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Taking a Stand Against Anti-Semitism



Zachary Benjamin
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Last month, as the Jewish world prepared to immerse itself in the restorative awe of the High Holy Days, my graduate-school alma mater, Columbia University, welcomed Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad to speak on its New York campus as part of its World Leaders Forum. Mohammad is notable, unfortunately, not only for his position as Malaysia's highest office holder, but also due to his frequent, clownish public expressions of disdain, not necessarily for Israel, but for the Jewish people writ-large.

Mohammad has repeatedly referred to Jews as "hook-nosed," asserting that they "rule the world by proxy" and stating that he is "glad to be anti-Semitic." He has also used multiple public forums—including his appearance at Columbia—to call into question the veracity of the Holocaust and to deny the indisputable fact that six million Jewish people were systematically isolated, tortured, and slaughtered less than a century ago throughout Europe.



According to the university, the prime minister was to speak on "the rule of law and multilateralism," a polite and muted topic likely designed to quiet outcry from those opposed to open and unabashed bigotry against the Jewish people. Every student, faculty member, staff member, alumnus, and parent should have loudly and unquestionably opposed Mohammad's appearance, insisting that no institution claiming to contribute to the body of knowledge and public discourse should give voice to such rhetorical sewage.

Instead, Columbia's president, Lee C. Bollinger, when asked by various Jewish student groups to

reconsider Mohammad's appearance on the grounds that it would create unsafe conditions for Jews on campus, responded that, "it is in these instances that we are most strongly resolved to insist that our campus remain an open forum and to protect the freedoms essential to our university community."

Think about Bollinger's statement for a moment. Let the fact sink into the awareness of every Jew, regardless of political affiliation or strength of Jewish identity that, in an age in which ethnic, racial, sexual, gender, and other identities are so dutifully protected not only by social justice movements, but indeed by the rule of law, that the socially acceptable response from our most venerable cultural institutions to abject hatred of Jews is to protect such poison as a "freedom essential to...[the] community." Remember that Bollinger's carefully worded dismissal of justifiable outrage fell from his lips as Jewish blood, spilled in hate, still runs warm in Pittsburgh, Poway, and Halle.

Such cognitive dissonance in an era when we should be especially resolute against incendiary hate should appall not only every Jewish person. It should sicken any individual who claims to oppose bigotry and support the inherent human right to identity without fear of violent emotional or

physical reprisal. And yet, with the exception of articles in a relatively small number of mostly Jewish publications, public awareness of this incident has been minimal, and the response tepid.

This is not the first time that this particular university has amplified voices of aggressive Jew hatred and Holocaust denial. Nearly 15 years ago, shortly after I graduated, Columbia invited then-Iranian President and outspoken Holocaust denier Mahmoud Ahmedinejad to speak at a similar forum. The invitation ignited similar pleas from Jewish groups to reinforce the safety of Jewish students, faculty, and staff—pleas that fell on ears similarly unwilling to afford Jews

the same support and protection as any other minority group.



This repeated normalization of anti-Semitism by an institution that holds itself up as a global thought leader makes me physically ill. The fact that a dime out of my or my family's pocket ever lined Columbia University's coffers induces nausea. However, any financial support I alone could ever offer the university is a pittance that will not be noticed or missed. It is only en masse that the withholding and withdrawal of philanthropic funding from institutions that ignore, or at worst promote, hatred of Jews will awaken those in positions of influence to the reality that those organizations would be best served ceasing to sleep on the vicious and lethal scourge of anti-Semitism.

It is critical that Jewish communities and those that support us begin paying close attention to the institutions with which we affiliate, and how they may be contributing to increasingly dangerous conditions for Jewish people worldwide. It is important that we publicly reconsider our support of organizations that make apologies for and give voice to those who would do us harm. We must take these institutions to task using every resource at our disposal, and we should make clear our intent to stop supporting those that tolerate anti-Semitism while condemning other forms of bigotry.

Unless we and our allies stand up, speak out, and promote our refusal to support institutions that empower those who endanger us, those institutions will continue to soften the discursive market for people and movements committed to relegating the Jewish people to dust.



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Candlelighting

- November 1 5:41 pm
- November 8 4:35 pm
- November 15 4:31 pm
- November 22 4:27 pm
- November 29 4:25 pm

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Jewish Long Beach: World Premiere

By Danny Levy, Director of Development

If you are reading this prior to November 6th, you still have time to come to Premiere Night, presenting Jewish Long Beach, kicking off the 2020 Jewish Long Beach Annual Fund and the opening of the AJCC Long Beach Jewish Film Festival.

Jewish Long Beach is changing how we fundraise, and distribute funds to community organizations.

Jewish Long Beach will engage and provide relevancy to our next generation of donors.

We will become the convener of community dreams through creative planning & funding.

We will provide creative problem solving for challenges the community may face.

We will create innovative programs that address the Jewish needs and desires of community members in a changing Jewish milieu.

We will increase Jewish philanthropy in the Long Beach area by funding specific needs, and offering donors multiple ways to get involved.

We will ultimately, make an impact on the Jewish future of the Long Beach and West Orange County communities.

Currently we fund approximately between \$2.5 and \$3 million dollars in programs each year from both the annual fund, and earnings from permanently invested funds. This funding breaks down into specific areas including Engaging, Caring, Advocating, and Building. We engage by funding Jewish Education, Leadership Development, and Donor Engagement

programs. We demonstrate our donors' caring for the community by funding programs for Older Adults, Jews in Need, Counseling and Security. We advocate by funding social service programs for needy Jews and immigrants in Israel and around the world. We build by providing annual maintenance funds to the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus, and by funding new capital projects, e.g. the ongoing locker room updates and pool resurfacing.

As we continue along this new path and retooling our fundraising and fund distribution processes, we plan to more clearly demonstrate our impact in each of these areas, and to develop funding for new programs in each. Please join us as together we can Engage, Care, Advocate, and Build in order to create a bright Jewish future.

The first way you can participate is to make a gift to the Annual Fund, and in doing so receive a free ticket to Premiere night.

The dessert reception, complete with a cappuccino cart, delectable desserts, fruit, hummus, and special Jewish Long Beach celebratory cakes begins at 6:00 pm. Followed by the screening of the Land of Milk and Funny at 7:00 pm.

The Land of Milk and Funny is a moving and hilarious documentary, from comedian Avi Liberman, of several non Jewish comedians, as they travel and perform in Israel for the first time.

American Jews' relationship

to Israel can be complex and emotional, but in Avi's case, it's also humorous. Since 2001, Liberman has successfully arranged widely acclaimed stand-up comedy tours in Israel to help boost morale, while donating all of the proceeds to a charity. The successful "Comedy for Koby" tour is now a biannual event, benefiting the Koby Mandell Foundation, which runs therapeutic healing programs for the families of terror victims, in honor of teenage victim Koby Mandell, who was murdered in 2001.

Premiere Night is the opening night for the AJCC Long Beach Jewish Film Festival.

There are five other incredible and unique, Jewish-themed films being screened. (See panel to the right.)



AJCC Long Beach Jewish Film Festival individual tickets and Film Festival Passes are available at alpertjcc.org/filmfestival. Contact: Dana Schneider-Chanzit, Director of Jewish Life and Culture 562-426-7601 x 1067.

To RSVP for Jewish Long Beach Premiere Night, make your 2020 Annual Fund gift and receive a free ticket to our dessert reception and screening of The Land of Milk and Funny visit jewishlongbeach.org/premiere. Contact Danny Levy 562-426-7601 x1007 or events@jewishlongbeach.org.

AJCC Jewish Film Festival Schedule



Land of Milk and Funny
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm



Golda's Balcony
Thursday, Nov. 7, 7:00 pm



Lady Titi Sings the Blues
Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:30 pm



93 Queen
Sunday, Nov. 10, 12:30 pm



The Last Suit
Sunday, Nov. 10, 2:30 pm



Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles
Sunday, Nov. 10, 5:00 pm

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Planning for the Future for the Ones You Love

By Sharon Kenigsberg, Director of Endowments & Community Development

Being there for the next generation is a hallmark of what Jewish tradition teaches us. Jewish Long Beach offers many options to help you create your personal legacy. There is an option for every circumstance. Your legacy gift can be designed to match your personal circumstances and desires. Every option provides unique tax and estate planning advantages and is an expression of your lifelong care and involvement.

You designate how your gift is to be used: to provide funds to help meet community needs now and in the future; or to provide permanent resources to aid identified programs, projects, agencies, organizations, or initiatives that are of particular interest to you and

your family. It's up to you.

Jewish Long Beach is here to be your resource. We can meet with you before you meet with your advisors to



brainstorm initial ideas and goals. In future years, we can help involve your children and grandchildren in carrying out your charitable legacy.

The legacy planning process can build bonds with our families and with communal agencies.

Depending on your goals, your legacy can be

structured in the way that is most advantageous for you. You, your spouse and family members can receive income for life through charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts. Or your legacy can be a simple bequest in your Will or Trust from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The staff of Jewish Long Beach are available to answer your questions at (562) 426-7601 ext. 1008.

The information provided is general and educational in nature. It should not be construed as legal or tax advice. Jewish Long Beach recommends you consult your own legal or financial professional regarding your unique tax situation.

Planning for Life for the Ones You Love Friday, November 15 at Noon

The Alpert JCC and Jewish Long Beach present
a FREE Estate Planning Workshop.

Planning for Life for the Ones You Love will be taught by Sheila-Marie Finkelstein, Esq. She will discuss why estate planning is a labor of love one does not do for themselves, but for the ones for whom they care. It is a true gift from the heart.

Sheila-Marie is the Principal of AHAVA Law, P.C., a boutique estate, trust and probate law firm.

Lunch will be provided

by Mary Makler, Professional Fiduciary

RSVP to

Dana Schneider-Chanzit dschneider@alpertjcc.org
or 562-426-701 x1067



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Israel Travel & Study Program Grants for Teens & Young Adults

The Bob Baldwin Memorial Fund was established to promote Jewish continuity by connecting our teens to Israel through organized peer trips, community trips and study opportunities.

For eligibility information, contact:
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7PM FILM SCREENING



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OF MILK AND FUNNY

WED | NOV. 6 | 7PM



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BALCONY

THUR | NOV. 7 | 7PM



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SINGS THE BLUES

SAT | NOV. 9 | 7:30PM



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QUEEN

SUN | NOV. 10 | 12:30PM



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LAST SUIT

SUN | NOV. 10 | 2:30PM



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SUN | NOV. 10 | 5PM

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Message from the Executive Director

As we have just concluded the High Holiday season and Thanksgiving approaches, I consider this a good time of year to take a step back and think of all the things I am grateful for. Fortunately, I have so many. I am truly grateful:

I am grateful to be working with an incredibly hard-working, creative, and caring AJCC team who strives every day to make a difference in the lives of all of our members.

I am grateful for our passionate, dedicated, and committed Board of Directors, who guide our vital and vibrant agency.

I am grateful for the tremendous community partners we have with Jewish Long Beach, JFCS, Hillel, Hebrew Academy, and all the community synagogues, agencies, and organizations, for together we strengthen our community and make it a truly special place to live.

I am grateful for all of our community leaders and donors who make what we do possible.

I am grateful for the wonderfully diverse membership that fills our building with laughter, love, and friendship.

I am grateful for my incredible family, who give me strength, support, love, and so much joy!

I am grateful to be able to work for an organization that I truly love, that is so deeply part of who I am, and that I can honestly call my home.

I am grateful that with all that is happening around the country and the world, that the Alpert JCC is truly an oasis where everyone is special and is welcomed warmly into our community.

I am grateful that the Alpert JCC is a neighborhood and gathering place that is guided by Jewish values and ideals and is open to all!

I am grateful for all of the above, for with all of the pieces working together, we create what the AJCC is all about: a strong, thriving community filled with activity, compassion, growth, imagination, education, and a sense of belonging.

I hope that as you reflect on what you are grateful for this year, you include the Alpert Jewish Community Center, a vibrant place which will always be for you, as it is for me, Your Center For Life!

L'Shalom

Jeffrey Rips
 AJCC Executive Director



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Friday | Dec. 20

kosher dinner, shabbat services, & live concert
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Kabbalah Class

Wednesday | November 6 | 12pm

Rabbi Abba Perelmuter teaches this ongoing class where you will add a new dimension to your life, renew your spirituality, and learn something new. FREE to the community.

Gesher Jewish Young Adults

Pre-Movie Mixer

Saturday | November 9 | 6:30pm

Join Jewish young professionals in Long Beach for light snacks and drinks to enjoy before the film.

\$12 includes film and mixer. Open to Hillel Students and Jewish professionals 21-45. RSVP to Dana Schneider-Chanzit at dschneider@alpertjcc.org

Lunch and Learn

Estate Planning: Planning for Life with Your Love

Friday | November 15 | 12pm

In this session we will discuss why estate planning is a labor of love one does, not for themselves, but for the ones they care for. It is a true gift from the heart.

FREE to the community.

Taught by Sheila-Marie Finkelstein, Esq. Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trusts, and Probate Law. Sheila is the Principal of AHAVA Law, P.C. Lunch provided by: Mary Makler, Professional Fiduciary. Program and materials provided by AHAVA Law, PC.

Big Swingin' Nights with the Beach City Big Band

Monday | November 18 | 7:30pm-9:30pm

Swing by the J for a night of music, dancing, refreshments, and fun! Held on the third Monday of every month. FREE to the community.

SENIOR ADULTS

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Happiness & Humor Group

Friday | November 1 | 11:30am

The theme for the month is Thanksgiving & Gratitude. "The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have." You will have a deeper sense of contentment if you count your blessings instead of yearning for what you don't have. Join the Happiness & Humor Group, led by Dr. Susan Mathieu. Light refreshments served. For information, call Dr. Susan Mathieu (562) 426-7601 x 1721 or email smathieu@alpertjcc.org.

Senior Adult Lunch: Elmer Armstrong's "The Platters—Live!"

Wednesday | November 13 | 12pm

Join us to hear Elmer Armstrong from the World Famous Platters and have an old fashioned Birthday Party with a fabulous Chinese Lunch, delicious cake and ice cream. Party favors and party hats for all our guests. For more information call Dr. Susan Mathieu (562) 426-7601 x 1721 or email smathieu@alpertjcc.org.

Senior Adult Lunch: Early Thanksgiving Luncheon

Wednesday | November 20 | 12pm

Enjoy musical entertainment as we feast on turkey, sweet potatoes, fresh vegetables, and pumpkin pie.

Senior Shabbat Gratitude Luncheon

Friday | November 22 | 12pm

Join us for a musical Shabbat Service followed by a light lunch. Service will be led by Dana Schneider-Chanzit. RSVP to Dr. Susan Mathieu.

The Barbara Alpert Chorus

Wednesdays | 10:30am-11:30am

Strong singing voice not required! With Frank McIlquham from "The Rock Club Music is the Remedy" as our director along with a pianist, this group experience promises to be uplifting and lots of fun. Questions? Call Dr. Susan Mathieu (562) 426-7601 x 1721 or email smathieu@alpertjcc.org. FREE to the community.

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

If Every Day was Thanksgiving

By Rabbi Michal Loving



Thanksgiving is almost here! This beautiful secular American holiday asks us to take special time to be grateful for our family and friends, and to focus on what we have in our lives rather than what we lack. In Judaism, this concept is ever-present. Talmud teaches us that we should say 100 blessings a day.¹ Maimonides, the great 11th century scholar, specifies that there are three kinds of blessings: one when we engage in physical enjoyment, one when we fulfill a religious duty, and one which has the "character of praise, thanksgiving, and supplication to God."² This means that as Jews, we spend our days acknowledging how thankful we are for what we have,

what we are able to do, and for our identity as Jews.

Our religious tradition, then, basically asks us to have Thanksgiving every day, to recognize the beauty in what otherwise might seem unremarkable. Every morning when we awake, we say *Modeh ani*, "I give thanks," for opening our eyes and being alive. We pray *Modim anachnu lach*, "We are grateful to You, O God," for daily miracles. We close every meal, Thanksgiving dinner included, with the *Birkat HaMazon*, acknowledging how lucky we are to be satisfied physically as well as spiritually. Even the very words *Baruch atah Adonai, elohanu melech ha'olam*, the rabbinic formula that begins most prayer, starts with the words blessed. Shabbat is a holy time where we are not allowed to ask God anything; only to bless and say, "thank you."

I wonder, what would our lives look like if we

acted as if every day was Thanksgiving Day? How would our attitudes change? How much more deeply would we connect to each other and to our spirituality, to the precious daily moments of gratitude and joy? If every day was Thanksgiving, I hope that we would be more likely to draw in a deep breath in awe when we came across a rainbow in the sky after a spring shower. I hope that we would more freely tear up as we watched our child or grandbaby take their first steps. I hope that we would take a moment to pause and say thank you as we drive out of our work parking lot on the eve of retirement, and think fondly of past good times with coworkers.

This November, I wish you a month when every day is like Thanksgiving. I wish you cornucopias overflowing with fruits and vegetables. And I wish you a November 28th filled with family, community, and love. In the

words of Rabbi Naomi Levy³:
For the laughter of the children,
For my own life breath,
For the abundance of food on this table,
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,
For the roof over our heads,
The clothes on our backs,
For our health,
And our wealth of blessings,
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,
For the freedom to pray these words
Without fear,
In any language,
In any faith,
In this great country,
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants,
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen.

¹ b. Menachot 43b
² Mishneh Torah, Blessings 1:4
³ Rabbi Naomi Levy, Talking to God: Personal Prayers for Times of Joy, Sadness, Struggle and Celebration

Rabbi Michal Loving lives in Long Beach with her husband and three young sons. She teaches at Temple Israel and serves the greater Long Beach, Los Angeles and Orange County communities.

Area Synagogue Upcoming Events

Please contact the synagogue directly with any questions using the Synagogue Directory (right). Also, see our online Community Calendar at jewishlongbeach.org for more community event listings.

TEMPLE NER TAMID OF DOWNEY

Sunday, Nov. 3, 5:30 pm.
Nani in Concert-A Sephardic and Jazz Concert.

Join us at Temple Ner Tamid for a wonderful performance of this acclaimed international singer. Her music blends Middle Eastern, jazz, and flamenco with Sephardic music. For more information, contact Gabriel: 562-861-9276, 562-417-9548 or by email at: info@downeytemplenertamid.org.

PAN TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, Nov. 13 starting at 10 a.m., Temple Beth Shalom Long Beach will host a Pan Tournament in their Social Hall.

Email: office@tbslb.org.
Temple Beth Shalom Long Beach 3635 Elm Ave.

B'nai Mitzvah



Alia Pasternak, daughter of Janine and Jason, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 9, at Temple Beth David. She plays AYSO soccer, swims for Golden West Swim Club and is on her school Track team. Alia enjoys being a member of NCL & Cotillion. For her Mitzvah project, Alia participates in multiple harbor and beach cleanups. She is also coordinating

with the HBJG Program to build a memorial bench and securing a new flag pole.



Logan Max Rudman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 2, 10:00 am, at Temple Beth Shalom. Logan is a student at Stanford Middle School, where he also enjoys playing the tuba in Advanced and Jazz Band. He's actively involved in Boy Scouts where he's

currently working to achieve his First Class with his 'high adventure' troop, Troop 212. At the same time, Logan trains in Martial Arts and has recently become an avid bicycle rider.



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(O)=Orthodox (R)=Reform

The Club Royale Auction FUN Raiser is Coming Up

On Sunday, December 1, 2019 the Hebrew Academy will host its annual Auction Royale at the Sycamore Center in Lakewood. The annual auction fundraiser provides funding that goes directly to support our deserving students and educational programs in order to help the school grow and improve.

Starting with a champagne and cocktail reception, guests view unique merchandise, event tickets, gift certificates, weekend getaways, and much more. All items have been donated through the generosity of individuals and businesses in our community.

Guests are treated to a memorable night, complete

with celebrity entertainment. Then, after enjoying a delicious five-course kosher meal, the auction gets underway. The excitement of the auction is always our most anticipated part of the event. Bidding comes fast and furious as each item is presented. A luxurious dinner for 12 of your friends at John Wayne's oceanfront house; a stay at the Four Seasons Hotel, Beverly Hills; Disneyland tickets with stay in the Hilton Hotel, box tickets to your favorite sports team; these are just some examples of what is in store at the auction. The fun continues through the night with friends, staff, alumni, and parents all present to

celebrate together while supporting the school and



community that educates and cares for our children.

Attended by nearly 300 guests each year, the event raises funds to support our growing programs and facility. In the past the funds were used to construct the xSTREAM Lab, to resurface

soccer fields, and to start the provide furnishings to reflect

21st Century education. This year we are planning on using the funds to remodel our expansive outdoor play area. As we continue to educate with the future in mind, we must provide an ample attractive area for active students.

This year the organization is launching into the second half century of building young lives in the community. We have seen great generosity this year already, including an amazing donation from The Alevy Foundation to continue to bring high quality and progressive education to so many in our community and the opening of a Boys High School on our campus. We look forward to providing the children of our community with excellent Jewish education for years to come. We will be excited to greet you at our upcoming Auction Royale. For more information please contact Jenny at eventsahb@gmail.com.



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Our Womens Circle enjoyed a fun night out, including ceramic painting!



Students enjoying our weekly Parsha and Pizza class in our brand new space on campus! We are so happy to have our own space in the University Library!

Thank you to Director of Jewish Student Life, Ally Levine, for putting together our weekly "Cold Brews and Conversations!"



Students enjoying learning Hebrew songs from Shir, our Israel Fellow! Thanks Josh for the musical accompaniment!



Beach Hillel hosted Shabbat dinner on campus in order to introduce our culture and practices to the wider community.



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Selected for their community service, fostering intergroup cooperation, and for their commitment to promoting respect and justice among all people. This year's honorees are: Marianne Drummond, Susana Sngiem and Shay Sorrells.

The City of Long Beach Human Dignity program will present awards to: Giovanna Ferraro and Jan Seymour Ford.

This year's event will feature a photo gallery of past Gene Lentzner Human Relations Award honorees, delicious food from local restaurants, music, mingling

and more! Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach 90807. Tickets/Info: www.cacej.org/lentzner or 562-435-8184.

A CULTURAL HISTORY OF YIDDISH RADIO

The CSULB Jewish Studies Program is very pleased to bring Dr. Ari Kelman back to Long Beach, to speak about "A Cultural History of Yiddish Radio." He will speak on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:30 pm, at the AJCC on the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach campus.

According to Kelman, the rise of Yiddish radio in the U. S. coincided with the end of Jewish immigration, and Yiddish radio provided a rather strange soundtrack for Americanization, complete with rabbis sermonizing, cantors singing, amateurs performing many roles,

actors melodramatizing, and advertisers advertising. To talk in Yiddish about what it meant to be an American dramatically changed the tone and tenor of the conversation, and to do so on radio meant changing the definitions of audience and community, as well.

Dr. Kelman is the Jim Joseph Chair in Education and Jewish Studies, and Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Education at Stanford University. He is the author of two books, *Shout to the Lord: Making Worship Music in Evangelical America* (2018) and *Station Identification: A Cultural History of Yiddish Radio* (2009), as well as a number of articles about contemporary Jewish culture and identity.

Like all Jewish Studies talks, this event is free and open to the public; there is no need to reserve a space. For more information on this

talk or fall 2019 events, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Blutinger, Jeffrey.Blutinger@csulb.edu.

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On Sunday, November 17, Hadassah will host its 5th Annual Latkes & Vodka.

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Dana Schneider Chanzit, Alpert JCC director of Jewish Life and Culture, reads a book to the group at the PJ Library Sukkot event.



Shaking the Lulav at the PJ Library Sukkot event.

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Prom Boutique for Everyone!

Jewish Long Beach and Olive Crest are partnering for the 2020 Glitz and Glamour Prom Boutique, for students who otherwise could not afford to attend their prom.

The boutique will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Alpert JCC on the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus.

Pictured to the right are members of the steering committee chaired by Jewish Long Beach Women's Philanthropy Cabinet Member

Rachel Suojanen (back row, middle).

This year, for the first time, we are collecting suits, shirts, ties and shoes for men, in addition to formal dresses and accessories for women. To donate items or to volunteer please email promdresslongbeach@gmail.com



Jews and Thanksgiving

By Carol Beckerman

From the moment we awaken we declare our gratitude with the first prayer of the day - Modah (or Modeh) Ani. Our liturgy is rife with prayers and acts of appreciation and thanks to G-d. So it is with familiarity and open hearts that the holiday of Thanksgiving is widely embraced by American Jews.

At the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621, The Pilgrims, who were mostly Puritans (a branch of the Protestant faith), identified strongly with the Israelites. They even likened their own voyage to the New World as a journey to their

Promised Land. To give thanks they created a celebration of the Fall harvest, mirroring ancient festivals, such as Sukkot. This was not an annual event, and did not become an American ritual for more than 200 years.

George Washington declared the next official Thanksgiving celebration to be held on November 26, 1789. And again, this was a one-time national celebration to give thanks to G-d, honoring the creation of the new nation and the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. It wasn't until Abraham Lincoln, in the midst

of the Civil War on October 3, 1863, who declared that Thanksgiving should become an annual holiday and celebrated on the last Thursday in November.

As Jews, we can find



much wisdom in the Torah

to inform our national day of giving thanks. The mitzvah of bikkurim (Deuteronomy 26:1-12), declares that every farmer should bring the first ripened fruits of the orchard to the Temple, and recite a prayer thanking G-d for the land and its bountiful harvest. The fruits are then given to the priests. The giving of the fruits makes this blessing an action of gratitude, distinguishing it from the 100 blessings a day we are instructed to recite.

What can we do this Thanksgiving to create our own modern version of bikkurim? We can each make a pledge

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