

yom limmud 2019



a celebration of learning

saturday, february 2, 2019

9:00am - 5:00pm

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pre-registration brochure

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LeoBaeckTemple

Welcome to Yom Limmud 2019!

We are thrilled to offer you an exciting day full of learning, inspiration, community, creativity, and fun. Whether this is your first Yom Limmud or your ninth, you will find it to be a day sure to impress. It's all here!

Here's a glimpse:

There are sessions for everyone throughout the day - from experiencing a Walking Tour of Jewish Art at LBT to Israeli Hip Hop as a Window into Contemporary Israel, from Make Your Own Hamentashen to Anti-Semitism in America, and Communicating with Confidence. There's so much more - yoga, game show, marketing, education, sociology, teen leadership, history. Some other highlights:

- **In classic Yom Limmud style**, you will leave LBT well-fed. There's breakfast, there's lunch, there are snacks... Breakfast starts at 9:00am during registration. Lunch will be served from 12:45pm-1:45pm. There will be snacks throughout the day.
- **Camp Baeck**. Yom Limmud is a day for the entire family. While there is programming for adults and teens throughout the day, programming for children ages 2-12 will be provided through Camp Baeck. (Includes snacks and a pizza lunch.) See below and page 8 for details.
- **Havdalah**. After a full day, join fellow congregants for Havdalah as we say farewell to Shabbat together from 4:30-5pm.

As you experience LBT's 9th annual "Day of Learning," we hope that you will do just that. *Experience* it. It is a day full of reflecting inward, embarking on and exploring new learning, deepening long-time interests, and building community.

We look forward to learning with you!

Ted Cohen & Scott Greenberg - Yom Limmud Co-Chairs

Rabbi Lisa Berney, Hannah Elkin, and the 2019 Committee

CAMP BAECK & CLASS LOCATIONS

All workshops will take place in either the **main temple building, the Beit Midrash** OR in the **NEAREST Religious School Building**. **Camp Baeck** will take place in the Religious School Building **farthest** from the Temple for our **6-12 year-olds** and in the Early Childhood Center for our **2-5 year-olds**. **SEE LBT CAMPUS MAP ON PAGE 23.**

Yom Limmud Day-at-a-Glance

- 9:00 - 9:45 **Welcome | Breakfast** – the Carol & Jerry Bronstein Social Hall
Join other Limmud attendees for a bagel breakfast.
- 9:45 **Head to first class | workshop for Session A**
- 9:30 - 4:30 **“Camp Baeck”** runs all day with fun events and programming for kids ages 2-12 and a kid-friendly lunch!
(see details on page 8)
- 10:00 -11:15 **Block A** – 7 Sessions to begin the day!
- 11:30 - 12:45 **Block B** – 7 Sessions
- 12:45 - 1:45 **Lunch Break** – in the Carol & Jerry Bronstein Social Hall
- 1:45 - 3:00 **Block C** – 7 Sessions
- 3:15 - 4:30 **Block D** – 5 Sessions
- 4:40 - 5:00 **Community Havdalah** – Carol & Jerry Bronstein Social Hall

registration

block times

LBT COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR 2019 – All Day in the “Knitting Lounge” in the Bronstein Social Hall Annex

Visit us at the Knitting Club/Circle, **10:00 to 4:30**, as we continue our LBT community project that began with Healing Blankets.

We will be knitting scarves to donate to those in need; women, men, and children are welcome! Join us throughout the day in the Knitting Lounge for coffee and sharing. Don't know how to knit? No problem – we will teach you.

LBT member Janet Grundfest will be there to help! We will also have needles (but bring your own if you have them!), yarn, kits, and lots of instruction time so you can contribute to this wonderful ongoing LBT community project – as well as enjoy the company of other crafty LBTers.



knitting lounge

> **A1 - A Testament to Beauty and Survival: The Glory of Medieval Hebrew Manuscript Illumination**

Presenter: Elizabeth Morrison, Ph.D

The most inventive and beautiful artworks of medieval Judaism survive in the form of illuminated manuscripts. Because of their rarity, the Getty Museum only recently acquired its first Hebrew book. This presentation will consider the artwork contained within its covers, including some of the most remarkable and astonishing imagery of the Middle Ages. In addition, you will be taken along on the storied journey of this manuscript, from its creation for an English refugee in 1296, to the hands of Saul Wahl, a rabbi who was King of Poland for a day in the seventeenth century, to its escape from Nazi Germany.

> **A2 - In the Beginning...Two Visions for the World & for Humanity**

Presenters: Rabbi Lisa Berney & Rabbi Joshua Knobel

Join Rabbis Lisa Berney and Josh Knobel as they explore the mixed, and often contradictory, messages contained within our tradition's two very different depictions of Creation, as well as the lessons each tale attempts to convey about our connection with God, the origins of the world, the purpose of humanity, and the relationship between the sexes. Discover what our biblical ancestors' myths have meant for the world of the past and what it can mean for us today.

> **A3 - Peace of Mind: The Spiritual, the Psychological, the Controversial**

Presenters: Rabbi Bill Cutter & Dr. Joye Weisel-Barth (LBT Members)

Come and be enlightened about the first American rabbi to explore the synergy between Judaism and psychology, the concerns of and the caring for matters of mental health. You'll learn about Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman's book, *Peace of Mind*, published in 1946, selling more than a million copies during the early post war years, and is still in print. The book argues that Freud's revolution and the revolution wrought by the biblical Prophets shared the same goal: an honest uncovering of the disguises with which we live and an honest encounter with who we really are as human beings. Psychologist Dr. Joye Weisel-Barth will share discussion and responses on controversial aspects of Liebman's work.

> **A4 - Not Your Grandma's Israeli Music: Hip Hop as a Window into Contemporary Israel | Presenter: Dr. Uri Dorchin**

This session will delve into the diverse scene of Israeli hip hop and what it reveals about Israel today. Representing the diversity of Israeli society itself, Israeli hip hop serves as a medium for rappers to explore – sometimes playfully, sometimes more seriously – the meanings of being an Israeli in this time. From the music, lyrics and visuals in music videos, we will examine some of these meanings. We'll also take a brief look at the growth of Indie music and music festivals. In both Israeli hip hop and Indie music, we'll see how young Israelis are oriented toward global trends while also combining these with quintessential Israeli culture and style.

> **A5 - Walking Tour of Jewish Art at LBT
Presenter: Peachy Levy (LBT Member)**

Explore the unique pieces and Jewish ritual objects created by our very own Peachy Levy on this LBT art tour. Learn about the meaning and Jewish significance behind these works and the inspiration that led to their creation as we journey throughout our campus to uncover the beauty therein.

> **A6 - Saving Your Life: What Young People Need to Know (and Their Parents Need to Teach Them) To Build Wealth & Not Worry about Money in the Long Run
Presenter: Jesse Israel (LBT Member)**

Isn't it crazy how there's no class in college or high school which teaches people the ABCs of money? And why are parents so reticent to teach their kids about how to manage it? New York Life agent Jesse Israel experienced this firsthand, even though his father was a financial planner, and it wasn't until a recent career change following his father's footsteps that he finally started to see and understand "The Matrix" of how everything we hear about (investments, inflation, taxation, insurance, etc) fits together. Translating his experience into easy to understand language, Jesse explains the basics about how to be smart with money early in life, so you don't have to panic later on.

> **A7 - Pilates | Presenter: Ali Bragard (LBT Member)**

Give yourself a chance to see what pilates is or to deepen your practice – this class is open to all levels! You will lengthen and strengthen and walk out feeling taller and more centered – and have a great time doing it!

> **B1 - Everything You Wanted to Know About the Universe But Were Afraid to Ask**

Presenter: Dr. Mark Green (LBT Member)

Do you ever wonder: Why is the universe so big, and why did it take so long for us to show up? Why are the laws of physics so clean, and why is biology so messy? Why is there sex and why is there death and was Freud right that the two are related? How did human beings arise, and how did we spread across the planet? Why did human civilization appear when it did? This is your chance to find out.

> **B2 - Anti-Semitism in America?!**

Presenter: Rabbi Sandy Ragins (LBT Senior Rabbi Emeritus)

Rabbi Ragins will offer a historical perspective on the nature of modern Anti-Semitism and explore what we might learn from the response by German Jews before Hitler ascended to power.

> **B3 - The Duality of Teenage Life: An Inside Look with LBT Teens**

What is it like to simultaneously live in two different worlds – the physical and the digital? How do teens today navigate the world of social media and the internet, how do they understand privacy, and what do they want their parents to know (and NOT know)? Join this panel of LBT teens as we take a deep dive into the world of digital natives and the decisions they must make.

> **B4 - Exploring Your Identity: Understanding How Implicit Bias Leads to Microaggressions**

Presenter: Dr. Rachel Kennison (LBT Member)

Neuroscience Research has broadened our understanding of our unconscious biases, often the source of microaggressions. During this interactive workshop we will explore identities, of which we have many. Through this self-reflective lens, we will clarify definitions of implicit bias and microaggressions, terms which are often misunderstood. Through activities and discussions, we will reflect on our own biases and practice ways in which we can mitigate the impact of bias when it occurs.

block b

Please join us in the Social Hall following Block D for Havdalah as a Community!

> B5 - Soulful and Mindful Yoga for All

Presenters: Natalie Bennett & Cantor Linda Kates (LBT Member)

This is a mixed level yoga class so all level of practitioners are welcome! The class will focus on the Sanskrit word, svadhyaya, which translates to "self-study." Svadhyaya is one of yoga's ten ethical guidelines and is foundational to all yogic thought. Through this self-study we are asked to observe ourselves in a non-judgmental way: how is our breath, how do we respond to situations, etc. The class will begin with breathing exercises, pranayama, and a Shabbat intention. Then you will be guided through yoga postures linking the breath and movement in a soulful, mindful way.



block b

> B6 - Jacob's Ladder: An Exploration of Dreams, Consciousness, and the Divine

Presenter: Rabbi Benjamin Ross

Join us for an interactive learning session where we will weave together dreams, ancient and modern texts, and blessings. Come curious, fired up to engage, and maybe a note or two with what you recall from your dreams last night.

> B7 - Master Chef – Make Your Own Hamantaschen

Presenter: Tami Lowensohn (LBT Member)

Get ready for Purim next month! Are you an expert at Hamantaschen? Or do you wish you knew how they made those funky three corner cookie hats? Are you the one who gives mishloach manot, or are you the one lining up for a freebie? No matter, there's room for you in this session. We'll assemble and bake hamantaschen in a variety of flavors. You'll have the opportunity to make, taste, eat, take home for yourself, or contribute to next week's Oneg Shabbat.

> BETWEEN BLOCKS B & C FROM 12:45-1:45 LUNCH BREAK (pre-ordered lunches with registration)

Everyone will gather in the Carol & Jerry Bronstein Social Hall for lunch.

See Campus Map on page 23 to assist you in locating your workshops.

The 6th Annual Camp Baeck!



Camp Baeck is a wonderful way to allow you and your family to spend the day together – learning and having fun.

Kids from **ages 2-12** are invited to **Camp Baeck from 9:30-4:30**, a special full day of programming geared just toward them! Camp Baeck will run parallel to Yom Limmud, and will feature counselors for each age group as well as art, music, scavenger hunts, games, moonbounce, and special snacks.

“Campers” will join their parents for lunch at 12:45, but in-between that, feel free to drop your child off and know that they are having fun and learning in a fully supervised Camp Baeck. You (or any authorized adult) can sign them out when you want, so they can attend a session and learn with you. Camp Baeck is a great way for your child to connect with their friends while you, too, are learning!

Drop in any time! Children may be dropped off and picked up throughout the day, but must be signed in and out by an adult.

Please note that due to the full day of Yom Limmud on Saturday, February 2, there is no Religious School scheduled for **Sunday, February 3**.

> **C1 - Finding Judaism: How Four People Discovered Modern Meaning in an Ancient Tradition**

Presenters: Victor Garcia, Rachel Greenberg, Joi Morris, and Cynthia Wood (LBT Members)

Get a close look at the individual journeys of four LBT members on their path to converting to Judaism. Uncover what inspired them to begin this journey, what their experience has been like learning and becoming a part of a new religion and people, challenges they have faced over the years, and lessons they have learned. Explore what it means to be a Jew by choice in the 21st century.

> **C2 - The U.S. and Israel: What's So Special about the "Special Relationship"?**

Presenters: Dr. Shaiel Ben Ephriam and Rabbi Ken Chasen

Are relations between Israel and the U.S. really special and what does that even mean? For two countries that do not share similar cultural and linguistic backgrounds, Israel and the United States have shared a uniquely close, emotional relationship. But they have also experienced periods of remarkable tension and disagreement. How does the relationship fit into the wider global and regional interests of the two countries? Has it hindered or encouraged the pursuit of peace? What is the role of the American Jewish community and "Israel lobby" in shaping bilateral relations? Join Dr. Ephriam in conversation with our very own Rabbi Chasen on this session you won't want to miss..

> **C3 - Laughter Through Tears: Jewish Themes in Russian and Soviet Music**

Presenter: Professor Harlow Robinson

Jewish music and musicians have always played a central role in Russian musical life. Despite pervasive anti-Semitism, Jews occupied prominent positions as performers, conductors and composers in Tsarist Russia and the USSR. During the Soviet period, leading composers including Sergei Prokofiev, Dmitri Shostakovich and Alfred Schnittke turned frequently to Jewish music and themes for inspiration, sometimes using them as a coded resistance to the Communist regime. In his Symphony No.13 ("Babi yar"), Shostakovich commemorated the murder of the Jewish population of Kiev during the Nazi occupation. The talk will focus on this and other important works in a fascinating tradition.

> **C4 - Behind the Bimah: The Future of the Reform Rabbinate**
Presenters: Rabbi Adam Allenberg, LBT Rabbinic Education Intern Hannah Elkin, and Rabbinic Intern Liora Alban

In today's age, why are people choosing to become rabbis? What is the process like to become ordained? In this session, the Director of Recruitment and Admissions for our Reform Seminary, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, along with two of our current LBT interns will share their stories of their path to the rabbinate and experiences thus far along the journey. They will also reflect on how they understand new trends facing Jewish institutions and Jewish leadership, and the big questions they and other Jewish professionals are exploring as they seek to serve a new generation of Jews.

> **C5 - Communicating with Confidence**
Presenter: Lee Broekman (LBT Member)

How do we listen and speak as allies and not come off as adversaries? How do we use positive body language to connect and align with different audiences? How do we elevate conversations, communicate assertively and respond proactively? With today's digital distractions, generational gaps and political pontifications we need to successfully master these skills. Join Lee Broekman, communication expert, to practice proven strategies to improve your interactions, and enhance both your relationships and results.

> **C6 - Love Songs Through the Decades**
Presenters: Cantor Linda Kates & David Kates

Get cozy as the Kates duo share some of their favorite love songs throughout the years along with a sing-along of some of the well-known tunes.

> **C7 - Fabulous Photoshop Magic**
Presenter: Larry Sterling (LBT Member)

Prepare to be delighted at Larry's tour through years of constructing holiday greeting cards, beginning with his earliest images (the family flying in a sled pulled by their dog over an idyllic snow-covered mountain town) to this year's card with 80 layers of images combined into one fantasy image. He will also guide you through the process of creating your own card using a simple cut and paste technique and unlock the many secrets of Photoshop. Cheers!

block d - workshops - 3:15 to 4:30pm

> **D1 - Who Wants to Be a Millionaire – Jewish Edition!**

Presenters: Billy Grundfest, Rabbi Chasen, and Scott Greenberg (LBT Members)

End your day by testing your knowledge of Jewish religion, culture, and silliness with this fun session hosted by LBT's favorite funny man, Billy Grundfest. Color commentary provided by Rabbi Ken Chasen.

> **D2 - How to Improve Your Marriage and Live Happily Ever After**

Presenter: Evan Katz

Have you ever felt that your relationship is in a permanent holding pattern? Do you ever sense that your partner is more invested in work and parenting than the marriage itself? Are there times that you've wondered if you were truly compatible with your partner? Relationship coach and author Evan Marc Katz has been helping couples create lasting love since 2003 and in this customized session, he'll explain how to accept your partner, how to communicate without fighting, and how to become a better spouse. Nothing determines your happiness more than your marriage. Join us to put the joy and respect back in your relationship.

> **D3 - Shabbat Yoga**

Presenter: Norm Gee (LBT Member)

Conclude Shabbat by reconnecting with your body and spirit. This session, led by skilled yoga instructor Norm Gee, will focus on movements that involve being seated, standing, and balancing.

> **D4 - Now Read This! - A Hebrew Reading "Crash Course"**

Presenter: Maura Resnick (LBT Member)

Forgot everything you learned in Hebrew School? Never went to Hebrew School or prepared for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? This crash course will help you get started, or refresh your memory, of how to read Hebrew. We'll cover the alphabet and vowels (all those funny little lines and dots under and within the letters), sound out simple words, and learn to recognize common words from the prayer book. We'll also try our hand at reading some contemporary Hebrew words and place names. With a little practice (well, okay, a lot of practice) you'll be ready to skip the transliteration and read along in Hebrew.

block d

block d - workshops - 3:15 to 4:30pm

> D5 - Laws, Norms, and Conventions in the Age of Trump

Presenter: Jon Michaels (LBT Member)

We find ourselves today at a political, legal, and cultural crossroad. Over the past two years, our government has been marked by scandals and standoffs. This session will explore the core norms, institutions, and elements that support the rule of law. It will address some of the most pressing controversies of the current administration, as well as other cases abroad, and place them in some historical and transnational context.

Following Block D -

> Havdalah 4:40 - 5:00pm

We will all gather as a community in the Carol & Jerry Bronstein Social Hall – following the final block of workshops – as the beauty of Shabbat and our day of learning concludes.



havdalah

presenter bios (listed alphabetically)

Liora Alban is a fourth-year rabbinical student and a rabbinic intern at Leo Baeck Temple. She was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley and completed her undergraduate education at UC Berkeley. Afterwards, she moved to Jerusalem to begin her rabbinical studies at HUC-JIR where she has since earned her Master of Arts in Jewish Education and her graduate certificate in Jewish Nonprofit Management. She plans on being ordained as a rabbi in May of 2020. Liora enjoys finding ways to blend together her passion for visual art with her love of Judaism. She hopes that creativity can help people of all ages connect to the wellspring of our Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Adam Allenberg is the Associate Director of Recruitment and Admissions at HUC-JIR, where he has worked since 2014. He is based out of the Los Angeles campus and focuses on the West Coast to recruit the future student body of HUC-JIR and the next generation of Jewish professional leadership for North American Jewry and beyond. Rabbi Allenberg studied Philosophy and Modern Hebrew at the University of Wisconsin, with one year of study at Hebrew University. Upon graduation, Rabbi Allenberg studied at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles, where he earned his Master of Arts of Hebrew Letters, Master of Arts in Jewish Education, and rabbinical ordination in 2007. Following his ordination, Rabbi Allenberg joined Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills to serve as rabbi and Program Director. In 2009, Rabbi Allenberg was engaged as the Director of Congregational Learning at Temple Emanu-El in Dallas.

Dr. Shaiel Ben-Ephraim is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies. His research interests include U.S.-Israel relations and the foreign policy of both states, Israeli settlement policy and strategic studies. He is the author of several articles on U.S. alliance policy in the Middle East and is currently working on a book on the role of settlements in U.S.-Israel relations. Ben Ephraim received his PhD in Military and Strategic Studies at the Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary, and MA and BA in International Relations and History from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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Natalie Bennett has been practicing yoga for over 20 years. A friend dragged her into a class during her freshman year at UCLA and it was love at first Downward Facing Dog. She is a Yoga Alliance registered RYT-500 Hatha Yoga Teacher. Natalie completed her Level 1 (200-hour) training at Black Dog Yoga in April 2011 and her level 2 (300-hour) training there as well in March 2013. She also holds certifications in Pre/Post-Natal Yoga and the Leslie Kaminoff Yoga Anatomy 72-Hour Course. She currently teaches vinyasa flow classes at Black Dog four days a week in addition to teaching super fun and crazy spin classes at Blazing Saddles. Natalie lives in Tarzana with her husband, Jamie, her two daughters Bobbie and Rhoda, her mother Mimi, and her dear cat, Miles. Natalie is a native Valley Girl and is pleased to be teaching at LBT, a place her family now calls home.

Rabbi Lisa Berney was born and raised in Miami, Florida and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Jewish and Near Eastern Studies from Washington University in St. Louis. Afterward, she attended the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Los Angeles, where she earned her rabbinic ordination, a Master of Arts in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education, a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters, and a graduate certificate in Jewish Nonprofit Management. While at HUC-JIR, Rabbi Berney received the Outstanding Female Rabbinic Student Award and the Excellence in Jewish Education Prize. Rabbi Berney remains passionate about community building, social justice, family education, and engaging Jewish learners of all ages. In her free time, Rabbi Berney enjoys hiking and traveling with her husband, Rabbi Joshua Knobel, and her daughter Shifra.

Ali Bragard has studied yoga, massage and Pilates over the past twenty-five years and she is passionate about how we can truly transform our bodies and our lives through these disciplines. She has been teaching classical Pilates for the past twelve years in studios in California, Australia and France, teaching people of all shapes and sizes, ages and backgrounds. She approaches her classes with a love for Pilates, a sense of humor, and a desire to help each person find their center, enabling them to live a healthier and happier life.

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Lee Broekman is an expert in persuasion, presentation, and interpersonal communication. She works with high-level leaders and trains decision makers in top organizations to communicate, collaborate and innovate effectively. Delivering programs in concentrated bursts, with high intensity and elevated engagement, Lee turns powerful content into actionable, applicable tools. Lee has taught courses at USC's Annenberg School for Communication and Marshall School of Business, guest teaches at the UCLA School of Law and is on the executive leadership faculty of the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village. Lee is the author of *Stop Blocking, Start Connecting: 8 Key Skills of Successful Communicators*.

Rabbi Ken Chasen became the Senior Rabbi of Leo Baeck Temple in 2003. Prior to joining Leo Baeck Temple, he served as the Associate Rabbi of Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, New York, where his tenure was marked by significant innovation in the areas of religious worship and lifelong Jewish education. Upon commencing rabbinical school in 1993, Rabbi Chasen was awarded the highly selective Wexner Graduate Fellowship. Rabbi Chasen holds a Master's degree in Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), where he received rabbinic ordination in 1998. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout his rabbinical studies, culminating with the Simon Lazarus Memorial Prize for attaining the highest overall academic standing in his ordination class.

Rabbi William Cutter is a retired Professor of Modern Literature and Human Relations at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and Director Emeritus of the Lee and Irving Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health, as well as Director Emeritus of the Rhea Hirsch School of Education. He is the author of some three hundred essays and articles on Judaism and health, Hebrew literature, and education. This year marks his 53rd as an LBT member.

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Dr. Uri Dorchin is Senior Lecturer at Zefat Academic College in Israel, and the Israel Institute Visiting Assistant Professor at the UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies in 2018-19. Dorchin studies popular culture and mass media and their implications for contemporary Israeli society, and his most recent research focuses on Israeli rap and hip hop music. He is the author of the book *Real Time: Hip-Hop in Israel/ Israeli Hip Hop* (Tel Aviv: Resling, in Hebrew) and numerous articles on Jewish and Arab Rap in Israel. He holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology and Sociology from Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

Hannah Elkin is a rabbinic and education student at HUC-JIR and is the rabbinic-education intern at LBT this year. She will be receiving her M.A. in Jewish Education this May and plans to be ordained in 2021. Before rabbinical school, Hannah completed her B.A. in Religious Studies at Middlebury College and a Master of Theological Studies with concentrations in Jewish Studies and Women, Gender, and Religion at Harvard Divinity School.

Norm Gee is a Certified Yoga Instructor and has been teaching a Yoga class here at LBT for the past nine years. He has also twice served on LBT's Board of Trustees. He holds teaching credentials in Elementary Education and Administration.

Dr. Mark Green is a full-time mathematician, one-time institute director, sometime poet, and all-the-time insatiably curious about the universe and its inhabitants, especially Jews.

Scott Greenberg

For over twenty years, Scott Greenberg has captivated audiences worldwide with his motivational presentations on leadership, resilience and peak performance. Clients include Nike, the Wyndham Hotel Group and the U.S. Air Force. He's written three books on leadership and is a contributing author to *Chicken Soup for the College Soul*.

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Bill Grundfest ... According to the wikipedia page about him, Bill Grundfest is a big Jew. He is also a Golden Globe award winning writer with three Emmy nominations whose big commercial hit was *Mad About You* and whose personal hits are his sons and his wife Janet, a former trustee of LBT who has recently launched a kickstarter campaign raising \$300 to have him whacked. When not in public, Bill bears a striking resemblance to the young Robert Wagner.

Jesse Israel is an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company in Glendale. A native of Boston, Jesse has been in Los Angeles since 2002, and worked in the Entertainment Business as a Producer and Executive before joining New York Life, where he dedicates his practice to educating and helping families plan for the future.

Cantor Linda Kates

Cantor Linda Kates is a native of Los Angeles and has lived in the San Fernando Valley most of her life. Growing up, Cantor Kates sang in school and temple choirs and eventually found herself on staff at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Simi Valley in 1983. This is where her love for Judaism flourished and her journey really began. From there she was sent to Stephen S. Wise Temple where she stayed for 25 years. At Stephen S. Wise Temple she studied with the renowned teacher of Hazzanut, Cantor Nathan Lam. In 1995, Cantor Kates was certified by the Cantors Assembly of Conservative Judaism as a Master of Cantorial Studies and given the title of Hazzan. She continued to spread both her talents and her love of the cantorate by co-chairing the Western Region of the Cantors Assembly for the last ten years, organizing workshops, conferences and projects, as well as serving on their Executive Council from 2003-2006.

Evan Marc Katz

Billed as a “personal trainer for smart, strong, successful women,” dating coach Evan Marc Katz has been helping singles since 2003. He is the author of four books, most recently, *Believe in Love*, and has been featured in hundreds of media outlets, including *Today*, *The New York Times*, and CNN. In the past three years, Evan’s blog got over 24 million readers and thousands of women have graduated from Love U, his six-month video course that helps women understand men and find love. Evan is very happily married and lives in Los Angeles with his wife and their two children.

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Dr. Rachel Kennison is a marine ecologist who is passionate about promoting research, teaching, and mentoring students. She is currently Assistant Director of the Undergraduate Research Center-Sciences at UCLA and in this role celebrates and provides access to science research to all students. Her work involves the UCLA Grand Challenge Project, "A Sustainable Los Angeles" and teaching a course on sustainability. Previously, she was Dir. of a K-12 ocean science outreach and education program which connected teachers with cutting edge climate change researchers. Her top two passions are to provide a secure pathway to the sciences for minority students and communicate science to a broad audience.

Rabbi Joshua Knobel

Born and raised in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Rabbi Joshua Knobel received a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a Commission as a Second Lieutenant from the United States Military Academy in 2001. After serving as a Telecommunications Officer for seven years, including deployments to Kuwait and Afghanistan, Joshua decided to become a Rabbi. Joshua received his ordination alongside his beloved wife, Rabbi Lisa Berney, in May 2014, and currently serves as a Rabbi of Stephen Wise Temple and Dean of Student and Family Life at Wise School.

Peachy Levy is a founding member of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ), a former board member of LBT, an Overseer of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and a textile artist specializing in Jewish Ceremonial objects and decorative textiles. Her work is in collections of the Skirball Museum, HUC-JIR in Los Angeles, Hillel Council at UCLA and many synagogues and private collections in the U.S. and Israel. She has been an Artist in Residence at Brandeis/Bardin and HUC-JIR in Los Angeles.

Tami Lowensohn cooks something every day. Sometimes she cooks for her family and friends, sometimes she cooks in restaurants, sometimes she cooks for the homeless, and sometimes she cooks for Leo Baeck Temple. Today, she's cooking for you!

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Jon Michaels is Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law. His recent writings have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, the *Harvard Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review*, the *Washington Post*, the *Guardian*, the *American Prospect*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. His book, *Constitutional Coup: Privatization's Threat to the American Republic*, was published by Harvard University Press in November 2017 and is available via Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc. Michaels is a graduate of Williams College, Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and Yale Law School. Michaels clerked first for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and then for Justice David Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Elizabeth Morrison, Ph.D

As the Senior Curator of Manuscripts at the J. Paul Getty Museum Elizabeth received her PhD in the History of Art from Cornell University and began work at the Getty in 1996. During her tenure there, she has curated numerous exhibitions including the 2010 co-curated exhibition *Imagining the Past in France, 1250-1500*, which was a finalist for the College Arts Association award for outstanding exhibition catalogue. She has published on both Flemish and French illumination and has served on the boards of the International Center of Medieval Art and the Medieval Academy of America.

Rabbi Sandy Ragins

Rabbi Ragins is the Senior Rabbi Emeritus of Leo Baeck Temple. In 1964, LBT invited Sandy to serve as its Rabbi while Leonard Beerman was on sabbatical. He was persuaded to stay on as the temple's very first Assistant Rabbi for the following year. He went on to serve other congregations, but he eventually returned to Los Angeles and Leo Baeck Temple and became our Associate Rabbi in 1972. When Rabbi Beerman (obm) announced his retirement in 1986, Rabbi Ragins was chosen as Senior Rabbi of the temple. It was our congregation's privilege to have Rabbi Ragins serve in that capacity until his retirement in 2003. He enjoys having more time to spend with his family, Masayo, Arona, Marc, Noam, Mindy, Yohanna, and especially with his grandchildren.

presenter bios (listed alphabetically)

Maura Resnick is a native of Los Angeles (and a bat mitzvah at LBT), but attended high school in Jerusalem, graduating from the Hebrew University Secondary School (Tichon L'yad Ha'universita). She maintains close ties to Israel through friends and family around the country, and through her professional work as Deputy Director of the UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies. At the Center, Maura identifies and arranges for visiting Israeli faculty to teach undergraduate courses, plans a wide range of public programs on diverse aspects of Israel with guest lecturers and artists, mentors students, and serves as chief administrative officer. The job provides regular opportunities for her to speak Hebrew and – along with annual visits to Israel - helps to keep her (reasonably) fluent. Maura's professional career also includes extensive experience in the non-profit and private sectors and in government.

Harlow Robinson is an author, lecturer and Matthews Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of History at Northeastern University. His books include *Russians in Hollywood, Hollywood's Russians; Sergei Prokofiev: A Biography; Selected Letters of Sergei Prokofiev; and The Last Impresario: The Life, Times and Legacy of Sol Hurok* (Viking/Penguin). His biography of film director Lewis Milestone will be published in 2019. His articles, essays and reviews have appeared in *The New York Times, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, Opera News, Musical America, Cineaste, San Francisco Chronicle, Stagebill*, and other publications. As a lecturer, he has appeared at numerous prestigious museums, art festivals, and symphony halls. He has been traveling regularly to the former USSR and Russia since 1970.

Rabbi Benjamin Ross was raised in Newton, MA, refined in Brooklyn, NY, and received a B.A. in Comparative Religion from the University of Rochester. From 1996 to 2011 Benjamin worked as a community organizer in Harlem and Brooklyn and directed national leadership initiatives in the Jewish community for Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice. While at HUC-JIR he interned at East End Temple in NYC, Kol Ami in White Plains, and Beth Ha-Sholom in Williamsport, PA, and was mentored by rabbis and congregants alike. In addition, Benjamin founded www.ProjectZug.org, connecting hundreds of Israeli, Americans, and Jews around the globe in one-to-one online learning, and conceived and directed HUC-JIR's Smashing Idols Fellowship, to engage college students to strengthen progressive Jewish life on campus. Benjamin is married to Liz Bennett and they have two boys, Reuven and Zeke.

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Larry Sterling was an independent professional advertising product photographer with a range of clients, including Disney, Warner Brothers, Applause, Baxter Health, and numerous electronic tool and cosmetic companies. He then entered the field of digital graphics and media and has supplied images for concerns such as Disney and Universal theme parks. Currently, he is creating new fused glass projects. Larry is Vice President of LBT Programming, and we at the temple are fortunate for his photography at many of our events.

Dr. Joye Weisel-Barth is a senior instructor, training analyst, and supervisor at the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles. Her psychological and analytic practice is in Encino, California. Joye is Book Review Editor for Psychoanalysis, Self and Context, Associate Editor of Psychoanalytic Dialogues, and a frequent contributor to major psychoanalytic journals. And she loves her doggies.

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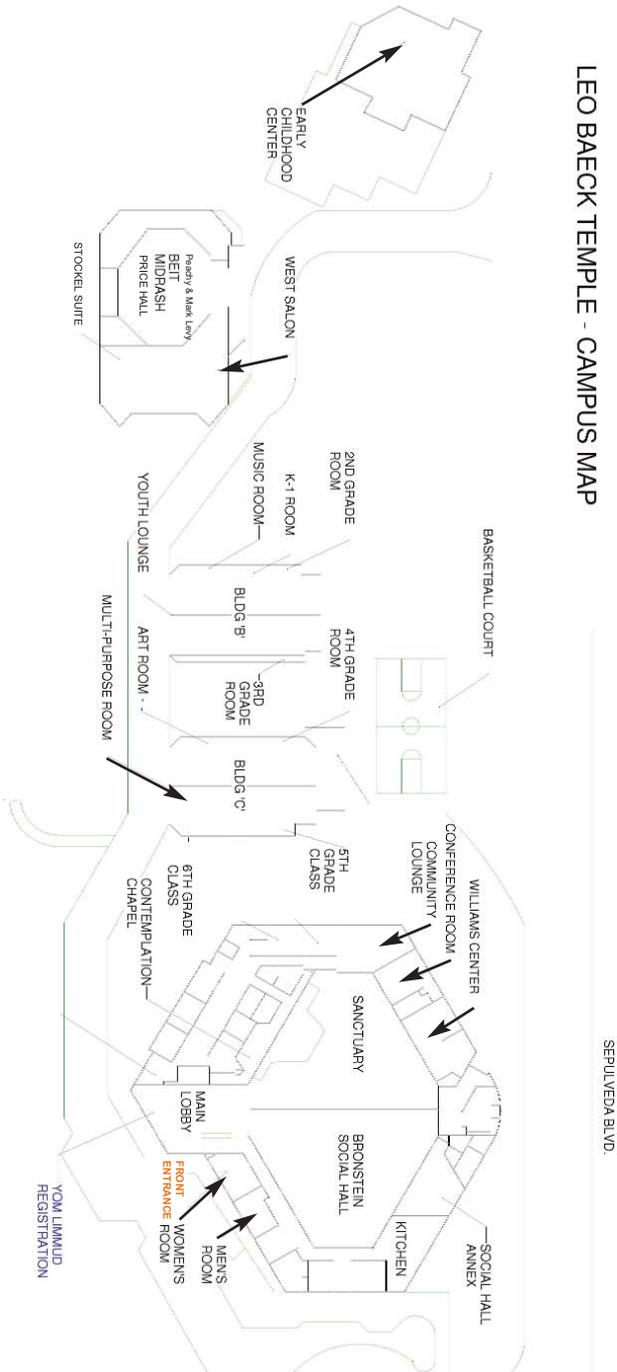
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