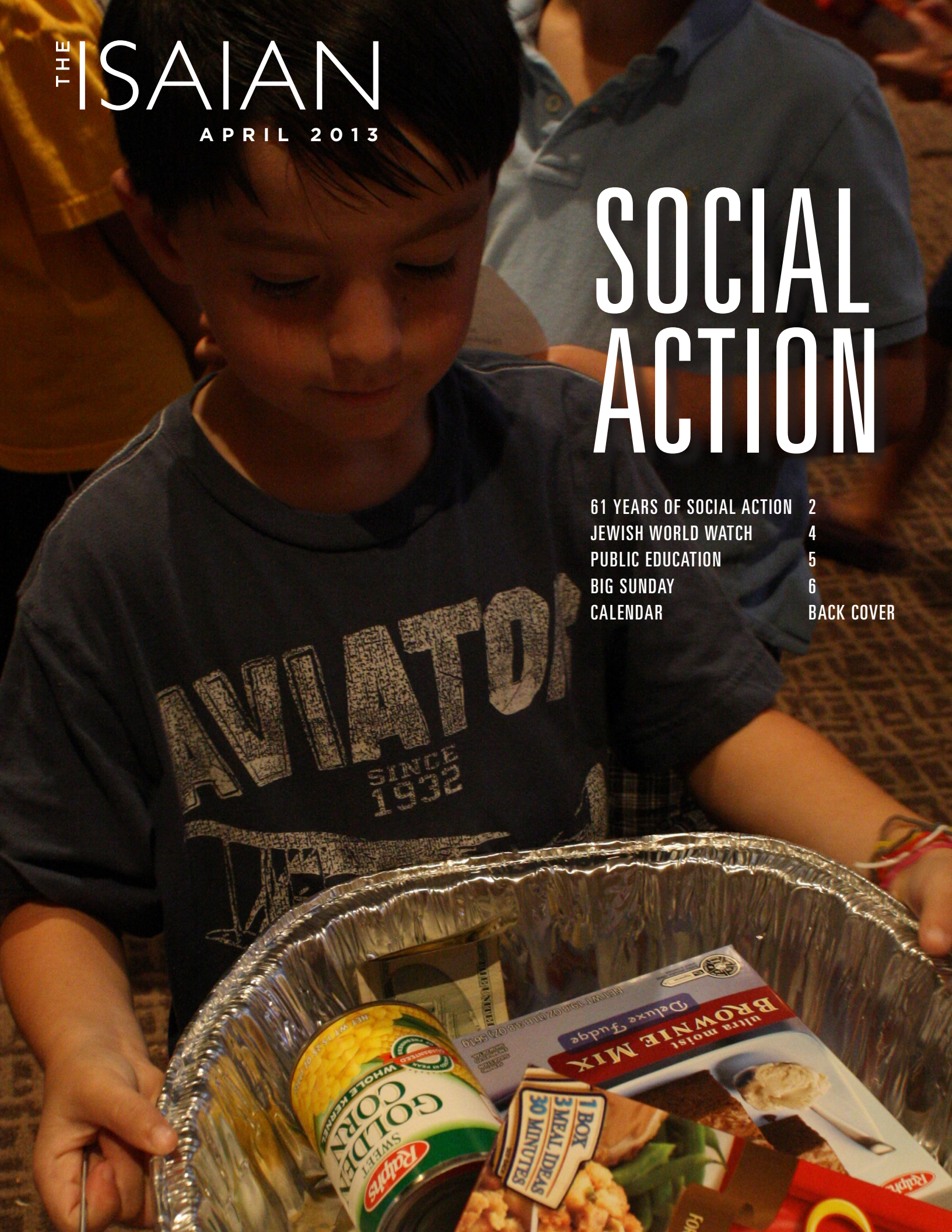


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JUSTICE JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE (DEUT 16:20)

For 61 years, our congregation has maintained a formidable social action program bringing to its pulpit such notables as Mme. Indira Gandhi, Senator Robert Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, Senator Eugene McCarthy, Cesar Chavez, Rabbi Albert Vorspan, Rabbi David Saperstein, and many others.

YEARS

action

For years Temple Isaiah and the First African Methodist Episcopal Church conducted an annual pulpit exchange. The exchange program led to other cooperative ventures between the two congregations, including a joint legal-aid clinic helping thousands of clients with free legal advice. Recently, Rabbi Zoë Klein and Rev. J. Edgar Boyd, the new leader of First AME met and shared their hopes for renewing the relationship.

In 1969 Temple Isaiah established a program in preventive mental health for young people in West Los Angeles. The program began under the name "Robert J. Green Contact Center" and offered self-awareness groups for teenagers, public lectures on drug abuse, parent-child relationships and a referral service for individuals, couples and families.

Over the years, Temple Isaiah has taken public positions against the Vietnam

War, in support of a lettuce boycott, and against Prop 8, to name a few.

Temple Isaiah was one of the first congregations to join the Jewish World Watch, a multi-denomination organization which fights egregious human atrocities around the globe.

Our Temple's Green Team focuses on educating and advocating on environmental issues, green activism, and creating green initiatives at Temple Isaiah and in the larger community.

In October 2007, Temple Isaiah joined One-LA IAF, a broad-based, non-partisan organization of dues-paying member congregations, schools, unions and non-profits committed to building power for sustainable social and economic change.

Currently, our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade family programs teach social action

texts and skills. Our 7th graders complete a mitzvah project as a part of their bar/bat mitzvah training: 10 hours of service, symbolic of their responsibilities as a leader in the Jewish community. The 9th Grade Philanthropy Fund awards \$3500 each year to non-profit organizations. Our 10th grade students travel to Washington D.C. for a weekend conference with Reform teenagers, culminating in a lobby day on Capitol Hill.

And we continue to serve our greater community in Los Angeles through partnerships with Jewish Family Service, SOVA Food Pantries, Baby2Baby, and Big Sunday.

Social action is at the center of our Jewish identity and practice at Temple Isaiah. We are proud of our history and we look forward to continuing the tradition of justice!



By Paul Goodwin and Debra Silverman

Near the very beginning of the beginning of our tradition, in Genesis Chapter 1, we are taught that God created mankind in his own image.

In Leviticus, Chapter 19, we are commanded to love the stranger and treat him "as one of your citizens... for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt."

And in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, near the end of the beginning, the Jewish people are admonished by God that we may not remain indifferent to those who live near, and to those who live far. It is not enough to avoid harming others, God tells us. We must move beyond passivity, God says: We must NOT stand idly by.

So we are all reflections of God, we are all commanded to love the stranger, and we are all obliged to act.

These lessons of Torah are at the very foundation of our faith, and they are at the core of what Temple Isaiah is all about.

In fact, Temple Isaiah has a long history of deep involvement on the issues that matter, from the Vietnam War to civil rights to marriage equality. Fighting for justice is coded in our collective DNA.

A key part of this fight is advocacy for public policies that are in keeping with our Jewish values and traditions. Through advocacy, we take our private commitment to seeking justice and bring it to the public sphere.

And yet, thinking about our congregation as a public and vocal position-taker might make us uncomfortable. Our prayer book Mishkan T'filah asks us to reflect on this during our Shabbat service with these

words: "Disturb us Adonai.... Make us know that the border of the sanctuary is not the border of living and the walls of Your temples are not shelters from the winds of truth, justice and reality."

This text reminds us that as Reform Jews we have an indispensable, irreplaceable role to play in the world around us as advocates for change. It is a role that might not always feel safe, might be agitating, risky, and heady all at the same time. But it is a role, when pursued together as a sacred community and in support of our values, which binds us to a public obligation. And that obligation is to put back together the pieces of our broken world, using the strength of our public voice.



Support
Temple Isaiah's
powerful commitment to
social justice
through
Jewish World Watch!



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Join Us to Raise Awareness, Support & Hope for the Survivors of Genocide

Sunday, April 14, 2013
9:00 AM ■ Pan Pacific Park ■ 7600 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles

Come for the Walk- stay for the Festival. Food, music, art, crafts, great merchandise to support JWW projects on the ground, solar cooker demonstration, drum circle, advocacy booths, shofar brigade and more.

REGISTER at www.walktoendgenocide or call 818-501-1836

Be sure to register to walk or donate under Temple Isaiah's Team. We are committed to registering the most walkers and raising the most funds possible. Contact Gail Solo at gailsololaw@aol.com, with any questions, and thank you!



Public Education (along with affordable housing, and public transportation) is considered essential to making Los Angeles a livable city.

By Janet Hirsch and Susan Bartholomew

On January 27, 2013 in the Cafeteria of University High we launched our housemeeting campaign to get the Public Back into Public Education. This campaign is being carried out on both the Westside of Los Angeles around the University Feeder Pattern of schools and on the South Side of Los Angeles around the Jefferson Feeder Pattern of schools. We are demonstrating that the

existence of a local "organized public" is the key and missing ingredient to the reform and health of public education in Los Angeles. On February 10, 2013 over 1,000 people from all over Los Angeles County came together to request certain things from the top four mayoral candidates. Whoever is our next mayor has agreed to use his or her Bully Pulpit to stand up for public education and work with us to change the negative finger-pointing rhetoric that currently exists in this city. They also agreed to spend a day in our schools, getting to

know our students, teachers, parents and community members enabling us to find ways that we can work together to provide excellent public schools for all the children in Los Angeles. Mark your calendars because on April 28, 2013 we will be coming together to show elected officials that we have recreated communities of adults with the skills necessary to take responsibility for supporting and strengthening local public schools.



We aim to develop a keen sense of awareness that earth stewardship is our Jewish responsibility, that humankind's exploitation of this earth has brought us to a point where

it can no longer sustain itself, and that earth-justice requires life style changes now for the sake of our children, grandchildren, and all those with whom we share and bequeath this planet. The Green

Team focuses on educating and advocating on environmental issues, green activism, and creating green initiatives at Temple Isaiah and in the larger community. We advocate for the environment in Sacramento and Washington DC, and worked at the temple to green the facility, creating the temple's recycling program, distributing reusable shopping bags, converting the Ner Tamid to solar power, and our "Be a Hero, Go Zero" campaign to stop the use of disposable water bottles, encouraging congregants to bring reusable ones to the temple, along with your own utensils and cloth napkins.



Roots & Wings

Roots & Wings is a mentoring program originally established between Temple Isaiah and the Santee Education Complex High School. This year we have expanded also to Uni High School. Congregants meet with high school students twice a month beginning in their sophomore year through graduation. The mentoring relationship is valuable to both participants in countless ways. Students share their challenges and dreams, and mentors share their experience and perspective, and together we build for a future one significant relationship at a time. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor, please contact Suzanne Solig (slsolig@aol.com) or Jan Lipschutz (janlipschutz@gmail.com)



BIG SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013



BIG SUNDAY is an annual festival of community building through community service, during which thousands of volunteers across the Los Angeles area and beyond participate in hands-on projects at hundreds of non-profits, public schools and other charitable organizations. Big Sunday also sponsors various year-round community service activities (see www.BigSunday.org)

Big Sunday has been a Temple Isaiah tradition for years. Our project this year will be held on SUNDAY, MAY 5, from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. at PALMS MIDDLE SCHOOL (10860 Woodbine Street). Palms MS will benefit from a campus beautification effort involving painting, gardening, and general campus clean-up, and also will help us support other deserving non-profits by hosting a diaper collection for the L.A. Diaper Drive, a collection of gently-used luggage and bags for the Westside Homeless Outreach Program, and a new and used children's book drive for local public elementary schools. There also will be an electronic waste recycling drive open to the entire community.

Big Sunday is open to all ages, and students can receive required community service credit for participating. And, as always, everyone gets a free Big Sunday t-shirt!! Sign-up to volunteer starting April 1 at the Big Sunday website; check the weekly Temple on-line newsletter for updates throughout April.

Martha Cohen
cohenapple@aol.com



Teen Philanthropy Fund Reviews Grant Applications

By Molly Plotnik

The grant applications are in and Temple Isaiah's Teen Philanthropy Fund Board members are hard at work reviewing all of the organizations! The Board has \$4750 to allocate to non-profit organizations that address "health care." We received ten grant applications from the following non-profit organizations:

- The Advot Project
- Ceders-Sinai Medical Center’s COACH for Kids and their Families
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
- Jewish Big Brother Big Sister of Los Angeles
- Jewish World Watch
- Operation Mend
- Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles
- The Saban Free Clinic
- The Trevor Project
- Wounded Warrior Project

Our ninth graders meet each week to ask thoughtful questions evaluating the efficacy of each organization, weighing the pros and cons of the different projects, and paying special attention to how responsibly the organizations use their money.

Will this summer count?

What do you have planned this summer with your children? Are you going to take them on a cool vacation to some beach? Bask in the sun and splash in the water? Are you planning on eat at some really wonderful restaurants? It is wonderful to have the money to enjoy these types of activities but what are you actually teaching your children if this is ALL you do this summer? As you plan for the summer, I would love to invite you to add one more item to your TO DO lists. Teach your children about social justice. They are never too young to have an impression made about the importance of giving and supporting while still being lavished upon and indulging.

We try to get some of this done during the school year. In December our Racing Rockets and Golden Sun classes ran laps on the deck to raise money for a mitzvah project chosen by the children themselves. Every day the Tadpoles and Guppies collect cans of food for SOVA. Shooting Stars even collected 100 cans of food for SOVA for the 100th day of school. And all of our 3-year-olds "adopt" children in different parts of the world. Our teachers will all walk in the Revlon Walk to support Breast Cancer Research.

But this is not enough. Children spend less than 10% of their lives till 18 at school. That means that the greatest socializing agent in their lives right now are their

parents. We need you to take the helm and create a family tradition that aligns with the values of social action and supporting social justice causes NOW and FOREVER. If we raise children that only know splashing and indulging, we will find a future with greater injustice and inequality. but if we raise an entire generation that fights for women's rights, to end hunger, to provide clean water and eradicate war, maybe, just maybe, we will find ourselves growing old in a world of peace, equality, and prosperity for ALL! Amen.



TEMPLE ISAIAH 2012-2013

ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAY CAMPAIGN

Temple Isaiah is where we educate our children, commemorate life cycle events, join together for Shabbat and holidays, make new friends and share memories with old ones. It is our home away from home - our warm, welcoming, and caring community.

Thank you to all our generous members and friends. Your support makes our important work possible and helps provide meaningful Jewish experiences for our congregation.

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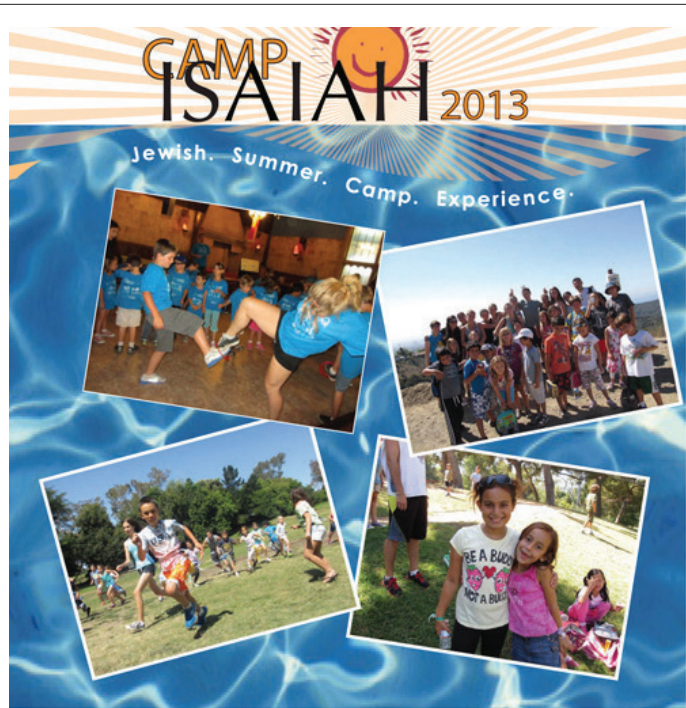
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ISAIAH WOMEN *invites you to join us for any or all of our events in April.*

Isaiah Women invites you to join us for our upcoming events:

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1:15-5:45 P.M.
MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Join us for fun, prizes, and a light lunch. Tournament will be held in the Temple Social Hall. \$20 for Isaiah Women members, and \$25 for non-members. RSVP to Rochelle Neuburger at rochelleneuburger@hotmail.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 7P.M.
LILITH SALON

Please join us for an evening of selected articles of interest to women from the most recent Lilith magazine. April's meeting will be hosted at the home of Sari Spiro. To RSVP or for more information contact Elaine Diamond at ediamond27@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 12:00 P.M.
LUNCH BUNCH

We will be traveling to Encino for delicious Israeli food at Itzak Hagadol Grill. 17201 Ventura Blvd. Please RSVP to Fran Wenger at franrw@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 5TH
CHAI TEA AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS. MORE INFO WILL BE COMING SOON!

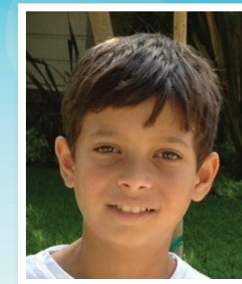
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ROSE UPTON
Daughter of Elizabeth and Brian Upton
Saturday, April 13



CAMILLA WOLFF
Daughter of Sarah and Claudio Wolff
Saturday, April 13



LOWELL DYLAN
Son of Stacy and Samuel Dylan
Saturday, April 27

APRIL MEMORIAL PLAQUES

APRIL 5

Kala Biales
Jacob Freidson
Rose Goldberg
Ayn Gottlieb
Harry Lewis
Celia Radoff
David Rector
Nathan Sidlow
Edmond Somekh
William Weill

APRIL 12

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MILESTONES: *Mazel Tov to:* Sara and Danny Monempour on the birth of their daughter, Julia; Ellen and Ron Canter on the marriage of their son Preston Canter to Dahlia Siegel.

SYMPATHY: We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Carol Noguera on the loss of her mother, Juana Flores de Moncada; Karen Selcov on the loss of her uncle, Arnold Serbin.

SPEEDY RECOVERY: The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Susan Bartholomew; Lowell Dylan, son of Stacy and Samuel Dylan; Claire Tucker; Bob Katske, father of Karen Selcov.

WELCOME *New Members*

Talmud says, "Welcoming guests is greater than receiving the face of the divine presence." We welcome those who have become part of our Temple family. Our goal at Temple Isaiah is to encourage your involvement as both members and volunteers.

Jacquelyn and Robert Florsheim



CAMP HESS KRAMER MALIBU APRIL 26-28, 2013

Temple Isaiah Presents What Caregivers Need to Know Wednesday, April 17, 7:00-8:30 pm

Please join us as Sheila Moore, LCSW, MSG, explains how to navigate the often inevitable and always surprising maze of caring for family members with physical or cognitive challenges. Sheila, Director

of Senior Services at Jewish Family Service, is the former Director of the Center for Geriatric Health at Olympia Medical Center and has long been affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Marilyn Lazar, our onsite JFS Social Worker, at mlazar@jfsla.org or (310) 247-0864 ext. 203.



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APRIL 2013 CALENDAR

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Fridays: APRIL 5*, 12*, 19 and 26

5:45 P.M. PRE-ONEG

6:15 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICES

7:30 P.M. ONEG

*APRIL 5 – Yom HaShoah Commemoration

*APRIL 12 – Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration
with Mataan Klein and Band

NOTE: There will be NO Fourth Friday on April 26

Mon

CENTER FOR THE WIDOWED

Every Monday

Wed

DAUGHTERS OF TORAH ~ LEARNING CIRCLE

Every Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CANTOR KENT MEDITATION CIRCLE

Every Wednesday | 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sat

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

Every Saturday | 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning,
exploring Torah verse by verse

TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED: April 1st

2-5 **Preschool Pesach Camp**
Tuesday - Friday, April 2-5 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

3 **Limmud**
Wednesday, April 3 | 6:00 p.m.

5 **We commemorate Yom HaShoah**
Friday, April 5 | 6:15 p.m.
Cantor Lembeck will lead us in prayers and
songs of commemoration and remembrance.

10 **Board Meeting**
Wednesday, April 10 | 7:15 p.m.

12 **Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day)**
Friday, April 12 | 6:15 p.m.
with special guests Mattan Klein and his band Seeds
of Sun directly from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. As part
of this evening's festivities, we will hear jazz renditions
of Israeli favorites.

13 **Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable**
Saturday, April 13 | 9:00 a.m.

14 **JWW Walk to End Genocide**
Sunday, April 14 | 9:00 a.m.

Isaiah Women Mah Jongg Tournament
Sunday, April 14 | 12:30 p.m.

16 **T.I.N.G. Meeting** Tuesday, April 16 | 8:00 a.m.
This is open to all Temple members and those who want to
build their business through referrals. For questions,
call Ivy Rappaport at 323-782-3032.

17 **Event for Caregivers** Wednesday, April 17 | 7:00 p.m.

18 **Parent Lecture** Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 p.m.

20 **Tot Shabbat Service** Saturday, April 20 | 9:00 a.m.
Song & Celebration Gala Concert at the Broad Stage
Saturday, April 20 | 8:00 p.m.

21 **Club 456 – Pacific Park**
Sunday, April 21 | 12:00 p.m.

24 **An Evening of Drumming, Yoga and Chanting**
Wednesday, April 24 | 7:30 p.m. As part of the
Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health and Cedars-Sinai's
"Jewish Wisdom and Wellness: A Week of Learning," Temple
Isaiah invites you to an evening that will invigorate the mind,
body and spirit.

26-28 **Family Camp – Camp Hess Kramer**
Friday - Sunday, April 26-28

28 **One LA Action on Education for University HS**
Sunday, April 28 | 2:00 p.m.
Please RSVP to ediamond27@hotmail.com