

the Ma'alot

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JOIN US THIS MONTH FOR THESE GREAT SERVICES...

- Family Service in the backyard, "Sunset Shabbat: Red, White & Blue for Each and Every Jew"
Friday, July 3rd, 7 pm
- Tot Shabbat, "Superheroes!"
Friday, July 17th
6:30 pm
- Contemplative Service with Rabbi Stern & Marci Howard
Tuesday, July 21st
7:00 pm
- Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "Sunshine on My Shoulders"
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Shabbat Service with guests,



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ELYN SAKS

Law Professor and author



**Friday, July 17th,
7:30 pm**

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SHABBAT SERVICES ~ JULY 2015

Friday, July 3rd

- 7:00 pm: Family Shabbat Service in the backyard, "Sunset Shabbat: Red, White & Blue for Each and Every Jew"

Friday, July 10th

- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service Rabbi Leah Lewis on "A Covenant of Peace for Today"

Friday, July 17th

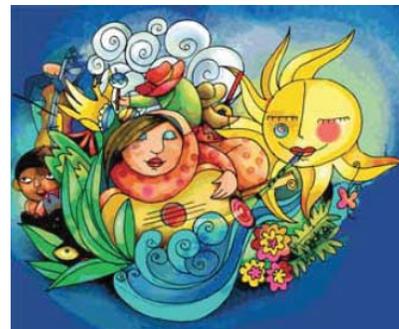
- 6:30 pm: Tot Shabbat Service, "Superheroes"
- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service with Temple Musicians and guests, Darrell Steinberg and Elyn Saks

Friday, July 24th

- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service, Rabbi Rick Steinberg on "Transforming Our Lives"

Friday, July 31st

- 7:30 pm: Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "Sunshine on My Shoulders"



BDS—WE MUST KNOW

The BDS movement (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) is expanding rapidly throughout America and especially on college campus. The BDS movement is a ploy to get institutions to divest from any company, stock or interest in Israel. The argument their leaders make is that this is a non-violent way to protest the so called “bad treatment and occupation” of the Palestinians by Israel.

Unfortunately, the BDS movement is simply a front to totally and completely delegitimize Israel’s very existence. Their theory is that if they cannot wipe out Israel militarily or by terror, they will do it economically. This insidious and vile form of anti-Israel behavior is, in itself, anti-Semitism clearly and plainly. The BDS movement’s attempt to raise awareness of Israel’s “evil nature” is a poor effort to influence the minds of young people studying at universities. However, unfortunately they may be succeeding in their endeavors.

This movement ought not to be taken lightly. It is representative of an ever growing anti-Semitism that seems to be stronger than since the time of World War II. We cannot become complicit in letting it happen all over again. Professor Robert Wistrich, of Hebrew University, died recently and in a letter published posthumously in *The Jerusalem Post*, he wrote, “The Islamists are the spearhead of current anti-Semitism, aided and abetted by the moral relativism of all too many naïve Western liberals.”

“Western liberals” is a loaded term and I don’t pretend to know how he would define it (as I am from the West and liberal on many issues). But I would simply rather rephrase those words, as “naïve people who believe what is happening on campus is no big deal, and besides, Israel is at fault.”

Both are untrue. The BDS movement is catching on like wildfire and the flames of

anti-Semitism are running very hot. I do not need to reiterate, as I have so many times, that the proof is in the pudding. Israel is ready and willing to make peace when the other side is honest, sincere and forthright. Look to Egypt and Jordan – two of Israel’s historical archenemies and, when they were ready and compliant, there was and has been peace for decades. Israel is not at fault. But it goes even deeper. If we think for a moment that Israel is separate from Jews and Judaism, we have another thing coming. The two are intimately intertwined whether we like it or not. We are intrinsically meshed with each other. The hatred of Israel is the hatred of Jews and the hatred of Jews is the hatred of Israel. The BDS movement is an anti-Semitic movement as much as an anti-Israel movement.

I don’t mean to suggest for a moment that one cannot disagree with the policies of or protest against Israel or her government or her leaders... that is the essence of democracy (Israel being the only true democracy in the Middle East in which one can do so, by the way.). But to delegitimize and sanction, divest and boycott, the one nation whose only goal is to live in peace is a moral outrage.

This is not just an American problem, this is an international problem. AIPAC, the Israel lobby on Capitol Hill, reports the following:

Old Song, New Dance

“Though philosophically similar to the Arab League Boycott, BDS represents a new and unique challenge to Israel. BDS is an international, decentralized effort to delegitimize, stigmatize and isolate Israel, and it pirates the language of international law in its pursuit.

While BDS has many components, perhaps the most dangerous actions are led by states or international institutions that make routine business with Israel more difficult,



Rabbi Richard Steinberg
The Rona Perley Memorial
Senior Rabbinic Chair

sanctionable or even liable to criminal prosecutions. Examples include:

Sweden’s Nordea Bank, Denmark’s Danske Bank and the Netherlands’ largest pension fund have all divested from Israeli financial institutions;

Corporations have cancelled contracts with Israeli entities at the urging of home governments for alleged violations of international law. Ironically, Dutch firm Vitens cancelled a contract with Israel’s national water carrier, Mekorot, shortly after Mekorot signed a trilateral World Bank accord to help Jordan and the Palestinian Authority meet their water needs;

The Netherlands undertook a war crimes prosecution of a private company for conducting business in the West Bank;

Denmark has officially threatened Israel with sanctions unless it makes unilateral political concessions, such as ending its “blockade” of Gaza, without regard to weapons smuggling and terrorist attacks by Hamas;

The European Union has threatened a wholesale boycott of meat, poultry and dairy products from East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and the West Bank if Israel refuses to

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Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot, in partnership with the Steinberg Institute: Advancing Behavioral Health Policy & Leadership, is proud to sponsor an evening of learning, spirituality, and exploration

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Shabbat Service with guests,



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**Friday, July 17th,
7:30 pm**

Sen. Darrell Steinberg, California Senate Pro Tem (ret) and now founder of the Steinberg Institute for Advancing Behavioral Health Policy & Leadership will speak with Elyn Saks, law professor and MacArthur Prize winner, author of the book *The Center Cannot Hold; My Journey Through Madness*, detailing her life living with schizophrenia.



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SPEECH BY CO-PRESIDENTS, BETH CARROLL AND RACHEL HARMAN-FRIEDMAN

(DELIVERED AT BOARD INSTALLATION 6-12-15)



Beth Carroll
Temple Co-President

Beth Carroll: Thank you Rabbi Steinberg for the heartfelt farewell to our retiring Board members and enthusiastic welcoming of our 2015-16 Board. Change is natural and inspiring, and we'll miss our colleagues and friends who are outgoing Board members. With that said, we are very excited to have new people stepping into Board roles. Lay leadership is healthy here at Shir Ha-Ma'alot, we are so fortunate to have an opportunity to continue to invigorate the Board with fresh faces and ideas.

Over the last four years, I have had an opportunity to work very closely with Rabbi Steinberg. Rabbi Steinberg is a terrific partner for the Temple President. His leadership, thoughtfulness, spirituality, enthusiasm, sense of humor, and creativity are gifts - especially when packaged up in one individual. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Steinberg as the spiritual leader of our community and it is a privilege to have served as President and his partner for the last four years. Rachel, it is great to bring you into this circle.

Cantor Shikler performed his fifteenth Cantor Concert last weekend with a terrific rendition of Motown hits. We appreciate his tenacity, creativity, and spirit as he leads us in songful prayer and makes us all feel like he's smiling at just us as he gives his grin from the Bima every Friday night. . .Cantor Shikler continues to pull us into that Shabbat feel with his winsome whistle and acoustic guitar melodies that delights us all.

As Rachel and I have planned for this upcoming year, there were decisions to make in transitioning from one President to a Co-Presidency. Do we do everything together, how do we split things? How to effectively share responsibilities and leverages our talents and interests, and juggle our busy home and work lives?

The President's job is complicated - part advisor, part representative of the congregation, part liaison, part contrarian...you really have to wear many hats. In our co-Presidency, I will focus on the building program and capital campaign, finances

of the Temple, fund raising, the Gift Shop, and Brotherhood. Rachel's focus will be on Events, Chavurot, Membership, Volunteers, NaSHiM and Education.

We'll keep each other in the loop, involve each other in important decisions, work together in any personnel matters, jointly meet with Rabbi Steinberg regularly as well as jointly represent the lay leadership at High Holy Days.

Instead of $1+1 = 2$, for Rachel and I, $1+1 = 1$ since we will act as one President by dividing and leading the various aspects of Temple—with one point of view, one voice, and one focus—the success and health of our Temple. You may not see both of us at every meeting, event, or service—however, it will be even better—we'll be able to cover more, see more of you, and complement each other's strengths. I'm pretty excited!

Rachel Harman-Friedman: Thank you Beth, I am very privileged to be your +1 in this endeavor. You and Rabbi Steinberg have made a tremendous team over these past 4 years, I appreciate your patience as I catch up to your speed and look forward to joining you both on this team.

I have spent many years as a member of the Board of Education and the last few years as chair of that committee as well as serving on the Board of Trustees and Executive Board. Still, there is a lot to learn and I am eager and excited to take on this role.

This Synagogue has such an amazing team leading the way. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Rabbi Lewis as she has transitioned into the role of Director of Lifelong Learning. We have worked together as lay-leader and clergy partners to keep our school running smoothly while also creating exciting changes for next school year. Rabbi Lewis approaches our education program with wisdom, taking every opportunity to create a balance between teaching our children values, rituals and Torah in a fun, engaging way.

For 2015-16, there is an amazing team in place

with Rabbi Lewis, Heather Rosenthal as our new school principal, Leora Robles coordinating Hebrew and Stephanie Mitchell as the chair of the Board of Ed. Stephanie, thank you so much for bringing your energy and enthusiasm into this role.

The Board of Education has brought a thoughtfulness and strong feeling of community to our conversations about our school programs and has been a pleasure to work with: Lysa Goldstein, Robin Saltzer, Rachel Horn, Michelle Abraham, Amy Lawsky, Karin Rose, and Melissa Park. We are so lucky that they will all be staying on for this coming year and are looking forward to the vision for our new school program coming to life.

We have four youth groups led by the very energetic and creative Becca Clark. Kids in grades 2 through 12 had a blast this year with everything from bowling to bounce houses bringing them together in such a strong community! It's an honor to be a part of our education programs as they change, grow and strengthen under such capable leadership.

Beth: The opportunity to step up is not limited to the Board of Trustees and Board of Ed. We've been blessed with several talented members of our community leading the Capital Campaign, the Brotherhood, NaSHiM and the Gift Shop. The

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RE-MEMBERING, RE-TELLING



Rabbi Leah Lewis
Rabbi & Director of Lifelong Learning
The Jaffe Family Rabbinic Chair

Across the country, the past couple of months have been marked with graduation ceremonies. Universities have been flanked with diplomas, mortar boards and speakers – some inspirational, some motivational, some both. At the recent graduation ceremony for the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership students at Brandeis University, Dr. Zohar Raviv, himself a graduate of the program and a renowned Jewish educator, provided a reminder that Jewish life cannot be taken for granted, and that it is something worth working for. He said:

We are, indeed, story-bearers who may help others understand their own vital role in this continuous and ever-evolving Jewish story. Thus, my friends, the commitment to memory is not merely a call to remember, but also a call to “re-member,” to rejoin our people as a vital member of the collective and unfolding story.

He continued on with specific advice for the group of budding Jewish communal professionals to whom he spoke. And then he concluded with a message that can resonate for each of us, who, in one way or another, goes out of our way to be part of the Jewish world and to let Judaism be part of us. Dr. Raviv declared:

Allow me to conclude with the following words, as you embark on your journey today: Whether we like it or not, one day in the future we are all destined to become part of our people’s past, and the sort of a past we wish to become to our future is a question

for the present! Aim to structure a Jewish present which will become a past worthy of remembering . . . and re-remembering!

Lest we trick ourselves into thinking that the Jewish story is a thing of history, Dr. Raviv reminds us that it continues to unfold and each of us, in whatever manners we involve ourselves, needs to mindfully re-member by consciously choosing and seeking our path to a meaningful Jewish life. In the 21st century, nobody lives a Jewish life by accident. In a way, whether we were born into Judaism, converted to Judaism or are participating in raising a Jewish family, we are all ‘Jews by choice.’ Some re-member through Torah study, others through worship, many through celebration, through havurah, through food or art or music. Regardless, we are living the Jewish stories that we choose and that we go out of our way to embrace. They ought to be stories worth retelling!

At the end of this month, Jews around the world will turn to the final of the five books that make

up the Torah. In Hebrew, it is called D’varim, words, because it is filled with Moses’ final words to the Israelite people as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. In English, the name for this book is Deuteronomy. Derived from the Greek, meaning ‘second telling’ or ‘second law,’ Deuteronomy is Moses’ opportunity to retell his Jewish story. And during these summer months, when Religious School is not in session and some of our normative adult programming opportunities are not held, the reminder to mindfully re-member is crucial. Jewish life doesn’t happen on its own. It takes effort to rejoin our people, our heritage and our tradition and be part of their unfolding story. It is not easy, but it is an investment of time, energy and soul that will pay off, in spades.

Take a look through this Ma’alot, and watch your mail in the coming weeks for the annual program book, to see how you can re-member during these summer months and beyond!



Register today! Classes are filling up quickly!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
5776/2015-2016**

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Thank You...

The annual Cantor's Concert, "Motown at SHM" was a great success! Thank you to all of our Patrons and to our wonderful volunteers!



Wendy Gary for coordinating the evening and designing and making the fabulous decorations. Thanks to her crew of volunteers:

- Anne & Rick Edwards
- Joan Weiss
- Julie & Marty Hart
- Steve & Shari Raskin
- Barbara Greenwald
- Bruce Gary
- Jason Gary



Linda Greene coordinated our wonderful group of bakers, much thanks to them all:

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| Louise Beckerman | Charlotte Pinsky |
| Cindy Dreyer | Shari Raskin |
| Nina Frenkel | Toni Rios |
| Deborah Globerson | Sandy Schekman |
| Audrey Greenberg | Lori Schwartz |
| Raschel Greenberg | Steve Secofsky |
| Julie Hart | Melissa Shubb Park |
| Leonie Kramer | Hope Snyder |
| Judy Kuperberg | Gail Spivack |
| Dori Levenson | Beverley Steinberg |
| Lori Levine | Gladys Wilson |
| Serah Lukoff | |

See everyone next year, enjoy the 2015-16 Friday Night Live! programs.

Cantor Arie Shikler

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label such products as originating outside of Israel.

In each instance, outside nations have threatened Israel with economic penalties if it does not make unilateral political concessions outside the context of direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Such action bolsters the PA's belief that it can secure its objectives while avoiding direct talks with Israel. In so doing, these actions only make achieving a lasting peace more difficult. (<http://www.aipac.org/~media/Publications/Policy/>)"

I don't want to be hyperbolic about this – but in my heart of hearts, I believe we are in for the fight of our lives. The BDS movement is the Nuremberg laws in different clothes. The anti-Israel news reports day in and day out, which are time and again proved by history to be inaccurate, are the Nazi propaganda machine in different clothes. The United Nations' obsession with rebuking Israel at every turn is a world looking for a scapegoat once again.

Let us not be "naïve people who believe what is happening on campus is no big deal, and besides, Israel is at fault" kind of people. Let us stand strong and firm against the tide of anti-Semitism which is running rampant throughout our world. The New York Times obituary of Professor Wistrich sums it up best. "Professor Wistrich frequently likened today's radical anti-Zionism to anti-Jewish sentiments in Europe before the Holocaust. In the journal The Jewish Political Studies Review, he wrote in 2004, "The most virulent expressions of this 'exterminationist' or genocidal anti-Zionism have come from the Arab-Muslim world, which is the historical heir of the earlier 20th century forms of totalitarian anti-Semitism in Hitler's Germany and the Soviet Union." They want Israel to not exist.

In the months to come, I will be publishing ways for us to fight this growing trend and give us concrete avenues for influencing our leaders to take action against the BDS movement and anti-Semitism in general.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

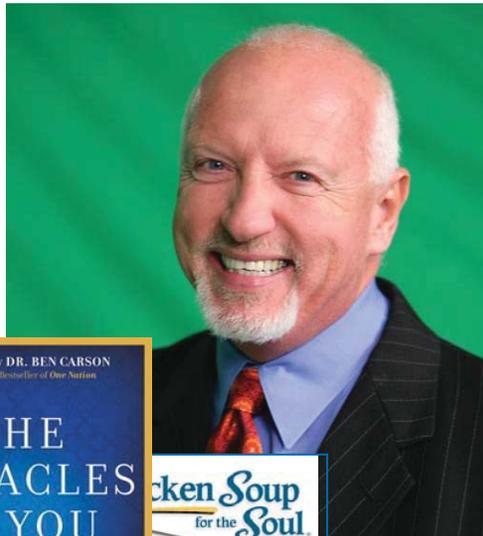
"Sunshine on My Shoulders"

Friday, July 31st
@ 7:30 pm

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.

2015-2016 SHM AUTHOR SERIES

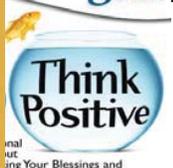
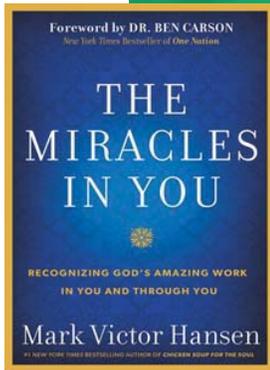


Join Us for Our Exciting
Inaugural Event featuring

MARK VICTOR HANSEN

#1 New York Times & USA Today Bestselling Author

Thursday, August 20th 7:00 pm



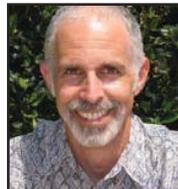
Join us for this phenomenal evening with one of the best known inspirational authors of the decade!
Meet the authors, all SHM members, who will be sharing their work with us during our
MUSSAR year, the year of Jewish virtues:



**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
NIEMARK**
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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JULY 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	3 Office Closed 7:00 pm - Family Shabbat Service in the backyard, "Sunset Shabbat: Red, White & Blue for Each and Every Jew"	4 No Torah Study 10 am - Bar Mitzvah of Michael Pecoraro
5	6 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	7 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting	8	9 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	10 10 am - Torah Time for TINY Tots 7:30 pm - Shabbat Service, Rabbi Leah Lewis on "A Covenant of Peace for Today"	11 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bat Mitzvah of Cosette Basto
12	13 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	14	15 11:30 am - Holocaust Survivors Luncheon	16 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	17 10 am - Torah Time for TINY Tots 6:30 pm - Tot Shabbat, "Superheroes" 7:30 pm - Shabbat Service with Temple Musicians and guests Darrell Steinberg and Elyn Saks "Mental Health & Helping Those in Need"	18 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bar Mitzvah of Noah Hauptman
19	20 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	21 6:30 pm - Board of Education Meeting 7 pm - Contemplative Service	22	23	24 10 am - Torah Time for TINY Tots 7:30 pm - Shabbat Service, Rabbi Steinberg on "Transforming Our Lives"	25 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Young
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Welcome New Members

Daniel Orion

Mazel Tov...

Jill Berg on the birth of her grandson,
Emmett Loren Dwyer

Condolences to...

Connie O'Connor on the death of her
family member, Charlotte Slutsky

Jill Berg on the death of her niece,
Blake Berg Shapiro

Ike Kempler on the death of his wife,
Ginny Kempler

Rosilyn Sherman on the death of her
sister, Shirley Joseph

Lisa Pecoraro on the death of her aunt,
Shirley Joseph

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Friend-raiser: Bring your friends & chavurot,
or come to make new ones

CHAVERIM* & CHUGGIM*

JOIN US FOR AN ADULT EVENING
BENEFITING SHM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIPS

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Get a sneak peek at what's in store
for the kids and find out why they
love our Religious School...

- DRAMA
- ART
- MUSIC
- ISRAELI DANCE
- COOKING

And much more!

*Chaverim=*noun* /kha-vare-eem/Friends

*Chuggim=*noun* /khoo-geem/

All of the fun activities that are making their
way to our ALL NEW Religious School program!
Fun for the kids on Sunday & even more fun
for the adults during this evening friend-raiser

**SATURDAY,
AUG. 29TH
7:00 PM**

- Appetizers,
drinks & dessert
- Silent auction
\$36.00 per person.
RSVP by Aug. 25th to
the office or online at
shmtemple.org

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



Michael Pecoraro

July 4, 2015

Son of Lisa Pecoraro

I attend: Serrano Middle School

I enjoy: Playing basketball, baseball, football
and soccer, and video games. Hanging out
with my dog, friends and family.

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at the Jessie Reese
Foundation making Joy Jars for kids with cancer



Noah Hauptman

July 18, 2015

Son of Mark & Tamar Hauptman

I attend: La Paz Intermediate

I enjoy: Playing soccer, airsofting, car shows,
watching comedy shows, and hanging out
with friends at Irvine Spectrum

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at several commu-
nity philanthropies through Lion's Heart



Cosette Basto

July 11, 2015

Daughter of Alain & Raquelle Basto

I attend: Thurston Middle School

I enjoy: Playing tennis, practicing judo,
dancing, going to the beach, and hanging
out with friends and family

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at Heritage Pointe
and spent time with residents



Rachel Young

July 25, 2015

Daughter of Elizabeth & Robert Young

I attend: Orange County School of the Arts

I enjoy: Musical theater, dancing, and hanging
out with friends

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered with Canine Cancer
Awareness



My Vision for SHM's Religious School

by Heather Rosenthal,
SHM Religious School Principal

I love being Jewish, especially in Orange County! As a native of the OC, I have always been the child that was proud to be Jewish, teaching students and parents about traditions and holidays, songs and Yiddish words. I grew up in a local synagogue, going through Judaica and Hebrew school, becoming a Bat-Mitzvah, going through confirmation and being involved in the youth group until college. At CSULB, I studied Liberal Studies to be a K-8 teacher and continued expanding my Jewish identity by participating in Hillel activities. I also achieved a Master's degree in Educational Administration. I have taught for Long Beach Unified for the past 6 years as a middle school Science teacher. I love how I can make a difference in students' lives every day!

When my husband, my son, Jacob, and I joined SHM, we immediately felt warmth and connection to this Jewish community. When we joined, I began teaching 4th grade Judaica at SHM and for the past 3 years I have loved enriching young minds with Torah stories, their lessons and teaching my students how to be mentsch in our world. My family has continued to grow in this community, with the addition of our daughter, Chloe, in 2013. We are involved with a thriving and growing Chavurah and I know that SHM is my spiritual home, but most importantly, a place where I feel the same love for being Jewish.

I am honored and humbled to be a part of the SHM community. As your Religious School Principal, I will strive to enrich the lives of all of our children with Torah, Tikkun Olam, and Tzedakah to make it meaningful why being Jewish is the best. My main goal for our children is that our Jewish heritage is engrained into their identity. I will work hard to ensure that our history, perseverance, and most importantly, our tradition will be a strong part of our children's lives.

I very much look forward to serving our community in this new capacity. I look forward to getting to know each and everyone one of you. Have a wonderful summer of rest and relaxation! Remember, Temple is open ALL summer long, so come on in for Shabbat and say "Hello". Don't forget to bring your "Shabbat Shalom" card that you received on the last day of school and get it signed for fun prizes the first day of Religious School! Please contact me any time via email: hrosenthal@shmtemple.org or call the office, 949-857-2226.

B'shalom

**TOT SHABBAT
SUPERHEROES**
FRIDAY, JULY 17TH
6:30 PM



**Come dressed in your
favorite superhero
costume.**

Shabbat gives us special powers to be the best mentsches we can be—let's transform this time together!

Family Shabbat Service
Red, White and Blue for
Each and Every Jew
Friday, July 3rd
at 7:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and American Independence Day as a community, as Jews in America, able to worship in freedom.

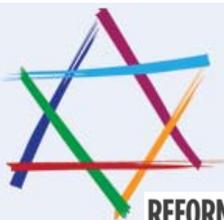


GIFT SHOP

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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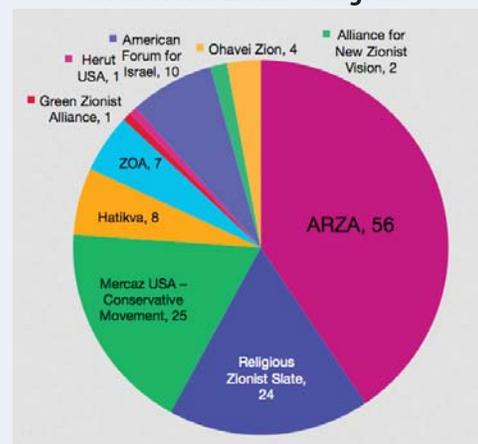
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Excerpt from Rabbi Steinberg's article in the February 2015 issue of the Ma'alot on our website at shmtemple.org/ournewsletter.

Election of American Delegates to the 37th World Zionist Congress:



SAVE THE DATE

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee and Shir Ha-Ma'alot present an evening with



Yossi Klein Halevi

Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem

Sunday, 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 Israeli politics and society, shaping Israel's destiny long after their historic victory.

Capital Campaign is co-Chaired by two dedicated and enthusiastic men in our congregation – Ken Bassman and Bob Yonowitz. They have tirelessly worked with Rabbi Steinberg to raise awareness about our mission and funds for the program.

Our Brotherhood thrives under the leadership of Dave Teincuff and his new partner in crime, Brandon Mitchell. Brotherhood is active in so many aspects of our community including building our Sukkah, hosting a Chardonnay Shabbat, joining together in a men's spiritual retreat and bringing bagels and coffee to our Sunday mornings! The NaSHiM lead by Katherine Limer and Jamie Evans, continues to bring women of all ages together in our Community in unique, fun, and engaging events as well as to participate in national programs under the umbrella of the Women of Reform Judaism.

Our Gift Shop, blossomed under the leadership of Arlene Taslitz for the past few years. Arlene is turning over the keys to a dynamic duo who plan to carry on the tradition of success as well as focus on new and exciting ideas – thank you Ellen Fishman and Robin Teincuff for taking on this responsibility. The Shop will also be partnering with NaSHim this coming year with joint events and volunteers.

Rachel: As we transition into new lay leadership roles, and transition to the more relaxing days of summer – Temple life here at Shir Ha-Ma'alot continues on with the same energy, fun and thoughtful programs that define our congregation.

There is something for everyone going on this summer. Tot Shabbats will be blessed with magic, superheroes and my personal favorite, Doc McStuffins. Our families will have Shabbat under the Stars, our annual Shabbat on the Beach, and a special fun evening welcoming the new school year. We will have thought provoking speakers on topics such as mental health and the State of Israel. We will welcome our talented SHM authors to speak about their work, and end the summer in thoughtful and spiritual preparation for High Holy Days.

Keep an eye out for emails, announcements and the Ma'alot for news and information. We hope to see you all throughout the summer.

Beth: Some things, happily, stay the same— Stacy Bleiweiss, our Membership Director, is the first person our prospective members talk to and from whom they get the sense of warm welcoming. Stacy also adds a touch of class and style to all the events she quietly makes happen

behind the scenes.

If Rabbi Steinberg is the heart of our Temple, we can only compare Beth Shikler, our Executive Director to the hands – her hands are in everything we do! Planning, analyzing, reporting, organizing, leading... she is involved in literally everything that happens here! You cannot find a more talented individual who quietly, with a smile, gets things done and makes us all feel special and cared for.

Beth: I couldn't be here tonight without a few other people – my family, who is so supportive of my desire to continue here in a leadership role... and who also helped me see that if I was going to continue, I needed help (not psychological help, mind you...), but a partner. I am grateful to Rachel - I'm looking forward to this year partnering with you as Co-President. Thanks for stepping forward.

Rachel: Thank you again to our congregation and to Beth and Rabbi for allowing me the privilege to serve as co-president. I am looking forward to our equation together, 1+1 = 1, a partnership that I know will be inspiring. Thank you to my family as well – my kids, Jacob and Liana, have a very special home here at SHM, they have been so supportive of my time and involvement here and in turn feel as strong sense of community and family within our congregation.

As we enter this new year, we look out at our congregation knowing that through the transitions, our congregational family is a strong and vital community. We are blessed to be a part of it and honored to lead. We thank all of you for keeping this Synagogue the warm, welcoming, spiritual place it is.

In closing, here's some math to think about: 650 families + lay leaders + clergy + staff, still equals 1... 1 congregational family. Shabbat Shalom!

SPIRIT SINGS:

Discover the Niggun, the Melody, that Dwells Within You

Join Marcie Howard on a magical journey "inside" to discover your own unique Niggun, melody. In this upcoming workshop we will listen for the melody that dwells within us. With the use of meditation, prayer, sacred chant, self-expression and the sounds of nature, we will hear the sweetness of the song, the chant, the melody that is uniquely ours. By discovering this melody within you, you will be given a tool with which to heal and embrace your being-ness with love and gratitude.

Please join us on **July 26th, 2015** from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** There will be a lunch break in the middle of the day. We suggest bringing a box lunch as the break will be approximately 1 hour.

DATE:

July 17th, 2015

TIME:

10:00 to 5:00 p.m.

(includes 1 hour lunch break)

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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
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Judy & Sid Kuperberg in memory of Ginny Kempler

Bob & Nancy Wolf, thank you for your birthday wishes and especially our 70th wedding anniversary. Your kind words to us are always appreciated.

Matt & Jennifer Williams, thank you for making Amanda's Bat Mitzvah so meaningful

RABBI LEWIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bob & Nancy Wolf, thank you for our beautiful blessing on our 70th anniversary. The service was so impressive and meaningful to us. To have our family with us was special, it was a wonderful time.

Matt & Jennifer Williams, thank you for making Amanda's Bat Mitzvah so meaningful

CANTOR SHIKLER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gary & Linda Greene, congratulations to Beth & Arie on the marriage of your daughter, Alex

Marsha Young, thank you for your assistance

Curtis & Ann Browne in honor of Arie's big birthday

Matt & Jennifer Williams, thank you for making Amanda's Bat Mitzvah so meaningful

Bob & Nancy Wolf, thank you for the beautiful song you sang for our 70th wedding anniversary. It was so meaningful and we loved it. And happy 70th birthday!

CULTURAL ARTS/FNL FUND

Rosalie Sogolow in honor of Bob & Nancy Wolf's 70th Wedding Anniversary

Greg Berkowitz & Janet Lawrence in memory of Albert Weiss. May his memory be a blessing

Ken & Hope Snyder in honor of the Cantor's Concert

Charlotte Pinsky in memory of Ginny Kempler

Curtis & Ann Browne in honor of Nancy & Bob Wolf's 70th Anniversary

Curtis & Ann Browne in honor of the wedding of Alex Baumann & Joe Franzi

GENERAL FUND

Harriet Raff in memory of Allan Raff's 92nd Birthday

Bob & Nancy Wolf in honor of Jeff Brenner. A better mensch is hard to find, congratulations on your Mensch of the Quarter award!

JESSICA HERRON ADOPT-A-FAMILY FUND

Bob & Barbara Kaitz in memory of Ginny Kempler

Lisa & Jeff Anderson in memory of Irving Mehlman

YOUTH GROUP FUND

Marilyn & Jerry Brenner in honor of Jeff Brenner being Mensch of the Quarter

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Wendy & Bruce Gary , congratulations to Rachel Blindell on being named valedictorian



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