



**New Year's Resolution:**

Get to know my Temple Family better!

**Solution:**

Attend special Shabbat Services & Oneg Rav on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM!

We are honoring our **NEW MEMBERS** at Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> services, followed by our second "Oneg Rav" ("Abundant Reception"); an opportunity to shmooze, nosh and spend time with our fellow congregants! All members who joined since July will be our honored guests ... and this will be a great opportunity to make them feel welcome and appreciated. **Mark your calendars now and join us!**

## Upcoming Events to Calendar:

(see full page flyers inside)

- Thursday, January 18: 6:30 pm  
A Wider Bridge "Generation Zahav"
- Sunday, January 21: 9:30 am-1:00 pm  
Feast of Jewish Learning
- Sunday, January 28: 4:00 pm  
Judaism in 21<sup>st</sup> C: Naomi Ackerman
- Sunday, February 11: 4:00 pm  
Mark Oppenheim "Jewish Media Conspiracy"
- Sunday, February 18: 2:00 pm  
'Spanning the Decades' Modernism Fashion Show
- Tuesday, February 27: 3:00 pm  
First Book Discussion Group session.
- Thursday, March 1: PURIM 5:00 pm  
Megillah reading followed by Potluck Supper
- Sunday, March 18-Wednesday, March 21  
FIFTH ANNUAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



## PURIM POTLUCK



MILCHIG POTLUCK SUPPER  
.... & HAMANTASHEN!

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018  
MEGILLAH READING 5:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER

WATCH FOR DETAILS COMING SOON!

## ❖ From Our President's Desk

### Soo Borson, M.D.

Dear Temple Isaiah Family,

Happy New Year! When I ran for the Board of Trustees last winter, I knew the challenges that lay ahead. Now I am honored to serve as your President for the coming year. Thanks to the strong engagement of our members, we are becoming ever more tolerant and respectful of everyone's contribution. We prize the varied forms those contributions take – our own local Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.



We sustain our Torah study - in private, in class, and in sponsored lectures and events that move us deeper into Jewish learning, and our prayer is strong.

We've exceeded expectations with some of our fundraising events – thank you, **Rabbi Lazar**, our in-house bluesman. Our first-ever Hanukkah party at the Hard Rock Hotel raised our energy to new heights – thanks to our **Chris Spellman** and **Adam Gilbert**, and to **Adam Levy** of Hard Rock – for making this happen and bringing **Klezmer Juice** to get us dancing! Thank you, **Madalina Garza**, for bringing our social media presence, website, and graphic design into amazing shape. And thank you, **Harold Matzner**, for your great generosity. You enabled us to cover last year's financial deficit and start to lay the foundation for a forward-looking strategic plan.

But we are far from comfortable – there's no nicer way to put it. We're working diligently to track and reduce expenses wherever we can. And we agreed to keep our building off the market in exchange for pledged donations that would help offset our deficit for the coming year – and we anticipate those pledges will be honored soon.

We have a lot to do this year – your new Board of Trustees has a full agenda. Our board members bring a wide range of skills – they "stop the buck", set the tone for constructive dialogue, and represent us in the wider community. And they're the ones who generate – or discover – creative ideas for practical action. That's what we need to sustain both our congregational family and our home in the Louis and Florence Kitis Jewish Community Center/Temple Isaiah. Our annual Jewish Film Festival will be the best yet (thank you, **Eileen Stern** and your hardworking group!). Here's more for the coming year – look for updates monthly in this column.

• **A bigger presence in Modernism Week 2018** - three events at Temple Isaiah! A historical architectural tour created by **Chuck Steinman** and **Nic Behrmann**, a jazz cello concert organized by **Larry Fechter** and **Tom Stansbury**, and a fashion show curated and launched by **Mitchel Karp**.

• **A full-service outpatient substance dependence treatment program** owned by, and located in, Temple Isaiah and managed by an experienced operator. This program fills a key gap in the Valley, featuring up-to-date best practices in treating substance dependence,

especially opioid addiction. Many thanks to Board member **Ron Martinez** for finding this partnership opportunity, making the connection, and keeping us on track as we work through the necessary steps!

• **New community service partnerships.** We've begun conversations with several organizations that provide skills and business training for people left out of mainstream opportunities. In practicing our Jewish commitment to repairing the world, we provide needed space for them to expand into Palm Springs and earn essential rental income.

• **New uses for old space.** We have started the process of restoring our kitchens to certified working order - to support rentals as well as for our own use. (We need to fix less-exciting infrastructure problems too, but let's not kill the buzz.).

We want to hear from you! Find contacts for congregants and board members on ShulCloud, or just ask. Find me at [soo.borson@gmail.com](mailto:soo.borson@gmail.com).

Talk with you here next month,

*Soo*



Soo Borson  
President



Larry Fechter  
Vice President



Steve Gorosh  
New member &  
Secretary



B. Richard Jeffery  
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Mitchel Karp

Ron Martinez



Joan Behrmann, New Board member ⇒

A heartfelt thank you to  
**EVZIN RESTAURANT**  
for providing the Oneg Rav in December. Evzin is a new addition to the Palm Springs restaurant scene, serving wonderful Mediterranean fare in a comfortable, airy, modern setting, located in the Caliente Tropics Hotel, 411 East Palm Canyon Drive (close to "the curve").

Open from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm most nights.  
Reservations: Call 760-656-8764. Check out their menu at [www.evzincuisine.com](http://www.evzincuisine.com). Please patronize Evzin!



**Sun, January 28, 2018,  
4:00pm**

**NAOMI ACKERMAN**

"Thursdays in Juvie: A Jewish  
Educator Working in the  
Prison System."



Naomi Ackerman

**TICKETS**

**Members \$12** - Individual Lecture

**Guests \$18** - Individual Lecture

Order tickets online at  
[templeisaiahps.com](http://templeisaiahps.com) or call the office.  
Tel: (760) 325-2281

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.



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**or have someone  
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**so that  
Rabbi David Lazar  
can be in contact  
with you.**



## ❖ *From the Rabbi's Study* Rabbi David Lazar



### IN A DEEP WAY AND ON A REGULAR BASIS

Our lecture series, **Judaism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**, began the season this year with a joint presentation by my good friend and colleague, Father Andrew Green of St. Paul's in the Desert, and me, on the two biblical precepts, "Love your neighbor" and "Love your God." As we dialogued, it became clear that the Christian and Jewish approaches to these texts agree that these two commandments are fundamentally bound to one another. We achieve a greater love of God through an awareness that each and every human being is created in God's image and, in turn, by treating others accordingly. Likewise, our love of others potentially grows through our devotion to God, that is, through customs and prayer we are able to improve our character. If so, *Tikkun Olam*, fixing the world, is not merely improving the state of all humanity, but a religious act, part of making God's creation whole again.

Temple Isaiah continues its historical role in Palm Springs, as a center of both loving God and loving humanity, in its devotion to the Jewish people and tradition. Our prayer services, holiday observance and Torah study accompany and inspire our efforts to improve the lot of everyone around us. Our cooperative work with the Well in the Desert – Palm Springs' leading organization dedicated to helping the homeless - is making a real difference. Over 40 of our congregational members and their holiday guests showed up at the Palm Springs Convention Center on Christmas Day to help greet and serve the festive meal the Well provided to some 2,000 folks from across the Coachella Valley. Likewise, close to a hundred members and visitors to the Temple in the last month donated many of the toys that were given out at this event.

As proud as we are of these and all the other things we do to contribute to others, I want to remind us all that the true goal is reaching out in a deep way and on a regular basis. The coming months will see a number of programs aimed at furthering this goal:

- Together with the Well in the Desert, we are currently in the planning stages of a cultural program for area youth and young adults, to offer them exposure and workshops with experts in the fields of journalism, photography, creative writing, music, cooking and art.
- President Soo Borson discussed our plans for opening an outpatient drug rehabilitation program at the annual membership meeting. We are now planning how best to prepare our staff and our volunteers with training in this field.

- Education is an important facet of formulating a Jewish approach to social action and justice. We must continue to challenge ourselves with new issues and with new focal points on some of the old ones. To this end, we continue to present some of the most cutting-edge topics in our Judaism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century series this year, among them interfaith dialogue, prison reform and Diaspora-Israel relations.

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** Award-winning actor and educator, **Naomi Ackerman**, will share with us her experiences in the juvenile prison system. (see ad on page 3).

In the months to come we will hear from **Rabbi Brad Hirschfield (February 18)** and **Rabbi Chaya Rowen Baker (April 29)** on different aspects of relations between US Jews and the State of Israel.

Please join us and take part in improving our community at large in a deep way and on a regular basis!

*Rabbi David Lazar*



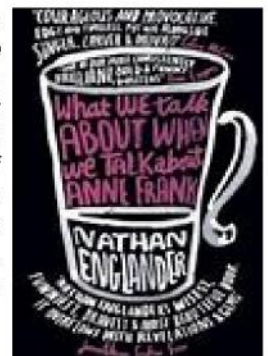
### Temple Isaiah BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Coming in February!

Join the new Temple Isaiah Book Discussion Group. Self led, we will read and discuss both fiction and non-fiction books on a variety of Jewish themes.

**FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, February 27, 3:00 pm**

In our first session, we will discuss ***What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*** by Nathan Englander. In this book, Englander offers eight fascinating short stories that address the challenges of contemporary Jewish life both in the U.S. and Israel. The characters wrestle with guilt, retribution, forgiveness, sexual longing, and the boundary between good and evil.

Mark your calendar!



For more information contact Marc Becker at:  
[mbecker4985@gmail.com](mailto:mbecker4985@gmail.com).



## ❖ *From the Executive Director* **Douglas Morton**

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2018 is here. My wish for the new year is that this will be the year we turn our Temple around and start moving in the direction of positive growth and security. I know our new Board, under the leadership of Soo Borson, will make this a main focus and together we will strengthen and secure our future at Temple Isaiah.



We are fortunate to have two outstanding new members joining our Board of Trustees. Welcome to **Steve Gorosh** and **Joan Behrmann**. Steve comes to us from New York, where he was an attorney. I have worked with him on the Finance Committee this past year and he has many exceptional skills. Joan Behrmann is a powerhouse in her own right. She originally came to our community as Editor of the Desert Sun in the 1980's. She and her husband, **Rabbi Nicholas Behrmann**, decided to retire to Palm Springs from Santa Fe New Mexico and we will be beneficiaries of their decision! By the way, did you notice, in Soo's article, that Nick Behrmann is co-facilitating the Modernism Week Temple tours?

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the ongoing contributions of our former presidents Bob Fey and Gary Miller. While no longer on the board, they have much to bring to our future planning as we move forward.

Many of you were at our Annual Meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and got a report on our finances and plans for the future. In short, we're facing a deficit of around \$80,000 for this fiscal year. While that will be better than some we've faced in the past, it is still a deficit. It is my hope that together we'll all pull together and find a way to reduce or eliminate this as much as possible. **Soo Borson** spoke about a variety of plans for maximizing income from our building and the Board is already hard at work trying to make this a reality.

### **A FEW DATES TO SAVE ON YOUR CALENDAR:**



☐ **Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm: A Wider Bridge** invites you to meet their grantees advancing LGBTQ seniors' rights, community and social services in Israel. Joining the Israeli delegation are Sara

Sweiry and Robin Rosenbaum of Beshala (the organization of LGBTQ Israeli senior women) and Chen Arieli, chair of Aguda - Israel LGBTQ Task Force. Cost: \$10 for Temple members and Wider Bridge members; others \$18. See ad in the Chai Lights and also check out our website for more information and to RSVP: [www.templeisiahps.com](http://www.templeisiahps.com).

☐ **Sunday, January 21, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm**

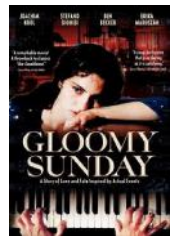
Jewish Federation of the Desert's **Feast of Jewish Learning** at Palm Valley School in Rancho Mirage. Rabbi Lazar is one of the presenters. This is always a great experience and I urge you to take advantage and attend. We've included their ad in this issue of the Chai Lights.

☐ **Sunday, January 28 at 4:00 pm**

Second lecture in our "Judaism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Series" with **Naomi Ackerman**. Her topic: "*Thursdays in Juvie: A Jewish Educator Working in the Prison System.*" See page 3 for details.

☐ **Friday, February 2 at 6:30 pm** We're honoring our new members at services this evening ... and having our second 'Oneg Rav' following. Info is on the cover. Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend.

☐ **Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm at the Camelot Theatres.** Time for the movies! In good Jewish tradition, we are offering a second "*forshpeis*" of our fabulous March 18-21, 2018 Fifth Annual Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival. For \$5 you can see the film "*Gloomy Sunday*," about the 1930's song recorded by Billie Holiday. It's a love story with a twist. Order your tickets online or call the office. Space is limited.



☐ **Sunday, February 11 at 4:00 pm** is the second of this year's Philip and Eleanor Short Lecture Series, which we co-sponsor with the University of California Riverside - with Maimonides Chair of Jewish Studies Dr. Michael Alexander. The program: **Mark Oppenheimer** speaking on "*The Jewish Media Conspiracy: From the Old Yiddish Forever to the World of Podcasts*". See the flyer in the Chai Lights. This promises to be a great lecture. Join us!

☐ **Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 pm.** We're offering a **Book Discussion Group** at the Temple, beginning next month. It will be self-led, and promises to be a great opportunity to discuss interesting books together. See ad at the bottom of page 4. Contact Marc Becker for more information.

☐ **TIWA**, our Temple's Women's Auxiliary, is planning a **Purim Potluck** following the Megillah Reading on Thursday, March 1st. It was fabulous last year. I cannot wait! Watch for details!



☐ And of course you all have marked off **Sunday, March 18 through Wednesday, March 21** for the **Fifth Annual Jewish Film Festival**. Eileen Stern and her committee are so excited about the exceptional quality of films.

PLEASE go to **[www.psfff.com](http://www.psfff.com)** and check out trailers of the films ... and you can purchase your tickets there too!

Shalom,

*Doug*

# SHORT FAMILY LECTURES

MARK OPPENHEIMER

## THE JEWISH MEDIA CONSPIRACY:

FROM THE OLD YIDDISH  
FORVERTS TO THE WORLD  
OF PODCASTS

Sunday, February 11, 2018

4:00 PM

Temple Isaiah  
332 West Alejo Road  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
Tel: (760) 325-2281

### TICKETS

\$10 members - \$15 non members

  
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# Temple Annual Meeting • December 19, 2017



The 2017 Annual Meeting was held in the Temple's Warsaw Ballroom on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the last night of Hanukkah. Chaired by President Christopher Spellman, the year's accomplishments were presented by Executive Director Douglas Morton, and the future challenges were discussed by Vice President (and incoming President) Soo Borson. Joan Behrmann and Steve Gorosh were elected to the Board and Christopher Spellman elected to his second three year term. Rabbi David Lazar lit the Hanukkah candles and gave a d'var torah on the season. The meeting was followed by a latke party in celebration of Hanukkah.



Photos: **Top row:**

President Christopher Spellman, Vice President Soo Borson and Executive Director Douglas Morton.

**Bottom row:** Rabbi David Lazar and ... personifying the Hanukkah spirit ... Steve Shuman and Richard Jeffery (*It is hard to tell in the picture, but Steve's candles actually lit up!*)



## In Memory of: Yahrzeit Fund

Soo Borson in loving memory of her father, Harry Borson

Carl Witas in loving memory of his father, Harry Witas

Pearl Davis in loving memory of her brother, Irving Berkson

Ruth Sonderling in loving memory of her husband, Paul Sonderling

Milt Levinson in loving memory of his grandfather, Albert Levinson

Estelle Silberman in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Frieda Silberman

Maurice Polar in loving memory of his father, Joseph Polar

Ira Helf in loving memory of his mother, Bernice Helf

Marilyn Ruekberg in loving memory of her father, Abe Steinberg

Edward Hiser in loving memory of his mother, Hazel Ida Hiser

## General Contributions

Ruth Peckarsky in honor of her Aliyah

George E. King

Paul Glackman

Douglas Morton in honor of Ira Helf reading the Haftorah December 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Terry Jane Raynor in loving memory of her husband, Maurice Raynor

## Sponsored Oneg / Kiddush

Kiddush sponsored by Esther Lott in honor of her safe return to the desert for the winter

Oneg sponsored by Nicolas & Joan Behrmann in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Call the Temple Office to order Tribute Cards... to honor, console or remember: 760-325-2281**



... to our very special members!

## Megillah Members

- ❖ Libby Aaronson
- ❖ Sean Anderson
- ❖ Jerome Angel
- ❖ Shoshana Barer & Denny Seidenfeld
- ❖ Julie Bornstein
- ❖ Soo Borson & Jake Wright
- ❖ Cheryl & Bob Fey
- ❖ Melanie Garver & Boris Gurevich
- ❖ Marshall Gelfand & Jacqueline Rudman
- ❖ Sascha & Rabbi David Lazar
- ❖ Serene Lazar
- ❖ Harold Matzner
- ❖ Sandie Ovesen & Michael Cohen
- ❖ Eileen & Marvin Stern

## Menorah Members

- ❖ Patricia & Stuart Barton
- ❖ David Cheifetz
- ❖ Bernice & Buddy Cohen
- ❖ Michelle Coneybeare
- ❖ Larry Fechter & Tom Stansbury
- ❖ Judy Gordon & Sharon Nantell
- ❖ Steve Gorosh
- ❖ Helen Gottschalk
- ❖ B. Richard Jeffery
- ❖ Bill & Gail Goff Kanter
- ❖ Geoffrey Kors & James Williamson
- ❖ Andy Linsky
- ❖ Ron Martinez
- ❖ Vicki & Gary Miller
- ❖ Barbara Pitts
- ❖ Barbara Platt
- ❖ Johannes Rheinheimer
- ❖ Irwin Sacks
- ❖ Jackie Smason
- ❖ Wendy & Bob Solomon
- ❖ Beth & Charles Spitz
- ❖ Ralph Tash
- ❖ Rita Claire & Bill Thom
- ❖ Les Zendle & Jerry Hanson



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Jerry & Susan Steinberger  
Dan & Jan Terzian

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Nancy Cobb  
Michelle Coneybeare  
Heddy Ferber  
Cheryl Fey  
Alyce Lazar

Shirley Randolph  
Estelle Silberman  
Gary Stone  
Kerry Turner  
Fabian Vargas

TEMPLE ISAIAH  
**TIWA**  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Very important meeting on **Tuesday, January 9th at 1:00 pm** in the foyer in front of gift shop. We will be discussing upcoming events as well as topics pertaining to TIWA's role in Temple Isaiah. Not a member, but interested? Please come too!

*Shoshana Barer*

Call the Temple  
Office for rates  
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# Fifth Annual Jewish Film Festival March 18-21

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**

## Opening Film: ♦ **KEEP THE CHANGE**

(94 minutes, USA)

4:00-6:00 pm

David, an upper-class charmer, is mandated to attend a support group for adults with disabilities where he is forced to face his high-functioning autism. When paired with Sarah - a quirky and outgoing woman whose optimism initially irks David - they forge a bond. An endearing and naturalistic romantic comedy about people navigating the difficulties of a relationship.



## ♦ **OUR FATHER** (146 minutes, Israel)



3:00-5:30 pm Ovadia is a fearless, strong doorman of a Tel Aviv night club. His biggest dream is to become a father as he and his wife have tried to get pregnant for 5 years. A

small-time gangster hires Ovadia, enabling the couple to afford expensive fertility treatment. Once Ovadia decides to quit he finds it's not that easy. [12 nominations Israeli Academy Awards]

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018**

## ♦ **QUIET HEART** (92 minutes, Israel)

10:00-11:30 am In present day Jerusalem, increasingly dominated by religious fanaticism, Naomi, a secular woman seeks refuge from the pressure of her life as a



concert pianist. Overwhelmed by expectations of her parents in Tel Aviv, Naomi seeks anonymity and solitude. Despite intentions to stay alone, she makes two connections - with a musically gifted ultra-Orthodox boy and with a charismatic Italian monk and organist.

## ♦ **GERMANS & JEWS** (76 minutes, USA)



10:00-11:30 am Today, Europe's fastest growing Jewish population is in Berlin. Through personal stories Germans and Jews explore Germany's transformation as a society, from silence about the Holocaust to

facing it head on. A nuanced story of reconciliation emerges. *Introduction by Rabbi David Lazar.*

## ♦ **90 MINUTE WAR** (90 minutes, Israel, Germany & Portugal) 1-2:30 pm

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is 100 years of war, bloodshed, bitterness and suffering; 100 years of stalemate and failed peace deals. They've finally found the solution: A game of soccer. Winner gets to stay, loser leaves forever. No whining. The 90 Minute War - a mockumentary!



(Repeated Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 am)

## ♦ **SHORTS PROGRAM**

12:30-2:15 pm

Eclectic program to entertain, engage & enlighten:

- ❖ **CLOSE THE SHUTTERS** (Israel, 5 minutes)
- ❖ **AN AVERAGE STORY** (Israel, 18 minutes)
- ❖ **KID YAMAKA** (USA, 14 minutes)
- ❖ **THE TRANSFER** (Israel, 22 minutes)
- ❖ **COMPARTMENTS** (Germany, 15 minutes)
- ❖ **WENDY'S SHABBAT** (USA, 4 minutes)
- ❖ **A TALE OF A WOMAN AND A ROBE** (Israel, 30 minutes)

*Q & A following film with Rabbi David Lazar*



# Order your tickets now at [www.psiff.com](http://www.psiff.com)!

3:00-5:00 pm

◆ **BE HAPPY TONIGHT** (18 minutes, Israel) A young, Orthodox couple with three children travel to the other side of town to change identities and feel the freedom that night life has to offer.



◆ **THE RABBI'S DAUGHTER AND THE MIDWIFE**

(50 minutes, Israel)

Adina Bar-Shalom, daughter of revered Rabbi Ovadia Yossef, established the first academic institution of higher learning for the ultra-Orthodox women in Israel. *Discussion with Shaindy Friedman, Chabad of Palm Desert, and Sascha Lazar, Temple Isaiah, moderated by Rabbi David Lazar.*



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

◆ **90 MINUTE WAR**

10:00-11:30 am

Repeat screening



◆ **1945** (91 minutes, Hungary & Russia)

1:00-2:30 pm August 12, 1945 - 11:00 am: Two mysterious strangers dressed in black appear at the railway station of a Hungarian village. Within a few hours everything changes. Director



Ferenc Török paints a complex picture of a society coming to terms with the recent horrors they've experienced, perpetrated, or tolerated for personal gain. Award winning film, including San Francisco, Washington and Berlin Jewish film festivals.

◆ **WOUNDED LAND** (80 minutes, Israel)

3:00-4:30 pm An Israeli policeman finds his loyalties and values tested in the aftermath of an horrific terrorist attack in this fast-paced, spellbinding thriller. Nominated for 11 Israeli Academy Awards; won for Best Director Erez Tadmor & Best Actor Roy Assaf.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 21, 2018

### Closing Night Film ◆ **MR. GAGA**

6:00-8:00 pm (100 minutes: Israel, Germany & Netherlands)

Documentary tells the story of Ohad Naharin, renowned choreographer and artistic director of the BatSheva Dance Company, an artistic genius who redefined the language of modern dance.



## SCHEDULE OF SCREENINGS

All Screenings at the Camelot Theatres  
2300 East Baristo, Palm Springs, CA 92262

### Sunday, March 18 Opening Film

4:00-6:00 pm Keep the Change

### Monday, March 19, 2018

10:00 - 11:30 am Germans & Jews

*Introduced by Rabbi David Lazar, Temple Isaiah*

1:00 - 2:30 pm 90 Minute War

3:00 - 5:30 pm Our Father

### Tuesday, March 20, 2018

10:00 - 11:30 am Quiet Heart

12:30 - 2:15 pm Shorts Program

3:00 - 5:00 pm Be Happy Tonight & Rabbi's Daughter & the Midwife

*Discussion with Shaindy Friedman & Sascha Lazar follows film, moderated by Rabbi David Lazar*

### Wednesday, March 21, 2018

10:00 - 11:30 am 90 Minute War (Repeated)

1:00 - 2:30 pm 1945

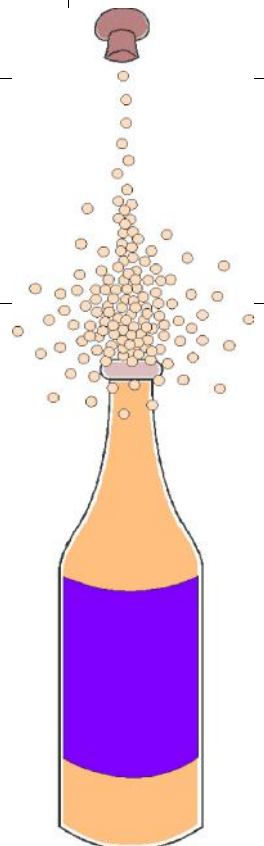
3:00 - 4:30 pm Wounded Land

### Wednesday, March 21 - Closing Film

6:00 - 8:00 pm Mr. Gaga



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2018</h1> 						
	1 Temple office closed <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 (No classes)	4	5 6:30 pm Shabbat services	6 10 am Shabbat service
7 Temple office closed	8 Temple office closed	9	10 (No classes)	11	12 6:30 pm Shabbat services	13 10 am Shabbat service
14 Temple office closed	15 Temple office closed	16	17 3-4:15 pm <i>Exploza Totah</i> with Rabbi Lazar 6 pm 2BaJew	18 6:30 pm A Wider Bridge/LBTQ in Israel program	19 6:30 pm Shabbat services	20 10 am Shabbat service
21 Temple office closed <b>FEAST OF JEWISH LEARNING</b> Palm Valley School	22 Temple office closed	23	24 3-4:15 pm <i>Exploza Totah</i> with Rabbi Lazar 6 pm 2BaJew	25	26 6:30 pm Shabbat services	27 10 am Shabbat service
28 Temple office closed 4 pm Judaism in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Lecture: Naomi Ackerman	29	30	31 3-4:15 pm <i>Exploza Totah</i> with Rabbi Lazar 6 pm 2BaJew			



## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Friday, January 5  
 Friday, January 12  
 Friday, January 19  
 Friday, January 26

Shabbat Shmot 4:10 pm  
 Shabbat Vaerah 4:16 pm  
 Shabbat Bo 4:22 pm  
 Shabbat Beshalach 4:29 pm



# Hanukkah with Klezmer Juice at the Hard Rock Hotel

Sunday, December 17, 2017



Thank you to Madalina Garza for the photos





**FEBRUARY 18, 2018  
2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM  
TEMPLE ISIAIAH  
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332 WEST ALEJO RD  
PALM SPRINGS**



Transport your self through the eyes of Coco Chanel. Emilio Pucci and Dior as Mitchells Palm Springs collaborates with M Vintage to bring you "Haute Couture" at its best. Trunk show to follow. Beverages provided by Azucar at La Serena Villas. Sweets provided by Bread and Butter Catering. Industry stylist Neil Cohen will answer your fashion questions. Tickets available at [www.modernismweek.com/event/250712](http://www.modernismweek.com/event/250712)





# FEAST OF JEWISH LEARNING 3

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018 ■ 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Held at PALM VALLEY SCHOOL**

**35525 Da Vall (between Dinah Shore & Gerald Ford), Rancho Mirage**

A morning dedicated to promoting inspiration & a thought provoking exchange through Jewish learning



**Dr. Michael Alexander**



**Rabbi Andrew Bentley**



**Rabbi Yonason Denebeim**



**Rabbi Malka Drucker**



**Rabbi-in-Training Jules King**



**Rabbi Yankel Kreiman**



**Rabbi David Lazar**



**Rabbi Richard Zions**

**Each instructor will present two sessions. Choose one class per session.**

## **FIRST SESSION: 9:45-10:45 AM**

- A Rabbi Bentley: Disorganized Religion.
- B Rabbi Denebeim: The Bounty of Our Holy Land: Kabbalah and Seven Fruits of Israel
- C Rabbi Drucker: The Gift of Forgiveness
- D Rabbi-in-Training King: Survival, Music and The Holocaust.
- E Rabbi Kreiman: The 7 Species of Israel - A Kabbalistic Approach
- F Rabbi Lazar: To Rest in Peace: Burial & Cremation in the Jewish Tradition
- G Rabbi Zions: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Search for a Homeland: Birobidzhan and Why It Failed.

## **SECOND SESSION: 11:00 AM to Noon**

- H Rabbi Bentley: How to Find Common Ground in a Divided World.
- I Rabbi Denebeim: Splitting the Red Sea: Fact or Fiction?
- D Rabbi Drucker: Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust.
- K Rabbi-in-Training King: Survival, Music and The Holocaust.
- L Rabbi Kreiman: The 7 Species of Israel - A Kabbalistic Approach
- M Rabbi Lazar: When Folk Art and Sacred Text Meet: Scenes from the Book of Esther.
- N Rabbi Zions: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Search for a Homeland: Israel and Why It Succeeded.

## **CLOSING PRESENTATION: 12:10 - 12:45 PM**

Welcome: Ken Hailpern

**Speaker: Dr. Michael Alexander, Maimonides Chair, University of California Riverside:**  
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## **January 7-13 Listed January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

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## **January 14-20 Listed January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

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\*Nathan Black  
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Sol Seligman  
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\*Sarah Tessler

*May their memories  
endure for a blessing.*

## **January 1 - 6 Listed January 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

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\*Fannie Bernstein  
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\*Harry D. Cohen  
Pauline Greenberg  
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