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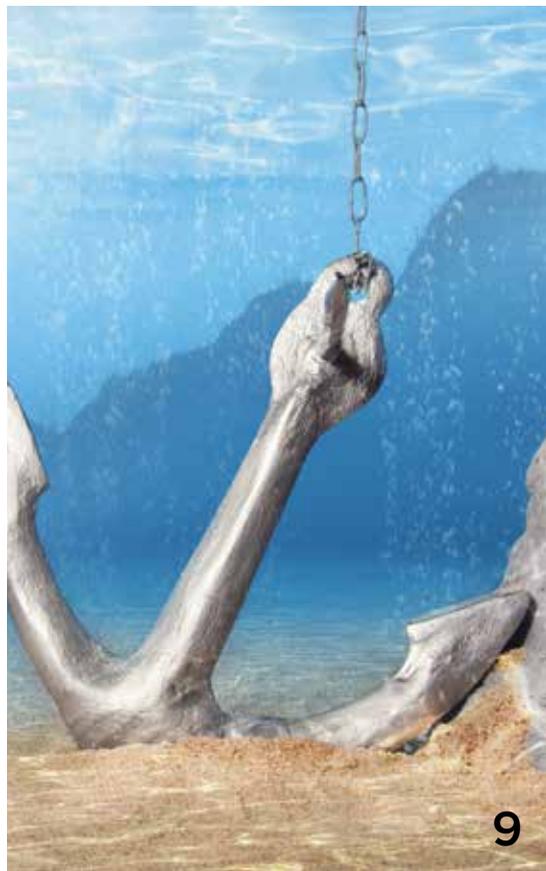
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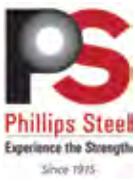
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From the CEO'S Desk – Lighting the Way Forward

Zachary Benjamin | Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Long Beach



Zachary Benjamin

As we begin the secular New Year, which we all hope will bring with it relief from the layered traumas we all experienced in 2020, it is likely that most of us feel a bit more introspective than we might under normal circumstances. Indeed, those of us who serve our community through our Jewish agencies have spent recent weeks reflecting on the trials, challenges, tragedies, and triumphs of the past 12 months.

Maimonides cautioned that the purest acts of tzedakah are performed anonymously. However, as we approach the one-year mark since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, I admit to feeling immense pride in the ability of Jewish Long Beach and all Long Beach-area Jewish institutions to adapt swiftly and with tremendous impact to serve the most vulnerable among us in a time of deep and profound need.

Jewish Long Beach is a member of the Jewish Federations of North America. This network of independent, mostly local Jewish nonprofit organizations began to form in the early 20th century, as “Jewish welfare funds,” emerged in communities throughout the United States and Canada to aid Jewish refugees fleeing an increasingly hostile Europe. As pogroms gave way to World War II and the Holocaust, these agencies turned their attention and resources to helping European Jews find safe harbor in what would soon become Israel, as well as in other havens dotting the globe. The tumult of the 1940s eventually yielded to the relative quiescence of the 1950s, and federations gradually shifted their focus to the advancement and sustainability of their own local Jewish communities while still maintaining their commitment to Israel’s development as a fledgling nation-state.

Throughout the latter 20th and early 21st centuries, organizations like Jewish Long Beach forged the bedrock of Jewish life in contemporary America, converging

previously disparate community leaders from congregations and secular institutions alike, funding and establishing Jewish Community Centers and family service agencies, and ensuring that the relationships between our communities and Israel remained strong and symbiotic. When lethal, systemic antisemitism has endangered Jewish populations in the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Yemen, and elsewhere, the rescue of threatened Jews has largely been funded and, in many cases, coordinated by Jewish federations. Indeed, in times of crisis, our organizations have the unmatched ability to elevate and protect the vulnerable through both collective and individual action.

As COVID-19 descended upon us, leaving seniors and other at-risk populations exceptionally vulnerable, the federation system once again demonstrated its value and

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criticality to both the Jewish and broader communities. Jewish Long Beach immediately diverted tens of thousands of dollars in grant funds to emergency relief, working with agencies and congregations throughout Long Beach and West Orange County to provide food, medication, rent and utility assistance, counseling, remote learning technologies, and opportunities to engage with each other in a time of unprecedented isolation. Approximately 75 percent of the \$500,000 in grants awarded by Jewish Long Beach to outside organizations in 2020 ultimately funded emergency needs for individual households or infrastructure enhancements to ensure that local Jewish institutions could continue to offer their crucial services

throughout the duration of a pandemic that will not be measured in months, but in years.

While Jewish Long Beach’s impact in partnership with our local Jewish organizations has been considerable, the collective financial commitment of the roughly 150 Jewish federations across North America to serve as lights unto their respective communities during the pandemic currently sits at close to one billion dollars.

For me, Jewish communal service is a personal calling and a second career that I chose to pursue when remaining on the sidelines of the effort to secure the future of the Jewish people became unfulfilling and insufficient. During the several years prior to assuming my first Jewish professional role, I studied the various Jewish welfare and Israel advocacy movements, ultimately deciding that the federation system makes the most profound positive impact on Jewish life. At no other time in my six years as a Jewish Federation CEO—first at the Jewish Federation of New Mexico and now at Jewish Long Beach—have I felt more confident in that belief.

Jewish Long Beach and organizations like it act as stewards of the resources with which you, members of the community, entrust us. The credit for our work lies with you as our supporters. So, too, does the responsibility to renew your investment in Jewish Long Beach and other Jewish institutions so that we may continue to weave your tzedakah into impact. It is this principle that not only motivates my colleagues and I to engage in this important work, but also compels my wife and I to make a meaningful annual financial contribution to Jewish Long Beach. I sincerely hope that you will choose to join us in doing so this year.

In times of calm, Jewish Long Beach’s charge is to light the way forward for the generations who will inherit the Jewish future. In times of challenge, which will inevitably return, we must maintain our ability to light the community’s path through darkness and uncertainty. We rely on you to be that light so that we may continue to carry it on behalf of every Jewish family and individual in Long Beach, West Orange County, and well beyond. 

Chef Michael Solomonov Entertains Thousands

Melanie Edwards | Manager of Marketing and Outreach, Jewish Long Beach

On December 2, thousands of viewers across the country, including 200 members of our Greater Long Beach and Orange County community tuned in live to watch award-winning chef Michael Solomonov host a virtual Chanukah cooking demonstration from his home in Philadelphia. This program was a gift to the community from Jewish Long Beach and the Alpert Jewish Community Center, hosted in partnership with Jewish Federations across the country.

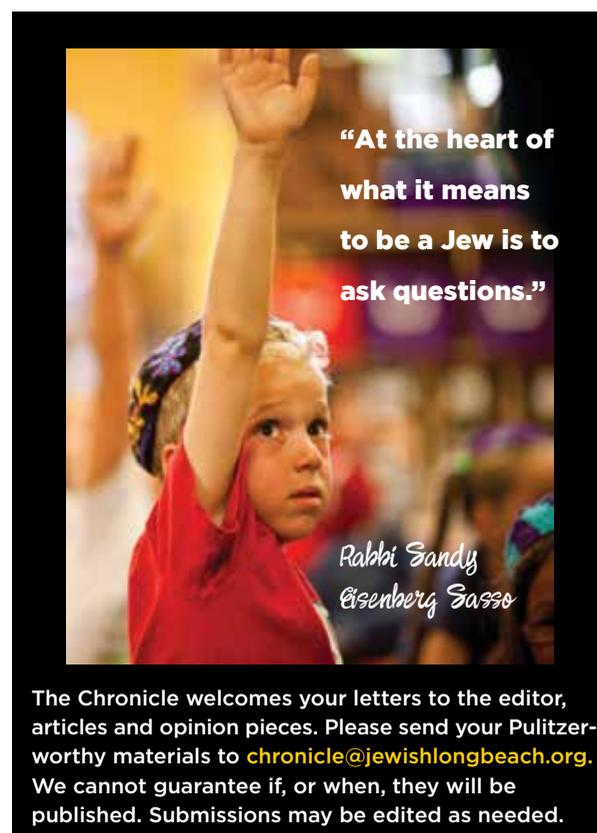
Chef Solomonov presented a contemporary twist on a traditional Chanukah menu including Apple Shrub, Abe Fisher’s Potato Latkes, Roman Artichokes with Arugula, Olive Oil Poached Salmon, and Sfenj (Moroccan doughnuts).



With humanity sheltered-in-place, Jewish communities immediately responded by creating a plethora of unique virtual opportunities to encourage connection in a time of great isolation. “Thank G-d for all of you... rearticulating what community is. This is what it is for right now, and this is really wonderful,” shared Solomonov.

To learn more about future Jewish Long Beach programming, sign up for our e-blasts

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Community Never Closes: Please Support the Chazak – Be Strong Annual Appeal

Deborah Goldfarb | Interim Executive Director, Alpert Jewish Community Center

Our world changed abruptly with the onset of the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic in March. The functions and financial structure of the Alpert Jewish Community Center also changed dramatically at that time.

By the beginning of April, our in-person programs shut down for two months, we were forced to reduce the size of our staff from nearly 150 to 35, and the hours of those 35 were reduced. Our remaining teaching and fitness staff immediately adapted and sprung into action to provide online programming. In addition, our fitness instructors learned entirely new ways to engage our members, and our Jewish Life and Culture staff greatly expanded their online programming. At the same time, we lost numerous members as fitness programs were restricted to outdoors, moving from about 1900 members pre-COVID, to just over 700 now.

By June, we were able to reopen our treasured AJCC, but now in a very different format due to the size of our facility and COVID restrictions on allowable group sizes. Our Early Childhood program capacity was now limited to 50% of its previous capacity, and summer camp programs, which previously housed over 300 participants each summer, were reduced to 40 participants. Historically these programs break-even, but with current restrictions a larger share of building expenses are now allocated to these programs. Out of caution, we also closed for two weeks during the July COVID surge and subsequently lost income.

We procured a Cares Act Payroll Protection Loan through the Federal Government in April. This allowed the AJCC to bring 40 additional staff back,

and to employ these staff through September. Even with the loan we have been functioning at a significant deficit since the summer, and expect to continue to do so over the next year. Our board is working diligently to explore other cost cutting measures while many of our fixed expenses simply continue to outstrip the revenue we are able to

we need your support. The AJCC Chazak – Be Strong Appeal kicked off in December. This comprehensive campaign brings together the many methods of fundraising we have previously employed - from events, to tributes, to the Chai Society, recognizing donors of \$1,800 and up.

We have set a goal for our fundraising of \$500,000 in order to augment programs which are no longer covered by memberships, and to prevent drawing from reserves at high levels.

The AJCC Board continues to believe the AJCC is here to embrace the community, especially in these times of need and that Community Never Closes. Our numbers over the past few months bear out this belief. Since August, the Early Childhood Education and Kids University All Day programs have provided 3,600 hours of childcare and educational assistance for approximately 140 children of essential workers and parents who must work. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program and our Senior Adult programs

have delivered more than 2,400 meals to senior adults over the past 6 months in concert with our community partners. Our Fitness department has provided more than 1,400 reservations for 800 classes and the Aquatics department has provided nearly 6,000 reservations for lap swim. These programs have provided a sense of strength, well-being, and resiliency to those who participate.

Please join me by renewing your support, or by giving for the first time to the AJCC Chazak – Be Strong Appeal between now and March. Your gift will truly make a difference to our community.

Visit our website <https://alpertjcc.org> to give online, or for more information on ways to give please contact me at dgoldfarb@alpertjcc.org, or Susan Paletz, development director at spaletz@alpertjcc.org 



bring in. Luckily, the board carefully built reserves over the past 10 years, giving us enough funds along with the Payroll Protection Loan to allow us to augment our revenue over the next few months.

We continue to work tenaciously to meet the needs of our membership and the community, and

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New Virtual Adult and Family Programming for the Alpert JCC

Susan Paletz | Director of Development and Special Events, Alpert Jewish Community Center

The Alpert JCC has two brand new exciting virtual programs launching in January 2021. Thanks to a very generous grant from Jewish Long Beach, the AJCC will offer J Adults, programming for active adults 50+ years of age, and J Family, for families with preschool through middle school children. All programs in J Family and J Adult are offered free of charge to the community. Our goal is to help adults and families stay connected and engaged during the Pandemic. We



are so thankful for the grant opportunity from Jewish Long Beach that has enabled us to provide these programs.

Dana Schneider-Chanzit, the AJCC director of Jewish Life and Culture, is implementing the J Family

programming. Families can look forward to quality family programs that includes kids cooking classes, a family interactive Tu B'shevat Seder on January 24, Purim cooking and craft programs, Passover family programs, and online Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations. The program provides families with a connection to Jewish life and a virtual connection to the broader Jewish community.

The virtual programming will keep the entire family engaged with creative programs, singing and resources on how to celebrate the holidays at home. Special emphasis is placed on our interfaith families and how

to incorporate Judaism in their everyday lives. Dana will share Jewish culture, traditions and Israel connections. As we enter the Winter months, with the pandemic still very much present, J Family programming will offer a place to celebrate, interact and participate in the Jewish community while maintaining a safe environment.

Also launching in January is J Adult programming for active adults (age 50 and older). To kick off the J Adult program, in conjunction with the AARP, we will feature a video on how to do Zoom, take video classes and stay connected during the pandemic.

For many senior adults, the pandemic has triggered a sense of isolation. The intent of the new J Adult program is to connect adults (virtually) to the community and to each other.

Each month will feature a variety of virtual programming, including fitness and wellness classes, such as meditation, yoga, and balance and mobility. J Adult will also feature film and book clubs, and cooking tips which focus on healthy eating.



Dr. Susan Mathieu, is very excited to be launching her video on "Laughing Your Way to Happiness," on January 15. Dr. Mathieu will be providing a variety of videos and programming to help our seniors stay safe at home and still feel connected and engaged.



In February, Leslie Ciletti, MS, state and nationally Certified Recreation Therapist

and Certified Dementia Practitioner, will be teaching an interactive online 6-week program called "Train Your Brain." The program is designed to protect against memory loss and help participants improve the quality of their lives by staying cognitively connected.

The J Family and J Adult programs can be found on the AJCC website www.alpertjcc.org. Also included is a monthly calendar listing of all programs and activities. Please contact Susan Paletz at spaletz@alpertjcc.org for additional information about these programs or how to register. 

Planning for 2021

The Jewish Long Beach Planning and Grants committee will release the 2021 Impact Grant proposal guidelines at the end of January.

For more information please contact Sharon Kenigsberg, director of Community Development 562.426.7601 ext. 1008 or by email at sharonk@jewishlongbeach.org. 

Virtual Mission to Washington

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Join community members from across the country at the first-ever national virtual mission to Washington hosted by the Jewish Federations of North America. This is your chance to virtually meet political leaders and policymakers and to help secure resources for the institutions that keep Jewish life flourishing. Participants

will have the opportunity to engage with political leaders from both sides of the aisle, fight antisemitism, ensure a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, make the case for government resources to keep communal institutions flourishing and provide for the vulnerable, such as Holocaust survivors. Together we'll ensure safe, resilient and inclusive communities for all.

You're invited to join Jewish Long Beach in uniting with Jewish communities across the country in securing a brighter Jewish future. Register for this free virtual mission by visiting jfeds.org/VirtualMissionDC. Please note that the link is case sensitive and must be used exactly as written. Contact medwards@jewishlongbeach.org with any questions. 



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- OUTDOOR FITNESS, LAP SWIMMING, AND MANY ACTIVITIES ARE TEETERING ON BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. WE NEED EVERYONE'S STRICT COOPERATION TO HELP SUSTAIN OUR CENTER AND ITS ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

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Kol Yisrael Aravim Zeh B'Zeh – All the Jewish People are Responsible One for the Other

Linda Temkin Waltzman | Chair, Woman's Philanthropy; Jewish Long Beach Board



Linda Temkin Waltzman

My name is Linda Temkin Waltzman. I live and have grown up here in Long Beach. I am currently on the Jewish Long Beach board and am delighted to be serving a third year as chair of Women's

Philanthropy. It is a joy to be part of this group of energetic, creative, intelligent, compassionate, generous and diverse women of all ages. We each have strengths. We each have personal stories.

When asked to talk about My Jewish Long Beach story, I have to start with another story that illustrates why I choose to commit my time and energies to Jewish Long Beach.

Once upon a time, far, far away in a land across the sea, a man sat at his desk, pen in hand, and poured out his hopes and dreams in graceful script and perfect English grammar. The year was 1938 and the place was Vienna, Austria. The man with the pen in his hand was Oscar Sternfeld. You've never heard of him. Neither had my grandparents who were living in Los Angeles when they received an envelope with unfamiliar handwriting and foreign postage. They read the enclosed letter.

October 31, 1938

To Mr. Harry Sternfeld [my grandfather],

Dear sir, many years ago, members of our family emigrated to the USA. Now I am compelled to remember this fact. Yet, in spite of all my endeavors, I can find no address of this American relative and



Harry Sternfeld

so I am writing you in the vague hope of getting in touch with the Mr. Sternfeld, who is our relative.

My family and I are in great distress. The political change in our country compels us to leave Austria in order to build up a new existence elsewhere. You may believe me that it is a very bitter fate to apply to strangers. And so, I gathered up all my courage to undertake this step, trusting you will understand the grim necessity . . .

What we most desperately and immediately need is an affidavit to enter the USA. Having neither friends nor acquaintances there to whom to apply, I sincerely trust you will not fail me if you are the Mr. Sternfeld I am seeking. If not, I trust you won't mind this fact and assist us nevertheless. If, for one reason or other, you are unable to do so, will you be kind enough to at least pass this letter onto friends of yours who would help? God will bless you for it.

You may take one thing for granted. We shall never become a burden to you, neither

financially, nor morally. Kindly take this as a formal promise. By the affidavit you would give us the possibility to obtain an immigration visa. As for the rest, we take it upon ourselves to build up a new existence in the USA.

We shall never in our lives forget who granted us a new lease on life.

Believe me to be sincerely yours,
Oscar Sternfeld

On December 2, only 32 days after the writing of the letter, the horrendous Night of Broken Glass (*Krystal Nacht*), exploded. Life for Jews throughout Europe would never be the same. It was the beginning of the end of a rich and glorious people and culture.

Well, my grandparents did respond to this man's plea. Though of no relation, they did not hesitate to help him and his family. Whenever I have revisited this letter over the years, I'm struck by the painful desperation and incredible courage of the writer. He voiced his hope that my grandparents had internalized the teaching, "*Kol Yisrael aravim zeh b'zeh*," All the Jewish people are responsible one for the other.

Well, here we are today. The year is 2020 and the place is Long Beach, California. What stories will we pass on to our precious children and grandchildren? What values will we model for them about giving and sharing, helping people whom we will never meet? What will we, the informed, intelligent, caring Jews of Long Beach do when presented with the opportunity to help people in need?

My parents, my brother, my three adult children and I have benefitted from and contributed to the growth and health of Jewish Long Beach. It is my dream that each of my seven grandchildren will grow to understand and honor the legacy of our family's involvement. It is a rewarding, fulfilling and uplifting endeavor.

In addition to my commitment at Jewish Long Beach, over the years I've been actively involved with the Alpert Jewish Community Center, Camp

Kamoroff, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Hillel, Yom Hashoah, Yom Haatzmaut, Senior Meals,



Linda (2nd from right), at Save a Child's Heart in Tel Aviv as part of the 2013 Community Trip to Poland and Israel.

Jewish Book Festival, Women's Weekends, Alpert Singers, Leadership Development, Days of Discussion, Women's Seders, Missions to Israel, and Jewish Long Beach Board of Directors. I have participated in leadership positions at Temple Israel, Congregation Shir Chadash, Torat Nashim, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, and Early Childhood Education. Beyond the Jewish community I am a member of End Abuse Long Beach, LBUSD Kindergarten Festivals, and Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force. Beyond these involvements, I am proud to be an advocate for Save A Child's Heart, Jewish Long Beach and Israel. I consciously try to align my life and efforts with causes that

are close to my family as well as community needs and national and international programs.

In the words of the author Sam Levinson, "G-d gave you two hands. One is to help yourself. The other one is to help others."

As my story began with "once upon a time,"

it ends with the sincere hope that each of you lives "happily and safely ever after."

Thank you for letting me share some insight as to why I choose to be involved with Jewish Long Beach. Be well and stay safe. 🌍



Linda, far right, with community members on the 2018 Europe/Israel trip at Pantry Packers in Jerusalem, packaging food for boxes to be delivered to the needy in Israel.

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Contemporary Antisemitism on California College Campuses

Dr. Jeffrey Blutinger | Associate Professor, Director of Jewish Studies, CSULB

In general, antisemitism on college campuses takes one of three closely related forms: far-right, far-left, and Islamist. While some of these incidents are generated by the campus community, most involve outside groups and individuals coming on to campuses to promote antisemitic ideas or post antisemitic images.

At first glance, it might seem strange and even unbelievable that such diametrically opposed groups would or could use the same antisemitic ideas to support policies that are so radically different from each other. But they can do so because anti-Jewish stereotypes are so deeply embedded in our culture.

We often make the mistake of thinking of antisemitism as a virus: a foreign body that attacks us from without, but it would be better to see it as a reservoir under our feet that people can draw upon. The image of the Jew in Western civilization as conspiring to do evil, of controlling levers of power, particularly through words and money, goes back well over a millennium.

In the last few years, California-based white nationalist groups have come onto campuses, painting swastikas and putting up posters promoting white supremacy. For members of the Alt-Right, such as the infamous and now-retired Prof. Kevin MacDonald, Jews are a hostile elite controlling finance and media in order to promote multiculturalism, civil rights, immigration, and diversity, all as tools to breaking down white identity and resistance.

Most of the recent examples of left-wing antisemitism on college campuses tend to involve student government elections and debates over BDS (Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions). For example, in 2020, student activists at USC launched a media campaign and circulated a petition on campus calling for the expulsion of a Jewish African-American student senator on the grounds that “a woman with years of internalized racism, classism, and Zionism behind her should not be given the luxury of being a USC student.”

Left-wing extremists tend to be less comfortable directly naming their hostile elite as composed of Jews, but rather use code phrases such as classists and Zionists, who use neoliberal values and colonial imperialism to oppress the working class and the indigenous peoples of the earth.

Many of the incidents involving Islamist antisemitism on campus are often tied to annual “Israeli Apartheid Week” or BDS resolutions, though less often they involve antisemitic speakers invited to campus, such as the Nation of Islam’s Ava Muhammad, who was originally scheduled to speak at San Diego State University in early 2020, but whose invitation was cancelled after her antisemitic and anti-LGBTQ rhetoric surfaced.

While there are major ideological and theological differences between the Nation of Islam and more normative Muslim extremists, such as Hamas, what they share is a belief in an international Jewish conspiracy to oppress Muslims and people of color.

It’s important to remember that anti-Zionism is not criticism of the policies of the State of Israel. Just as criticizing the policies of President Obama or President Trump doesn’t make one anti-American, so too criticizing the policies of this or that Israeli government doesn’t make one anti-Israeli. By contrast, anti-Zionism goes beyond criticism of particular government policies and calls for the elimination of the State of Israel and its replacement with some kind of one-state solution.

Is it possible to be anti-Zionist without being antisemitic? Yes, but only if one is consistent. If one opposes all forms of ethnic-based nationalism, such as Palestinian nationalism, Thai nationalism, Italian nationalism, etc., then it would not be antisemitic to also oppose Jewish nationalism; but to only single out Jewish nationalism is antisemitic. In addition, some Jews oppose Zionism because they are either opposed to an ethnic/national conception of Jewishness or because they think that only God and the Messiah have the right to reestablish a Jewish state. They are not antisemitic in thinking so.

Most anti-Zionists, however, do not fall into those exceptions.

There is a strange and recent phenomenon in contemporary antisemitism and it isn’t limited to college campuses: extremists groups will try to defend themselves against the charge of antisemitism by claiming that they don’t hate all Jews, just the bad ones, and they claim that their support from or for good Jews means that they are not antisemites.

For far-right extremists, bad Jews are socialists and liberals, Jews like George Soros, while the good Jews are those who support white Christian nationalism, and oppose immigration and multiculturalism. For far-left extremists, on the other hand, bad Jews are capitalists and Zionists, Jews like Benjamin Netanyahu, while good Jews are those who oppose the existence of the State of Israel and support dismantling the neoliberal capitalist system. Even Islamist extremists have their own “good” Jews, namely those like Neturei Karta (a fringe Ultraorthodox anti-Zionist group).

Remember that the key marker for antisemitism is the use of anti-Jewish stereotypes. Contemporary antisemites will try to conceal their hatred behind support of or opposition to particular Israeli policies and politicians, but their use of images of a hostile elite controlled by Jews reveal who they really are. 

Freiheit! Graphic Novel Inspires Hope in a Sea of Darkness

David Rowe | Student President, Beach Hillel

At a time when all hope seemed to be lost – the darkest moments of Nazi oppression in the early 1940s – Andrea Grosso Ciponte’s “Freiheit!” pulls the reader into the world of the White Rose resistance group, whose members believed that the power of the individual could overcome the madness of the majority.



With steadfast bravery and unshakable dedication to their cause, Ciponte’s humanizing depiction of the White Rose group inspires faith and strength in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

“Freiheit!” may be particularly inspiring to young people. As a college student among millions, especially now, it is easy to believe that my peers and I can have no impact on the ever-turning wheels of

history. Contrary to this idea, the graphic novel instills an enduring point: with enough willpower, every single individual can be an agent of change. And while the White Rose group was not able to ignite an overthrow of the Nazis, their leaflets reached millions of Germans, tipping the nation ever so slightly against the idea of war, genocide, and world domination, and preserving an honorable ethos that had been forced into hiding.

In addition to this, Ciponte’s engaging graphic novel will leave you with an appreciation for those who wish to bring light into our world, no matter the scope of their impact. With chilling imagery of vengeful Nazi officers contrasted with the bright, compassionate students of the resistance, “Freiheit!” demonstrates the importance of holding onto our values no matter the conditions we face. 

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Anchors in a Time of Uncertainty

Rabbi Scott Fox | Temple Israel Long Beach

Editor's Note: This space was originally reserved for an interview with Rabbi Fox. After reading his November 2020 article for the Temple Israel newsletter, I felt the article struck the perfect note for this moment in time and should be shared with the entire community. While the Rabbi alludes to an unknown election outcome, the uncertainty of our times is nonetheless pervasive and worth addressing.



I write to you now at a time of uncertainty. None of us know what the final outcome of the election will be and many of us are unsure of that outcome, regardless of the results of election day. This election season has been contentious, derisive, and divisive. Regardless of your political beliefs, I imagine you have read or

heard words that were deeply unsettling in the past few months. For many of us, we have looked to a large group of people and found them acting in a way that was radically different than what we might have expected or hoped. And so, this is a time of uncertainty.

But our people has long lived with uncertainty. We are a wandering, loose amalgamation of families that call one another kin while sharing a checkered past and a consistent migration from one place to the next. Charting any group of Jews around the world needs a great deal of patience and intellectual dexterity as the historian places pins chronologically zig-zagged across the map. We are a people used to change and uncertainty, so I offer these three anchors pulled from

the traveling ancestors we share, regardless of bloodline.

First, remind yourself that you are a part of a family. As our people moved from one area of the world to the next we never lost sight of our greater relationship with one another. Throughout history we stayed in touch with other Jews through correspondence or reflection on texts, ideas, and teachings from glosses. This helped us remember that we were connected to one another, and able to support one another when needed. Who are the members of our support networks today? This is a time to turn to one another and seek comfort, companionship, and care. Know that our Jewish community is a critical part of that support network. We are here and hope to find every way we can to be present together during this time.

Second, learning is a source of joy and renewal. Even when there were no books present, our community has always had learning as a central part of our practice. The reason why the Talmud is so hard to follow is that it was carried in the minds of our people even when we couldn't bring the page, free association allowed us to memorize it. Scholars in the past would turn the verses over and over in their minds, even as they might travel from one place to the next. The words of our tradition were a safe and stable soil on which to rest when

the ground beneath their feet was moving.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin shares with us that when he is sad he does something possibly unexpected, he studies. During this time of uncertainty, I invite us to take the time to read, discuss and learn together. Whether we are cracking open a favorite novel or joining together for discussion at one of the many opportunities for Jewish learning in our worldwide Jewish community, which are available to us virtually because of the pandemic, including the many offerings in our greater Long Beach Jewish community.

Third, keep hope alive. I am surprised every time I get to the end of the Torah. I know that it's coming, but I'm always a little taken aback when Moses dies before entering the land of Israel. All of this build up, our history - from the very beginning of time to the moment of redemption - stops abruptly and we go back and read again from the beginning of the Torah.

This is a reminder that we are always in a place of in-between, there is never a moment of total arrival, and no matter what the near future holds, we have enough history to recognize that in the same way things can stretch back for thousands of years, so too can they stretch forward. This is not the end, and so we can always look to a future of new beginnings. I look forward to walking this future together. 

Did We Have to Become Slaves in Egypt?

Rabbi David A. Cantor | Temple Beth Shalom, Long Beach



This month we begin our study of Sefer Shemot, the Book of Exodus. We have finished with the narrative of Creation through Jacob and his children, and as we pick up the story his progeny have become slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt: this is the narrative we will follow for the remainder of our communal reading of the Torah.

Why did we have to become slaves in Egypt? When Abraham was told, "Know well that your offspring shall be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years" (Genesis 15:13), why didn't Abraham do something to prevent that from happening? Why not instruct his children and grandchildren to remain always in the Promised Land and never put themselves in a place where they would be subject to enslavement?

Just imagine: if Jacob had refused to answer Joseph's call to come down to Goshen but insisted on remaining in Canaan, he and his children would still have survived. Joseph would have arranged for a regular caravan to supply his family through the famine, and when "[a]

new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph" (Exodus 1:8), it would not have mattered much, as the Israelites would have been far away and not much of a threat. There would have been no slavery in Egypt.



There would have been no "groaning under the bondage" and no one who "cried out" (Exodus 2:23). There would be no need for God to send Moses to intercede with Pharaoh. No ten plagues. No crossing of the Sea of Reeds. And no theophany at Mount Sinai: there would be no need for the Children of Israel to accept God as their deity and redeemer, no need to receive the Torah. The Israelites would be doing just fine in Canaan with the unconditional covenants given by God to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Exodus from Egypt is integral to everything we know as Judaism. Rashi (to Genesis 1:1) quotes R. Isaac in saying that "There was no need to begin the Torah until 'This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months' (Exodus 12:2)," the first commandment given to Israel and the beginning of the Exodus saga. Every holiday that we celebrate, both in the Amidah Prayer and the Kiddush over wine, is explained as *zecher yetziat mitzrayim*, a remembrance of the going out from Egypt. The "Ten Commandments" – *aseret hadibrot* – begin with the introduction of God as "I

the Lord am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage" (Exodus 20:2). The closing words of the Shema – said morning and night – are "I the Lord am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God"

(Numbers 15:41). Numerous mitzvot are justified as being because we were slaved in Egypt. Why was it so important for us to have experienced slavery in Egypt?

There is a formula for successful change in an organization, first theorized by Richard Beckhard and David Gleicher, and later refined by Kathie Dannemille:

CHANGE =

DISSATISFACTION x VISION x FIRST STEPS
RESISTANCE

The insight of this formula is in the identification of dissatisfaction and resistance as the primary factors in preventing change from being successful: if there is low dissatisfaction and high resistance, it doesn't matter how great the vision is or what first steps have been taken; for change to happen there must be an increase in dissatisfaction and a decrease in resistance. That is what happens to the Children of Israel when they find themselves to be slaves in Egypt. In Canaan, had God or Moses come to them and said "Let's enter into a new covenant with God defined by obligations" there wouldn't have been much interest: they were already in the Promised Land. But make them slaves? By the end of their time in Egypt the dissatisfaction become so great that despite the resistance ("May the Lord look upon you and punish you for making us loathsome to Pharaoh and his courtiers," Exodus 5:21) the people were ready to follow Moses into the Wilderness, embrace God as their redeemer, and accept the Torah and mitzvot at Mount Sinai. 

Many Events to Enjoy in January and February

Beth David

Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 9:00 am

The New Normal From the Medical, Psychological, and Jewish Point of View. Panelists are:



Jeffrey Seitelman, MD



Rabbi Nancy Myers



Aaron Kern, MD

Jeffrey Seitelman, MD, psychiatrist; Aaron Kern, MD, internal medicine; and Rabbi Nancy Myers.

Free on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89879469370>.

Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Blood Drive – Appointments are required and can be made at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code TBD or by calling Cathy Niederman at 714.673.1154.

Saturday February 13 at 10:30 am

Purim Tot Shabbat and Puppet Show

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm

Connecting and Communicating in the Time of COVID-19. Hear from our own Dr. Lois Abrams, psychotherapist, professor and lecturer. Email sisterhood@templebethdavid.org to register.

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm Purim Shpiel

Congregation Shir Chadash

Join us for Shabbat Services Friday evenings at 7 pm for services with a theme: Meditation Shabbat, Kol Shira (a musical) Shabbat, Shabbat with a Drash, and Contemporary Writings Shabbat.



Saturday Shabbat Services, 10:30 am.

Tuesdays at 1:30 pm for Tea and

Chasidic Stories with Rabbi Gindlin.

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm for Torah

Text Studies with Rabbi Gindlin.

Contact for Zoom info: Carol Klein, 562.429.0715 or email csclakewood@dslextreme.com.

Temple Beth Ohr

Temple Beth Ohr recently welcomed Cantor Ken Jaffe. His original musical training is in opera, but he found his love of Cantorial music and so enrolled in the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music, where he graduated as Cantor in 1997. Before moving out to California from his native Connecticut, he served synagogues in New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Missouri. Since his move to California, he has served throughout the greater Los Angeles area. He has published several music compositions with Transcontinental Music, as well as being the author of a major Jewish music bibliography entitled, "Solo Vocal Works on Jewish Themes: A Bibliography of Jewish Composers." Cantor Ken has a passion for teaching Hebrew and has developed a new and exciting method for decoding the Hebrew language. Cantor Ken lives in Rancho Palos Verdes with his wife, Deanna Ableser, and their daughter, Grace.

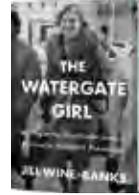


Cantor Ken replaces Cantorial Soloist Arielle Goldfarb.

NCJW Greater Long Beach & West Orange County along with Sharon Carmel Hadassah

Tuesday, January 26 at 4pm on Zoom

Present their Annual Shirley Stein Book Review and are pleased to announce "The Watergate Girl" as our selection for the annual joint Hadassah book review. The author, Jill Wine-Banks is our presenter.



The book takes place in a time, much like today, when Americans feared for the future of their democracy and women stood up for equal treatment. At the crossroads of the Watergate scandal and the women's movement stood a young lawyer named Jill Wine Volner (as she was then known), barely thirty years old and the only woman on the team that prosecuted the highest-ranking White House officials.

In "The Watergate Girl," Wine-Banks takes us inside this troubled time in American history, and it is impossible to read about the crimes of Richard Nixon and the people around him without drawing parallels to today's headlines. The book is also the story of a young woman who sought to make her professional mark while trapped in a failing marriage, buffeted by sexist preconceptions, and harboring secrets of her own. Her house was burgled, her phones were tapped, and even her office garbage was rifled through.

Email programs@ncjwlongbeach.org or call 657.235.2511 for more information. To register go to www.ncjwlongbeach.org.

Throughout 2021, Monthly free virtual (on Zoom) NCJW programs will be as follows:

Spend Thursdays with us:

2nd Thursday at 4pm: Bingo or Game day.

3rd Thursday at 7pm: Informal discussion group on a topic timely for the month.

4th Thursday at 7pm: Movie discussion after watching on your own, e.g. January 28 The Women's Balcony.

For more information: email programs@ncjwlongbeach.org or call 657.235.2511 or to register go to www.ncjwlongbeach.org.

Sharon Carmel Hadassah

Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Presents a virtual tour of the current exhibit at the contemporary Jewish Museum: "Levi Strauss: A History of American Style." Ticket levels: \$20

Bandana, \$36 Cowgirl Hat,

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Levi Jeans.

The tour explores the story of 19th century Jewish immigrant Levi Strauss, including his journey from Bavaria to California, the establishment of Levi Strauss & Co., the history of gold rush-era San Francisco, and the popularization of blue jeans into the 21st century.



Send checks payable to Hadassah to: Eileen Braeman, 3017 N. Greenbrier, Long Beach, CA 90808. Zoom link provided upon paid registration.

For further information contact Eileen at mizzu66@aol.com or 562.420.9980. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Barbara Alpert Sharon-Carmel Hadassah Endowment of Jewish Long Beach.

Long Beach Hillel

Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30pm

Long Beach Hillel is excited to host Ambassador Dennis Ross for an engaging virtual presentation on Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 pm. A highly skilled diplomat, Ambassador Ross was instrumental in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process during the George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. The program is free and open to the entire community. Please e-mail ChayaLeah Sufirin to register at clsufirin@beachhillel.org.



Ambassador Dennis Ross

Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society

Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 10:00 am

Alexander Beider the leading authority on Ashkenazic Jewish surnames will talk about how he does his research and what got him started in this topic and why it is important.

Register for this Zoom meeting at www.ocjgs.org. Free for members and \$5 for non members.

Sunday, February 28th, 2021 at 10:00 am

A Zoom conversation with Gary Mokotoff and Sallyann Amdur Sack Picus, two of the founders and the most well-known individuals in the Jewish Genealogy Field. Owner and publisher-editor of Avotaynu publishing house and magazine.



Register at www.ocjgs.org. Free for members and \$5 for non members.

CCEJ 30th Annual Interfaith Intercultural Breakfast: Faith in Justice

Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 8:30 – 9:30am

The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ)'s Annual Breakfast typically brings hundreds of people together to share the vision of a truly inclusive community. Join this year's online event including a keynote and breakout sessions.

Keynote speaker Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Ph.D. is a seminary professor, activist, a mother of two African American sons, and author of "Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community," a volume of stories gathered from clergy and young activists on the street in the aftermath of Michael Brown's murder. Dr. Gunning Francis will share stories that will break your heart, inspire you, and incite action for a more just and equal world.



Make a tax-deductible contribution of \$25 or more to register for the event at www.cacej.org/breakfast. Contact Paulina Piña Garcia at 562-435-8184 or pgarcia@cacej.org with any questions.



Jewish Family & Children’s Service Expresses Their Gratitude



JFCS is grateful for the support of the families and staff of the AJCC Early Childhood Education program for contributing tzedakah. The agency was able to purchase a gift card valued at more than \$300 to be used to purchase food, essentials, and a few things on the “wish list” to

make the holiday season a bit easier for one of the many deserving families in the community.

During these difficult times, the generosity of the ECE families helped brighten the holiday season for the recipients. Because of the generosity of so many donors and volunteers, JFCS was able to help 28 client families, totaling 100 people. Several large families of seven to nine people were included this year.

Those donors who were not able to go out and shop for their families were helped by volunteers who

could help with procurement and gift wrapping. Pandemic notwithstanding, these families enjoyed a much brighter Christmas and Chanukah.

Thank you, ECE families and staff! 



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Before Sukkot, the students were all excited to pick their own etrog from the Academy orchard. These unique etrog trees were planted during Tu B'shvat by the lower school students with their grandparents as part of intergenerational day activities. This year students were honored to use it during Sukkot for the mitzvah of the lulav and arba minim.



Students in all grade levels at the Hebrew Academy of Orange County enjoy the opportunity to grow fruits and vegetables in their own garden and orchard as part of the dual curriculum of Judaic and general studies. The orchard includes the unique species for which Israel is blessed that include figs, grapes, pomegranates, dates and so much more. This is part of the school's program in agriculture education.

The garden program provides a curriculum with experiential opportunities for student inquiry and investigation into health, earth, life sciences, math and social science. In Judaic studies the students study the Torah in its original Hebrew. They learn about the Mitzvot relating to trees and plants and expand their knowledge with their holiday curriculum and stories from the Talmud.

As part of the program, before Rosh Hashanah, all students study about the special qualities of pomegranates and pick their own fruit from the Academy orchard to take home. This program is introduced by science experiments in their general studies classes about plant biology, life cycles and agriculture. The holiday custom of dipping an apple in honey is preceded by introducing the process of extracting honey from beehives. An actual honeycomb from a bee colony was brought to them to see firsthand how the bees

The middle school students harvested the willow branches for the Hoshanot mitzvah and distributed them to local synagogues as part of their Sukkot studies. In another example, their own project-based learning activity delved into the differences between organic and non organic food, business plans, expenses and profits, as well as how different temperatures can affect compost and crops.

Our kindergarteners are always excited about planting their winter crop of snap peas and onions. This year they also planted potatoes to be used for latkes which became part of their culinary program. They got ready for Chanukah by preparing latkes after learning all about different oils and what makes olive oil so special. They studied about

the process of producing pure olive oil for kindling purposes. After selecting the olives, they squeezed them



in an olive press for juice and placed them in a centrifuge to manufacture the oil.

During the spring, students will be learning all about the importance of nutrition and healthy food as part of their education. They are taught to respect the earth and show

gratitude for all its blessings.

The school garden program provides a meaningful context for students to apply new academic concepts as part of their project based learning in middle school. As students use their newfound math and language skills to measure, calculate, graph and communicate about real world concepts, they deepen their understanding of the subject matter while discovering the joy and fascination that characterizes learning within a practical application.

The school's own orchard on the 11-acre campus was planted more than a decade ago, with new trees being added every year. The students are excited about all the trees they have planted and cultivated and invite the Jewish community to tour the Hebrew Academy Israel orchard. 

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Felice Adler Shohet | President, Beach Hillel Board



People often ask me why I choose to support Beach Hillel. I don't have kids at Long Beach State, and I am not an alumnus of the university, so why am I so dedicated to this institution?

Here are my top eight reasons for supporting Beach Hillel (Why eight? In honor of the eight nights of Chanukah!)

1. Beach Hillel helps provide "normalcy" for Jewish students through connection to other Jewish peers.
2. Beach Hillel creates meaningful Jewish experiences for students during the most formative years of their early adult lives.

3. Beach Hillel provides training and support for students to stand up against antisemitism and anti-Zionism on campus, thus building a stronger Jewish and pro-Israel presence in the Long Beach community.

4. Beach Hillel contributes to campus cultural life through presenting programs featuring Jewish/Israeli music, arts, holidays, customs, and values.

5. Beach Hillel is the first touch with the organized local Jewish community for many students. Beach Hillel is the Jewish community for these students.

6. Hinei! Beach Hillel staff are HERE for students, especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. It's very hard to say no to ChayaLeah... Just kidding, but not really!

8. I support Beach Hillel because it is my responsibility to ensure Jewish life continues to thrive for generations to come.

Please join me in supporting this valuable institution that truly is creating the future leaders of our Jewish community! Go to www.beachhillel.org to donate.



In a pre-COVID-19 gathering, Beach Hillel students learned about the Holocaust experience from local Long Beach legend Gerda Seifer.



It's hard to believe this CSULB Beach Hillel trip happened in early 2020, but here are 23 CSULB student leaders along with Executive Director Beach Hillel, ChayaLeah Sufirin in Jaffa, Israel.



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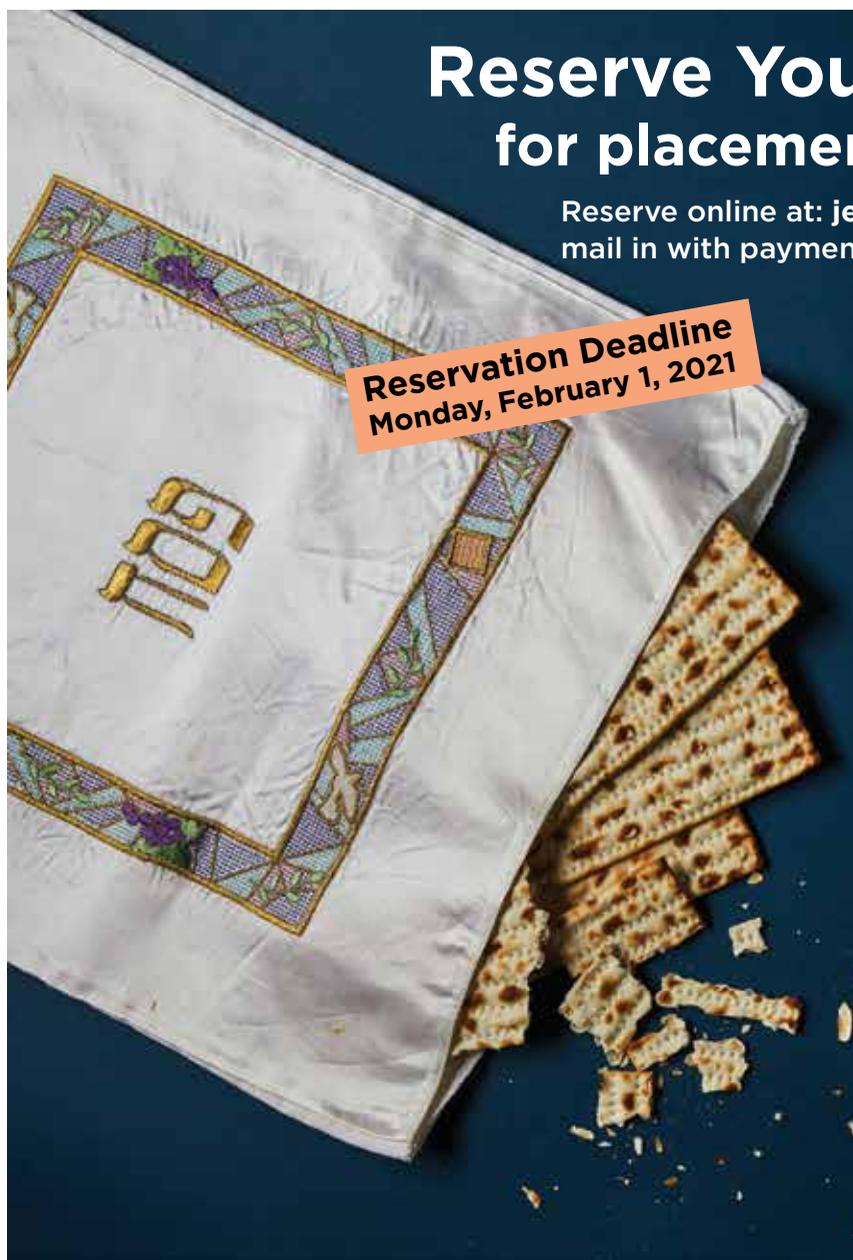
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Inspired Jewish Leadership During the Pandemic

Melanie Edwards | Manager, Marketing and Outreach

On Tuesday, December 15, the 2020-2021 Alpert New Leaders Forum (ANLF) class came together for a Virtual Chanukah Gathering filled with music, candle lighting, and conversation to share favorite Chanukah memories. ANLF, made possible by the generosity of Barbara and Ray Alpert*, is a year-long program designed to empower emerging leaders with the skills, resources and tools to affect change in Jewish institutions.

In October, Jewish Long Beach welcomed 18 individuals into the 2020-2021 ANLF class who will join more than 100 alumni to inspire change and growth in the community. When the pandemic prevented the class from meeting together

in-person, Jewish Long Beach quickly pivoted and began to host the ANLF program virtually. The class continues to meet each month on Zoom to engage in rich discussions and dialogue from experienced leaders and facilitators in the community.

Throughout the course of the year, the class will engage in topics including an introduction to the Greater Long Beach Jewish community, American Jewish history and contemporary Jewish issues, board responsibility and service, U.S.-Israel Relations, leadership development and more.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Melanie Edwards at medwards@jewishlongbeach.org.

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