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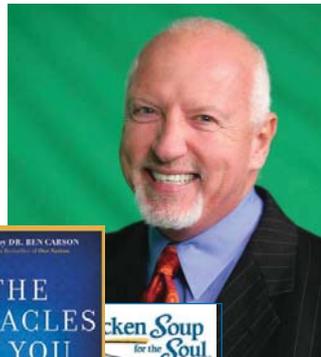
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JOIN US FOR THESE GREAT SERVICES...

- Family Shabbat at the Beach in Corona del Mar
Friday, Aug. 7th:
Bring Your Dinner, 6:00 pm
Service at 6:45 pm
- Jr. Congregation (Grades 3-7)
Friday, Aug. 14th, 7:30 pm
- Shabbat Service with panel discussion, "Using Our Resources to be Our Best Selves"
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- AIPAC & SHM sponsor an evening with Yossi Klein Halevi
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- Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "A Little Bit Louder Now" followed by Dessert Extravaganza!
Friday, Aug. 28th, 7:30 pm

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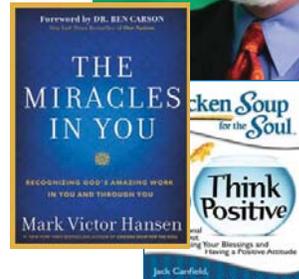


Join Us for Our Exciting Inaugural Event featuring

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#1 New York Times & USA Today Bestselling Author

**Thursday, August 20th
7:00 pm**



Join us for this phenomenal evening with one of the best known inspirational authors of the world!

Buy your High Holy Days Prayer Books now, available for pick-up at the Temple
The New *Machzor* of the Reform Movement is on sale now for 2015 High Holy Days.



Price is \$42 per set. You can buy your prayer books by calling the office at 949-857-2226 or online at www.shmtemple.org

Please note that there will only be 100 loaner books available on a first come basis, don't be without a book, buy your set today!

A LIFETIME OF BELONGING

RESPONSES TO MY ARTICLE "POWER OF PRAYER?"

From the June 2015 *Ma'alot*

In June, my article detailed what guidelines a clergy-person must follow in order to give an invocation or benediction at a government event. Many of you responded. Listed are some of the responses. Thank you for your wisdom and your senses of humor.

“To those who are spiritual and those who are not so inclined we as human beings should give thanks for all the goodness we receive—for living in a democracy when others are oppressed—living in our free country is not to be taken lightly. Go into the community and do good works—expect no reward except within your heart. A fruitful life is its own reward. (We hope that you embrace religion but) We may all rejoice in our good deeds, and love one another to further our continued freedoms.”

“Officially, everyone in America is praying but the synagogues and churches are empty! Except for holidays or celebrations.

I don't know what my hubby would have done—he usually started with "heavenly father." My suggestion would be not to address anyone, just thing of "to whom it may concern" and say "We pray for peace, for acceptance of everyone, etc." Pray against every evil that's around now (there's plenty of it.)”

“In response to your article in The *Ma'alot*, why not talk about what religion has in common instead of it's differences, and maybe pray for acceptance of the way others chose to worship, that not one religion is superior or inferior to another, that God is universal what ever name he may be given, that not all people even belong to a religion but they are still good people, and that it's ok to talk about what you believe in, as long as you're not

trying to change others' belief.

Just like Thomas Jefferson said, "If he doesn't break my leg or pick my pocket, what do I care if he believes in one God or many gods?" I'm sure I don't have the quote exactly right but close enough.”

“I will ponder it further, but my first response would be, "Will this illustrious congregation join me in silent prayer.”

“Infinite Source of goodness, strength and beauty: Let us begin by reflecting on how many people got us to this night—our parents, our teachers and mentors from kindergarten through high school or college, our good friends, our life partners and children, our healthcare providers, and of course, our Senseis. This wondrous web of love and support has been indispensable to our accomplishments both as martial artists and as citizens. So just take a moment right now to think about and remember these many indispensable people in our lives.

Tonight, we gather again to reflect on our own accomplishments in these martial arts, to congratulate our peers and to appreciate how much these arts have meant to us and done for us. For many, it was a chance meeting with a friend or something in the media that sparked our interest in this field. For others, it might have been an unpleasant encounter with the class bully or with the neighborhood Rambo that was the motivation.

The world remains a very dangerous place and that means our service personnel will need to be vigilant and continue making sacrifices for many years to come. Remember and honor them, and support our wounded warriors now back at home as much as you can financially.

Let me close with words that have special



Rabbi Richard Steinberg
The Rona Perley Memorial
Senior Rabbinic Chair

relevance for martial artists: "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." Amen –Thank you.”

“Obviously I've pondered your request for suggestions regarding how you can handle being asked to speak at prayer breakfasts or similar meetings. After weighing all four guidelines consistent with the respected Rubin decision, it became evident that if it were I in your place, my goal would be using the reliable safety net of HUMOR! Tastefully presented, I believe in the old adage of "Leave 'em laughing!" You might also, along the way, toss in a few comments about how people are living longer these days and children, now adults, are realizing the importance of expressing their gratitude to their parents who sacrificed much for their educations. The following story delivered well, as YOU consistently prove, will leave your recipients with chuckles and... here is your touching story:

Four brothers, after having completed their college educations and becoming successful doctors and lawyers, met for dinner and chatted about the birthday gifts they were able to send to their ninety-five year old

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FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Beth Carroll & Rachel Harman-Friedman

Temple Co-Presidents

Rachel and I are excited to share where we are in the Building and Capital Campaign programs. We set out on two parallel paths—one to raise funds for our Capital Campaign, the other to create a new holy space for our Congregational family. The Board decided to run both these paths as parallel until this June and then to take stock of how much money we have raised and what we can do with these funds.

The Capital Campaign has raised \$8.7 million to date. Rabbi Steinberg and the committee continue to focus on raising the balance of the \$10 million we set as our fund raising target. We have also made headway in engagement of more of the congregation in the Campaign with more and more individuals coming forward who want to be part of this special activity for our Temple. All In and \$10 million dollars in funds are still firmly in the Capital Campaign Committee's sights.

The Building Program Committee was presented with revised plans in June that are aligned with our original goals and needs as well as our fund raising target. Much like a home remodel, when we sat down with the architect to give them our comprehensive list of EVERYTHING we wanted, we got it all... but at a price tag we weren't willing to take on. Architects don't design to a number, they design to your requirements and then you make adjustments—adjust finishes, adjust layouts, etc. There was a lot of back and forth, tweaking plans, reviewing scope, and riding a roller coaster of emotions—highs full of excitement and possibilities, lows full of worry and concern. Our architect and the experts we have in our

congregation who are advising us on Building Programs assure us that this building journey is full of ups and downs! Fortunately, we spend a lot more time with optimism, excitement, and a vision of our dreams fulfilled. We are realistic and address the worries and concerns with careful planning, working out contingencies, and risk mitigation strategies.

The latest plan the architect provided us is different than the early day's conceptual model we asked the architect to provide us for last High Holy Days. As responsible stewards of the funds raised in the Capital Campaign, we are watching every square foot and dollar committed to this project very carefully. We determined that we did not need an additional program building, that we can incorporate the Chapel and Youth Lounge in the two main buildings, and that it is more cost effective to change the shape and foot print of the building along Michelson from its original conceptual rendering. All the changes bring us closer

and closer to a design that is a transformative campus that we can build within our means.

Recall that when we set out on this journey, we identified issues with our current facilities that required addressing and many items that we felt were needed in order to take our programs and education to the next level. We took some time to review our Case Statement, prepared in 2012, against the current plans prepared by the architect.

You can see that the renovated facility meets all our original objectives. And, there's so much more. Here's a few highlights:

1. The school is designed to allow private entrance to the classroom wing. This will allow us to rent the facilities out, bringing in additional cash-flow for the Temple. Many Temples rent space to language schools, professional societies or other organizations during the week when the space is not used or occupied. Our current building doesn't lend

Case Statement: Oct. 2012	Current Plans: July 2015
SPIRITUAL SPACE	
Our sanctuary is too small. Three out of every four weeks we overflow into the atrium. that causes the doors to be opened with noise and chaos from the caterer preparing for the Kiddush.	The planned sanctuary holds 275-300 people in fixed seating. There is the ability to section off the sanctuary and the atrium and also the atrium and social hall to keep disruptions to a minimum.
Our Bimah is too small. We have no place for the choir and band or other special programs.	The Bimah is planned to be large enough for everyone without creating too much space between what's happening on the Bimah and the congregation.
No other holy space for simultaneous services or parallel programs. For example, we have no place for Shabbat morning minyan. Our Tot Shabbat transition to adult service is very challenging.	A chapel is included in the current design. The chapel can be used for Tot Shabbat or adult services so that the Tot families don't have to rush out of the building after services.
Quiet room acoustics are problematic.	This is planned to be addressed.
Our new building will most certainly include a main sanctuary, a small chapel and other opportunities for creative and meaningful worship.	There are plans for both a main sanctuary and a chapel.

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EDUCATION	
With our Hebrew Chavurah on Sunday there is not enough space. Students and teachers are meeting in offices, the quiet/crying room, the social hall, the youth lounge, the sanctuary, and every other available space in the Temple. We need more classrooms with flexible space for more creative programming.	There are more classrooms in this design with movable walls that make the space very flexible when larger or smaller spaces are needed for classes or programs.
Our Youth Lounge doubles as a multi-purpose room with no dedicated space for our youth to hang out.	The Youth Lounge will be re-done as part of the current design. Other space will be set aside for meetings and gatherings to enable us to dedicate space to our youth.
Our Library is not available during school, instead it is used as a classroom or meeting room.	The Library will be moved and a separate location than meeting rooms.
We have no room for other group/committee meetings on Sunday.	There will be meeting spaces made available on Sundays.
There are limited high tech features in our Temple and we are a decade behind in providing those kinds of learning opportunities.	We are looking at high tech features to include in the building that make sense for our budget and needs.
GENERAL NEEDS	
Despite unsightly tarps to block the sun, blistering heat comes through the atrium roof.	The atrium roof will be redesigned with an automated cover.
Functions are limited by the size of the building.	The social hall and atrium will be larger and flexible space to allow for larger functions.
The air conditioning system is failing.	The air conditioning will be refurbished as part of the plans.
We need to replace our roof, which will be a major expenditure.	The roof will be replaced/repared as part of the plans.
The floor in the Quiet Room is sinking.	The Quiet Room will be relocated to be near the new sanctuary which will face the golf course.
We have electrical issues in our ark.	The ark issues will be addressed.
We do not have enough parking.	The city and architects have assessed our parking and have determined that it meets the requirements for the size of the sanctuary's fixed seating. We will still need to plan for offsite parking for major events such as Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur services.
We have no bridal room.	There is a bridal room planned in the design.
Our entrance is a small space so when groups wish to share information about their programs there is congestion at the front door that is not welcoming.	The entrance to the offices and to the sanctuary building are being separated as the offices are being located to the second building on the property along Michelson. The design takes into account the procession of people as they enter and leave the building.

itself to this type of arrangement since it is all accessible once the front door is open.

2. There is a music studio adjacent to the Cantor's office for practices and recording.
3. The Gift Shop space is conveniently located in a prime location to facilitate gathering and merchandising.
4. We maintain our existing back yard space along with the playground.
5. There are other gardens and outdoor gathering spaces to take advantage of the beautiful location and weather when providing hang out room.
6. The sanctuary is planned to overlook the golf course's lush green landscape and experience the beauty of nature as part of the ambiance of the space.
7. The building will be built with green concepts firmly in mind to have the most energy efficient and responsibly built facility possible.
8. The campus will be reviewed from every angle for security to ensure the safety of our Congregants and children.

The activity level for the Building Program will continue over the summer as such important items such as continuing the Conditional Use Permit process and creating "Bid Set" drawings are the focus. Bid Set drawings allow us to get an estimate from a Licensed Contractor for the plans the architect has created. While the architect has done their own estimates based on their costing models and years of expertise in this process, the most accurate estimates come from the Contractor reviewing detailed drawings.

Based on these estimates, we'll have a better idea of where we are against our Capital Campaign. Since Day One, we have not wavered—we will not commit to a project that is expected to cost more than we have in pledges. We can transform our building into a campus that serves us beautifully well into the future—and even better when we meet our Campaign goal of \$10 million!

Please feel free to reach out to Sharon Blindell, Beth Shikler, Rabbi Steinberg, Rachel Harman-Friedman or Beth Carroll with any questions. We welcome your input, feedback and support.

This is a transformative time in our Temple's history. With prudence, caution and a whole lot of excitement, our new campus will reflect our Temple's special ability to inspire people's lives.

FROM OUR RABBI & DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING



Rabbi Leah Lewis

Rabbi & Director of Lifelong Learning
The Jaffe Family Rabbinic Chair

As a sociology major in college I recall learning, in basic sociological theory classes, about the power of symbols in cultural identity. We studied the role that totem poles played in Native American clans, as well as in other cultures around the globe. We examined the role of religious iconography such as the crucifix in Christianity or the seven-branched menorah in our own Jewish tradition. We assessed the role of language as a series of cultural symbols, and we observed the power of flags as social identifiers.

I remember very clearly a discussion about the power of the red, black and white flag bearing the Nazi swastika. At nineteen years of age, I hadn't yet had the opportunity to consider the power of the symbol, sewn onto the flag, to bring a group of people together in shared mission and purpose while, at the same time, bringing terror to millions more. But as a young Jewish college student in the then-secure setting of the college campus, when I read that in the aftermath of World War II, swastikas and the flags bearing them were banned in Germany, I took a deep breath of relief, knowing that I was unlikely to be threatened by that symbol, by that flag.

The devastating massacre earlier this summer in Charleston's Emanuel AME church led to an important and overdue conversation about the power of another divisive cultural symbol, another flag. When South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley spoke just five days

after the shooting, she identified exactly why, despite those who appreciate the symbol as a memorial to the past or as a tribute of southern pride, the time had come for the Confederate flag to come down, once and for all.

"We know that bringing down the Confederate flag will not bring back the nine kind souls that were taken from us, nor rid us of the hate and bigotry that drove a monster through the doors of Mother Emanuel that night. Some divisions are bigger than a flag. The evil we saw last Wednesday comes from a place much deeper, much darker. But we are not going to allow this symbol to divide us any longer. The fact that people are choosing to use it as a sign of hate is something we cannot stand. The fact that it causes pain to so many is enough to move it from the Capitol grounds. It is, after all, a Capitol that belongs to all of us."

From the foundation of Reform Judaism more than 200 years ago, our movement has been

one which appreciates the need to revisit longstanding traditions and ask whether they, indeed, continue to carry the same meaning they once did, and whether they are relevant in our day. In striving for the greater virtue of inclusion, we, as a movement, broke from tradition to embrace egalitarianism as a Jewish value. In the pursuit of social responsibility, our movement highlighted the prophetic call to pursue justice. And in hopes that we could live safely and productively as citizens of the modern world, our movement embraced assimilation.

In the wake of heinous acts of hatred that are filling too many headlines during these weeks and months, I am hopeful that we, as Reform Jews and citizens with eyes wide open, can be inspired by Governor Haley's bold actions and live our lives in a way that echo her call to remove from our society and our lives those symbols that cause fear and pain while, at the same time, celebrating those that unite people and build bridges.



Register today! Classes are filling up quickly!

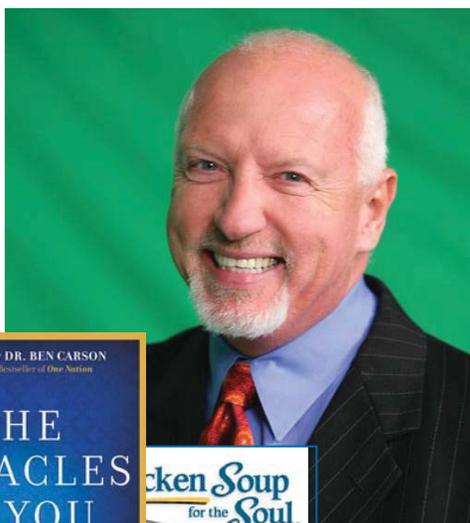
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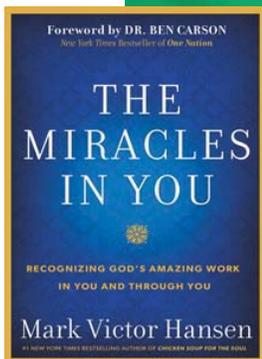


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Meet the authors, all SHM members, who will be sharing their work with us during our
MUSSAR year, the year of Jewish virtues:



**JON
WHITE**
Friday
September 11



**LINDA
COSS**
Sunday
November 1



**TODD
CREAGER**
Friday
February 12



**SUSAN
ALPERT**
Friday
April 8



**PATTY
BIALAK**
Friday
October 9



**NEIL
NEIMARK**
Friday
January 8



**SUSAN
SEGAL**
Sunday
February 21



**NORMAN
WITKIN**
Wednesday
May 18



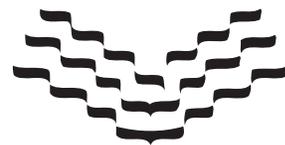
**GARY
GREENE**
Tuesday
October 20



**MIKE
GELLMAN**
Sunday
January 31



**ELLEN
OLSHANSKY**
Friday
March 18



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Welcome New Members

Carolyn & Edward Arndt

Mazel Tov...

Barbara & Bob Kaitz on their 65th Wedding Anniversary

Lynda & Dwight Stones on the engagement of their son, Jason to Teigan Alford

Carrie & Josh Harvith on the birth of their daughter, Juliette

Hope & Ken Snyder on the marriage of their daughter, Alyssa to Ben Sanders

Condolences to...

Leonard Shulman on the death of his father, Sandy Shulman

Ilene Osran on the death of her cousin, David Brodsky

Janet Horwitz on the death of her mother, Natalie Lipman

Sharon Tamani on the death of her uncle, Louis Walter

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

"A Little Bit Louder Now" Friday, August 28th @ 7:30 pm Followed by Our "Dessert Extravaganza!"

Music is a powerful tool for evoking the inner space within which transformative prayer can happen. The ancients knew this, and music was a big part of the ancient temple ritual.

This service features congregational melodies and eclectic, contemporary music which compliment the creative service booklet compiled by Cantor Shikler, specifically for this service.

Rabbi Bernie King Mitzvah Projects ~ June B'nai Mitzvah Students



Zachary Akzin

August 1, 2015

Son of Aaron & Patricia Van Haren-Akzin

I attend: South Lake Middle School

I enjoy: Exotic cars, Xbox, musical theater, science, and math

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at ShadeTree Partnership and Education Through Music-Los Angeles



Ethan Sloate

August 22, 2015

Son of Joe & Sheryl Sloate

I attend: Sierra Vista Middle School

I enjoy: Hanging out with my friends and playing video games

Mitzvah Project: Built a bridge for Cub Scouts



Sophie Warth

August 8, 2015

Daughter of Phil & Jamie Warth

I attend: Aliso Viejo Middle School

I enjoy: Reading, hanging out with friends, writing, playing piano, and helping the Marine Mammal Center

Mitzvah Project: Helped the marine life affected by the Santa Barbara oil spill, raised money and donated supplies for animal rescue



Max Helfman

August 29, 2015

Son of Marci & Paul Helfman

I attend: Lakeside Middle School

I enjoy: Playing the drums, soccer, and hanging out with friends

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered for Families Forward food drives and back to school backpack projects

AUGUST 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Akzin
2	3 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	4 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting	5	6 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	7 10 am - Torah Time for TINY Tots 6 pm - Bring Your Picnic Dinner to the Beach 6:45 pm - Family Shabbat at the Beach	8 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Warth 6 pm - Brotherhood: Texas Holdem Tournament
9	10 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	11	12	13 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	14 10 am - Torah Time for TINY Tots 6:30 pm - Jr. Congregation (Grades 3-7) 7:30 pm - Shabbat Service with panel discussion, "Using Our Resources to Be Our Best"	15 8:30 am - Torah Study
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Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise
23 4:30 pm - AIPAC Event with guest, Yossie Klein Halevi "The Ethos of The Israeli People"	24 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 12:15 pm - Community Scholar Program: Brown bag lunch with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	25	26 12:15 pm - Community Scholar Program: Brown bag lunch with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer	27 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	28 10 am - Torah Time for TINY Tots 7:30 pm - Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "A Little Bit Louder Now" followed by Dessert Extravaganza!	29 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bar Mitzvah of Max Helfman
30 5 pm - NaSHiM Kick-off Event	31 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir					

2015/5776
**High Holy Days
Schedule**

**Prepare for the High Holy Days
with Rabbi Frank Stern & Marci Howard**
Thursday, September 3rd, 7:00 pm

S'lichot

Saturday, September 5th
9:00 pm • Dessert
9:30 pm • Service in the Atrium

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13th
5:30 pm • Early Service
8:15 pm • Late Service

Rosh Hashanah

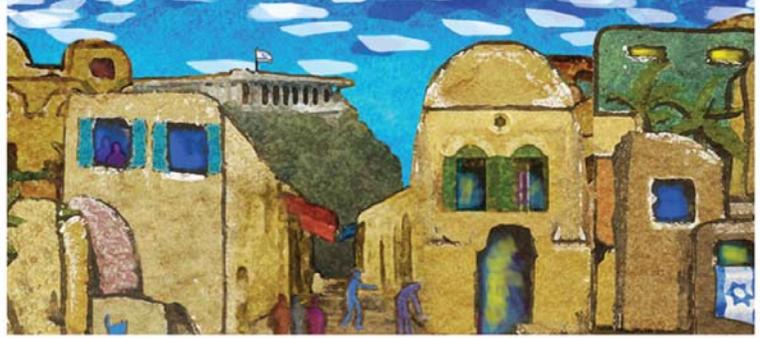
Monday, September 14th
8:30 am • Family Service
11:00 am • Morning Service
11:00 am • Children's Workshops (Grades K-3)
4:00 pm • Tashlikh on Corona del Mar Beach

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 22nd
5:30 pm • Early Service
8:15 pm • Late Service

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 23rd
8:30 am • Family Service
11:00 am • Morning Service
11:00 am • Children's Workshop (Grades K-3)
2:00 pm • Study Session
2:45 pm • Ask the Rabbi
4:00 pm • Afternoon, Yizkor & Ne'ilah Services
Break-the-Fast immediately following



The American Israel Public Affairs Committee &
Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot present



AN EVENING WITH
Yossi Klein Halevi
Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem
Sun., August 23, 2015 • 4:30 pm

The Ethos of the Israeli People
An intimate discussion about how the Israeli spirit manifests
itself during time of crisis and prosperity.

Yossi Klein Halevi is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and contributing editor to The New Republic. He also frequently contributes to the op-ed pages of leading American newspapers, including The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times. Halevi is a regular commentator on Israeli and Middle East affairs and has appeared on CNN, BBC and NPR, among other media outlets.

Halevi is active in reconciliation efforts between Muslims and Jews and serves as chairman of Open House, an Arab-Jewish coexistence center in the town of Ramle, near Tel Aviv. His last book, Like Dreamers, follows the lives of seven paratroopers from the 55th Brigade who played a pivotal role in reuniting Jerusalem during the 1967 war. This diverse band of brothers went on to play central roles in Israeli politics and society, shaping Israel's destiny long after their historic victory.

RSVP to 323-937-1184. Cost is \$8.00 per person.

NaSHiM presents:

**Preparing for a
Sweet New Year**



Sun., August 30th

5:00 pm

at the UCI ARC

(Recreational Center Test Kitchen)

Join us as we kick-off a new year of exciting, entertaining and informative events for SHM women! We will gather in the professional kitchen at UCI to explore the food and traditions associated with the High Holy Days.

Come hang with your temple gal pals and we will eat, drink, gab and enjoy!!

Prepare for the High Holy Days

with Rabbi Frank Stern & Marcie Howard

Thursday, September 3rd, 7:00 pm

Each year, we begin the holidays with forgiveness, S'lichot. We proceed to review the past year as we greet the New Year at Rosh Hashanah. Join Rabbi Frank Stern and Marcie Howard as we explore the *Al Chet* (confession of our sins) as it is presented in the new prayer book, *Mishkan Ha'Nefesh*.

By exploring the deeper meaning of prayer and contemplation, forgiveness and promises, and the meaning of "sin", we will create our own *Al Chet*, a metaphorical exploration we are asked to take each year so that we might grow to lead happy, healthy lives.



Family Promise Homeless Shelter

August 16–22, 2015

Family Promise is a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter to families in need. SHM volunteers donate their time to this organization by transforming our synagogue into a temporary home during these weeks. For more information on volunteering to this important effort, contact Rabbi Lewis at (Llewis@shmtemple.org) or call 949-857-2226.



Shabbat Service with Panel Discussion

"Using Our Resources to be Our Best Selves"

Friday, August 14th, 7:30 pm

Shabbat is a time to imagine our world and ourselves as we would like it and us to be. These speakers will encourage us through diet, exercise, and emotional well-being to consider how to get on the road to health.



Risa Groux, CN

Risa is a holistic nutritionist specializing in customized nutritional counseling and whole food cleansing. Risa firmly believes that the body can heal from foods from the earth.



Doug Schulein, Fitness

Doug is a 20+ year veteran in the fitness industry with a resume covering gym design, personal training, Corporate Wellness creation and service, gym management and ownership. His team was created to provide the best service with a unique flair for innovative programs to keep every client interested and focused on the ultimate goal of better health.



Eileen Lenson, Life Coach

As a former psychotherapist and now Life and Business coach and author, Eileen has spent her professional career bringing out the best in people by helping them develop new insights, personal growth and life satisfaction in a shorter period of time than they would be able to on their own. Her motto: people don't have to be sick to get better.

Mazel Tov!

Milestone Anniversaries for Shir Ha-Ma'alot Staff...

A hearty mazel tov to these valuable and essential temple staff members as they celebrate:



**Lynne Koffler,
30 years of service**

**Jesus Hernandez,
25 years of service**



We can't thank you enough for the many outstanding years of support and love you have put into our Temple, our SHM community, and our staff. We couldn't do this without you!

Shir Ha-Ma'alot Summer Series

Shabbat Service with guest speaker,



JOSEPH HESS,

Liaison to the U.S. Forest Service and Vice President of the international Arid Lands Consortium, JNF

**Friday, August 21st,
7:30 pm**

“Water Restrictions—Lessons Learned from Israel”

A retired government technical manager and International Aerospace Consultant, Joe Hess was actively involved in fostering international cooperation during his 40-year career. As a UN volunteer, he developed annual workshops around the world to help developing nations use space technology to improve the lives of residents. Joe is past president of the JNF Board of Orange County, past National Campaign Chairman, past Vice President of Zones and Regions, a recipient of the Tree of Life award, a recipient of JNF’s Lifetime Achievement Award, and a Century Council member. In his current position with JNF, he is responsible for developing relationships with members of Congress. Under his guidance, JNF achieved NGO status at the United Nations.

SHM Brotherhood

Texas Holdem Tourney

**Sat., August 8th,
6:00 pm**



Come join the guys for a night of brotherhood, camaraderie, fun and card games. Event is at the home of David Teincuff
(address and directions will be emailed when you RSVP)

RSVP asap—space is limited to David Teincuff at david@logos2life.com

CSP Summer Scholar Institute

RABBI ELIE KAUNFER,

Co-founder and Executive Director of Mechan Hadar

Please join us for these brown bag lunch sessions with Rabbi Kaunfer:

Monday, August 24th, 12:15 pm

“When Who Wrote What Prayer Matters: The Deeper Meaning of Avinu Malkenu”

How does our understanding of a prayer—even a “famous” prayer—alter once we know who wrote it? How do human relationships filter into prayers to God? Together we will look at the story of the writing of *Avinu Malkenu*—Our Father, Our King—to explore these questions.



Rabbi Eli Kaunfer has previously worked as a journalist, banker, and corporate fraud investigator. A graduate of Harvard College, he completed a doctorate in liturgy at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he was also ordained. Elie is a co-founder of Kehilat Hadar and has been named multiple times to *Newsweek*'s list of the top 50 rabbis in America.

He is the author of *Empowered Judaism: What Independent Minyanim Can Teach Us About Building Vibrant Jewish Communities*.

Wednesday, August 26th, 12:15 pm

“The Mourner’s Kaddish—A New Interpretation”

In this session, we’ll explore the essence of the Kaddish, moving on an interpretive journey that has implications for all the prayers we recite. We will ask core questions such as: why is this prayer associated with mourners? Which biblical characters are hidden in the text and why? What is the deep structure of the prayer? Along the way we will re-discover the power of the Kaddish, a poignant depiction both of God’s relationship with us and of what people can offer God.



TOT SHABBAT



DOC MCSTUFFINS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

6:30 PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL TO SERVICES

Join Doc McStuffins as she looks at the Big Book of Boo Boos to help solve all your stuffed animals’ problems. Doc will help heal your stuffed animal.

Rabbi Steinberg from page 3

mother, now living in Florida.

The firstborn said, "You know, I had a big house built for mama."

The second said, "And I had a large theater built in the house."

The third added, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL 600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the bible and you know she can't read any more because she can no longer see very well. I met this professor who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took a group of ten clerics almost eight years to teach him. And I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the synagogue, but it was worth it! Mama has only to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed.

After the celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes. She wrote:

"Milton, this house you built is so huge... I live in only one room, but have to have the whole house cleaned. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel and have my groceries delivered,

so I never use the Mercedes. Thanks anyway."

Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thanks for the gesture just the same."

Dearest Melvin, You were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift to me. The chicken was delicious! Thank you so much!"

Thank you to everyone for your thoughtful and inspiring messages. I am always interested to hear from the congregation. Send messages to my email: rsteinberg@shmtemple.org.

Thank You...

Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot donated our old copies of the High Holy Day prayer books to a congregation that was in need of them. We recently received this lovely note.

Dear Rabbi Steinberg,

On behalf of the congregants of the Reform Temple of Laguna Woods we wish to express our sincere gratitude for your generous gift of the High Holy Day prayer books. As a senior congregation your gift is especially meaningful.

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FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

"SHABBAT AT THE BEACH"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH
(CORONA DEL MAR BEACH)

Bring Your Picnic Dinner at 6:00 pm
Family Shabbat Service at 6:45 pm

This Shabbat at the beach allows us to celebrate the Sabbath amidst the ocean, sand, moon and stars.

It's fun for the whole family and inspiring for all.

Parking is \$15.00—carpooling is recommended.

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Jr. Congregation (Grades 3–7)

Friday, August 14th, 7:30 pm

Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot is very excited about this Shabbat service just for 3rd-7th graders! This musical service will take place in the youth lounge. We will sing together, pray together, and take part in lots of fun Shabbat activities.

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Friday, September 4th,
7:00 pm



Tot Shabbat Service, "Learning Love"

Friday, September 18th,
6:30 pm

Shabbat Shuvah, "Return Again"

Friday, September 18th,
7:30 pm

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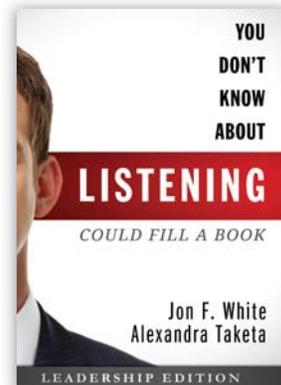
JON WHITE

Friday, September 11th, 7:30 pm

Jon White began his career as an educator; not surprisingly, his subject was Communications. He has worked with senior leaders throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia and has consulted for a wide range of companies, including QualComm, Pacific Life, Disney, and Callaway Golf to name just a few.

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Wendy & Mickey Gubman, thank you for all that you and Beverley do for me

Barbara & Bob Kaitz wishing a speedy recovery to Judy Kuperberg

Jann Glasser in memory of Nathan Reitter

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Ina Zeleznick, thank you for being there at the unveiling for Lowell Zeleznick

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Hy Algazi in honor of Mark Sellinger graduating from OC Police Academy

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Ken & Hope Snyder, thank you for your music at the marriage ceremony of our daughter, Alyssa to Ben Sanders

Hy & Linda Algazi in memory of Lew Janowsky

Hy Algazi in memory of David Algazi

Hy & Linda Algazi in memory of Ginny Kempler

The Youth Band and their families in honor of you and Paul Carman for all you have done for the Youth Band kids this year

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We will have limited hours during the summer as we restock and rearrange. Please contact us if you would like to purchase kippot or a tallit for your upcoming Bar or Bat mitzvah. Watch for our grand re-opening in the fall!

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