

# the Ma'alot

March 2017 • Adar ~ Nissan 5777

SHM

**CHECK THE TEMPLE WEBSITE  
CALENDAR FOR EVENT LOCATIONS**



**Shabbat Services / Torah Study**  
Mormon Center, 23 Lake Road, Irvine



**Tuesday night Hebrew & High School**  
Back Bay Conference Center (above Irvine Lanes)  
3415 Michelson, Irvine



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Tarbut V'Torah Lower School Campus  
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## **Celebrating Faith at SHM**



**Shabbat Service with guest,  
Dr. Zakyi Ibrahim, "Islam"**  
Friday, March 10th at 7:30 pm



**Shabbat Service with guest,  
Dr. Gurpreet Ahuja, "Sikhism"**  
Friday, March 17th at 7:30 pm

**NaSHiM: Mah Jongg & Mimosas**

Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm  
Home of Jamie Evans

**Purim Masquerade Ball  
at Bowers Museum**

Saturday, March 11th at 6:00 pm



**Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service  
"The Nature of Religion"**

Friday, March 31st at 7:30 pm



**A LIFETIME OF BELONGING**

# the Ma'alot

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## SHABBAT SERVICES ~ MARCH 2017

All Shabbat Services will be held at the Mormon Center, 23 Lake Drive, Irvine

### Friday, March 3rd

- 7 pm: Family Shabbat Service with Youth Band and Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade Participation

### Friday, March 10th

- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service with Adult Choir & guest, Dr. Zakyi Ibrahim, "Islam"

### Friday, March 17th

- 6:30 pm: Tot Shabbat Service
- 7 pm: Teen Shabbat (Grades 8-12) at Rabbi Lewis' home
- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service with Temple Musicians & guest, Dr. Gurpreet Ahuja "Sikhism"

### Friday, March 24th

- 7:30 pm: Shabbat Service

### Friday, March 31st

- 7:30 pm: Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "The Nature of Religion"



## POLITICS ARE KILLING US

I write this article not about politics, but about what politics is doing to us as a people. Let me tell you what I mean. I heard a rabbinic colleague tell me that a woman came to see her in tears recently because her mother had literally disowned her because of her political views and who she voted for. The vitriol with which people speak to one another online and even in person blows my mind. It is as if niceties and common decency have died. Friendships have ended because a person cannot believe a friend might have a different opinion than theirs. The friend feels that allowing such a person into one's fold makes them vulnerable and this is not tolerable to certain people.

One real loss from the climate today is that we can't even talk with each other anymore. Everyone is so entrenched in his or her point of view, not only are they not willing to listen to the other side; they can't even tolerate it. When people do actually speak, they speak past each other. We see this in Congress—no one actually speaks to the other anymore. How can anything get done if we don't even have the patience or bandwidth to open our ears to hear where another person is coming from?

But this is not about politicians—this is about us. More than who is president or who is in Congress, more than our representatives, what are we going to do about us? If we can't talk to each other, we can't communicate and therefore we can't be in relationships.

There is more to people than just their political views. Our politics don't define our whole essence. Yes, in some ways it speaks to our value system and our virtues, but not totally. We would do well to see people as more than just some particular parts, but see their whole being.

**The Jewish Approach to Conflicting Views:** There are two main schools of thought found in the Talmud. One school of thought comes from the House of Rabbi Hillel and the other from the House of Rabbi Shammai.

The Talmud states: "For three years, the House of Hillel and the House of Shammai argued. One said, 'The halakha (Jewish Law) is according us,' and the other said, 'The halakha is according us.' A Heavenly Voice spoke: "Hillel and Shammai are both the words of the Living God, but the halakha is according to the House of Hillel."

"A question was raised: Since the Heavenly Voice declared: 'Both these and those are the words of the Living God,' why was the halakha established to follow only the opinion of Hillel?"

"It is because the students of Hillel were kind and gracious. They taught their own ideas as well as the ideas from the students of Shammai. Not only for this reason, but they went so far as to teach Shammai's opinions first."

In other words, they listened to each other and were able to hear what the other person was saying. They may not have agreed but even in their disagreement, they were respectful.

Sadly, today such behavior is a scarce quantity.

Teacher and Pardes CEO, Rabbi Daniel Roth writes, "Scholars of conflict resolution have often referred to the relationship between Hillel and Shammai as the quintessential Jewish model of constructive conflict or *machloket l'shem shamayim* (dispute for the sake of Heaven). Thriving communities approximately two thousand years ago, Hillel and Shammai represented two dominant conflicting Jewish schools of thought, both considered 'the words of the living God.'



**Rabbi Richard Steinberg**  
The Rona Perley Memorial  
Senior Rabbinic Chair

Despite their sharp differences of opinion, the two groups are often described as succeeding in maintaining strong peaceful relationships, respectfully disagreeing with one another, and continuing to marry into one another's families."

To be sure, the prophetic voices in our Judaism are real and pointed, declaring that we must speak truth to power. We hear such voices call out for righteous protest and civil disobedience. But the key words here are "righteous" and "civil" and I am not speaking of any political issue or politician (although protest and disobedience has its place for sure in American society), I am speaking about how we speak to each other. The tone of our conversations lack nuance or appreciation that someone else might have a different view of things. Being Jewish is all about being opinionated (old joke: When there are two Jews, you have three opinions.). We are encouraged to have our voices heard, but not at the expense or drowning of other voices. We are commanded to wrestle with subjects

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**Cantor Arie Shikler**

The Hollander Family Cantorial Chair

## HAPPY PURIM: CELEBRATING OUR PERSEVERANCE

MiMitzrayim” (Remember what Amalek did to you on your way out of Egypt! Deuteronomy 25:17).

The Shabbat before Purim is called “Zachor” and we are commanded to read and remember what Amalek did as they attacked the rear of the Jewish caravan in the desert targeting the old, the young and the tired, the weak and the helpless. The Torah tells us to remember it in our heart but to “erase” Amalek’s name from the face of the earth. Haman is considered a descendant of Amalek, and so is Hitler. In fact every time his name is mentioned we add “Yimach Sh’mo” (let his name be erased).

Purim means casting lots, and Haman used it to decide on which day he would have the Jews killed. He was rolling the dice to pick up the date. Hitler used numbers too. He had them tattooed on our people’s arms to reduce them from human beings to numbers.

Judaism inspired by the Torah teaches us to treat people in a humane way even if they are enemies. In the Passover Seder we dip our finger in the wineglass ten times as we read about the plagues the Egyptians endured. We believe that every human was created in the image of God—something Amalek and his descendants ignore. We are required to treat orphans, widows and the strangers like we want to be treated. When we don’t, we open the door to evil.

So on Purim we remind all Amaleks that we are here to stay, we are real. We celebrate with wine and spirits and we party! At the end of the Book of Esther, Mordechai leaves the palace with a crown on his head, dressed in fine linens. He is second only to the king, just like Joseph was to the Pharaoh.

Esther and Mordechai put the story into a scroll and sent the duplicates to all the Jews

under the kingdom with instructions to observe Purim once a year in Adar and to read the megillah. The whole story of Purim covers a period of nine days and although God is not mentioned in the scroll, God is there all the time.

Let us hope that soon in our time the Amaleks of the world will be no more. We keep praying for peace and tranquility here, in Israel and the whole world.

Happy Purim!

### Jessica Herron Sharing & Caring for Passover at SHM!

Please join us in helping needy Jewish families celebrate Passover by donating grocery store gift cards, cash or checks. Contributions to the Jessica Herron Fund at the temple are encouraged. Any amount is appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

If you are interested in participating in this season’s Jessica Herron Sharing & Caring drive, please let us know. Please note the following contact information and deadlines to get involved: Contact Barbara King (frombking@cox.net) by Sunday, April 2nd

On the fourteenth of Adar 5777, we’ll celebrate Purim. Purim falls on the twelfth of March this year a day after our Gala. We are commanded to be happy and increase happiness during the month of Adar. Why are we so happy? Well, for many reasons. When you look back at the long history that we Jews have enjoyed thank God, you won’t find many other people who are still around from 3500 years ago. Many nations came and went.

The Assyrians, Babylonians, Egyptians, Philistines, Moabites, Ammonites, and Romans just to name a few are all gone. We Jews are still around, celebrating our holidays and traditions as usual. We survived some of the worst atrocities and genocide attempts that humans can impose on other humans, yet we are still here. On Purim we are celebrating our survival in old Persia from the evil mind of Haman.

It was not the first time we faced annihilation. On the way from Egypt to the promised land we escaped Pharaoh’s army as we crossed the Red Sea and later the Amalek nation on the way to the promised land. “Zachor Et Asher Asah Lecha Amalek BaDerech Betzetchem



## ***The Nature of Religion***

**Friday, March 31st at 7:30 pm**

**(at Mormon Center, 23 Lake Drive, Irvine)**

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.

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and be vigorous in our intellectual pursuits, but not at the expense demeaning others or their points of view.

Certainly, we must fight for what we believe but if the fighting leaves others wounded or relationships dead, then for what purpose was the fight (again—I am not speaking of politics but of how we speak to each other)? Think of the mother who disowned her daughter—was that really worth it?

We would do well to remember the Talmudic example of Hillel—to be kind and gracious, to teach (understand) the other point of view and acknowledge that that either informs me, emboldens me or changes me, but it doesn't hurt me to hear it in a respectful way.

Our democracy is an adversarial process—that is how it was designed. But adversaries do not have to be enemies. Maybe they do in Congress, but they don't have to be at the dinner table or at the oneg or at the workplace. We can agree to disagree with each other and still be friends.

On a personal note, if and when a person disagrees with me, I invite you to call me or email me so that we might have a conversation. We may not agree in the end, but I can promise I will respect your point of view. I promise I will take your point of view into consideration and I can promise it will inform how I think in the future, one way or another. And lastly, I will appreciate the fact that you reached out to me in respect and thoughtfulness so that we could continue to be in healthy relationship with each other.

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# 2017 Purim MASQUERADE BALL

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MARCH 11, 2017  
AT 6:00<sup>PM</sup>

Bowers Museum  
2002 North Main Street  
Santa Ana, CA

- Enjoy Dinner & Drinks
- Dancing to Live Music
- Costumes Optional/  
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## MODERN JEWISH WOMAN

BY RACHEL HARMAN

“Modern Jewish Woman” – this was the theme of our 1st SHM Women’s retreat in January. It was my tremendous pleasure to join about 25 of my female SHM family members for this beautiful weekend in the mountains. First and foremost, a huge thank you to Rabbi Lewis for leading insightful programming and for the Nashim committee members who brought this weekend together. The weekend was a wonderful time to get away, take a break, look inward and get to know to know this lovely group of Nashim women. I thought I would take the time to share some of the insight I took away from the weekend:

We all are the product of the experiences and challenges of those that came before us. Looking back at the experience of our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers helps us understand and appreciate how we developed into the Jewish women we are today and what kind of legacy we want to leave for our own children. I realized I am the product of grandmothers who were quite different in their Jewish experience. One who was born and raised in the US and the other an immigrant. Jewish in our family was not just a religion but an identity, an ethnicity. While I did not come away from my childhood with the ability or desire to make traditional foods like gefilte fish or kreplach that my grandmother made, I did come away with that sense of “Jewish” as a part of my identity. I realized that just like my parents, I have made the majority of my social and community life a “Jewish” life. I have followed their lead by making our Jewish community our extended family, becoming involved and active in my synagogue and raising my kids to be active members of our community.

We are our own harshest critics and need to become our own cheerleaders. As proud as I am that I have instilled in my kids a very strong sense of Jewish community I still manage to have guilt that I have not done enough. Truth be told, we do not light Shabbat candles every Friday – often because we are rushing out the door to get to temple on time, but sometimes just because after a long hectic week, we go out for dinner. I have taught my daughter to make latkes, but that is about the extent of my “Jewish” cooking repertoire. My list of things I don’t do, things I have guilt about could go on and on – but what I took away from the Nashim weekend, was to let some of that go. Being a “modern Jewish woman” means that we can make choices, choices that our grandmothers may not have had the opportunity to make. If my grandmother had had the option to buy gefilte fish in the jar – would she have still spent all day making it or would she have made the choice to spend her day doing something else? If my grandmother knew I don’t even like gefilte fish what would she even think?

As a modern woman – I am career driven, I am a doctor, a self-sufficient single mom. As a modern Jewish woman – I have the honor of serving as my synagogue co-president and the privilege to have a woman as one of my Rabbis. We live in a world where all these things are possibilities, but as women we don’t always give ourselves credit for the strides we have made. We somehow expect that we should be able to have all of these modern roles and still manage to get dinner on the table, Shabbat candles lit, and chicken soup on the stove. Sharing with this amazing group of women at the Nashim weekend gave



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

me a little perspective, it’s nice to know that we do have a cheer squad in other women. Women who understand these challenges of wanting to do it all, and reminding us to find contentment and satisfaction in the choices we each make.

As time goes by, our perspective, our priorities, and our challenges change and evolve. Through it all as women we can support each other, cheer each other on, offer help and support. I only hope that my daughter has even more doors open to her, even more opportunity to make choices about what she wants to be, what she wants to accomplish. I hope she will have amazing friends to cheer her on, ease her guilt if it arises, and provide support for her choices. And, I do hope that she at least passes on the latkes to her own children. We live in an amazing time, where women have choices and a voice – they are our choices to make and our voice to make heard. As a community of women, particularly of Jewish women, we need to remember to cheer on those choices and celebrate our voices.

Thank you again to Rabbi Lewis and the Nashim women for creating this very special weekend, I cannot wait for the next one!

## Welcome New Members

Michael & Amy Stoll  
Daniel & Jennifer Bensoul

## Mazel Tov to...

Jennifer & Ian Silvers on the birth of their daughter, Makenna Paige

## Condolences to...

Rochelle Ambersound on the death of her uncle, Dr. Arnold Bregman

Shoshana Segelman on the death of her husband, Marvin

Debra & Michael Borden on the death of their in-law, Michael Pincus

# Celebrating Faith at SHM

Shabbat Service with guest,  
**Dr. Zakyi Ibrahim, "Islam"**  
Friday, March 10th at 7:30 pm

Dr. Zayi Ibrahim is an Associate Professor of Comparative Religion at CSU, Fullerton. He teaches courses in all aspects of Islam (including Qur'anic studies, History and Development of Islamic Thought, Classical and Contemporary Islam), Method of Studying Religion, World Religions, and African and African-American Religions and Spirituality.



Shabbat Service with guest,  
**Dr. Gurpreet Ahuja, "Sikhism"**  
Friday, March 17th at 7:30 pm

Dr. Ahuja is actively involved in the Orange County community, and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross-Orange County chapter, as well as the OC Human Relations Council. He is active in the county's interfaith community, working to foster understanding and dialogue. In addition, he serves on the Medical Executive Committee of Children's Hospital of Orange County.



*Mentsch of the Quarter*  
Friday, April 14th, 7:30 pm



## Stella Gold

Stella Gold is a one of a kind mentsch. She is a person whose spirit matches her actions and vice versa. She is motivated by an

internal goodness that demonstrates itself in word, deed and expression. Stella volunteers in our office and helped us tremendously with our move and she does so with a smile on her face, lighting up the whole office whenever she is there. Her joy transcends and brings a sense of fulfillment to all. She is the essence of a mentsch.

## Building Program Update—January 2017

### Demolition has Begun!



A "Holy" Temple. The interior of our existing building has been gutted and the old Administration wing is removed. Check in here as we bring you progress updates.

# MARCH 2017

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                          | THURSDAY                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>5</b><br>(Religious School is at TVT Lower Campus)<br>8 am - Early Hebrew Chavurah<br>9:15 am - Judaica Classes<br>9:30 am - Executive Committee Meeting<br>9:30 am - God, Faith & Jewish Identity, "God and Suffering"<br>11:30 am - Youth Band<br>12:30 pm - SHMoFTY Event with OCTY<br>1 pm - MiTY Event<br>6 pm - JiFTY Dinner at Rubys | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>(Back Bay Conference Center above the Irvine Lanes)<br>4:45 pm - Hebrew School<br>5 pm - BMC<br>Bowling at Irvine Lanes<br><br>(Rabbi Steinberg's home)<br>7:30 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting                   | <b>8</b><br>6:45 pm - Adult Choir  | <b>9</b><br>6:30 pm - Temple Musicians                                          | <b>10</b><br>(Friday night services are now at 23 Lake Road, Irvine)<br>7:30 pm - Shabbat Service with Adult Choir and guest, Dr. Zakyi Ibrahim "Islam"                                                                                                      | <b>11</b><br>8:30 am - Torah Study<br>6 pm - SHMoFTY: Dinner & Escape Room Adventure!<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br><b>2017 Purim Masquerade Ball Gala Fundraiser at Bowers Museum</b> |
| <b>12</b><br><b>Purim</b><br>(Back Bay Conference Center above the Irvine Lanes)<br>9 am - Purim Shpiel<br>10 am - Purim Carnival at Boomers!                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>(Back Bay Conference Center above the Irvine Lanes)<br>4:45 pm - Hebrew School<br>5 pm - 8th-10th Grade<br>6:30 pm - 11th & 12th Grade<br>7:30 pm - SHMoFTY Board Meeting<br>7:30 pm - Men's Spirituality Group | <b>15</b>                          | <b>16</b><br>6:30 pm - Brotherhood: March Madness<br>6:30 pm - Temple Musicians | <b>17</b><br>(Friday night services are now at 23 Lake Road, Irvine)<br>6:30 pm - Tot Shabbat Service<br>7 pm - Teen Shabbat (Grades 8-12) at home of Rabbi Lewis<br>7:30 pm - Shabbat Service with Temple Musicians and guest, Dr. Gurpreet Ahuja "Sikhism" | <b>18</b><br>8:30 am - Torah Study                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>19</b><br>Religious School is at TVT Lower Campus)<br>8 am - Early Hebrew Chavurah<br>8 am - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Offsite Family Day<br>9:15 am - Judaica Classes<br>9:15 am - Season of Mussar II Advanced Program<br>11:30 am - Youth Band                                                                                                | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>Back Bay Conference Center above the Irvine Lanes)<br>4:45 pm - Hebrew School<br>6:30 pm - Board of Education Meeting                                                                                           | <b>22</b><br>6:45 pm - Adult Choir | <b>23</b>                                                                       | <b>24</b><br>(Friday night services are now at 23 Lake Road, Irvine)<br>7:30 pm - Shabbat Service                                                                                                                                                            | <b>25</b><br>8:30 am - Torah Study                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>26</b><br>(Religious School is at TVT Lower Campus)<br>8 am - Early Hebrew Chavurah<br>9:15 am - Judaica Classes<br>11:30 am - Youth Band                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>(Back Bay Conference Center above the Irvine Lanes)<br>4:45 pm - Hebrew School<br>5 pm - 8th & 9th Grade<br>6:30 pm - Brit Tikvah                                                                               | <b>29</b><br>6:45 pm - Adult Choir | <b>30</b><br>6:30 pm - Temple Musicians                                         | <b>31</b><br>(Friday night services are now at 23 Lake Road, Irvine)<br>7:30 pm - Friday Night Live! Shabbat Service, "Nature of Religion"                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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

## HOW TO SPEAK WITH CHILDREN ABOUT THESE DIVIDED TIMES

On Saturday nights as we prepare to extinguish the bright flame of the havdallah candle, we say a blessing over the separation that is about to occur. *HaMavdil bein kodesh l'chol*, we say, blessing God as the One who separates and divides the sacred time of Shabbat from the more mundane, creative time of the rest of the week. In those moments, we recognize that separation and division, though difficult (who doesn't want to hold on to a day set apart from the chaotic schedules we keep all week long?!), are an unavoidable part of the cycle of time. Thus, they should be worthy of blessing. Judaism begs us to do everything in our power to endure the divisions in our lives with sacred purpose.

Sadly, we are living through a time in which there are deep divides all around us, and these divides are anything but sacred. With the presidential campaign, the election and the inauguration from afar, and with the conversations in schools, neighborhoods, on social media and in workplaces up close, the divisions are deep and too often hostile. In recent months, I have spoken with numerous parents who have expressed a sense of bewilderment because, given the hostility, they don't know what to say to their children.

Whether you find yourself on one end of the political spectrum or the other, or whether you are somewhere in the middle, there is a common desire to reassure our children that their country, their neighborhoods and they themselves are

going to be okay. I am confident that with all that divides us, among the things we all share in common is a desire for the next generation to feel secure and at peace.

So what can we say to the children, who are growing up during these uncertain times, that can provide them with at least a modicum of direction? Judaism is clear, and its answer is best summed up in a teaching from Proverbs. "*Ner Adonai nishmat Adam*," "The candle of God is in every human soul." This means that God shines through all of us. God shines through those who agree with our own perspectives and through those who do not. God shines through those who are involved in the rapidly changing political and social atmosphere and through those who are not. God shines through those who are kind and respectful toward us as well as through those who are not particularly kind.

If we can only remember to look for that light when we walk out our doors each morning and experience every encounter, then we—children and adults alike—will be doing our part to bring peace and security to our world. Ultimately, Judaism challenges us to be kind.

While some would shrug this notion off as obvious or overly simple, I believe firmly that while being kind is simple in theory, in practice, it becomes more and more challenging every day. When the headlines that 'sell' are the stories in which shouting and public shaming and even violence prevail—simply because people disagree with each other—being kind is not easy. When a simple mouse click or tablet tap enables us to 'defriend' people with whom we disagree, being kind can be tough. And when others in our community are unkind to us because of the way we look, the language we speak, the way we voted or any other trait that makes us unique, being kind is anything but simple.

So what can we say to our children during these unsettling times? We can remind them that there is, in every human being, the light of God. It is our job to see it and allow ourselves to be brightened by it. If they can be kind, especially when being kind is not so easy, they can be a source of inspiration to the rest of us to do the same. Then, the future will be just a little bit brighter, more peaceful and worthy of blessing

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**COME CELEBRATE WITH QUEEN ESTHER!**  
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**Sunday, March 12th**

**Shpiel at 9:00 am** (Back Bay Conf Center)

**Followed by Parade of Costumes to**

**Carnival at Boomers**  
**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**



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## Emma McNatt

March 4, 2017

Daughter of Tom & Robin McNatt

I attend: Tarbut V'Torah

I enjoy: Dance, art, reading, shopping

Mitzvah Project: CHOC toy drive and volunteered at Foster Family Holiday Party



## Jake Rothman

March 4, 2017

Son of Leslie & Andy Rothman

I attend: Sowers Middle School

I enjoy: Golf, basketball, music, art

Mitzvah Project: Collected money for Homeless Shower Program in Long Beach and volunteered for Second Harvest Food Bank



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## YOUTH GROUPS @ SHM

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

**SHMoFTY** 9th-12th Grade Youth Group  
**Co-Run with OCTY Sunday, March 5th at Temple Beth Shalom**

**Dinner & Escape Room Adventure!**  
**Saturday, March 11th, 6 pm-9pm**

Join SHMoFTY for a night of mystery and fun, with a Purim twist! Dinner, an escape room, and lots of fun games await!

**JiFTY** 6th-8th Grade Youth Group  
**Dinner at Ruby's Diner**  
**Sunday, March 5th, 6 pm-9 pm**

Meet your JiFTY friends at Ruby's Diner on Barranca in Irvine for dinner, laughter and a fabulous time.

**MiTY** 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group  
**MiTY Jumps at Rockin' Jump OC in Santa Ana**  
**Sunday, March 5th, 1 pm-3 pm**

Meet your MiTY friends at the ultimate trampoline park, Rockin' Jump for an afternoon of soaring in open jump arenas, playing trampoline dodge ball, and doing flips and somersaults at the stunt air bag. Watch your email for registration information.

**BMC Bowling! Tuesday, March 7th, 5-6:15 pm**

Join us for the next round of BMC Bowling! B'nai Mitzvah Chavurah is our chance for 7th graders to hang out and socialize. We'll provide the bowling and snacks, see you there!

**Teen Shabbat (Grades 8-12) at the home of Rabbi Lewis** Friday, March 17th at 7 pm

If you have any questions about these events or about any youth program please contact Jordan at [jordan@shmtemple.org](mailto:jordan@shmtemple.org)



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Please join us  
**6th Annual Women's Seder**  
Sunday, April 2, 2017  
4:00 in the afternoon  
at Woman's Club of Laguna Beach

*During this year as we celebrate faith and relationships, consider bringing a guest—a Jewish woman or a woman of another religion—to join you.*

The programming is geared toward ages 5 and above.

RSVP by March 23rd to the Temple at 949-857-2226  
or respond online at [www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org)

- NaSHiM members \$40 per person
- Adult SHM members & guests \$45 per person
- Child (12 & under) \$25 per person
- Community Members \$50 per person

If you would like to sponsor another woman to help her attend the Seder, please indicate how much you would like to donate while making your reservation.

*Kindly Respond by March 23rd*

*All reservations made after this date will be \$50 per person and subject to availability*

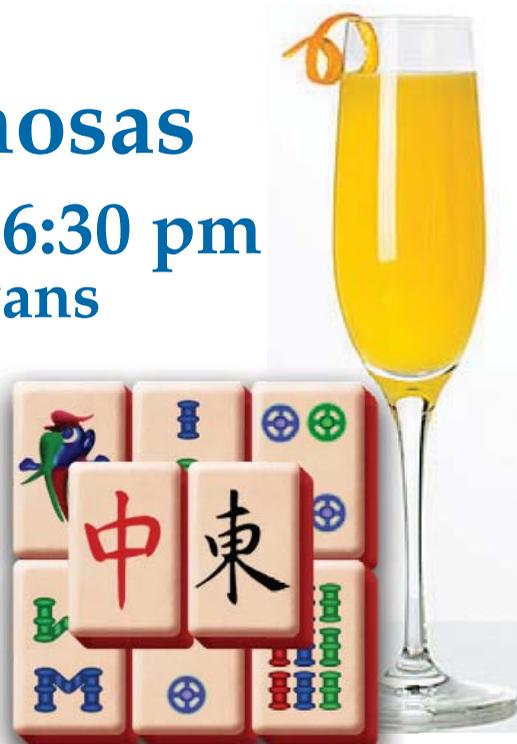
## NaSHiM: SHM Women

# Mah Jongg & Mimosas

Wednesday, March 8th, 6:30 pm  
at the home of Jamie Evans

**Whether you are an experienced player or a total novice, join with SHM Women for an evening of play. An experienced instructor will be on hand to teach any beginners.**

**No fee for the event. RSVP online at [www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org) or call the temple at 949-857-2226 by March 6th**



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## ADULT LEARNING

### Torah Study

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**Saturdays at 8:30 am**  
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**Meets: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25**

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 the weekly Torah portion with the Rabbis and gain inspiration that will nourish your soul.

### Season of Mussar II: Advanced Program

Facilitated by Rabbi Lewis

**Sundays at 9:15 am**

**Meets: March 19th**

At this higher level, more advanced Mussar practices are added to the program. The middot covered in "A Season of Mussar II" are Patience, Forgiveness, Simplicity, Loving Kindness, Strength, and Faith. \$150 per person. Register online at [www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org) or call the temple at 949-857-2226.

### God, Faith & Jewish Identity

with Rabbi Steinberg and Rabbi Lewis

**Sunday, March 5th at 9:30 am**  
**"God and Suffering"**

**Sunday, April 2nd at 9:30 am**  
**"Atheism and Judaism"**

Examining the blessings of religion is not purely an intellectual exercise. Join with rabbis Steinberg and Lewis for these sessions which will raise profoundly religious questions in a manner that challenges the mind and the spirit with the context of Jewish thought.



**BROTHERHOOD:  
MARCH MADNESS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH  
at 6:00 PM**

Get together with your temple brothers and your brackets for an evening of college basketball and friendship. It doesn't get any better than this!



**Snacks and beverages will be provided.**

**RSVP to the Temple office at 949-857-2226  
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Contact David Teincuff at [david@logos2life.com](mailto:david@logos2life.com)  
for more information & location

## Sunday Speaker Series



**Rabbi Lawrence Seidman**  
**"Post-Denominational Judaism"**  
**Sunday, April 23rd at 9:30 am**

Rabbi Seidman's decision to be a rabbi was motivated by a desire to use his analytical skills and innovation to served the Jewish community on a professional level. He is dedicated to being a rational rabbi, combining Jewish tradition with modern thought.



**Shabbat Service with guest,  
President Tait Eyre, "Mormonism"  
Friday, April 14th at 7:30 pm**

Tait L. Eyre is currently serving as the Stake President for the Irvine California Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (7 congregations and approximately 2,200 members). He has also served as a Bishop of a congregation in Irvine and as a missionary in the Ireland Dublin Mission (1987-1989). President Eyre served 5 years in the US Army as an officer and Apache helicopter pilot. He received an M.B.A. from Duke University and a B.S. in Molecular Biology from Brigham Young University.



**Shabbat Service with guest,  
Dr. Rachel Korazim  
Friday, April 21st at 7:30 pm**

As a teacher at some of Israel's most distinguished education institutions, Dr. Rachel Korazim will bring her incredible insights on early Zionism, the Holocaust, and Israeli poetry. Born in Israel, Dr. Korazim is a graduate of Haifa University with a Ph.D. in Jewish Education and has vast experience in Jewish education and curriculum development, both in Israel and the Diaspora.

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 Marci Franklin, congratulations to Sharon Blindell on earning the Bob Wolf Community Service Award  
 Dan & Helene Frainer in memory of Ray Leister  
 Dr. Marvin Blum & Family, thank you for the beautiful service at Betty Blum's funeral

## CANTOR SHIKLER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Michael Halpern in honor of your time and thoughtfulness  
 Marci Franklin, congratulations to Sharon Blindell on earning the Bob Wolf Community Service Award

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## GENERAL FUND

Bruce Gary in memory of my father, Max Gary  
 Lori Schwartz in honor of Sylvia Schwartz and her new hip  
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 Patrick & Toby Schlup, congratulations to Marc & Rebecca Trachtman on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Seth, Jake and Isabella

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- Prayer book Fund \$35 per book

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