



# PASADENA JEWISH TEMPLE & CENTER

28 Sivan - 30 Av  
July/August 2019

## Beryl Strauss, Executive Director

### PJTC and You Together Building Community

In research studies conducted over the years, social scientists have found that being connected and a part of a caring community can help people feel valued and accepted, as well as helping to promote good health and wellness. In addition, being part of a strong social network seems to encourage engagement and a willingness to take action. Belonging to a community can increase happiness, act as a buffer against stress, and contribute to having a more meaningful life.

In my three-plus years as your Executive Director, I have seen how you provide support and help to the students and parents of the Louis B. Silver Religious School and to the teens of USY & Kadima. You equally support the groups and affiliates like Adult Education, the Social Justice Committee, the Caring Community, Tikkun Olam, the Israel Committee, the Interfaith Study Group, the Religious Affairs Committee, the MAC Committee, the Membership Committee, both Sisterhood and Men's Club, as well as the Jewish



Federation of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Friends in Deed, Union Station, Foothill Unity, etc.

As I am continuously reminded, PJTC is an extremely vibrant and passionate community where congregants care deeply and genuinely for each other. You volunteer, you take charge, you make things happen, and I believe that because of these facts, your depth of belonging to PJTC is extremely strong.

It is my hope that you will renew your 2019-2020 membership with PJTC so that we can continue to stand steadfast in our desire to continue Judaism and Jewish values to our next generations.

Our congregation is large, and while I have now met a good number of you, I haven't met you all. If there is anything that I can do to enhance your membership with PJTC, please do not hesitate to let me know. My door is always open, and I look forward to meeting with you, sharing stories with you, having coffee with you, or just laughing, hugging, or holding your hand.

### High Holy Days at PJTC Free First Year GIFT MEMBERSHIP Includes 2 High Holy Day Tickets

Selichot.....	Sept. 21 @ 7:30 PM
Erev Rosh Hashanah.....	Sept. 29 @ 7:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah (Day 1).....	Sept. 30 @ 9:00 AM
Rosh Hashanah (Day 2).....	Oct. 1 @ 9:00 AM
Erev Yom Kippur.....	Oct. 8 @ 7:30 PM
Yom Kippur.....	Oct. 9 @ 9:00 AM

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## July Services

**July 5/6** **Parshat: Korah**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group

**July 12/13** **Parshat: Hukkat**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth and Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth and Rabbi John Carrier 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group

**July 19/20** **Parshat: Balak**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group

**July 26/27** **Parshat: Pinehas**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth and Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth and Rabbi John Carrier 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group  
Singalong Shabbat 10:00 AM

## August Services

**August 2/3** **Parshat: Mattot + Masey**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group

**August 9/10** **Parshat: Devarim**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group

**August 16/17** **Parshat: Vaet hanan**  
Fri. Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Neil Brown and Karen Hochman-Brown in honor of their anniversary

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## Staff and Officers

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### – PJTC Clergy and Staff –

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Gilbert Kollin - Rabbi Emeritus  
Ruth Berman Harris - Cantor  
Beryl Strauss - Executive Director  
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Business Card @ \$20.00/month  
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**Three month minimum. Discounted rates are available for longer running ads. Make your request at [communications@pjtc.net](mailto:communications@pjtc.net)**

The Communications Committee can assist you with ad copy and layout.

### **The FLAME**

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## Get the Sisterhood Scoop!

by Nancy Carlton, President



Watch your mail - you will soon receive your 2019-20 Sisterhood membership renewal mailing!

There are two membership options:

- Standard annual membership at \$ 36.00
- Woman of Valor membership at \$ 500.00; This level of financial support exemplifies a significant commitment to the values of Sisterhood.

### Benefits befitting a Woman of Valor include:

A half-page size ad in Sisterhood's High Holy Days Greeting Book & Directory.

A challah at Rosh Hashanah.

Complimentary attendance at all Sisterhood events or programs requiring a fee.

Congregation-wide greetings sent through the Happy Purim program.

One copy of the Sisterhood cookbook.

Recognition in Sisterhood hosted event printed materials.

Five tribute notes through the Lena Berman Memorial Fund.

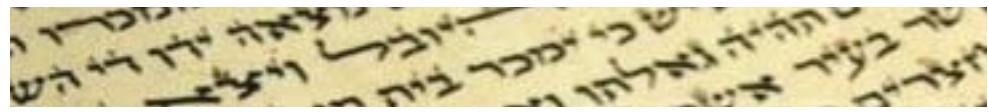
Participation in Sisterhood offers opportunities for personal growth and strengthens ties to other women in our PJTC Jewish community. We enjoy learning together, celebrating holidays and raising funds to support synagogue and youth programming. Your support is vital to the ongoing services we sponsor within our congregation, community and international organization, Women's League of Conservative Judaism. Your membership dues support Friday evening Oneg Shabbats, kitchen equipment maintenance, adult education programming, LBSRS and youth activities, and PJTC general operating costs.

Sisterhood meetings are on hiatus during the months of July and August. Please join us for our next Sisterhood Board meeting on Monday, September 9, 7:30 PM in Wohlmann Hall. Our monthly meetings are open to all Sisterhood members.

I hope to welcome you as a continuing or new member of Sisterhood this year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 798-5920 or [iamyou082@aol.com](mailto:iamyou082@aol.com).

## Exploring Your Life Through Torah

Continuing Through the Summer  
**Thursday mornings at 9:45 AM**  
with Rabbi Jason Mann at his home.



## August Services Cont.

August 23/24 Parshat: Ekev

Fri. Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth and  
Rabbi John Carrier 7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Cantor Ruth and  
Rabbi John Carrier 9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group

August 30/31 Parshat: Re'ah

Fri. Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier  
7:30 PM  
Oneg hosted by Sisterhood

Shabbat Service with Rabbi John Carrier  
9:30 AM  
Kiddush hosted by Shabbes Minyan Group  
Singalong Shabbat 10:00 AM

## Sing Along Shabbat!

**Saturday, July 27  
10:00 AM  
at PJTC**

## Thanks from Friends in Deed

Dear Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center Sisterhood:

We are grateful to count your support among the blessings here at Friends in Deed. We want to share the impact of your gift on a very special person.

Ms. J is a single mom with two kids under 10. She had a full-time job and made ends meet by working seasonal jobs. Once, when a part-time job fell through, she turned to us for help. We provided rental assistance and helped create a plan, connected her with our Food Pantry and caring community. Because she came to FID, she was surrounded by other programs as well as our caring staff.

This is just one of the many stories we see at FID. This year we have already served 8,000 people with 100,000 lbs. of food, seen 321 people take shelter with us during 45 nights of bad weather, engaged 50+ of the most chronically homeless on the streets, and helped 14 families at imminent risk of homelessness.

Thank you for being part of our caring community.  
Blessings, Rabbi Joshua and the whole FID Team

**He-Brews and Burgers**

Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste  
1770 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena

Next gathering  
July 31

Last  
Wednesday of  
every month  
6:00 PM



### Juggle Fest! & Public Show

In memory of Noah Langholz

Sunday, July 7 at PJTC

Open juggling 10AM-10PM.

Juggling lessons for beginners all day,  
equipment provided!

Puzzles and games!  
Origami lessons!

More info: [Facebook: South Pasadena Juggling Club](#) or  
[spjuggle@gmail.com](mailto:spjuggle@gmail.com)

All events are free! Donations accepted to the **Noah Langholz Remembrance Fund** in support of suicide awareness/prevention, and youth activities. Learn more about Noah and the Fund at [NoahLangholzRemembranceFund.org](http://NoahLangholzRemembranceFund.org)

## Men's Club

by Erich Schlecht, President



Hello PJTC! As you read this, we will have just finished the installation of the incoming Men's Club Board, along with hearing an interesting talk by Leon Alkalai from JPL. We have also given three *yads* to three fine b'nai mitzvah: Rubi Sherman, Sophie Owen and Elijah Eisenberg. Mazel Tov guys! That's it for the summer. The next *yads* will be given in the Fall.

Our next big scheduled event is our semi-annual back-to-school Pancake Breakfast on August 25 for the students, staff and parents of LBSRS. We may have a Quakes game again this month – stay tuned for an announcement. Mens' Club will be sponsoring the USY/Kadima family pool party on Sept. 22. And of course, He-brews and Burgers will be this coming July 31 and August 28 (last Wednesday of the month).

It's time to renew your membership! (Or join! Women are welcome.) Renewal is easier than ever. You can contact Membership Chair Andy Schwarz ([andyschwarz@gmail.com](mailto:andyschwarz@gmail.com)) or me ([schlechtca@cs.gmail.com](mailto:schlechtca@cs.gmail.com), 818-354-4887), or sign up online (<https://givingtools.com/give/389/40>).

See you next fall!

Once you've created your SHULCLOUD account, just sign in, go to "My Account" "My Enrollments" and follow the directions from there.

FOR MORE INFO CALL (626) 798-1164

## Thanks to Our June Volunteers

PJTC offers our members a variety of ways to be of service to the Temple. Those who are able to give of their time are vital to sustaining our community.

To host an Oneg, call Judy Callahan.  
To host a Kiddush, call Peter Mendel.

June 1	Kiddush hosted by Jennifer & Scott Svonkin in honor of their son Sam's bar mitzvah
June 7/8	Oneg hosted by Sisterhood in honor of their Installation Kiddush hosted by Marilyn Kirschen, Vicki Balmot and many friends in memory of Roz Scherr
June 14/15	Oneg hosted by Michelle Leonard & Traci Sherman in honor of their daughter Rubi's bat mitzvah Kiddush hosted by Pearl Leonard in honor of her granddaughter Rubi's bat mitzvah
June 21/22	Oneg and Kiddush hosted by Jenny & Andy Owen in honor of their daughter Sophie's bat mitzvah
June 28/29	Oneg and Kiddush hosted by Gregory & Anna Eisenberg in honor of their son Elijah's bar mitzvah

### Gabbai'im

Sondra Dreshner      Jeff Chan

### Torah, & Haftarah Readers

#### JUNE

Max Ho Rose Svonkin Sam Svonkin Erich Schlecht  
Linda Rourman Noah Golden-Krasner Jessica Bruck  
Michelle Leonard Rubi Sherman Mark Chodos Elah Davidson  
Sophie Owen Greg Eisenberg Eli Eisenberg

#### JULY

Jeff Chan Abby Schlecht Erich Schlecht Linda Rourman  
Marilyn Kirschen Louise Wannier Daniel Gerst Bobbi Sloan  
Mark Chodos Aviva Rosenbloom

#### AUGUST

Sondra Dreshner Erich Schlecht Jeff Chan  
Chuck Standard Abby Schlecht Marcia Alper Mark Chodos  
Bonnie Buratti Linda Rourman Noah Golden-Krasner  
Bobbi Sloan

### Office Volunteers

Judy Ellis      Ginny Blitz      Ruth Kaye      Joan Gantz  
Edie Taylor      Andrea Kelly      Aty Rotter      Claire Gorfinkel  
Sue Hogan      Andy Schwarz      Ryna Aviram

### Board Report

The board met on June 24, 2019. They approved the proposed 2019-2020 budget presented by Cathy Krasner, chair of the budget committee. The board approved entering into contract negotiations with Rabbi John Carrier to serve as the interim rabbi beginning July 1. They also approved the installation of a camera in the synagogue with 360-degree live-streaming capabilities; hiring Netzel Grigsby and Associates to conduct a pre-capital campaign study that will coincide with the centennial celebration; using the remaining funds in the Madeline Mark fund to create a native plants memorial garden and establishing a Roz Scherr Memorial Fund that will primarily fund the annual Israeli Scouts visit.

THIS YEAR'S THEME: CARING FOR THE EARTH AND EACH OTHER

## ACTS 2019 Summer Salad Suppers

A FRIENDSHIP GATHERING WHERE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

**6:30 PM**

POTLUCK  
SUPPER\*

**7:30 PM**

PRESENTATION/  
DISCUSSION

**THURSDAY July 11**

### Appreciating Our Native Environment

Eaton Canyon Nature Center

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena

5:30 p.m. native garden walk for anyone interested  
Attendance is free - donations appreciated for the Eaton Canyon Nature's Center Associates Bus Grant Program (checks to "ECNCA" with "Bus Grant Pgm" on the memo line)

**THURSDAY July 18**

### Faith and Environmental Stewardship

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Altadena

942 E. Altadena Dr.

Parking available at bottom of driveway. Come in through back door.

**THURSDAY July 25**

### Planting and Growing in Your Home and Garden

St. Mark's

Episcopal Church

1014 E. Altadena Dr.

**THURSDAY August 1**

### ACTS "Real Green" Variety Show

Christ the Shepherd

Lutheran Church

185 W. Altadena Dr.

Want to participate? Contact

Lori Stein at [ldstein@earthlink.net](mailto:ldstein@earthlink.net)

\*PLEASE BRING A VEGETARIAN DISH TO SHARE: APPETIZER, MAIN DISH, FRUIT, SALAD OR DESSERT.

ACTS INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL BAHÁ'Í, BAPTIST, CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, EPISCOPAL, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, LUTHERAN, AND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNITIES.

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO BUY FOOD TO SUPPORT THE ACTS FOOD PANTRY.

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO "ACTS"

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE ALTADENA BAPTIST CHURCH (626) 797-8970

**ACTS**

ALTADENA CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER SERVING

### Welcome New Members

Adriana Quinn  
Pasadena, CA

Andrew Leventhal  
Jasmine Leventhal  
Altadena, CA

### Kiddush Hosts Wanted!



We need several volunteers to cover the summer season. Two or three people can get together to put on a light kiddush. Celebrate a birthday or other special occasion. Call the office for a date you prefer. Instructions are available.

## Crowning the Torah with Flowers

By: Edmon J. Rodman (re-printed from MegiLA - A New Scroll of LA Jewish News)

In Pasadena, home of the Rose Parade, there's an ongoing flower tradition that does not involve floats or football, but does involve a Torah. Adding their own kind of floral procession for Shavuot, the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center (PJTC), has been practicing a handed-down custom of making a crown of flowers to place atop their Torahs, since the 1990s.

This year, a group of PJTC congregants, led by temple member Kathy Kobayashi, got together in another member's backyard on the Friday afternoon before the holiday to make the crowns. "It's such a beautiful tradition," said Kobayashi.

During Shavuot, which at times has been known more as an agricultural holiday, it's customary to spruce things up around the home and synagogue with greens and flowers, even branches.

Around 35 years ago, before Kobayashi became a Jew, while reading about Judaism, she found a reference to the flower Torah crown tradition in the "Jewish Catalog" that stuck with her. Making a crown of sweet-smelling flowers and branches to place over the Torah can be seen as an outgrowth of the holiday's green traditions, reasoned the "Jewish Catalog." The custom also seemed inspired, in part, by an interpretation from the Mishnah which says that Israel stood on grass when they received the Torah.

When Kobayashi asked others about the flower crowns, no one knew, and it puzzled her. That was until she heard a chance remark from her friend, long-time temple member, Ilona Fuchs.

Ilona was married to Morton Fuchs, the synagogue's longtime gabbai. "They were both Hungarians from Tokaj. She was a survivor of Auschwitz, and he was a survivor of forced labor camps," said Kobayashi. "Something came up in conversation. 'She told me 'back in Tokaj, they had made these flower crowns,' and it just clicked."

"Tokaj was known for its grapes and wines. They would make the frames [for the flower crowns] from the grapevines, and then you attach the flowers," she explained. "Could you teach us?" Kobayashi remembers asking. "All you need to do is provide the flowers," Ilona responded. "She was delighted that people were interested in reviving this tradition," said Kobayashi.

Ilona had learned the craft from her mother, and her mother from her mother, said Kobayashi. But Ilona had not made a crown in 40 years. They had made the crowns until the family was taken to Auschwitz. When they arrived, it was Shavuot.

Some were told to go one way, some, the other, said Kobayashi. "She never saw her parents again."

The Fuchs came to Pasadena and PJTC in the late 1950s, after the failed Hungarian Revolution. To begin the revival of the flower Torah crown tradition in Pasadena, Kobayashi and her friend Catherine Lefkowitz, went to the downtown flower market. For frames, the Fuchs had grape vines growing in their back yard, and Morton knew how to fashion the wood from them into crown-like shapes.

"When we go to the flower market to get the flowers, it's a great time of year to go, everything's blooming," said Kobayashi who grew up on a Texas truck farm with parents who loved flowers. Over the years, they have found that carnations, small roses, statice and baby's breath work best. After the crowns are completed, they are stored in a refrigerator, and on the morning of Shavuot, are placed on top of two of the temple's Torahs.

Like the vines from which the crowns are formed, the tradition is spreading. A nearby synagogue, Temple Sinai of Glendale, has also been making the crowns from the late 1990s. "We make them together. Two crowns for each congregation," said Kobayashi. Additionally, there's a congregation, Kehillah Synagogue in Chapel Hill, North Carolina where the Fuchs' son



Ilona Fuchs - photo courtesy of PJTC

Henry is a member, that also makes the crowns.

"Around ten years ago, Ilona couldn't live in her home any more, so she moved to assisted living near her son." While living there, she died at age 98 in 2016 (Morton had died in 2000), she taught the congregation how to make the crowns.

"Passing on this tradition was so important to Ilona. I feel such a connection," said Kobayashi. "Teaching it was such joy."

## Sisterhood's "Family Favorites" Cookbook Available for Purchase Now!



This is the  
perfect gift for any occasion!

With over 260 recipes from 80 contributors, you will find family favorites from traditional briskets to modern vegetarian dishes to famous desserts and more. This cookbook is a must "addition" to the library of veteran or novice cooks and is a wonderful keepsake for a mere \$18.00/cookbook.

Payment can be made by cash, check or  
credit card (Mastercard or VISA)

Available for purchase through Theresa in the PJTC Office.

## July Birthdays

July 1	Joshua Gould Janice Markham Daniel Rosenbaum Isaac Berger Nora Eidelberg Izak Langholz	July 15	Margaret Frerking Coby Earll Sara Tyberg Dana Soibel
July 2	Janet Klekner Darren Griffiths	July 16	Alex Reznik Audrey Cohen
July 3	Joel Padlipsky Leah Duker Jennifer Leonard	July 17	Diana Howard
July 4	Marisela Vera Ira Blitz Brett Bernath Anne Cheslow	July 18	Chris Holmes Parker
July 5	Oliver Chalmers Marshall Cohen Arlene Hogan Sophie Bilu Alex Weisz Jeremy Weisz Ellie Mendel	July 19	Abraham Berger Matt Knight Phillip Pansky
July 6	Erich Schlecht	July 20	Amy Richardson Arthur Taus Judy Ungar Nicolas Medina
July 7	Ethan Cohen Steve Moos Louis Friedman	July 21	Marlene Reichenbach Ryan Sharp Michael Ostroff
July 8	Fred Rotenberg Haley Karish Jill Adler-Moore Brook Corr Rachel Weisz Samuel Stern	July 22	Barbara Cohen Dovid Zvi Silberberg David Snyder
July 9	Norman Ackerman Gabrielle Gertel Eitan Pattow Margaret Ho	July 23	Helene Emmerich Bret Nicely
July 11	Lynn Gould	July 24	Charlotte Jordan Howard Kahn Rosa Nicely
July 12	Peter Dreier Carol Rader-Meislin Ale Kiguelman Faith Segal Simon Burrow	July 25	Jonathan Fuhrman Victor Berlant Emily Allen
	Alexander Hagentorn Andy Owen	July 26	Tzedek Segall-Gutierrez
July 13	Joseph Johnson Josh Pais Ellie Shapiro	July 27	Echo Friedman Elizabeth Loughren
July 14	Meredith Rose Ilene Donner Eden Golden-Krasner	July 28	Tucker Cobey Anita Pernstein Susan Claster
		July 29	Melissa Levy Martin Lewin
		July 30	Gaston Araya Bonnie Pais-Martinez Cara Jaffe
		July 31	Evan Raz Peter Hauge Sherri Hauer
			Jessica Hencier Alexander Soibel

## July Anniversaries

Jonathan and Julia Grinblat	7/2/2006
Norman and Hannah Ackerman	7/3/1960
David and Susan Lorin	7/3/1977
George and Roslyn Lubow	#65
Seth and Hadar Cohen	7/3/2011
Peter Dreier and Terry Meng	7/5/1992
Ryan and Candice Earll	7/7/2007
Todd and Stacey Sharp	7/7/1996
Eric Braun and Lauren Acker	7/7/2013
Jonathan and Felicity Swerdlow	7/11/1976
Joseph and Cristiane Guberman	7/11/2004
Hervey and Doris Segall	7/14/1962
Jack and Deborah Singer	7/15/1967
Morris and Arlene Weiss	#35
7/15/1984	
Jerome and Rochelle Kaplan	7/16/1961
Brian Deming and Erika Wolf	7/17/2005
Mark and Myriam Steinback	7/19/2000
Sean Surfus and Patrice Yocom	7/20/1991
Fred and Lori Rotenberg	#40
7/22/1979	
Larry Moore and Jill Adler-Moore	7/23/1977
Oscar and Heather Sandoval	7/24/2010
Michele and David Browning	7/24/2004
David and Felice Mittman	7/26/1987
Joshua Tornek and Claudia Argueta	7/29/1993

## Lunch and Learn: Jews in the Western San Gabriel Valley.

July 16, 2019 - 12:30-2:00 PM

### 100 Years Ago

If Jews in Pasadena wanted their son to have a Bar Mitzvah before 1923, when a synagogue was built and a rabbi was hired, what did they do? Isadore and Helena Goldman decided in 1919 to have their son's Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai B'rith (now the Wilshire Boulevard Temple) in downtown Los Angeles. David's Bar Mitzvah was not just community recognition of him as an adult, it was also the first Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai B'rith. Though Temple B'nai B'rith was established in 1862, it adhered to the Reform Movement, which had discarded a number of traditional practices, including Bar Mitzvahs. Remembering how important it was for himself, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin revived the tradition, with 13-year-old David Goldman from Pasadena being the pioneer at Los Angeles area's oldest synagogue.



Temple B'nai Brith in Los Angeles, built in 1862  
A PJTC Centenary Project

### More About the Galpert Scholarship Fund

Here is a report from a former Galpert Scholarship honoree:

As a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Pasadena, I focus on providing psychotherapy to individuals, couples, families and groups. My passion is helping others reconnect with their authentic selves and create flexibility in their thinking by unpacking their unconscious thoughts and feelings. Therapy creates a safe space to process these parts of ourselves in a way that is meaningful and nonjudgmental, and allows us to grow in ways that enhance relationships and desires. My goal is to help every patient feel more integrated, whole and connected through self-examination of themes and patterns, and development of self-compassion; sometimes therapy is about the journey, rather than the destination.

Being honored with the Galpert Award not only afforded me the opportunity to pay for some graduate school materials but even more so, reminded me of the support from my childhood Jewish community and the importance of higher education.

Samantha Miller Psy.D

Samatha's proud family is her husband Mike Scherr and Dr. Stu & Stacy Miller.

## August Birthdays

August 1	Layah Winn Dalia Weiner Samuel Levin Betty Soibel Pablo Bernath	August 14	Marco Gerace Erin Manacker Herbert Meiselman Naomi Balian
August 2	Pauline Witkin Tova Rosenbaum Stella Chavira Paula Waluch Neil Segil Seth Cohen Abner Garroway	August 15	Talia Goldstein Marcus Goldstein Moshe Aviram Kyle Schmidt Samuel Roukin
August 4	Gail Meltzer Red Gayita Katie Pattow	August 16	Coralie Widman Martin Alon Lea Dickter Katherine Kobayashi
August 5	Charlotte Nortman Benjamin Beirich	August 17	Rose Vandevelde Sean Surfas Inez Jasper
August 6	Lisa Demidovich	August 18	Jolene Chavira Terry Meng Maite Bernath
August 7	Samantha Miller	August 19	Catherine Andersen Athalia Rotter Maureen McGrath Lia Friedman
August 8	Jared Becker Nicole Sindler Susan Kane	August 20	Nathan Lujan
August 9	Michael Burr Camille Nunez Jane Monterroso Giovanna Fradkin Stacy Ober	August 21	Jonah Hauge
August 10	Jonah Vandevelde Jack DeBoskey Steven Klein Michael Friedman Mickey Segal Noah Sandoval Olivia Widman	August 22	Virginia Blitz
August 11	Carson Gerace Hervey Segall	August 23	George Lubow Jacqueline Berzon Adam Sharp
August 12	Lauren Acker Alden Weiss Sheila Padlipsky	August 24	Boaz Mindell Laurel Martin Lee Singer
August 13	Liana Zangwill Roberta Breton Baker Montgomery Sarai Golden-Krasner Daniel Silver Rona Kumar Andrea Kelly	August 25	Leo Raz
		August 26	Karla Jenkins Kate Weber
		August 27	Hili Revzan Julie Culver Steven Hartford Marlene Schram Max Segal
		August 28	Martin Howard
		August 29	Beth Mael Ryan Earll
		August 30	Rebecca Beirich
		August 31	Evan Grant Kathleen Copus

## Weizmann Day School

Lisa Feldman, M.A. Ed. Head of Weizmann Day School

### L'hitraot to the 2018-19 School Year

Weizmann has completed another incredible school year! Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Weizmann was able to provide these fabulous programs (among others) for students and the community:

- Middle School Overnight Trip. Weizmann's Middle School students "bonded" early in the school year with an escape room project, pizza, ice cream, and a movie, all while "camping out" in the Jewish Federation office suite.

- 15th Annual Interfaith Concert. In October, Weizmann again hosted students from neighboring schools New Horizon and St. Marks for a beautiful interfaith concert honoring the memory of Daniel Pearl.

- "Cat In The Hat" Performance. In March, Weizmann students in grades K-4 performed Dr. Seuss's "Cat In The Hat." It was a special opportunity for our youngest students to showcase their dramatic talent.

- Two Shakespeare Celebrations. In April, Weizmann Middle School students performed "As You Like It" before audiences of family and friends. On another day, they joined with New Horizon students for a special recitation of Shakespeare sonnets at the beautiful Maxwell House in Pasadena.

- LA County Science & Engineering Fair. Weizmann sent six projects to County and returned with six significant awards. Among these were a 1st Place Team Award in Behavioral Sciences, a 1st Place UCLA Brain Research Institute Award, and acceptance to the California State Science Fair.

Weizmann is looking forward to an exciting 2019-20 school year. Watch for details – and have a great summer.



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## August Anniversaries

Simon and Nurit Burrow	8/1/1976	Michael and Julie Culver	8/15/1998
Mark and Roberta Tragarz	8/1/1993	Marvin and Ilene Donner	8/15/1965
John and Deborah Guest	8/2/1981	Louis and Connie Friedman	8/16/1963
Brett and Maite Bernath	#25	Martin Lewin and Helen Rotenberg-Lewin	8/16/1992
Maureen and Anthony Vukojevich	8/5/2006	Paul and Catherine Andersen	8/18/1973
Lance Jasper and Lara Kislinger	8/6/2006	Melissa and Jacob Levy	8/18/2013
Jessica Colburn and Kyle Pitzen	8/6/2017	Steven and Fidelia Klein	8/19/2007
Andy and Jenny Owen	8/7/1999	Mickey and Lee Segal	8/20/1978
Paul and Nancy Spiegel	8/7/1988	Jason and Bhavani Mann	8/22/1971
Moira Regelson and Michael Reibel	8/7/2007	Michael and Jakki Sencer	8/23/1970
Alexander Soibel and Gali Podzemskay	8/8/1991	Jean-Paul Leonard and Elana Mann	8/24/2008
Howard and Faith Segal	8/11/2002	Michael Heller and Rachel Hollander	8/26/2012
Grant and Maureen Gelberg	8/12/2002	Lawrence Lurvey and Elena Martinez	8/26/2001
Noah and Maya Golden-Krasner	8/12/2000	Omer Tamuz and Rebecca Polivy	8/27/2001
Neil Brown and Karen Hochman Brown	8/14/1983	Yehouda and Michele Masjedi	8/28/2003
Melvin and Barbara Cohen	#65	Jerome Metivier and Julie Sonigo	8/30/2000
Michael Ostroff and Joanne Topol	8/15/1981		

# Yahrzeits for July (announced Fri/Sat preceding the date)

28 Sivan	7/1/2019	7 Tammuz	7/10/2019	15 Tammuz	7/18/2019	22 Tammuz	7/25/2019	
	Hugo Hanauer Daniel Ivler		Anna Weichman Dora Scheflin Sonia Barsky Milton Breslow		Stephen Kaye Nathaniel Miller Rose Freund Louis Zimon Michael Berrie		Yetta Segal Marcella "Sally" Tyree Ernest Klein David Allen Oscar Medina	
29 Sivan	7/2/2019	8 Tammuz	7/11/2019	Ian Harold Breslow Anita Jick Wolfe Weissman Aaron Wolf	7/19/2019	Peter Richman Oscar Stern Erwin M. Brown Harry Adelstone Harry Finesod Martin Zelanka	23 Tammuz	7/26/2019
	Thelma Lassman Philip Applebaum Allen Tornek Isaac Breslow Morris Bass Frank L. Lash		Nathan Steinman Minnie Litt Riva Raz				Ted Weiss	
30 Sivan	7/3/2019	9 Tammuz	7/12/2019	Rebecca Shrifter Chava Rosenthal	7/20/2019	Michel Anghel Jack Kandel Lena Berman Bessie Miller Stella Rose Brier	25 Tammuz	7/28/2019
	Mary Rambach Harold Linstone Mary Wolveck		Stanley Paul David Hoodkiss		Benjamin M. Klekner Sarah Bessie Roth Jose Procupez Charles Kollin		Gregory Frey Zvi Bar-Chaim	
1 Tammuz	7/4/2019	10 Tammuz	7/13/2019	Benjamin Russell Joseph Mindlin Pearl Jaffe Irving Scherr Samuel Miller Max Eisenberg Fannie Ganulin	7/21/2019	Frieda Breitman Irving Feiger Robert Friedman	26 Tammuz	7/29/2019
	Harry Ruskin Paula Forman Schiffman Adele Halper			Samuel Alexander Davis Roxie Holland-Moritz Florence Faye Siegel Saul Lubow Rose Weiss	7/23/2019	Jack Ardman Maurice Cohen Celia Meyers Lewis Marks Florence Brewart Nuta Glickman Lynne Mazur Sally Gottfeld Fanny Finesod	27 Tammuz	7/30/2019
2 Tammuz	7/5/2019	11 Tammuz	7/14/2019	13 Tammuz	7/16/2019	William Meltzer Samuel Senter Morris Mandel Rose Roth	28 Tammuz	7/31/2019
	Morris Finesod Genena Wadsworth Laura Sandig Eva Silberman			14 Tammuz	7/17/2019		Grace Calderon Bess Pernstein Rose Altschule Martin Spellman	
3 Tammuz	7/6/2019	12 Tammuz	7/15/2019					
	Morris Brezner Elfreda Galantiere Mindlin Herbert Schiff							
4 Tammuz	7/7/2019							
	Dena Sheppard Mervin Gold Shirley Spitzer Milton Michaels							
5 Tammuz	7/8/2019							
	Sam Ralph Saffman							
6 Tammuz	7/9/2019							
	Abe Jampolsky Beverly Rogers Vahe Balian Devorah Rifka Abend Dorothy Resnik George Caton Herman Berlant							

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# Yahrzeits for August (announced Fri/Sat preceding the date)

29 Tammuz	8/1/2019	9 Av	8/10/2019	17 Av	8/18/2019	25 Av	8/16/2019
	Valli Loewenberg Neal Handler Jay David Hoffman Janice Lipton Juanita Earlene Murray-Wesson Fritz Lerner		Jona Siev Eleanor Kittiver Michael Catchen Margit Klein		Harold Carsh Esther Vego Herman Lane Lynn Susan Seshadri Raymond Walter		David Minovitz Albert Groman Francis Brier
1 Av		10 Av	8/11/2019		18 Av	26 Av	8/17/2019
	Julian Snyder David Kristan Harry Koz Ruth Kaplan		Florence Goldstein Mimi Harris Esther Friend Bessie Mary Levy Florence Goldstein				Evelyn Gold Joshua Silver Marvin Holzman Joel Ruffman Jules Goldman Joshua Silver Esther Hirschkowitz
2 Av		11 Av	8/12/2019		19 Av	27 Av	8/18/2019
	Bernice Feldstein Greta Winter Louis M. Witkin Philip Karr Howard Lassman Anna Friedenberg		Carole Meyers Madeline Glazow Jacob Miller Benjamin Friedman Anna Susskind Betty Case				Tillie Mannes Richard Ryder Tuan Feng Rosa Weinstock Eric Flesher Raymond Siegel
3 Av		12 Av	8/13/2019		20 Av	28 Av	8/29/2019
	Goldie Ida Gordon Gertrude Budnitsky		Morris Weprinsky Frieda Mandel Grace Epstein		Bessie Dorman Debbie Dinnocente Doris Becker Florence Jaslow Mandel Leonard Black		Jennie Taylor Abraham Kokis Bernard Weissfeld
4 Av		13 Av	8/14/2019		21 Av	29 Av	8/30/2019
	Armin Rosenblum Nathan A. Witt		Henry Greenberg Sylvia Cooper Sarah Rappaport				Adeline Gold Howard Schaefer Aaron David Schwartz
5 Av		14 Av	8/15/2019		22 Av	30 Av	8/31/2019
	Miriam Dinerman Richard Goodman Estelle Greenblatt Shuey I. Greenberg Shimon Weitmann Peter Silverman		Philip George Friend Louis Kittiver Howard Gross Bertha Orenstein Thomas McGrath Miki Benedek John Gorfinkel		Irvin Vego Michael Clemens Jacob Levin Samuel S. Taylor Samuel A. Schiffman		Harry Kurtz Daniel Lyon Tema Davidson
6 Av		15 Av	8/16/2019		23 Av		
	Rosel Schlachter Ruth Fierst Lehman Gene Slater Leonard Goss Henya Seitlen		Julius Blitz Oscar Susskind Violet A. Dorfman Eugene Kahn Henrietta Holzer Sophie Hassman		Samuel Bergman Samuel Allen Richman Morton Mintz Isaac Karsh Jeanne L. Eisenberg Pauline B Weinberger Cecelia Knell		Ruth Glick Cohen Ruth Ackerman Barry Joel Kustner Julius A. Walter Dora Rosenzweig Zygmunt Goldberg Radu Fintescu
7 Av		16 Av	8/17/2019		24 Av		
	Tonia Sugarman Howard Finn Eva Schneiderman Katz		Rita Gross Rose Lipser Philip Saffman Grace Schiffman Alison Heath		Margaret Dominguez Bella Lubow Ruth Bernath Ilona Fuchs		
8 Av							
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**Sisterhood Tributes from June**

To Peter & Roberta Braun in honor of the wedding of their son Daniel to Carly Grunwald, from Sue Hogan, Kathy Kobayashi & Hal Barron  
To Fred & Lori Rotenberg in honor of Mitch & Kari's wedding  
To Melissa Levy, for the honors at their USY convention, from Stacy & Stu Miller  
To Michael Several for his diligence in getting our Jewish history to UCLA, from Aaron & Valerie Weiss  
To Linda & Paul Rourman on their special anniversary, from Jan & Josh Pais  
To Dr. Allen Gross in honor of his many years of making beautiful music, from Jan & Josh Pais  
To Gail Meltzer in honor of the birth of her grandson William Warmly, from Jan & Josh Pais  
To Rabbi Gil Kollin, get well soon, from Sue Hogan, Marcia Alper, Ginny & Ira Blitz. Jan & Josh Pais  
To Marcia Spira, get well soon, from Aaron & Valerie Weiss, and Ginny & Ira Blitz  
To Pearl Tyree, wishing her a speedy recovery, from Jan & Josh Pais  
To Linda Mazur, condolences on the loss of her mother, Sylvia Schuster, from Nancy & John Carlton, Connie & Arthur Taus, Marcia Alper, Liz Green, Linda Rourman, Aty Rotter, Edie Taylor, Stacy & Stu Miller, Ruth Kaye, Kathy Kobayashi & Hal Barron

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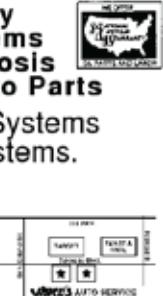
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## Summer Calendar

**July 2019**

**28 Sivan - 28 Tammuz**

**July 2 (Tuesday)**

7:30 AM ..... Meditation Group  
8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**July 4 (Thursday)**

Office is Closed

**July 5 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 6 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 7 (Sunday)**

10:00 AM ..... Langholz Juggling Event

**July 9 (Tuesday)**

7:30 AM ..... Meditation Group

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**July 11 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

7:30 PM ..... Ritual Committee Meeting

**July 12 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 13 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 14 (Sunday)**

4:30 PM ..... Social Justice Committee Potluck, offsite

**July 15 (Monday)**

5:00 PM ..... USY on Wheels

**July 16 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**July 18 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

**July 19 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 20 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 22 (Monday)**

7:30 PM ..... Temple Board Meeting

**July 23 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**July 24 (Wednesday)**

6:00 PM ..... Men's Club HeBrews and Burgers, offsite

**July 25 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

**July 26 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**July 27 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

10:00 AM ..... Singalong Shabbat

**July 30 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**August 2019**

**August 1 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

7:30 PM ..... Ritual Committee Meeting

**August 2 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 3 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 5 (Monday)**

7:30 PM ..... Men's Club Meeting

**August 6 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**August 8 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 10 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 13 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**August 15 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 17 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

**29 Tammuz - 30 Av**

**August 20 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

**August 22 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

**August 23 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 24 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services

10:00 AM ..... Singalong Shabbat

**August 25 (Sunday)**

9:30 AM ..... LBSRS Opening Day

10:00 AM ..... Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

**August 26 (Monday)**

7:30 PM ..... Temple Board Meeting

**August 27 (Tuesday)**

8:45 AM ..... Meditation Group

4:00 PM ..... Religious School

**August 28 (Wednesday)**

6:00 PM ..... Men's Club HeBrews and Burgers, offsite

**August 29 (Thursday)**

9:45 AM ..... Exploring Your Life Through Torah, offsite

**August 30 (Friday)**

7:30 PM ..... Shabbat Services

**August 31 (Saturday)**

9:30 AM ..... Shabbat Services



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