

# the Ma'alot

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SHM



**MUSSAR: Judaism's Tools to be Our Best Selves**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
*Achrayut*

"First a person should put his house together, then his town, then the world."

Rabbi Israel Salanter

Join Us for These Events & Much More!

**Red Cross Blood Drive at SHM**

Sunday, March 6th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

You're  
Invited...



**Living Room Learning**

Thursday, March 10th at 10:00 am

**Brotherhood: March Madness**

Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 pm



**Purim Shpiel and Carnival**

Sunday, March 20th

Shpiel at 10:00 am

Carnival from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service**

**"Mussar: Responsibility / Achrayut**

Friday, March 25th at 7:30 pm

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## SHABBAT SERVICES ~ MARCH 2016

### Friday, March 4th

- 7 pm: Family Shabbat Service with Youth Choir & Band and 3rd & 4th Grade Participation

### Friday, March 11th

- 6 pm: Eat, Pray, L'Chaim dinner at Corner Bakery
- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service with Adult Choir and Mentsch of the Quarter

### Friday, March 18th

- 6:30 pm: Tot Shabbat Service
- 7:30 pm: Jr. Congregation (Grades 3-7)
- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service with Temple Musicians and Author: Ellen Olshansky, "Women's Health and Wellness"

### Friday, March 25th

- 7:30 pm: Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "Mussar: Responsibility (Achrayut)"

CONGREGATION SHIR HA-MA'ALOT

## EAT, PRAY, L'CHAIM: Nobody Goes to Services Alone!



This is a new friendship group designed for members who do not want to come alone to services. This is no longer an issue—there will always be someone to join you. At SHM, no one has to come to services alone. We will meet the 2nd Friday of each month.

- Make new friends
- Meet up for dinner
- Come to services together

## 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

6:00 pm Meet at Corner Bakery, Irvine  
17575 Harvard Ave, Unit A  
(located at the corner of Harvard and Main)

7:30 pm Shabbat Services at Temple



Register online at [www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org) and we will add you to our email list. An e-invitation will be sent for each group event. Or call Stacy at 949-857-2226 for more information.

A LIFETIME OF BELONGING

## MAKING MEMORIES

It is during this month of March that Jews around the world enjoy the festivities of Purim. We eat, we drink, we laugh, we dress in costumes and we create memories for ourselves and for our children—memories that are rooted in experience. While Purim is familiar to most, less familiar is the Shabbat that precedes Purim each year. The ancient rabbis who added this to the calendar deemed this Sabbath ‘Shabbat Zachor,’ or ‘the Shabbat of Memory’ because it is on this Shabbat that the portion of the Torah dealing with Amalek, who cruelly attacked the beleaguered Israelite people as they wandered through the wilderness, is read.

Although the Jewish people are well acquainted with memories that are difficult to face, we are reminded time and again that remembering is, indeed, a mitzvah—a sacred act. We do it as individuals and we strive to do it together, as a community. In many regards, it is memory with all of its personal connections—even more than history—that is the essence of Jewish education. We learn by doing. In her book *An Ethics of Remembering*, the philosopher Edith Wyschogrod tells us that the great challenge with regard to memory is building what she calls “a community of shared experience.”

As we move from a Shabbat of Memory that recalls a catastrophic event that, thankfully,

none of us actually experienced, and move to a holiday that recalls perilous times while we strangely and with intention create joyful memories, we are reminded that all experiences help to construct each person’s Jewish identity and outlook. Knowing that there are plenty of experiences about which we have no control, when we can, we want to create the experiences that will help to form positive, dynamic and engaging Jewish memories. This understanding lies at the foundation of our synagogue and, in particular, of the programming that we provide for our children and families.

In January, many memories were made during one such experience—our biennial SHM Family Retreat at Camp Hess Kramer on the coastline in beautiful Malibu. The weekend was filled with climbing and campfire, prayer and painting, hiking and challah, sports and song and so much more. Families and teens made memories and created a community of shared experience that will outlast the facts and figures that any history book could ever provide. Mark your calendars now for the next SHM Family Retreat—**January 12-14, 2018** and know that between now and then, the potential for creating memories through meaningful Jewish experience is infinite!



**Rabbi Leah Lewis**  
The Jaffe Family Rabbinic Chair



## PURIM IS COMING!

The fourteenth of Adar is the Hebrew date and it falls on March 10th this year. This year we have a double Adar, an adjustment to the Hebrew calendar every few years known as a leap year. When Adar starts we are commanded to increase joy!

The story is well known and easy to relate to. An evil man wants to destroy our people and a Jewish queen guided by her wise uncle foils the plot. The Jews are saved, the evil man Haman hangs on a tree, and we have a party with special food!

It is believed that at the time the story took place, all the Jews were in one place, ancient Persia or today's Iran. It is ironic that history is attempting to repeat itself now with the threat of nuclear Iran.

The book of Esther known as "Megilat Esther" or the scroll of Esther tells the story with a lot of detail. One surprising fact in the book is the absence of the mention of God. If you read between the lines, God is present even though the name of God is not mentioned.

As a kid growing up in Israel I remember Purim as the holiday with the most fun, definitely the wildest! It is the kind of holiday that secular or religious people celebrate together all over the country. Parties in school and fun in the neighborhood continue for a couple of days and "Haman Tash'n" is consumed in large quantities.

During the fifty's the main event during Purim was the "Adloyada" parade in Tel Aviv. As a little kid or adult it was a fun packed stretched line of floats through the main streets of Tel Aviv. My parents took me there a few times and I'll never forget the excitement I experienced. Adloyada means "until one doesn't know" the difference between Haman and Mordechai. I don't remember anybody drinking however the joy was high and loud. In the picture here is a float titled "Chazon Acharit Hayamim" from Isaiah, who prophesized that one day peace will come to the world, a wolf will dwell with a sheep and a lion with a young goat. We see David Ben Gurion and Egyptian President Nasser hugging in peace.

Purim was the most fun holiday in my early years. We would put on costumes and play with what would today be illegal fireworks, late into the



night. I had a favorite outfit of a pirate with a patch over one eye and a large gold clip earring I borrowed from my mother. After a while I had to switch the patch to the other eye to refresh the one under the cover. Other popular ones were cowboys and of course queen Esther. Nobody wanted to be Haman but King Ahashverosh had some takers.

Weeks before Purim us kids would go to a machine shop in town and beg for the workers to drill a hole into a bolt that each one of us found somewhere. The hole had to fit a large nail, also a found object. The device was called "Patzatz" or explosive device. Household match heads would be put into the long bored hole of the bolt, and than carefully, the nail would follow. When you hit the whole thing against a wall or down on the sidewalk a loud explosion occurred and a black ring was left on the surface. The same thing could be done with an old furniture key that already had a hole in it, but being so thin, you would have to use a string to tie it with and hurl against a wall. Popguns were available later using cork filled with sulfur that made a lot of noise. We exploded some of these in the stairwell of apartment buildings and the echo multiplied the sound by many decibels. Cap guns were available too but mainly used by little kids. Many of the explosives we used would be illegal today. It was a miracle none of us got injured and if any children are reading this, you should not copy my actions. The scene after Purim was blackened sidewalks, spent firecrackers and happy parents who could enjoy some peace and quiet at last.

Purim comes exactly one month before Passover and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach teaches that on Purim we celebrate survival from complete annihilation. We celebrate that the Jewish people are still here.



**Cantor Arie Shikler**  
The Hollander Family Cantorial Chair

On Passover we celebrate freedom. We celebrate our opportunity to control our own destination. Just recently we observed the International Holocaust Memorial Day.

In a recent message to the world and the Jewish people, Prime Minister Netanyahu said "The obsession with the Jews – the fixation on the Jewish state – defies any other rational explanation. While across the region, Islamist militants brutalize entire populations, enslave and rape women, murder Christians and gays, the UN Human Rights Council repeatedly condemns Israel. More than North Korea. More than Iran. More than Syria. More than all of them put together. Some things just don't change. But one thing has changed. We have changed. The Jews have changed. We are no longer a stateless people endlessly searching for a safe haven. We are no longer a powerless people begging others to offer us protection. Today we are an independent and sovereign people in our own homeland. Today we can speak out against the voices of hatred and those seeking our destruction. Today we can protect ourselves and defend our freedom. We have changed and we stand and speak out and we defend ourselves. But where is Europe? Where is the rest of civilization?"

When a state like Iran and movements like Daesh and Hamas openly declare their goal of committing another Holocaust, we will not let it happen. But Europe and the rest of the world must stand up together with us. Not for our sake; for theirs."

So celebrate Purim, be happy and enjoy! It is a Mitzvah!

Friday Night Live!

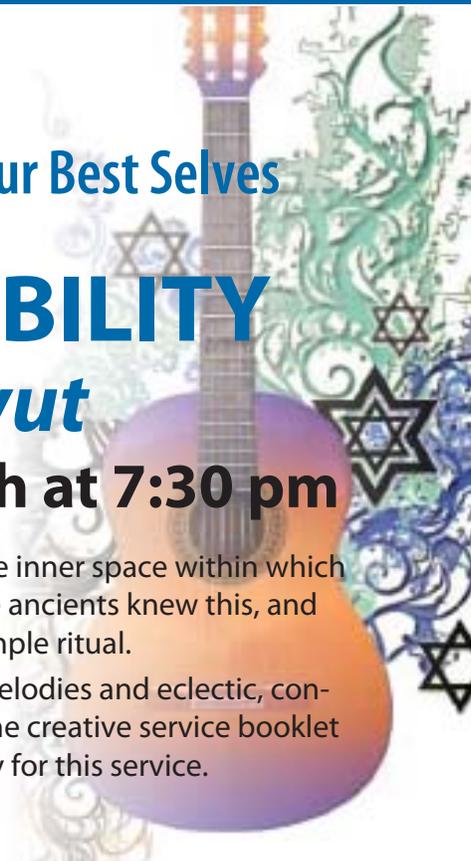
# MUSSAR: Judaism's Tools to be Our Best Selves

## RESPONSIBILITY *Achrayut*

Friday, March 25th at 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.



## Thank You...

Many thanks to the 2016 Family Retreat Committee for all of their creativity and hard work:

*Sheila & Michael Hornback, Co-Chairs*

*Emily and Eric Ball*

*Seth Brindis-Reich*

*Jamie Evans*

*Debra Goldman*

*Rachel Harman*

*Jennifer Silvers*



Please join us at the  
**CONGREGATION SHIR HA-MA'ALOT**  
Community Passover Seder  
Saturday, April 23rd  
at 5:30 pm

A traditional Seder conducted by  
Rabbi Richard Steinberg, Rabbi Leah  
Lewis, and Cantor Arië Shikler

**SHM Members: Adults \$54  
Children (3-12) \$30  
Community Guests (Non-members), \$60**

**All reservations after April 18th  
Adults \$60 / Children (3-12) \$35**

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# ALL IN • OUR TEMPLE • OUR TIME

*Building Our Dream Together*



A view from the parking lot of the proposed building. The offices are in the front of the building on the right, with the lobby enclosed in glass on the left. All the way to the right is Michelson Drive.



A view from inside the lobby into the heart of the campus. The entrances to the sanctuary and social hall are under the covered walkway to the right. Looking straight through, you see the entrance to the education building.



An aerial view of the heart of the campus. Social Hall with round tables is in the center. Sanctuary is to the right. The elevation of the social hall and sanctuary is around 30" above ground level. The education building is at ground level. There are ramps and elevators to make the site very friendly and convenient for our visitors.

## TAKING RESPONSIBILITY, THE MUSSAR WAY!

BY BETH CARROLL

Today was the deadline for me to recommit to the business conduct guidelines (BCGs) of my company. The process requires watching videos, taking a test and attesting that I will uphold the high standards of integrity IBM has for its employees. While I understand the purpose of this process, to remind employees of their responsibility to our customers, to the investors, to each other . . . I believe that responsibility is about so much more than videos or attestations.

In reading Mussar teachings, the study is in agreement with me that responsibility is about the way we approach life. It's about the big things, like how we take responsibility for our job and act with integrity, but also about the everyday things about how we treat others and take responsibility for our actions and the way we treat people and our world. There is an interesting story about Rabbi Israel Salanter from the beginnings of Mussar in the 1840's. During a cholera outbreak, Rabbi Salanter's community was torn between their obligation to God and to those they were caring for who were sick. Some felt that during Sabbath, they could have the efforts to care for the sick handled by Gentiles. Rabbi Salanter said that they were negligent in their responsibilities to help the sick and had a duty to not keep the Sabbath, or fast on Yom Kippur, if that was what was required to care for the ill. Given how religiously observant his community was, this was a bold move by Rabbi Salanter. He held no official position in Vilna where he lived, but he led his people to do the right thing.

As a leader, I have shared with my team my cardinal rules – among them “take responsibility”. If there is a situation that goes awry and causes an issue for a customer or co-worker; dancing around issues, causing others to take blame, being obtuse about root causes are not consistent with my core values. Being up front, talking about ways forward, and taking action to improve situations. . . these thoughts resonate with me as I make decisions, communicate, and act. Responsibility is something I feel in my core. With high pressures to achieve 99.99% perfection in running software in the Cloud, the idea of allowing people to take responsibility and to feel safe doing so is so vital to having a healthy, thriving team.

The concept of responsibility, though, doesn't have to relate to our career. It is applicable every day. My husband and I have instilled this value in our children and grandchildren – take responsibility for cleaning up after themselves, doing their chores, taking the trash out, picking up toys, taking blame when due. I realized we were giving the right message several years ago when my daughter had a minor fender bender. The woman she rear ended felt proud of my daughter's actions as she got out of the car and said “I'm so sorry I hit your car.” I spoke to the woman as they waited for a tow truck to come and take our car away. To this woman, and the police officer who waited with them, a typical teen would have blamed the woman for slamming on her brakes or said they didn't see her or found a way to not take blame. She was so impressed with my daughter's sense of responsibility that she offered her a hug and told her “these things happen” rather than getting angry at the inconvenience of having been hit. I was so proud to have such a responsible kid.

Responsibility is not just about others, but about the environment too. My son Max has chided more than one classmate for throwing their wrappers and lunch debris on the ground rather than walking a few feet to the trash can. This simple act of recognizing our joint responsibility to the planet may (or may not) influence the trash tosser. . . but it may also influence the people around him who hear the message – be responsible.

Yom Kippur gives us the opportunity to take responsibility for our behavior all at once – a sweeping slate clearing where we reach out to others and say we're sorry or make amends. But what about taking the idea from Yom Kippur to our everyday life – and not put off taking responsibility for our part in disagreements or discontent but say we're sorry for our part. . . now, in the moment? Responsibility without the fast, how could we pass that up?

Responsibility is a habit and a way of life. It impacts us in big ways in our jobs and relationships and in small ways such as taking out the trash without being asked, when it isn't even your turn. We are all responsible for our actions, our reactions and our unseen actions – let's act like it matters at all levels, every day.



**Beth Carroll &  
Rachel Harman-Friedman**  
Temple Co-Presidents

## Building Update – March 2016

by Beth Carroll

1. There are so many details to review to ensure that we have good plans and solid estimates. These have kept the team hard at work hiring a variety of experts ranging from electrical to plumbing to structural engineers to review our current infrastructure and determine what shape it's in and what will need to be repaired and replaced so we can include these costs in our estimates. Their reports are expected over the coming weeks.
2. Dostosstudios Architects are continuing to work on the schematic design and have brought iterations to the SHM team for review as they learn more from us about our needs and requirements. We were excited to see color renderings of the designs, some of which I've included with this article.
3. The financial aspects of the project are shaping up and will become even more clear as each of the engineering firms weighs in and we can sharpen estimates based on better and better information. We remain committed to our original goal of our project being within \$10m budget.



2016 Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot

# PURIM

EXTRAVAGANZA

## Family Carnival



Sunday, March 20th

10 am: Purim Shpiel  
featuring Clergy & Staff!

11 am to 1 pm: Carnival

Costumes are encouraged! ~ Parents are invited!

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE**

at [shmtemple.org](http://shmtemple.org)

Wristbands \$25 (\$30 day of carnival)

- Includes unlimited games & attractions
- Does not include food or beverages

Ticket package: \$15 for 20

(\$20 day of carnival)

Tickets will be available for pick-up at will call at the carnival!!



**SPECIAL  
TWEEN ZONE!**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES**

Game Truck~Bungee Jump~Inflatables  
Bounce Houses & Games!!!

Great Food: Falafel~Hot Dogs~Hamentashen!!!

...And Much More!

Note: If you are interested in volunteering at the Purim Carnival please contact  
the office at 949-857-2226 for more information

## Outdoor Hiking Chavurah?



If you are interested in participating in an Outdoor Hiking Chavurah please contact Stacy Bleiweis at [stacy@shmtemple.org](mailto:stacy@shmtemple.org)

## Welcome New Members

Stuart & Susanna Wolfe  
Joshua & Romy Beaty

## Mazel Tov to...

George & Wendy Schiffman on the marriage of their daughter, Rachel to Michael Feispor and the engagement of their son, Joe to Ana McKinney

Luybov & Michael Kingsbury on the birth of their daughter, Julia Michelle

## Condolences to...

Julia Sohn on the death of her father, Arthur Levine

Andrea Weinstein on the death of her mother, Arline Dubrow

Todd Creager on the death of his mother, Dorothy Creager

Anastasia Figueroa on the death of her mother, Ernestina Avalos

Irwin Alber on the death of his mother, Charlotte Alber

## Living Room Learning

### Thursday, March 10th at 10:00 am at the home of Marlene Spiegel

These programs, designed for women, will cover issues, concerns and topics in a safe, intimate and warm environment. No fee, however registration is appreciated. RSVP online at [www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org) or call the Temple at 949-857-2226

### Brit Tikvah

#### "The Secrets of Parental Stress Reduction"

Tues., March 15th, 6:30 pm

Please join with us as we share tips of the trade for caring for the self while caring for children with special needs.

### Chai Society

#### Lunch & Speaker Series

Alon Rozen, SHM Israel Engagement Coordinator

Wed., April 13th, 11:30 am

Lunch is \$5 per person, RSVP to the Temple office at 949-8527-2226 or online at [shmtemple.org](http://shmtemple.org)

## SHM Author Series

### ELLEN OLSHANSKY

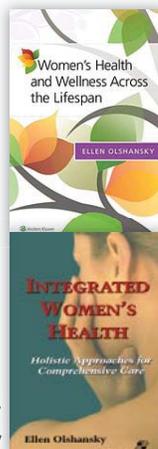
Friday, March 18th at 7:30 pm



Ellen Olshansky, PhD, RN, Founding Director of the Program in Nursing Science at the University of California, Irvine. Her scholarship and practice is focused on women's health with a strong community health emphasis.

#### Women's Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan

This is a book for clinicians, but is also of interest to the general public, particularly women. It presents a comprehensive, holistic approach to women's wellness, addressing specific wellness issues across the lifespan. Topics include holistic exercise and nutrition, oral health; self-care through complementary therapies, pharmacologic approaches, Pilates, healing environments, healing relationships, healthy sleep, and peaceful dying.



### SUSAN ALPERT

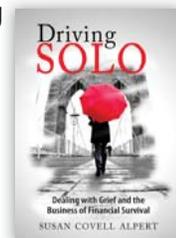
Friday, April 8th at 7:30 pm



Susan Alpert, author of *Driving Solo, Dealing with Grief and the Business Logistics of Financial Survival* is also a lecturer, entrepreneur, and frequent guest on national radio and television shows. She has been the president of several multimillion dollar companies, and has impressive experience in the fields of negotiation, finance, international services and business.

#### Driving Solo: Dealing with Grief and the Business Logistics of Financial Survival

*Driving Solo* chronicles Susan Alpert's personal story of love and the death of her husband, and how her life was transformed in the process. Through her "Chaos to Control" program, which is outlined in the book, Susan will guide the reader through this emotional and confusing period. It's a hands on preemptive, practical and proven method.



# MARCH 2016 ~ RESPONSIBILITY/Achrayut

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 4:15 pm - Hebrew School 6 pm - Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>2</b> 7 pm - NaSHiM: An Evening with Rabbi Steinberg, "Living Consciously: Not on Autopilot" at the home of Jamie Evans	<b>3</b> 12 pm - Mussar Group D 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	<b>4</b> 6 pm - JiFTY Event 7 pm - Family Shabbat Service with Youth Choir & Band and 3rd & 4th Grade Participation	<b>5</b> 8:30 am - Torah Study 10 am - Bar Mitzvah of Micah Katz 7 pm - SHMoFTY Event
<b>6</b> 8 am - Blood Drive 8 am - Religious School with Pre-K & Kindergarten Family Camp 9:15 am - Torah Time for Tots 9:15 am - Mussar Group B 10:30 am - Adult B'nai Mitzvah	<b>7</b> 9:30 am - Mah Jongg 6:45 pm - Adult Choir	<b>8</b> 4:15 pm - Hebrew School 5 pm - 7th Grade BMC 5 pm - 8th-10th Grade Classes 6:30 pm - 11th & 12th Grade Class 7:30 pm - SHMoFTY Board 7:30 pm - Men's Spirituality Group	<b>9</b> 7 pm - Brotherhood: Movie & Discussion, "The Gruniger File" at Regal Westpark 8 Cinemas 7:15 pm - Mussar Group C	<b>10</b> 10 am - Living Room Learning at the home of Marlene Spiegel 6:30 pm - Temple Musicians	<b>11</b> 6 pm - Eat, Pray, L'Chaim (meet for dinner at Corner Bakery) 7:30 pm - Shabbat Service with Adult Choir and Mentsch of the Quarter	<b>12</b> 8:30 am - Torah Study 9 am - Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Coleman 11:15 am - Bar Mitzvah of Eliyah Dawson
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## Rabbi Bernie King Mitzvah Projects ~ B'nai Mitzvah Students



### Micah Katz

March 5, 2016  
Son of Laurie & Daniel Katz  
I attend: Vista Verde  
I enjoy: Golf, basketball, and spending time with my family and friends  
Mitzvah Project: Raised money by making and delivering cakes for Hearts for Andrea, a family friend who is a burn victim



### Rachel Coleman

March 12, 2016  
Daughter of Shannon & Michael Coleman  
I attend: Serrano Middle School  
I enjoy: Soccer  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at the Friendship Circle



### Eliyah Dawson

March 12, 2016  
Daughter of Rachel & Craig Dawson  
I attend: Thurston Middle School  
I enjoy: Reading, soccer, tennis, the beach, hanging out with friends  
Mitzvah Project: Read to sick children at CHOC



### Shelby Glabman

March 19, 2016  
Daughter of Marla & Brian Glabman  
I attend: Corona del Mar Middle School  
I enjoy: Cheerleading, acting, lacrosse, babysitting, and baking  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteered for SPIN, SOS, Second Step, Second Harvest Food Bank, and a Thrift Shop that raises money for charity



### Ethan Newman

March 19, 2016  
Son of Adam & Tanya Newman  
I attend: Tarbut V'Torah  
I enjoy: Soccer, basketball, flag football, hoverboard, video games, and spending time with family and friends  
Mitzvah Project: Raised money for Soccer for Peace



### Tyler Samuel

March 26, 2016  
Son of Raschel Greenberg & Steve Samuel  
I attend: C. E. Utt Middle School  
I enjoy: Reading, tennis, basketball, piano, boy scouts, and video games  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at OC Veterinary Medical Center

## YOUTH GROUPS @ SHM

(Register online at [shmtemple.org/Events](http://shmtemple.org/Events) & RSVP or follow the link in your email notice. See you there!)

### SHMoFTY 9th–12th Grade Youth Group

#### Mystery Bus Ride! Saturday, March 5th, 6–10 pm

One of the most popular events of the year...our Mystery Bus Ride! We will be taking a bus around town for a fun evening full of awesome surprises. What will we be doing? Where will we be going? you'll have to come and find out for yourself! Includes dinner, drop off and pick up at SHM.

### JiFITY 6th–8th Grade Youth Group

#### Harry Shabbater! Friday, March 4th, 6–9 pm

Join your JiFITY friends for a magical Shabbat dinner! Although Shabbat is already magical as is, this Shabbat will be extra magical since we'll be watching Harry Potter and enjoying a delicious dinner and fun dessert buffet! Hope to see you there!

### MiTY 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group

#### Purim Primavera!

#### Wednesday, March 23rd, 5–7:30 pm

Come and join us on Wednesday after school for a fun Purim celebration for MiTYites! We will be eating dinner, making hamentashen, and having a Purim shpiel! Come dressed up in costume!

### Mini-MiTY 2nd & 3rd Grade Youth Group

#### SAVE THE DATE...Our next event will be on

#### Sunday, April 17th

### Jr. Congregation (Grades 3-7)

#### Friday, March 18th, 7:30 pm

Join us for an exciting, revamped Shabbat experience designed especially for 3rd to 7th graders. Come and find out how much fun it can be to celebrate Shabbat with your friends in new ways at SHM!



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There have been several changes to staffing within the Religious School. Please know that this amount of turn-over is not common and I am staying on top of these changes and trying to keep open lines of communication with the parents regarding them. A huge “mazel” to Lindsey Eskow, who has started as our Interim Youth Director and I am thrilled to be working with her. I would like to welcome Alexis Rubell to our school. She is now teaching 4th grade Judaica and has filled Lindsey Eskow’s Judaica position.

In 3rd grade, we now have Heidi Duerr teaching all of 3rd grade Hebrew Chavurah and if you have the pleasure of being in Heidi’s class, you will know that the students are always on a “mission” to learn their Hebrew. In 5th grade Judaica, we have our own Yael Weinberger-Butler teaching the Judaica portion of the class and she has several years of Judaica and Hebrew teaching experience. Fifth grade Hebrew Chavurah is now taught by Rachel Opatowsky.

Finally, in 7th grade, we will have Rachel Opatowsky join forces with Benj, the current teacher, to co-teach the 7th graders. Rachel has taught at SHM before and she brings an enthusiasm that is unparalleled, so the 7th graders are in great hands with Benj and Rachel as a team.

Change is good. Some of our children have a hard time with transitioning; please be reassured that as a staff, we are making sure that all children feel comfortable in their classes and are getting the best Jewish education they can on Sunday mornings. The changes in the Religious School staff will only make our school that much better and I am ready for an even better second half of the Religious School year.

If you have been in the atrium during Religious School hours, you will notice the vibrant sounds and activities that have been happening here. In January we held a “Camp Fair” outlining for our 2nd through 7th graders the wonderful opportunities available at summer camp! Our goal at SHM is to expose our students to all possible opportunities to do life Jewishly, and there is no better way than sending your child to camp this summer! If you would like additional flyers on the camp offerings, please stop by my office and I will be more than willing to share all the information I have. And, if you would love for your child to attend, but there is a financial worry in the way, please know that there are options for receiving help through the larger Jewish community.

We will have a fabulous celebration with our Purim Shpiel and Carnival on March 20th. Our students will be seeing a “trailer”



**Heather Rosenthal**  
Religious School Principal  
The Alpert-Waldman Family  
Education Chair

for our Purim Shpiel theme really soon in class and I am excited to participate with our synagogue in the celebrations of Esther and the story of Purim.

We all look forward to seeing you and your children around on Sunday morning.



SHM 2nd graders learn about Jewish summer camp from a camp staff member

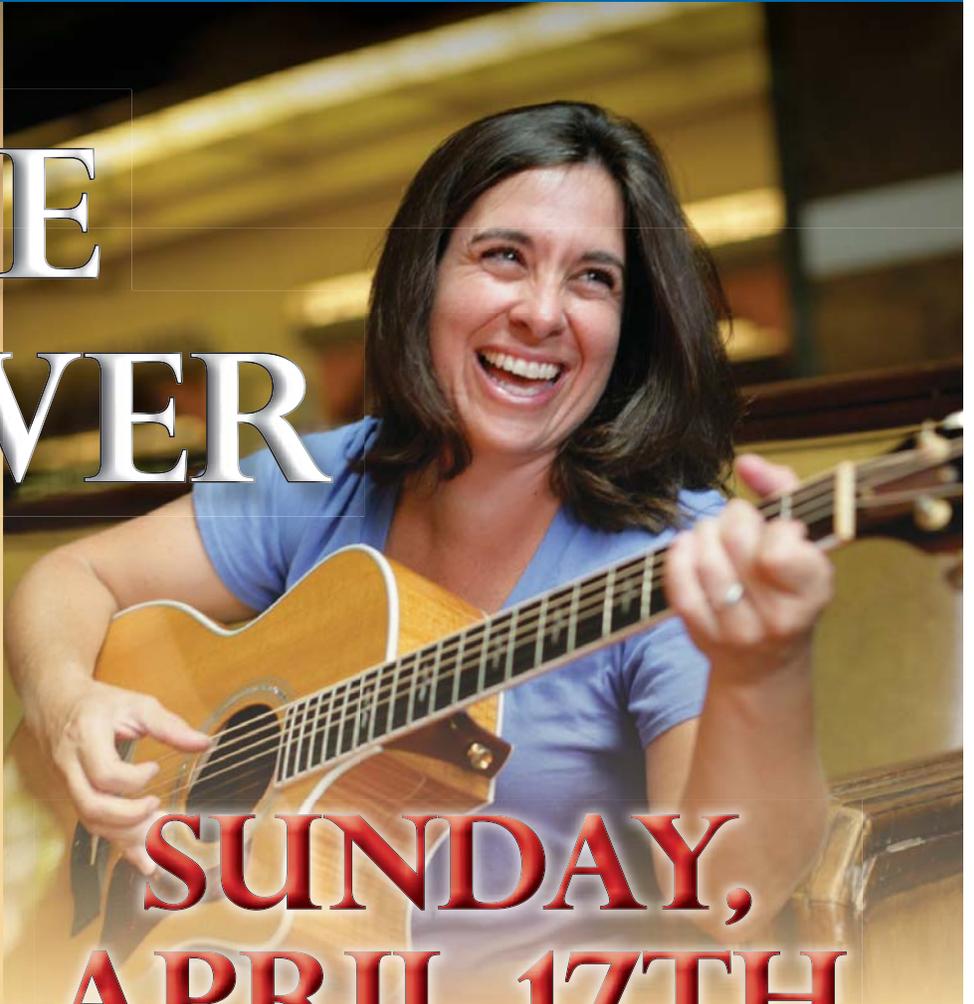


The Purim Shpiel and Carnival is especially fun at SHM! Join us this year...

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## Adult Learning

### Mussar Groups:

#### RESPONSIBILITY / Achrayut

GROUP A: Sundays at 9:15 am: No March meetings

GROUP B: Sundays at 9:15 am: March 6th

GROUP C: Wed at 7:15 pm: March 9th & 23rd

GROUP D: Thurs at 12:00 pm: March 3rd & 17th

#### Adult B'nai Mitzvah Taught by Rabbi Lewis

Sundays at 10:30 am

Meets: March 6th (no class on 3/13, 3/20 or 3/27)

#### Torah Study with Rabbi Steinberg and Rabbi Lewis

Saturdays at 8:30 am

Meets: March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Each week our Torah portion invites us to search our souls for meaning, memories, mitzvah, and lessons on how to be a mensch. We read the Torah over and over again each year as we gain more insight into its depth. Study with the Rabbis the weekly Torah portion and you will have inspiration for the week to come.

## ON-GOING PROGRAM SLEEPING BAG DRIVE!!!!

Help needy families stay warm! Our goal is to provide sleeping bags to hundreds of needy families throughout our community. The majority of the family members we help sleep on the floor. Any extra money they may have, they spend on food.

**Donate new or gently used sleeping bags!**

Help spread the warmth of love to the needy in our community. Bring your sleeping bags to the temple.

## NaSHiM (SHM Women)



NaSHiM: Shir Ha-Ma'alot Women  
*stronger together*

### JOIN US!

A Special Evening with

Rabbi Steinberg

*“Living Consciously:  
Not on Autopilot”*

Wednesday, March 2nd

at 7:00 pm

at the home of Jamie Evans



Come learn with Rabbi Steinberg as he shares his insights on living each day to it's greatest potential, being present in our own lives, and how to tap into our best selves. Followed by a pot luck dessert buffet.

Contact the office for Jamie Evans' address.

There is no fee for this event, however an RSVP is appreciated. Please contact the Temple office at 949-857-2226 and let us know what dessert you are bringing.

## Jessica Herron Sharing & Caring Program for Passover

Sun, April 17th

8:30–1:00 pm

donation deadline

Please join us in helping needy Jewish families celebrate Passover by donating grocery gift cards, cash or checks made out to Congregation SHM-Jessica Herron Passover Program. Thank you so much for your participation in this most worthwhile project!

For more information contact Dana Klein at [Nevatolate@aol.com](mailto:Nevatolate@aol.com)



# Thank You...

This past February, SHM was home to families participating with Family Promise of OC homeless services. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made and served meals, slept over, and provided resources to ensure our guests felt comfortable and welcome.

## Jeff Brenner, Chair

Stephen Brenner

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## SHM Bakes: From our Temple Bakers

### Lemon Cheesecake Adapted by Bruce Gary



#### INGREDIENTS

2/3 of box of Graham Cracker cookies or vanilla cookies

4 tbs butter—melted

24 oz Philly brand cream cheese (softened)

1 cup granulated sugar

3 eggs

1/4 cup heavy whipping cream

1/4 cup Triple Sec or Cointreau liqueur

1 tbs vanilla

8 oz sour cream

1 jar (11 oz) lemon curd (sold with jams)

#### PREPARATION

Have a 12 inch spring-form pan ready

Preheat oven to 325 degrees

##### Crust:

Grind graham cracker cookies in food processor until it is all in crumbs. Mix cookie crumbs with melted butter in medium bowl. Using a spoon, spread crumbs evenly along sides and bottom of the spring-form pan.

##### Batter:

Place cream cheese in a large mixing bowl with sugar. Beat at medium speed until creamy, about 4 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, and continue beating for about 1 minute after each egg until it is incorporated. Add vanilla, liqueur, whipping cream, and sour cream. Continue beating for 5 more minutes until the batter is smooth.

##### Assembly:

Pour about half of the batter into the spring-form pan, completely covering the bottom. Spoon dollops of the lemon curd on top of the batter. Pour remaining batter on top to completely cover the lemon curd. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes. When done, remove from the oven, allow to cool, and refrigerate over night.



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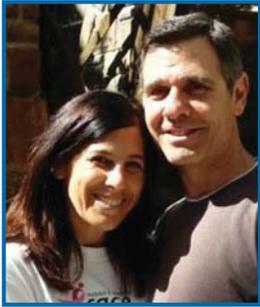
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Rhonda Shellow in memory of my father, Irving Mehlman

Doug & Dianne Golden, thank you for facilitating such a meaningful service in memory of my Dad, Sam Golden and Jake and Alyssa's Papa Sam

Linda & Jeff Abbit in memory of Claire and Mark Frisman

Bernie & Marcia Labowitz, Happy Birthday Rabbi

### RABBI LEWIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

Rhonda Shellow in memory of my father, Irving Mehlman

Aviva Forster, thank you for the beautiful installation for Atid

Marcia Labowitz, thank you for the Atid Hadassah installation

Charlotte Pinsky, thank you for all you do for the CSHM family

Karen & Seth Hochwald, thank you

Louise Beckerman in donation to Family Promise

### CANTOR SHIKLER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Linda & Jeff Abbit in memory of Claire and Mark Frisman

Rhonda Shellow in memory of my father, Irving Mehlman

Dan & Helene Frainer in memory of Ray Leister, you will forever remain in our hearts

Mark & Dyanne Drucker in memory of Dorothy Creager, mother of Todd Creager

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Gladys Wilson in memory of Rachel Goldberg

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Bob & Nancy Wolf in memory of Barry Fast's mother, Raya Fast

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### GENERAL FUND

Sharon & Darin Blindell in memory of Barry Fast's beloved mother, Raya Fast

Aviva & Fred Forster, mazel tov to Betty & Jay Rothman on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson, Ethan Ervey

Lori Schwartz & Bert White in memory of Mark Frisman, father of Jayne Ruane

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Herb & Harriet Malmon, Mazel tov to Bette & Jay Rothman on Ethan Ervey becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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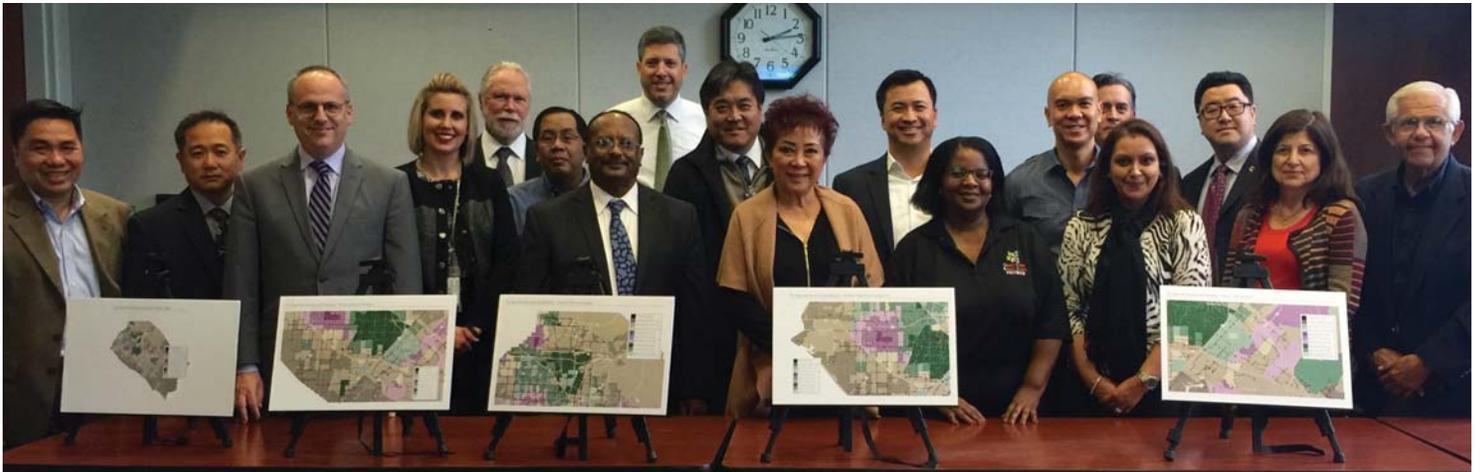
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## *Rabbi Steinberg joins the Orange County Transportation Authority Diversity Outreach and Business Opportunities Program*



**OCTA is working with community and business leaders to develop a program that would enhance outreach efforts with the diverse communities in Orange County. They are also developing closer working relationships with numerous groups and organizations that represent Orange County's growing diversity. Rabbi Steinberg is proud to be a part of this community effort.**

### RITUAL FUND

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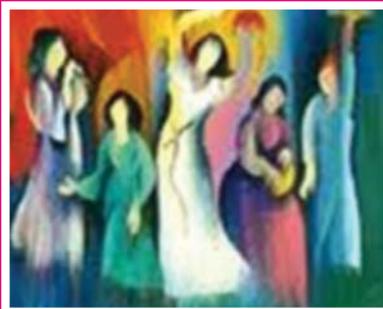
Michael Cantor in memory of Elaine Cantor

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Loralee Sheridan in memory of my father,  
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Loralee Sheridan in memory of her mother,  
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## SAVE THE DATE...



## 2016 Multi-generational Women's Seder

With special guest, **Julie Silver**

**Sunday  
April 17, 2016**

**CONGREGATION SHIR HA-MA'ALOT**



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Harold Plon in memory of Samuel Plon  
Harold Plon in memory of Ruth Plon  
Harold Plon in memory of Fredric Plon  
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John Tharp in memory of Henry Caraco  
John Tharp in memory of Ruth Caraco  
Rosa Lee Rothblatt in memory of Jennie  
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We tell Shir Ha-Ma'alot's story through words and pictures each year in our Event Catalog, website and monthly newsletter.

I collect photos from events throughout the year to use for a variety of printed and online pieces. Quite a few of them are from our Facebook page but many come from you via email. Please feel free to send me any of your favorite SHM photos:

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