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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

RABBI ALAN LACHTMAN

HAPPY, HAPPY 70th ANNIVERSARY!

Temple Beth David began officially with a designation by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in August 1947. Under the urging of the late **Rabbi Alfred Wolf** and the strong leadership and encouragement of **Flora** and **Leon Kahn**, and **Isadore** and **Bernice Richlin**, the beginnings of our congregation are history. From meetings in homes, to rental space at the Alhambra YMCA, to the chicken coops in Temple City, our congregation has served three generations of Jews in the San Gabriel Valley.

Temple Beth David began as a group of families with diverse backgrounds who wanted to have a place to teach the next generation the tenets of our faith and to create a Jewish community. At a time when finances were not abundantly available there was a pool of talent and roll up the sleeves mentality that set the foundations for today.

Most of our founders have departed this world but their dream endures. They have passed the mantel of responsibility to succeeding generations who have shaped and reshaped the reality of congregation.

Over my 41 years since my election as Rabbi at Temple Beth David, I have endeavored to reshape our changing reality of Judaism. I have witnessed how the times have changed the composition of our congregation

and the ever evolving practices and customs of our faith.

I look back affectionately to my election as the Rabbi in 1976. More importantly, we shouldn't dwell too long upon the accomplishments of the past. Rather I hope you will join me with our current leadership to help shape an even more promising tomorrow for those who will ultimately find our community as a meaningful pathway to live Jewishly.

Ellen, Micah and **Shane** join me in wishing you a pleasant summer filled with days of sunshine, warmth as we prepare again to welcome 5778 in September.

Shalom

Rabbi Alan Lachtman

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

by Michael Adelman

Basic Functions

- Progress. Over the past year, we have steadily identified organizational problems and improved processes in a number of different areas. We have instituted weekly Staff Meetings; developed electronic tools such as the Google Drive, Master Calendar, and Slack platform; improved internal and external communication; cleaned up the Temple's financial system; and better documented Temple policies.

- Recommendations. In the coming year, we will focus on improving volunteer engagement. We want to maximize participation and enthusiasm and minimize burnout. Doing this successfully requires good organization behind the scenes; an effective and thoughtful breakdown of tasks between paid staff and volunteers; and leadership by example.

Programming

- Progress. Over the past year, we have provided many opportunities to worship, learn, connect, and serve. We offer a variety of interesting spiritual paths via our Service Calendar and holiday programs, and we have continued to seek interfaith collaboration. We support learning as a life-long pursuit: we introduced a new structure for the Religious School from elementary through B'nai Mitzvah training, and we have a full, wide-ranging Adult Ed program and an actively managed library. We have a variety of groups within the Temple through which members can connect, including our long-standing Sisterhood and Meditation Group, and the revitalized Men's Club and Youth Group. Finally, we continue to serve the community at Union Station and Foothill Unity Center. We have identified the recurring planning cycles to make sure all of these programs are consistent and stable, and worked to institutionalize them.

- Recommendations. In the coming year, we will focus on creating opportunities for members

to share feedback at regular intervals so that we can keep our programs calibrated to people's needs. We are focused in particular on responding to the needs of parents at the Religious School and improving the quality of the school program.

Connections

- Progress. Over the past year, we have significantly streamlined the internal communication processes to make sure Temple members are connected to what's going on in our community. The weekly Constant Contact e-newsletter, the paper David's Word newsletter, the Friday night announcements, the Temple website, the phone tree, and the Facebook page are now much better functioning and internally consistent. We have also revived the Youth Group and Men's Club to go alongside Sisterhood and the Meditation Group as opportunities for connection.

- Recommendations. In the coming year, we will designate a point person for Internal Outreach to make sure we are connecting members to things they want to do. This point person will focus in particular on helping new members get plugged into Temple activities and putting into action what people have told us about their interests. In addition, we will work to develop new groups to connect members to each other, such as a havurot for parents and young adults.

Outreach

- Progress. Over the past year, we have improved several of our outward-facing outreach methods. We have updated our website and integrated it better into our organization, so that it is attractive and up to date. We also have a consistent presence on Facebook and in the JLife SGPV magazine. We made a successful special push for outreach around the High Holidays, to have a complete suite of flyers promoting our programs in time for services attended by many members and guests.

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- Recommendations. In the coming year, we will designate a point person for External Outreach who will work from an organizational-level perspective. This point person will help improve all of our outward-facing outreach and think about creative new ways to help people find out about Temple Beth David. We will also improve and institutionalize our process for reaching out to and following up with prospective members.

Visioning

- Progress. Over the past year, we have taken a serious look at the way that tasks are broken down among our staff and volunteers for all Temple functions. This is important so that we can make sure our current programs are sustainable and plan for our future needs. We have also just introduced the Community Forum meetings to get feedback from members on a regular basis, so that visioning is a collaborative and ongoing process.

- Recommendations. In the coming year, we will roll out the Community Forums; re-commit to a Temple mission statement at our 70th Anniversary; and engage in a real planning process with the lay leadership that articulates a medium-term and long-term vision for the organization.

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Announcement on Education Director Search

At the Board meeting on June 8, 2017, the Temple Beth David Board of Directors voted to seek a new Education Director to lead our Religious School program. The lay leadership of the Temple has made it a priority to improve the school program and respond to the needs of parents and families. We believe that new leadership and new perspective will help in this process. We have already designated a committee, led by **Beth Hoffman**, to work on the search for a new part-time Education Director, whom we hope to identify and hire this July, as well as to manage the transition of the school program.

We thank **Cantor Richard Schwartz** for his years of service to the Religious School, and we appreciate his hard work and dedication that went into running this program. Although Cantor Schwartz' current contract expires at the end of this month, the Board plans and hopes to keep him on as our Cantor and we look forward to his continued musical and spiritual leadership in the TBD community. Cantor Schwartz has also demonstrated grace and integrity in his willingness to support the transition process.

We also thank the parents and volunteers who have stepped forward to help with processes of searching for a new Education Director and planning the school program for next year. Engagement of parents and volunteers will be critical to growing and improving the school program and managing the transition. Volunteers can help us look for Education Director candidates; give feedback as we plan the school program over the summer; and help with school operation come fall. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to contact Beth Hoffman at bethsna@gmail.com.

Mickey Adelman
Temple President

GREETINGS FROM SISTERHOOD

Carol Ozer
Sisterhood President

We've had a very fun and busy year. I'd like to list a few of our accomplishments. We had several successful fundraisers: selling honey for Rosh Hashana, latka mix for Chanukah, hamentashen for Purim, as well as the paid up membership brunch, and for our first time we held a very successful mah jongg tournament. We were also able to update our seriously out of date sisterhood by-laws (more news about voting in the by-laws, coming soon) and we also revamped our Sisterhood Shabbat Service.

On Sunday July 9th, **Robin Evans** and I will be attending All Sisterhood Day at Temple Judea in Tarzana. It's fun to attend and catch up with other sisterhood members from within our Pacific District.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. We enjoy the activities we have together and would we like to see other women come and join us. We're bringing the Honey for Rosh Hashana fundraiser back. Watch for details!

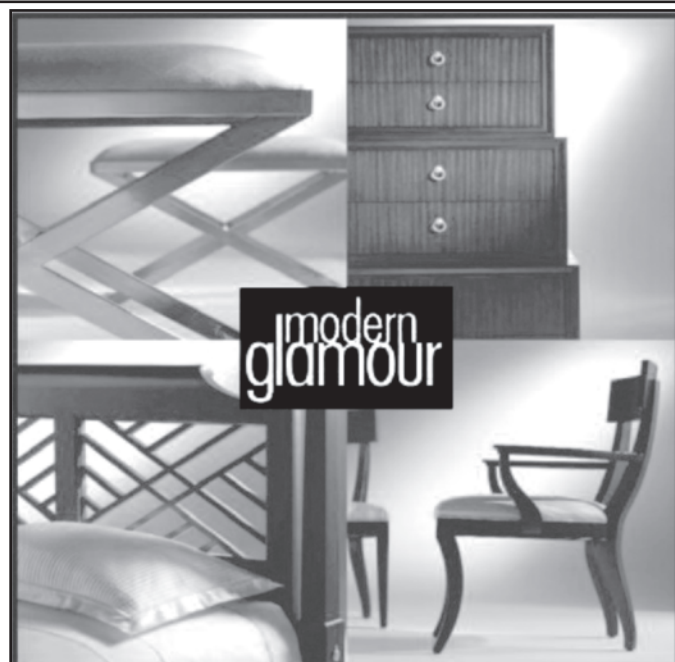
Sisterhood's most ambitious project yet is raising

money to redo the temple kitchen, which we began collecting for at our brunch in June. The kitchen is in serious need of an upgrade. Any donations to help get this project underway will be gladly accepted. We will work on getting some estimates and will let everyone know where we stand as far as how much money will be needed to do the renovation.

I also want to express a huge thank you to our Rabbi, for assisting with the shopping for the Oneg Shabbats throughout the year.

The Onegs following the Friday night services are not just a sisterhood event. To fill a void, for the last couple of years I have been the volunteer shopper for the Onegs, but I need your help. If anyone else is interested in helping out with this, please contact me for details! It's not hard to do and it would be a valuable mitzvah for the Temple!

Shalom and have a great summer,
Carol



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Crystal Drysdale
Anita Hunsaker: in memory of Herbert Stevens
Laurie Kleinberg: in memory of Bernard Murray Wax
Ron & Jan Robertson:
in honor of Sarah Evans & Shaun Carols
Ron & Jan Robertson: in memory of Greg Dubin
Ron & Jan Robertson: in memory of Bernard Zwick
Louis Rubenstein: in memory of Norman Rubenstein

Temple Beth David Religious School Barbara

Ellison Scholarship Fund
Crystal Drysdale
Paula & Richard Ellison
Peter & Susan Ivory
Larry & Valerie Kates
Robert & Carol Marver: in celebration
of the 90th Birthday of Betty Sandford
Louis Rubenstein

Temple Beth David Doris Robin Religious School Fund

Cynthia Arndt: in honor of Doris Robin

Temple Beth David Library Fund

Larry & Valerie Kates: in memory of Dorothy Kates
Larry & Valerie Kates: in memory of Elaine Amromin

Dr. Stanley Rappoport Campership Fund

Lonette S. Rappoport:
in memory of Adele Holzman Schepps

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Mickey & Lindsey Adelman:
in celebration of their marriage
Cynthia Arndt: in memory of Alan Arndt
Crystal Drysdale
Bob & Gabi Sacks: in memory of Raquel Ferguson
Yoshiko Solomon: in memory of Hannah Solomon

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Mickey & Lindsey Adelman:
in celebration of their marriage

Temple Beth David Food Bank

Mike & Ruth Gillmore: in memory of Margit Klein

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Tim Waldrep for continued facilities projects

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TOV CHAI's

3rd annual potluck

POOL PARTY



Sunday, July 9th

11 am - 4 pm

carpool with us from TBD

Join us for some fun in the sun! Pack a snack! Cheers to another year of TOV CHAI.



RSVP by 7/7 and tell us what you'd like to bring.

Thanks to our lovely hosts, the Quick-Snedaker family.

YAHRZEIT

June 30

Sylvia Drossman
Kinuye Inouye
Bernard Murray Wax
Robert Wolman

July 7

Jack Heeger
Florence Himmelstern
Robert Koritzke
Jeanine Miller
Arthur Stanley Rocker
Takeo Yamane

July 14

Louis Brandzel
Marion W. Cohen
Bernard Mike Davis
Sydney Schall

Irving Schwartz
Anne Yettra

July 21

Herbert Brenner
Dorothy Frazin
Hillard Marver
Betty Forbes Maske-
witz
Leonard Miller

July 28

Joel Halle
Ruth Hoffman
Margit Klein
Eddie Reckon
Dr. Myron Solberg
Sadie Weinerman

August 4

Clara Sarah Alpert
Stella Kaufman
Stanley Rappoport
Tina Rappoport
Norman P. Sacks

August 11

Lottie Alhadeff
Leonard Bernstein
Harry Frazin
Mene Leforte
Milton Miller

August 18

Richard Felman
Jack Leizerowitz
Arion Levine

August 25

Robert Brodsky
Esther Gilford
Isidore Kerstine
David Ross Mitchell

September 1

David Angel
Shelley Ellenson
Bea Frierman
Harold Sommer

BIRTHDAYS

July

1 Janice Rocker
Sarah Evans
5 Brent Hunsaker
6 Aleksandr Rysin
Bernice Blacher
12 Margie Jones
13 Charles Searls
Melissa Gersh
Michael Emerling
Laurie Kleinberg

Jan-Jan Wu
21 Howard Gilford
Roberta Preskill
22 Anita Hunsaker
Jerry Kohl
28 Robert Ellison
Ellen Lachtman
Michael Linsey
Catherine Weise

August

1 Ruth Alpert
2 Claire Marlow
6 Jackie Green
7 Mark Gersh
9 Carol Ozer
11 Bill Saltzman
12 James Reckon
13 Melvin Kahn
16 Theodore Chandler
19 Brenda Blatt

Lia Kamhi-Stein

20 Irving Aptaker
William Chau
Jerry Schwartz
21 Bernard Shutman
22 Henry Bailey
Carol Impara
27 Helen Frazin
28 Ron Robertson
29 Michael Schoonmaker
31 Joseph Ozer

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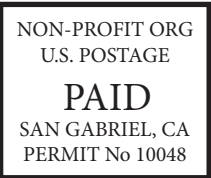
3 Bill Joseph & Perli Adef
6 Ron & Janice Robertson
7 Joel & Laurie Kleinberg
11 Henry & Arlene Bailey
12 William Finn & Linda Elyad
14 Paul & Eva Cass
Tim & Denise Waldrep
18 Bob & Gabi Sacks
Jerome Schwartz & Karen Jacobson
29 Bernard & Joan Shutman

August

6 Michael & Ellen Linsey
16 Richard & Renee Klein
21 Richard Shapiro Jacquelyn Green
25 Jeffry & Sarah Schrier
27 Alexander Annala & Karen Aboody
Charles Searls & Lorraine I. Bernstein
Michael & Ruth Gillmore
Bradley & Jo-Ann Rosenberg
30 Victor Davila & Lynn Finkel

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We welcome all Jews and interfaith families committed to living a Jewish life.

Rabbi is not available Tuesdays. Cantor is not available Mondays.

Please call for an appointment if you would like to meet with Rabbi Lachtman or Cantor Schwartz.

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