an orphanage in Nepal



Koby Beard

June 21, 2014

Son of Kenny & Dede Beard

I attend: Tarbut V'Torah

I enjoy: Tennis, basketball, snowskiing, snowboarding, waterskiing and electronics of any kind

Mitzvah Project: Worked with kids at Friendship Circle

Mazel Tov...

10th Grade Confirmation Friday June 6th at 7:00 pm

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Allie Bassman
Justin Bleiweis
Jessica Block
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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ✧ Adult B'nai Mitzvah, 5:30 pm	2 ✧ Mah Jongg Group, 9:30 am ✧ Adult Choir, 6:45 pm	3 ✧ Yizkor Service, 6:30 pm ✧ Shavuot Program & Dessert, 7:00 pm	4 Shavuot Office Closed	5 ✧ Bridge Group, 11:00 am ✧ Confirmation Rehearsal, 5:30 pm ✧ Temple Musicians, 6:30 pm	6 ✧ Family Shabbat Service with Confirmation, 7:00 pm	7 ✧ Weekly Lessons of Life: Torah Study, 8:30 am ✧ Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Thompson, 10:00 am Cantor's Concert, "Unplugged" 7:00 pm
8	9 ✧ Mah Jongg Group, 9:30 am ✧ Adult Choir, 6:45 pm	10 ✧ Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm ✧ Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 pm	11	12 ✧ Bridge Group, 11:00 am ✧ Temple Musicians Rehearsal, 6:30 pm	13 ✧ Shabbat Service with Adult Choir & Board Installation, 7:30 pm	14 ✧ Weekly Lessons of Life: Torah Study, 8:30 am
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Other's Experience: We received an unsolicited call from a Korean Church about our property. They have looked for five years for a new facility similar to what we are seeking with cash available right now for purchase, and have found nothing suitable.

New Architect: We consulted an amazing architect who specializes in Jewish spaces to look at the tilt-up concrete structure and some build to suit land. We wanted his opinion on what could be done with these potential new spaces, and were highly impressed with his vision for incorporating green space, green building concepts, and openness into his designs as well as a phased approach that allows congregations to grow their space over time via a master plan. When he walked into our current building, he was impressed with our location and blown away by the surroundings that he felt we did not take advantage of. With his feedback, we felt it was imperative to ask him what he thought we could do here.

We engaged an architect a few years ago in a similar exercise but were not nearly as impressed with the possibilities. The overwhelming structural suggestion was to add a parking lot and level off the atrium, costly endeavors that did not create a compelling vision. This new firm has passion around Jewish spaces and bringing in the surroundings, so whether it is a new space or re-evaluating

our current location, we believe we have found a good partner for this effort.

Parking: We are working with the architect to discuss our parking with the city. There is a formula for calculating the required parking for your assembly space, like the sanctuary, that we found limiting in the past. We have learned that we need an updated view of how many spaces we need and what size assembly space it drives. Parking structures can be expensive and not terribly appealing structures, so we really need to know what is required.

As you can tell, we've been busy with the Capital Campaign activities. There's more data to collect, more options to consider, conversations to be had, financial models to build. I wanted to make sure we kept all of you in the loop on the options. As the right direction becomes clearer, given all the factors I've shared—the real estate market, the investment market, our competition for holy space, input from a visionary architect, and a critical update on parking requirements, we'll update you.

For those of you who generously pledged to the Capital Campaign already, we will be reaching out to you all to discuss further. We have not stopped the Capital Campaign. Indeed, we are excited about all the possibilities and continue to be committed to having the right space for our Congregation!

Finally, I would like to take a few minutes for a special thanks to our Executive Director. Beth Shikler works in front and behind the scenes on everything that happens here at Shir Ha-Ma'alot. Whether it's the coordination of all the small details of High Holy Days activities, making sure that the right support is available for committees meeting here at Temple, dealing with closing our Millenium Fund down, refinancing the Temple's mortgage loans, closing the cell tower sales, pulling together the budget, making sure all our bills get paid on time, managing the staff, managing Arie(!), being our Rabbis' eyes and ears and anticipating what they need...she is on top of it all. She's quiet and doesn't want the attention or accolades, but this place would not be nearly as successful without her. We are blessed to have Beth on our team, thank you Beth Shikler.

Thank you all for coming tonight and for your support of Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot and our programs. We appreciate your membership, financial commitment for the coming year and generosity in so many ways. Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot strives to be the very best place for Jewish families. Our goal is to continue to engage the finest people for our leadership, educators and staff. We also want to continue to be here for you as we continue along the path of a "lifetime of belonging."

Shalom.

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