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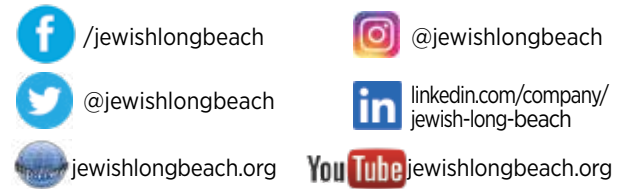
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## Dreaming About a Post-COVID Life

Zachary Benjamin | Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Long Beach



Zachary Benjamin

Last month, just as the country began to emerge from COVID hibernation, my wife, daughter, and I drove to Las Vegas to visit my dad, who has lived in the area for the past two decades. It was the first time that we had crossed the state line together as a family since 2019, and only our third opportunity since the start of the pandemic to spend a few nights in an environment other than our own home. To celebrate, we made a short vacation of it, staying at one of the Las Vegas Strip's iconic resorts, where we safely enjoyed time at the pool, savored a variety of fine dining experiences, and relished the sense that we may finally be approaching a long-awaited, if cautious, return to normal. The prevailing sense of relief and exhilaration was palpable throughout the property.

The waning of the pandemic era feels a bit like the start of a national spring break. Just as we all shared the trauma of COVID-19 and the immeasurable loss of life and resources it wrought upon our society, so we now seem to be experiencing a shared sense of euphoria and glee as we emerge from a 15-month pandemic-induced winter. We are hyper-aware of the social deprivation of the past year-plus, our senses absorbing every molecule of scent, light, sound, and flavor with which they are bombarded as we return to restaurants, beaches, and boulevards. Fans newly permitted to pack back into sporting arenas appear on television more zealous and full of joy as their teams succeed, with their disappointment at their team's failures feeling less profound than before.

Even minor pre-pandemic annoyances, such as the line to check into a hotel or the wait for a table at a restaurant feel more like small pleasures than

inconveniences. Throughout the pandemic, we relied on "COVID silver linings" to help us maintain our patience, and at times our sanity. We relished time with family, or perhaps rediscovered the satisfaction of finishing a book that has long sat on a shelf, half-read. We caught up on movies, checked in on friends more often via video chat than text or e-mail, and found creative ways to both celebrate and mourn.

If this is indeed the beginning of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings with it both a renewed zest for life, but also questions about the extended impact of the pandemic and our reaction to finally emerging from it. How long, for instance, will the honeymoon of our re-emergence continue? Are we capable of remembering those COVID silver

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linings that brought joy, comfort, and relief, and of permanently incorporating those elements into our post-pandemic lives?


Humanity can expect a global pandemic about once every century. One wonders if those who experienced the last one—the Spanish flu tragedy of 1918—resumed life post-pandemic with a similar sense of appreciation, gratitude, and perspective. If so, then we might surmise, based on our own experience, that society eventually regressed to its pre-pandemic nonchalance and that people once again jadedly began to take small privileges for granted.

Humans are remarkably adaptable creatures. We adjust to reality as necessary, allowing us to cope with both triumph and trauma. So, we can

reasonably expect that, at some point, we will settle back into a new post-COVID normal, and it will once again become our mundane daily reality. The gratitude we feel for the ability to safely stand in that check-in line or wait for that indoor restaurant table will gradually devolve back into resignation at best, and at worst, contempt for the inconvenience.

Perhaps we can forgive ourselves for this eventual regression, as it is that adaptability that has, to a degree, contributed to our longevity as a species. If Jewish relevance to this notion exists, it is in the fact that our adaptability and resilience as a people mirrors that of the human race, bringing with it both the miracle of continuity as well as, in times of quiet, the specter of apathy.

While every day brings new promise, we do not yet know for sure whether our apparent emergence from the pandemic is genuine or a temporary reprieve. The discovery of virulent new COVID variants, plus the virus's continued uncontrolled spread in India, Japan, parts of Europe, and elsewhere around the globe, are cause for caution and managed expectations. We are, by no means, assured that the crisis is nearing its end.

Let us, however, allow ourselves to dream for a moment that we may be watching the COVID-19 pandemic fade into history. While the afterglow of our potential triumph over COVID is likely to fade, we would be well served to remember how it feels to experience this moment together as a community and as a society. I hope that the appreciation we feel for each other, the empathy we sought and received during the most uncertain times, and the newfound understanding that productivity and self-care need not be mutually exclusive become permanently etched in our collective consciousness and culture. 

## Staying for Good

Rebecca Caspi | Executive Director Israel Office, Jewish Federations of North America

Whenever he called me from the United States, my uncle asked the same question, "Do you think you're going to stay in Israel?" As the decades passed, the question turned more and more into a jest. And now that I've lived in Israel for almost forty

years, including marrying and raising a family here, it's pretty clear that I'm here for good. And I mean that last phrase in two senses—not just that I'm here permanently, but that I'm contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of my adopted homeland.

I've felt that profound sense of pride ever since I started working for the Jewish community in Israel in 1991 – first for the Joint Distribution Committee, and then, since 2007, in my current role as the director of the Israel office for the Jewish Federations of North America. And I've experienced it especially deeply lately, as Israel was under relentless rocket attack from ruthless terrorists for



two nerve-racking weeks in May, and as my staff and I at JFNA worked around the clock to manage Federations' emergency response and to keep the North American Jewish community up to speed on all the breaking news, up to and including the ceasefire that was finally declared.


It was also crucial to us to inform the Israeli public of the wave of antizionism and antisemitism that crashed upon North American shores in the wake of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Promoting understanding and building awareness about the different challenges faced by American Jews and Israel helps us all to stay connected through thick and thin.

What was also truly fulfilling was the opportunity, just a few days after the ceasefire had been declared, to host the first senior leadership mission to Israel since the pandemic began. Their high-profile trip came on the heels of an emergency fundraising campaign by Federations that raised more than \$3 million to aid the victims of the bombings and the first responders. It included meetings with former Prime Minister Netanyahu and new Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. It featured a visit with an Israeli

woman in Ashkelon whose house was ruined by a direct rocket hit in her living room and a tour of a neighborhood in Lod where violence between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs jeopardized long-standing relationships that are now being painstakingly rebuilt. The delegation's message of love and support was heard loud and clear throughout the length and breadth of the land.

That visit was followed just a week later by one by the Israel Travel Alliance, a JFNA-convened collection of both Jewish and Christian organizations that sponsor trips, many of which are geared to young adults, to the Jewish State. We are working with the Israeli government to ensure that, by the end of the summer, more and more North Americans will have had the opportunity to visit Israel and deepen their own connections to the people and the land of Israel—some may even decide, as I did, to make Israel their home.

So, am I staying? You'd better believe it. I'm staying for good.

*This article was originally published by the El Paso Jewish Voice.* 

# A Place to Call Home

Sherri Selmanson | Past Member, Jewish Long Beach Board

When I was asked to tell my “Jewish Long Beach” story, I was overwhelmed about how to put so many years of memories into one place. As I got started, I realized that through so many years and so many experiences the one constant was that our community has a place to call home. The Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus and the Alpert Jewish Community Center (AJCC - although they were called different names in the past) played a crucial role in my family’s sense of Jewish identity.

My family moved to Lakewood in 1954. My parents, Bea and Morris Hyatt were members of the Lakewood Jewish Temple (which has subsequently become Congregation Shir Chadash). I was immediately enrolled in 1st Grade at Sunday School. That is where my Jewish education and community involvement began. After completing four years of Hebrew school in 1960, I had my Bat Mitzvah and was later Confirmed; the first Bat Mitzvah at Lakewood Jewish Temple. I also co-taught a Kindergarten Sunday School Class for two years.

In 1968, I moved to Long Beach; a product of the Long Beach Unified School District; Long Beach City College and Long Beach State. My parents remained in Lakewood and eventually moved to Seal Beach in 1989.

However, it was in the 1960s when our family joined the then “brand-new” Long Beach Jewish Community Center (LBJCC). My parents thought it was important to be with other Jewish families. I remember summer days at the pool and snacks at the snack bar. Also, Wednesday family nights at the pool. Everyone was there!

Soon I was entering the Tween Program (yes, there was such a thing) activities, dances, and it ultimately became the Teen program. We even had social events, clubs, and a Jewish high school sorority, Phi Beta Gamma, at the Center.

My mom, worked at the AJCC as the receptionist. She was the first person you saw when you entered the old building. Her desk was off to the left when you walked in and she knew where everything was. I guess you could call her the concierge. She was known to everyone as “The Shalom Lady,” answering the phones with “Shalom Jewish Community Center, may I help you.” She would then precede to transfer calls, with those old-fashioned switch boards (you know the ones with plugs). Her work started there in the late 60s and she retired around the early 1980s.

My mother and father were involved in Senior Activities and Lunches. Mom was in the Knit Wits, crocheting hats and blankets for the needy. The LBJCC along with the activities in the Jewish Community were very important to them.



Bea Hyatt

Once we became parents, our involvement centered around activities for our daughter Melissa. Since I was a working Mom, my mother took Melissa to Mommy and Me classes. She became the Grandmother to all the little ones. Melissa didn’t skip a beat at the JCC because the Shalom Lady was her grandmother.

Melissa was in Early Childhood Education (ECE) for two years and then completed Kindergarten at the “J.” In those years, I volunteered and chaired the Chanukah Happening and even received a volunteer award. This was only the beginning!

After Melissa left ECE, we were not as actively involved, but as time progressed



Melissa and Sherri Selmanson

it was my daughter who brought me back to community to become more involved. Melissa participated in the Alpert New Leaders Forum in 2013 and soon after that joined the Women’s Philanthropy Cabinet where she designed and created the logo being used today. Soon, my daughter said, “Mom, it is time for you to get back into volunteering for the community so you have to come to the meetings,” and I did. I followed her lead and the rest is history. Jewish philanthropy holds a special place in my heart and was renewed by my special daughter. Melissa has since continued her involvement as a Lentzner Fellow and is serving on other boards in the community.

Alongside my daughter, I joined the Women’s Philanthropy Cabinet in 2013 and later that year also went on the community trip to Poland and Israel. The memories of that trip will stay with me forever. It heightened my connection to our history, sense of peoplehood, and created lasting friendships that I treasure.

My involvement continued with Women’s Philanthropy and I went on to co-chair the Arlene Solomon Visions Dinner in 2015 and 2016. I also spent several years on the Jewish Community Foundation Board and ultimately chaired the Grants Committee. I was active in the Legacy Society and worked on their yearly brunches.

Currently, I am a member of the Jewish Long Beach Planning and Grants Committee and still active with Women’s Philanthropy. However, during my years at the Foundation, I learned how important it was to leave a lasting legacy.

The Hyatt/Selmanson relationship with Jewish Long Beach and our community goes back many years. I am glad they have been there for me and my family, and I want others to have the same opportunities.

I have been coming to this building for more than 60 years and feel there should always be a building to house Jewish events and Jewish community involvement. Therefore, we have decided to establish the Selmanson Family Fund in order to leave a bequest through Jewish Long Beach to benefit the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus. I have learned how easy it is to provide in our estate plan for our loved ones but still leave something to the organizations that we have invested in and cared about for decades. Please join us.

As we head out of this pandemic, I cannot wait to see all of you at our campus very soon and welcome you home.

*The possibilities for helping to ensure the future of our community are endless. For more information on how to open a new fund, contribute to existing funds or create a legacy that benefits all the charities you care about, please contact Sharon Kenigsberg at [sharonk@jewishlongbeach.org](mailto:sharonk@jewishlongbeach.org) 562.426.7601 ext. 1008.*



Melissa, Bernie and Sherri Selmanson

In 1972, Bernie and I were married at the LBJCC. There used to be a courtyard that was framed by classrooms and social rooms along with an old Auditorium. Off to the center of the courtyard was a big beautiful tree. My mother had the florist hang garlands on the tree and converted it into a Chupah. Quite creative. We had 300 people in that courtyard and a big reception in the auditorium followed.

As newlyweds it was important to Bernie and me, that we remained involved. We were invited to join the Leadership Program hosted by Lynne Rosenstein, our trainer, who later became the assistant director of the LBJCC.

# Book Review: In Search of the Religiosity in Religion

Mark Thompson | Cantor Emeritus, Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana



It is rare to find a reference book that can hold your attention, night after night. And unless you are a student of theology or homiletics, it's unlikely that a reference book on religion can sustain your interest for more than an hour. However, Jack Shechter's book, "In Search of the Religiosity in Religion: Sacred Thought, Sacred Action Revisited," is an exception.

In a series of mostly short, but erudite essays that span an array of subjects from "where was God in the earthquake," "the role of reason in religious exploration," "belief in the hereafter," and those are just in the first section of the book on Sacred Thought. Then we are treated to a "modern interpretation of the 14 morning blessings," "the purpose of the Jewish dietary system," and the challenge of "embracing disagreement" in Shechter's second section on Sacred Action. The reader gets the sense that as a professor of Biblical Studies and as a rabbi, Dr. Shechter has learned to grapple with a multiplicity of issues and questions at the heart of what really matters in Jewish thought and practice.

The longest chapter in the book, "What Makes the Land of Israel Holy" was the most comprehensive and interesting for this reader because it deals with the notion of "inherent" versus "conferred" holiness, not only from the perspective of Israel but also as a comparative study of religion through a variety of cultures, past and present.

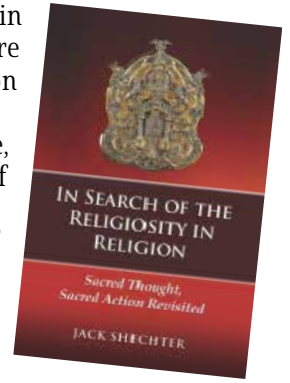
From the perspective of inherent holiness, or the "cultic" notion, Shechter explains that "the land is conceived of as holy irrespective of any human activity on it or experience with it." He compares the mountains of Sinai and Zion in Israel with cultures around the world where the deity is (or was) believed to dwell in specific places. Shechter cites ancient Greece, the Inca sites in Peru, a mountaintop in Kenya, and a temple in Bahrain as examples.

He contrasts the cultic point of view with "the dominant biblical and rabbinic perspectives" where the cultic notion is "strongly negated by evidence in the

book of Deuteronomy." The belief that the Lord resides in Jerusalem and the temple is rejected in favor of a "pure notion of the deity," where the emphasis is always on "God's name – not God Himself."

He also suggests to us that paganism is the cult of nature, while Judaism appears as the spirit – the antithesis of nature (Spinoza may have taken issue with this assertion!). The rabbis also emphasize the notion that the "fullness of Jewish life can be realized only in the Holy Land." Those of us who live in the Diaspora may feel marginalized by this allegation! However, this reader can easily live with Shechter's explication of Deuteronomy 4:7 – "for what great nation is there that has a God as close at hand as is the Lord Our God whenever we call upon Him." Shechter says, "this means that such closeness is not physical but the result of man reaching out to Him whenever man does so, and from wherever he does so." Amen v' amen.

In sum, "In Search of The Religiosity in Religion" is a book that you may leave on your nightstand, read a chapter before bed and retire for the night knowing that your understanding and appreciation of Judaism has been enriched by this thoughtful and insightful teacher.



*Mark Thompson has often been called a "renaissance man" because of his unorthodox career path. After earning a Master's Degree in Communicative Disorders, he opened a successful practice as a speech pathologist. Ten years later, after seeing the movie "Trading Places," he made an abrupt turn and became a stockbroker with E.F. Hutton.*

*He pivoted again and took the advice of a rabbi who, upon hearing him sing, said, "forget about trading stocks! You should become a cantor." And so he did. But he didn't stop there. In 2019, he published his first book, "Sinatra's Tailor," and is now busy working on his next masterpiece.*

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**Rabbi Isenberg** brings much to our community with her background in public and Jewish education. She is a graduate of Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, American Jewish University.

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## The JCC Maccabi Backyard Games are Here!

Susan Paletz | Director of Development and Special Projects

The Alpert Jewish Community Center (AJCC) has had a long history of teens participating in the JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest. It is a wonderful program that combines sports, the arts, culinary arts and tikkun olam community mitzvah projects. Our community so values this program, that the AJCC co-hosted the games with Merage JCC of Orange County in 2018. Each summer our teens look forward to the friendly competition, social opportunities and the arts.

Unfortunately, the Games and ArtsFest scheduled for the summers of 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. However, this summer, we are giving our teens the opportunity to take part in a special one-day event.



Teenagers from around Southern California will gather on Sunday, August 15, to participate and compete in the first-ever Backyard Games, a one-day program of JCC Maccabi Games.

The Games will be held on the campus of the Merage JCC in Irvine.



In collaboration with LA Westside, the Valley, San Diego, Merage JCC, and the Alpert JCC, all teens from these regions entering 7th – 10th grade are invited to participate in the sport or activity of their choice. The Backyard games include opening ceremonies, competitions, lunch, a JCC Cares project, sports playoffs, dinner, awards and a pool party.

This special day will give our teens the chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones in a safe way. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Teens will need to provide either vaccination records or a negative COVID test (within 72 hours of the games). All activities (except culinary) will be held outdoors with smaller teams. Activities will include:



- Basketball
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  - Tennis
  - Pugg Soccer
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  - Culinary Arts
  - Social Media Squad
- are also available.*

Teens may sign up for one area only. Program fee for teens to attend is \$75.00. The fee covers all activities, plus lunch and dinner.



For additional information and to register your teen, please contact Susan Paletz at [spaletz@alpertsjcc.org](mailto:spaletz@alpertsjcc.org) or call 562.426.7601 ext. 1012.

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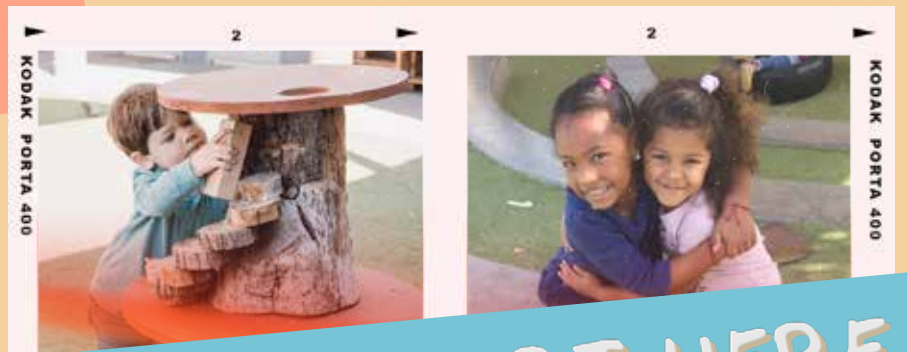
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# A Community in Life = A Community in Death

Ruth Cooperman | Member, Temple Israel Long Beach



I've often wondered what it is like to be buried in the Rose of Sharon, the Jewish cemetery that is a part of the much larger non-denominational Forest Lawn facility in Long Beach, California.

For my late parents, Bernie and Selma Cooperman, who are buried together in this space, it means being part of the neighborhood of Jewish families, many of whom have known each other for decades. The cemetery is filled with local people and their relatives whom I knew personally from my childhood onward.

I grew up in Long Beach and got to know many of my peers whose parents and other relatives rest here. Many of these elders were "extra" parents to me, like surrogate uncles and aunts, part of the mishpachah (family, in Yiddish) of greater Long Beach. My parents are now surrounded by old friends and acquaintances.

I recently attended back-to-back funeral services here for a couple, longtime family friends and both in their 90s, who passed away within a week of each other. Afterward, as I wandered about, reflecting on the couple who had lived full, expansive lives and then passed away so close to each other, I realized I knew many stories behind the names I read in the cemetery.

One couple had been our next-door neighbors during my teen years. In another, the wife had worked as the office manager of my dad's busy orthopedic group for more than 30 years. In a different section of the cemetery, I spotted the grave of a lovely woman who, 60 years ago, had founded the marvelous school my son with special needs had attended.

Having lived here all my life, I know some of the stories that have been long-forgotten.

One is the sad tale of a jet plane that went down in San Diego more than 40 years ago, with a young woman aboard who was about the same age I was at the time. Buried along with her,

under the inscription, "Together forever," is her mother, who, so aggrieved by the loss of her daughter, took her own life a year later. The community was rocked by these events at the time. Now, I don't know if anyone is even aware of the story.

Now, when I visit my parents' grave with my husband and grown sons, I feel as if the Rose of Sharon is its own microcosm of a Jewish world. Bernie and Selma, my mom and dad, are in a special place surrounded by other Jews, some very well known to them. Ironically, when they were living, they would often eschew sentiment and feelings of closeness or belonging to a group. They considered themselves too sophisticated, too aloof, to acknowledge their need of the community. Now, I see that, in spite of themselves, they are in truly good company.

When I first wrote this essay in late Summer 2019, it was a reflection of a pre-pandemic consciousness. Almost two years later, everything has changed, yet it in some ways it hasn't. We still go to visit my parents' grave site. My very silly husband will



Ruth Cooperman, with husband Michael Tate, at Forest Lawn.

say, "COVID didn't bother them at all." It's true, it didn't. Which is a good thing. They would not have liked the restrictions to attending their many concerts, plays, and travel, etc. At this time, I appreciate more than ever how enriched my life is because they were my parents. When they were alive, they epitomized class and culture, all of the higher things in life. Surely, my awareness of the world and all it has to offer started with them.

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# Happy Endings – Hebrew Academy Graduates are Ready for Next Steps

Nelli Greenspan | Director of Admissions and Marketing

The Hebrew Academy held its in-person middle and high school graduation ceremonies on Tuesday, June 15th at its 11-acre campus in Huntington Beach. There were 21 middle school and seven high school graduates.

Although unprecedented, the 2020-2021 school year, culminated in a special evening of joy, pride, and nachas. Thanks to an in-person program, data-driven curriculum, an emphasis on social-emotional learning, and a network of support, the year was successful and ended on a happy note.



Odellia Isti - Class of 2021 Valedictorian

Transcending the obstacles posed by COVID-19, the students completed their studies, maintained high academic achievements, and are ready for the challenge of the next stage of their schooling. Remarkably, ninety percent of the middle school graduates scored at the 83rd percentile or higher on their PSAT exams, and all of the high school graduates have been accepted at universities and other post-high school programs. “These students are fully prepared for the challenges ahead, especially after a productive year of learning,” said Donald Kaiser, president of the board at Hebrew Academy.

Rabbi Yitzchok Newman, head of school, said that he was “proud of the extensive knowledge of Judaism exhibited by the students.” He added that he “hopes the graduates will take on leadership roles in the community as Hebrew Academy graduates have done for more than 50 years.”

The audience of parents and other family members were impressed by the graduation program and the high level of the graduates’ speeches. They expressed their satisfaction with the Hebrew Academy’s strong dual curriculum of secular and Jewish studies and the values the school imparts.

Rabbi Newman concluded, “The five core values of Hebrew Academy – respect, kindness, truth, courtesy, and gratitude – were prominently presented at graduation. Our students are steeped in these values throughout the day and throughout their lives. They are fully prepared for success in taking on their next challenge.”

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# Spotlight on Our Seniors!

ChayaLeah Sufrin | Executive Director, Beach Hillel



Mazel Tov David Rowe! David, Beach Hillel Student President, is graduating this Spring. David's favorite Beach Hillel memory was jamming out with the Hillel Band in the Soroptomist House all night long! David plans on continuing to work in public relations, hopefully at a Jewish non profit in SoCal or in Israel!



Mazel tov to our incredible graduate Sabrina Heinrichs! Sabrina is graduating from CSULB with a degree in film. Her favorite Beach Hillel memories include making new friends, participating in all the fun events, and getting to know the Jewish community of Southern California. Sabrina plans to move back to SoCal to work in film/television and she hopes to continue traveling the world!

Mazel tov to Elisha Breton! Elisha had this to say about his time with Beach Hillel: "I love all the doors it has opened for me; the networking opportunities that I have been given by being a delegate of Beach Hillel has been enormous. I probably would be down a very different path if it wasn't for Beach Hillel. I'll be continuing my academic research in Jewish Studies at Indiana University-Bloomington where I accepted a full ride for the MA program!"



Shoutout to our graduate Jordan Guzman! Jordan's favorite Beach Hillel memories are going on Birthright and being Bar Mitzvah'd in Israel, learning to read Hebrew, having Boruch and ChayaLeah show up at his senior recital, and eating ChayaLeah's amazing food every Shabbat! His plans for the future is to relax and make lots of awesome music for the world to enjoy!



Congrats to Rebecca Okin on her graduation! Rebecca's favorite Beach Hillel memories are hanging out in the University Interfaith Center getting to know the other students and connecting with everyone! After graduation Rebecca will be taking a year to earn her teaching credential in physics so that she can teach high school!



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# I'm a Baby When It Comes to Shots

Rabbi Nancy Rita Myers | Beth David



I've never been good with shots or medical procedures. I get anxious just thinking about it.

During previous flu seasons, I would psyche myself up to get an injection. More often than not, I didn't go through with it. When it did happen, it was because I was already at my internist when she would casually ask if I had the flu shot. When I

replied, "no," she would ask if I would like it now. Just seconds after a weak nod of my head, her nurse was in with the needle. Ouch! It was over quick.

I have to tell you that getting my Pfizer shot was very different. Back in early March, it wasn't so easy to procure the vaccine. Like many of you, I scrolled through multiple sites, hour by hour, until I nailed two appointments at Cal State Pomona. I was so excited that I drove up there extra early. As I waited in line, getting closer to the medical professionals, I got teary with emotion that finally, finally I would be vaccinated. I didn't care about the needle, sore arm, or the possibility of running a fever for a day or two. I was finally free.

I know many of you felt the same way. For me, after being fully vaccinated, I no longer had to fear that I may accidentally infect a senior or someone with a compromised immune system. There's a beautiful teaching in the Talmud that states, "*Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*, all of Israel are responsible for each other." (Shevuot 39a) I felt so good to do my part to lessen the transmission of the virus and to finally be able to hug others and just relax. I know there are some fears out there about the vaccine and there's a lot of misinformation on social media sites. However, to have 94-95% protection against getting or transmitting COVID-19 and an even higher percentage of not being hospitalized or dying from it, are incredible odds. I wish


I had 95% protection against getting into a car accident or contracting cancer. How grateful I am to our medical researchers who have been able to create such an effective vaccine that has decreased the virus in our communities. I can only hope more and more people choose to be vaccinated.

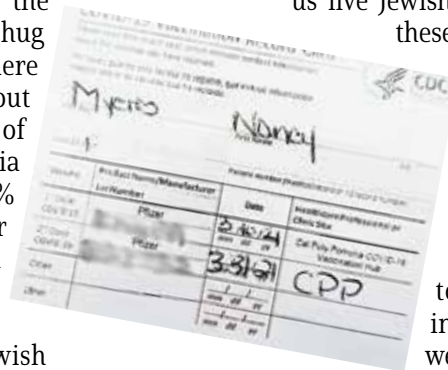
In the meantime, it is so good to see my congregants in the synagogue. The psalmist says, "*Hinei ma tov*

*umanayim*, how good it is when brothers/sisters come together." It really is wonderful to see people laugh together, eat and drink, pray and study in person.

I am appreciative of the capability of Zoom, Live Streaming, and Facebook Live. These technological ways of connecting will continue to evolve and help us live Jewishly. I will certainly continue to utilize these tools for meeting and to reach people when they can't come to synagogue. However, being in person, is just irreplaceable. We can talk, debate, and engage with one another easily and even, gulp, sing together, providing all are fully vaccinated, of course.

While there are fears of COVID-19 to be sure, we are undoubtedly in a much better place than where we were a year ago. We can strengthen one another as we learn, study, and celebrate the beauty of our tradition.

May you and your family be healthy and have many wonderful experiences this summer. And when or if there is a need for a booster, I promise you, I will not be a baby about it. I will readily extend my arm for the sake of life for you, me, and our community. *L'chaim.* 



# For Some the Pandemic is Far From Over

Kathryn Miles | Executive Director, Jewish Family & Children's Service



In March of 2020, when the world shut down and we shifted to working and attending school from home, except, of course, for the amazing essential workers. They continued to put themselves at risk to ensure that the rest of us were able to do things like buy groceries, receive medical care, and

do our banking. I doubt that many of us thought that the coronavirus pandemic would last for more than a year. I certainly did not. After spending numerous holidays, birthdays and other milestones distanced from family and friends, we have started to shift back to some semblance of normalcy, recognizing that some aspects of our lives will never go back to what they were pre-pandemic.

We are a nation in mourning, with more than half a million people dead due to COVID-19. Many of us have lost loved ones or know people who have lost loved ones and may not have had the opportunity to say goodbye or grieve through our usual traditions. We are also grieving jobs lost, events cancelled, and opportunities missed: graduations, proms, weddings, baby showers, and summer vacations.

What became painfully apparent to me was the disparity of people's experiences during the stay-at-home orders. Yes, it was difficult for me to make the shift to working from home. It was a struggle to find toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Yes, living alone and only seeing family and friends on Zoom was lonely.

While this past year has been difficult for everyone, it is important to recognize that low-income communities and communities of color were impacted at significantly higher rates. Not only were the rates of COVID-19 higher among these groups, they also experienced higher rates of job loss, food insecurity and childcare challenges. At JFCS we saw firsthand the fear of deportation for people who are not in the country legally, stigma and judgement toward those who contracted the coronavirus, and distrust of the medical system.

People living in homes with instances of domestic violence and child abuse suddenly found themselves trapped with their abusers, unable to access the solace of school or work or to safely access services. The number of child abuse reports dropped drastically as children were not seeing teachers, coaches, and other adults in person.

As I write this, JFCS has a three- to five- month waiting list for counseling services. According to the people who are calling, we are one of the only organizations in the area that hasn't closed their waiting list. We are in the middle of a mental health crisis as the past year is catching up with us. People are experiencing increased anxiety as the world begins to open again. Mental health providers are tired. They have been supporting others while simultaneously experiencing many of the same challenges as their clients during this collective trauma.

I recognize that my job gives me a unique perspective on this situation. I am struck by the resiliency I have witnessed. I am hopeful that as we


emerge from the pandemic, we will be patient and kind to one another. Everyone needs to take re-entry at their own pace. We cannot know the impact that the events of the last 14 months has had on others. There are people who will jump right back into life and business as usual. Other people will proceed more cautiously, perhaps choosing never to return to pre-pandemic ways and habits. Let's set the judgement aside and recognize that both options are okay.

I am also hopeful that those of us who were fortunate enough to ride out the pandemic comfortably and safely in our homes will remember those who were

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in more challenging situations. These disparities will have long-lasting consequences on our society, and the challenges are not

over. We have yet to see what will happen when the moratoriums on evictions and utility shut-offs are lifted. There are programs for rental assistance but they are complicated to navigate. We need to advocate on behalf of those who need assistance to keep a roof over their head, the lights on in their home, and food on the table.

There are many positive changes coming to fruition as more people are vaccinated and we can gather together again. People are hugging, traveling, and celebrating. It is wonderful to see people enjoying life. It would be a shame for us to pretend that the disparities that existed pre-pandemic have not been exacerbated. 

## Our Hope is Not Lost

Rabbi Daniel Mehlman | Temple Ner Tamid



As the war in Israel raged for two weeks, we felt a sickening sense of despair and hopelessness. Around 2,600 years ago in the Babylonian exile, the prophet Ezekiel also felt that anguish. He wrote, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost.

So the bones of the Jews are dry and “*Avdah Tikvatenu*” – our hope is lost. There was the feeling of dry bones that were not filling the body with life, and there was that feeling of hopelessness. Later, 2,500 years after the words of Ezekiel, Naftali Zvi Inber dared to say: “*Od lo Avdah Tikvatenu.*” Our hope is not lost.

He wrote those words in a poem that became the Israeli national anthem. Hope is at the center of who we are, throughout the millennia. During times of terrible tragedy and despair we were able to come back to life, again and again. We were hopeful under the most horrible of circumstances.

The Declaration of Independence of Israel states that the Jewish state will be a democratic one. Here we see the three elements that are at the heart of Israel’s identity. Starting with the land, Israel accepts the United Nations’ borders. The Declaration invokes the U.N.’s decision in favor of the partition of Palestine, which includes a smaller territory than the one Israel controlled after Israel’s War of Independence and before the 1967 Six Day War. In addition to the land itself, both the Jewish nature and the democratic nature of the nascent country are essential elements in the establishment of Israel.

These days, and for quite a while, there have been strong disagreements on the Israeli side regarding the boundaries of the land. One view is that all the territories under Israeli control belong to Israel, and no part of them can belong to anybody else.

When we look at the three elements that define Israel – the land itself with its defined borders, its democratic nature and its Jewish nature – we see that today only two of the three principles can be fulfilled. In other words, if Israel controls the entire territory, it will either be not democratic, or within a short time it will lose a clear Jewish majority. If Israel wants to be both Jewish and democratic, it must then relinquish at least some of the land it now controls. A Jewish state, a democracy, all the land – pick two.

We can assert that a majority of people favor the two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Any other possibility will relegate the state to being a non-democracy, or force it to give up its Jewish majority and possibly its identity.

When Abraham’s and Lot’s shepherds fought over water wells, Abraham offered to go right if Lot wanted to go left, or go left if Lot wanted to go right. Compromise was what Abraham proposed for the sake of peace, because, as he told his nephew, “Persons, brothers we are.” If we look at the different equations, it seems that the messianic pretenses for Israeli control of the whole land does see democracy as a principle we can abandon. That is, in my opinion, not Jewish. It goes against the foundational principles of equality stated in the Declaration of Independence at the establishment of Israel in 1948.

The cynic in me predicted that there was going to be a truce, a ceasefire, when the terrorists of Hamas and Islamic Jihad run out of ammunition. The ceasefire would be a very temporary event, lasting only until they could restock their deficit of rockets. It might take a few months or years, but then the next excuse will justify more attacks in the eyes of those in power.

War keeps people busy. Surviving is what’s most important. The urgency of war postpones everything else; war is no time to talk about peace. Talking about peace can be kicked down the road indefinitely. For far too long, maintaining the unstable status quo has



Jerusalem peace demonstrations, May 22, 2021.  
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been the way everyone deals with the conflict. We’ll talk about it when we can agree, when the conditions are better for negotiations. But expecting the problems to diminish so we can advance talks about peace is an illusion. Maintaining the status quo is not an answer— it’s probably a delusion. It cannot be maintained for much longer. Doing nothing is not going to fix a problem. Even letting it remain the same may actually make it worse.

In the Babylonian Talmud we read that Hillel and Shammai received the tradition from Shmaya and Avtalyon. Hillel says, “Be from among the students of Aharon; one who loves peace, one who pursues peace, one who loves others and brings them closer to Torah.”

It is interesting how this quote brings together Talmudic forefathers who usually disagree with one another. They agree on the love of peace and the worthiness of its active pursuit. Peace is not just the absence of conflict, it is a value to be constantly pursued. This positive mitzvah must be fulfilled in an unlimited manner, without taking a break. Torah is at its essence an intellectual exercise, wherein we try to reason together. We can arrive at conclusions that will work for both sides of the discussion.

One of the most disturbing things about the events of this latest outburst of violence was the beating of Jews in

the hands of their Arab neighbors, and the beating of Arabs in the hands of their Jewish neighbors. Immediately after the ceasefire, thousands of Arabs and Jews around Israel gathered together to affirm love and peace, and reject hatred and violence. This reminds me of the times after President Sadat of Egypt came to Israel. Up until then, there was an understanding on both sides of the conflict: “There is nobody on their side to talk to.” Until Sadat arrived that fateful Saturday night, that is what we all believed. In the subsequent months, Prime Minister Begin was reluctant to return land for peace. Land is tangible and real, but “peace” would be just a piece of paper. Many Israelis marched on the streets, hundreds of thousands, with just two simple words: *Shalom Achshav* — Peace Now.

And as it sometimes happens, the masses, the marches, bore fruit. For more than four decades we have had peace with Egypt (who brokered the current ceasefire with the terrorists in Gaza).

Years ago, when a colleague and friend’s mother passed away, he quoted her, a divorce lawyer, during her eulogy. “We know we have a good, fair divorce settlement,” she said, “when nobody is happy.” In this conflict, both sides have lines that cannot be crossed, compromises that cannot take place. For the sake of peace, they need to be done!

If or when Arabs and Jews, Israelis and Palestinians start marching in the tens of thousands with those precious words in their mouths – *Salaam! Shalom!* – it may happen. If both sides make enormous sacrifices, their legacy to future generations will be an awesome one: peace, prosperity, cooperation, good neighborly existence. When history looks back, the sacrifices will be recognized as worthy.

Abraham, the first among all of us (Arabs and Jews) compromised for the sake of peace. Reconciliation means not just restoring friendly relations, but also making one view compatible with another. Our tradition teaches us to reconcile ideals with reality. Reconciliation happens when we recognize our neighbor as our fellow human being. As we learn from the story of creation in Genesis, chapter 1, we were all created to God’s likeness and image. We must stop the dehumanization of one another.

As both sides disingenuously declare victory, we see clearly that neither side won. Both sides lost terribly, at an abominable human cost. Instead of a contest, we need cooperation. The *Hatikvah* is a prayer, and the Declaration of Independence of Israel is a statement of fundamental principles. *Od lo Avdah Tikvatenu*, our hope is not lost. We must pursue that hope for peace, now more than ever. 🕊️



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Beth David Young Professions February Trivia Night

This group features an active six-person board, which organizes and hosts regular fun and engaging events that include volunteerism, professional development, holiday celebrations, networking, and community building. BDYP started in the wake of the pandemic with virtual events like wine tasting, hummus making, and Krav Maga. In May, the group transitioned to a hybrid, virtual and in-person, beer and cheese tasting event for Shavuot and just hosted their first fully in-person Cookout event on June 13! Since the group's inception, it has engaged more than 90 people at their virtual and in-person events with 39 people at the June Cookout.

Each event is intentionally well thought out to be fun, meaningful, and a great way to network and connect with other Jews in their 20s and 30s – all are welcome. BDYP is planning a full year of programming for the 5782 Jewish calendar year and we hope to see you, and any other young Jewish adults you may know, join this growing community. BDYP aims to include everyone by accommodating kosher dietary laws and catering to the needs of those attending. Don't see something for you? BDYP is happy to chat and accommodate your needs. Simply email [youngprofessionals@templebethdavid.org](mailto:youngprofessionals@templebethdavid.org) or DM the Instagram [@bethdavidyoungprofessionals](https://www.instagram.com/bethdavidyoungprofessionals) and they'll do what they can to make sure you're at the next event! 🌍

### Temple Israel

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Temple Israel Long Beach Sisterhood is hosting a handmade craft fair.

Stroll through the various vendors of handmade goods who will be on hand to sell their crafts. Items include: glass and handmade jewelry, mosaics, layered mandala initials, knitted blankets, and much more!

Hours are from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with social distancing indoors and outdoors in accordance with CDC guidelines. Temple Israel is at 269 Loma Ave, Long Beach CA 90803. 🌍

### Congregation Sholom of Leisure World

Welcome and shalom from Congregation Sholom of Leisure World. We are a small haimisha congregation whose members are 55+ and meet the needs of the Jewish residents of Leisure World in Seal Beach.

In addition to services on Friday night, Saturday morning, and holidays, we have a Jewish book club, a walking group, a sisterhood, a men's club in charge of our annual picnic and during COVID we have been playing games every Sunday afternoon on Zoom.

All of our activities, including services, can be accessed via Zoom. For the link, contact Lisa Brass at [lisnhow@gmail.com](mailto:lisnhow@gmail.com) or for further info: 562.794.9090. 🌍

### National Council of Jewish Women of Greater Long Beach and West Orange County (NCJW)

We are pleased to announce that Sylvia Manheim was the recipient of the 2021 Hannah G. Solomon NJW Annual Award. This award is presented by NCJW to an individual in our community who has helped to change and expand the role of others in vital areas of community life, and whose leadership in areas of NCJW concern — improving the quality of life for women, children, and families — has motivated others to fight for change, and has resulted in progress and enlightenment in the community.

Additionally, we are proud to announce that another one of our members, Harriette Ellis, past editor of the Jewish Community Chronicle, was honored as a Long Beach Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice Activist at the 2021 Giants of Justice Event. 🌍

### Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society

Sunday, July 25 at 10:00 am

Megan Lewis speaks about using online resources at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum to research Holocaust records. Megan Lewis is a reference librarian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The last time Megan spoke at one of our meetings, she got on an airplane to fly from Washington DC. Now, seeing her online via Zoom is SO much easier. We know from experience that Megan is a great speaker! Registration is required at [www.ocjgs.org](http://www.ocjgs.org). Members are free, \$5 for nonmembers.



Sunday, August 22 at 10:00 am PDT

Direct from Jerusalem! Serafima Velkovich: Names and other genealogical sources at Yad Vashem.

The more than 4.8 million of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices are commemorated in Yad Vashem's online Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names. The lecture will highlight new features and materials, as well as "tips" on utilizing the database to the fullest. It will also include guidance on the use of other Yad Vashem sources online that are relevant for genealogists. Registration is required at [www.ocjgs.org](http://www.ocjgs.org). Members are free, \$5 for nonmembers. 🌍

### Congregation Shir Chadash

Join us as we welcome Rabbi Karen Isenberg, our new spiritual leader to Congregation Shir Chadash in Lakewood beginning in July.

Services are at 7:00 pm on Friday and 10:30 am on Saturday. Please join us for a Selichot Service on August 28, as well as any of the High Holy Days starting with Rosh Hashanah eve on September 6. For further information: [cslakewood@dslextrreme.com](mailto:cslakewood@dslextrreme.com). 🌍

### Sharon-Carmel Hadassah

Sunday, August 15, 1:00 pm

A Movie & Lunch Event – "The Evolution of the Romantic Comedy." Prior to 1934, there had never been a true romantic comedy. Sure, there had been sex comedies or even marital comedies, but there had never been comedies devoted to the art of the pursuit of love. Then, Frank Capra came along and created a brand-new type of film: the romantic comedy. Since then, we have seen teams such as Hepburn and Tracy, Doris and Rock, Turner and Douglas create some of the most moving, funny, and memorable onscreen shenanigans while trying to win each other's hearts. Come join us as we delve into the history of these films, their directors, stars, and writers as we showcase the best of the bunch and watch one of the gems of the genre, "When Harry Met Sally."

Our guest speaker, CSULB film instructor, Allyson Hathcock Oplinger will give us the history and behind the scenes anecdotes of this classic film.

Cost: \$18. All proceeds will go to support Hadassah Medical Research in such fields as Alzheimer, Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Diabetes, and more.

Please make checks payable to Hadassah and mail to Eileen Braeman, 3017 N. Greenbrier Rd., Long Beach CA 90808. ALSO include your email address. The link will be sent out upon receipt of your registration. Questions: 562.420.9980 🌍

### Jewish Family & Children's Services

As the month of May came to a close, so did the Virtual Race With A View. JFCS would like to thank everyone who participated. Whether you walked, ran, rode, swam or rolled, you moved for mental health awareness, creating a heightened importance of the need for access to mental health counseling and support for everyone in our area.

During these difficult times, donors, sponsors, and participants helped JFCS help those who are struggling with the pervasive impact of the pandemic. Because you care, JFCS raised almost \$85,000 for its programs and services.

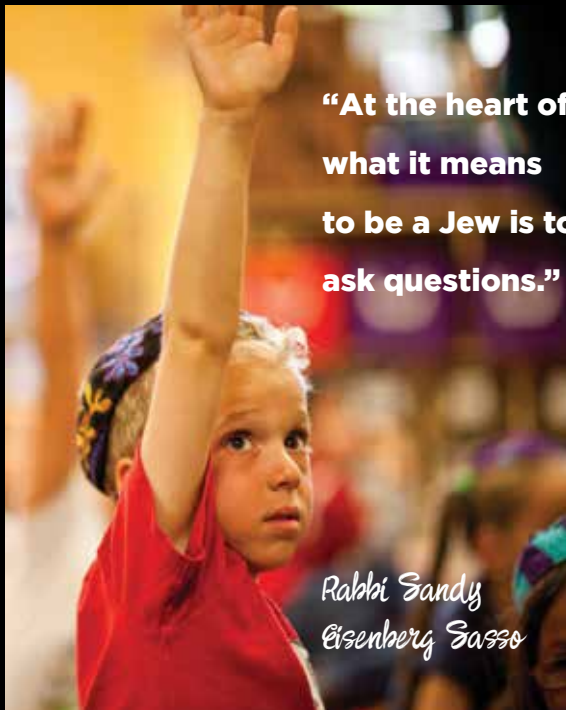
A very special thanks to Linda Haley and Dr. Marvin Zamost for their support as Title Sponsors, and to corporate sponsors Mark Schneider Jewelry, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Alain Hirsch Construction Corporation, Century Villages at Cabrillo, Debbie and Rob Feldman, Performance Plus Tire, PDQ Rentals, Berro Management, and Lauren Friedman.

All 2021 Virtual Race With A View participants should plan to register for USVETS – Long Beach "Storm the Beach" Virtual 5K/10K before June 30 and Meals on Wheels of Long Beach Virtual 5K/10K in July in order to qualify for and receive the Long Beach Trifecta special commemorative medal. For more information, visit [www.lbtrifecta.org](http://www.lbtrifecta.org). 🌍

## Congratulations ANLF Class of 2021!



From left to right (back row): Sable Cantus, Jodi Shapiro, Sheryl Stahl, Dima Galkin, Natalya Galkin, Taryn Williams, and Martine Korach. Front row: Paul Levitt, Laurie Arroyo, Ron Artstein, and Andrea Chattler. Cohort members not present: Sara Linden, Jerry Levy, Julian Katz, and Rachel Roberts.



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