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Welcome to the new Chronicle! I hope you will find the latest iteration of our publication engaging, thought provoking, and informative. The Chronicle, which will now be produced bi-monthly, will be driven by issue-oriented content that draws attention to the activities and priorities of Jewish Long Beach while addressing compelling topics of imminent interest to the Jewish and broader communities.

In this spirit, I wish to address the recent executive order signed by President Trump, which includes Jewish individuals in Title VI protections against bias "on the basis of race, color, or national origin." The relatively brief order has created questions among Jews regarding whether it seeks to isolate and divide us, whether or not it re-classifies Judaism as a nationality, and whether it draws unwanted negative attention to our community in a time when the walls of anti-Semitism appear to be closing in on us from all corners of the political spectrum. After a careful read of the executive order and much of the analysis surrounding it, I am compelled to believe that we should accept this document at face value as one that indeed further protects Jewish students, faculty, and staff against anti-Jewish bigotry on college and university campuses.

The nature of the order has been widely misunderstood. It invokes the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism, which has also been adopted by the United States Department of State, to define bias against Jews. It does not re-classify Judaism as a nationality, nor does it alter the nature of Title VI. Rather, it clarifies that Jewish members of campus communities should be protected against those who would use Israel and its perceived shortcomings as a euphemism for the Jewish people.

The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement is particularly pernicious, precisely because it creates false narratives regarding Israel's geopolitical activities, then seeks to erase distinctions between Israel and Jews writ-large in order to foster an environment where Jewish individuals are held publicly responsible for both genuine and imagined Israeli political challenges. Jewish students are entering universities wholly unprepared for the bombardment of pressure they receive from well-organized and well-funded anti-Semitic movements that prey on the impressionability of young minds to foment unsafe conditions for Jews.

The executive order, if enforced correctly, will

make it more difficult for BDS and its affiliated organizations to continue carrying out many of their on-campus activities, which target not only Israel-positive students and faculty, but the broader Jewish communities. While student governments and other deliberative bodies may still consider and adopt pro-BDS resolutions, supporters of pro-BDS groups receiving university funding arguably should now be prohibited from engaging in activities such as, for instance, the posting of faux eviction notices on Jewish students' dorm room doors and other efforts to identify, isolate, and intimidate Jews. Similarly, Jewish candidates for student government positions should no longer be asked to suspend their campaigns for office based on the anti-Semitic notion that their Jewish identities and assumed association with Israel will somehow prevent them from objectively considering issues impacting Arab or Muslim students.

Additionally, while the executive order specifically seeks to curb bias on college campuses from BDS and other anti-Semitic influencers, it can also theoretically be applied to Muslims, Sikhs, and other ethno-religious communities whose members are often mischaracterized as being connected to a specific nation-state or are singled out due to their ethnicity.

Any government statute, resolution, or declaration that specifically impacts Jewish Americans deserves, and indeed should demand, the most thorough possible review and scrutiny. The fact that this executive order ignited such

strong reactions from Jewish people across the country underscores the importance of this moment in the history of American Jewry. For decades, we have sought to place anti-Semitism on equal footing with other forms of vicious and potentially deadly prejudice, which rightly evoke visceral public rebuke. Congressional leaders, including former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and others, have attempted and failed to accomplish this through the legislative process, unable to garner the requisite support from their colleagues.

President Trump is deeply unpopular among American Jews, and many understandably question the motives that drove his administration to create this particular executive order at this particular juncture. In addition, the debate over whether the order runs afoul of First Amendment speech protections will continue, though the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Federations of North America, and other Jewishly-focused organizations have stated that the order is constitutional.

However, if we genuinely seek to curb the rising tide of anti-Semitism and to ensure that it is as stigmatized and socially unacceptable as any other form of bigotry, then this is a moment to be relished, regardless of whose signature the document bears.

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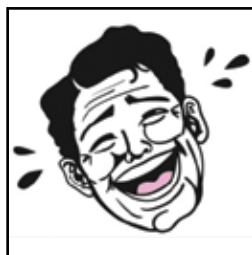
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2020 *Visions* arlene solomon

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Clearly Seeing A Way Forward

JOANNE LOPEZ & SHERYL STEWART | CO-CHAIRS

As we prepare to start a new decade, Women's Philanthropy is looking forward to presenting the first Arlene Solomon Visions event as our new organization, Jewish Long Beach.

We welcome women from throughout our community to join us for an evening of music, wine, food and friendship. This event is an opportunity to express our commitment to raising funds to support programs and services that ensure a secure Jewish future, here in Long Beach and around the world. We have an exciting program this year highlighting the amazing work of *Violins of Hope*.



Violins of Hope was created to celebrate the triumph of the human spirit. The private collection of more than 60 violins, violas and cellos were rescued from the ashes of the Holocaust. Collected by master violin artisan Amnon Weinstein and his son Avshalom in Tel Aviv, the instruments have been restored so they can continue to tell the story of the role of Jewish music - particularly violins - in history.

Long Beach is fortunate to be one of only two Southern California communities to be hosting *Violins of Hope*. The Long Beach Symphony is partnering with dozens of individuals and organizations on a community-wide series of events around these instruments and we are excited that Visions is the very first of these events.

Upon entering the auditorium at this year's Visions, you will be transported to a symphony hall with elegant, candlelit tables. Dress for the symphony, in black and white, if you wish, and enjoy a gourmet dinner. The program will include a special performance by a master violinist from the Long Beach Symphony and we will hear from guest speaker Susanne Reyto, chair of *Violins of Hope* Los Angeles County.

A child survivor of the Holocaust, Susanne has dedicated her life to preserving history and educating future generations through various programs and projects, of which *Violins of Hope* has become an integral part.

Susanne is the author of the acclaimed *Pursuit of Freedom: A True Story of the Enduring Power of Hopes and Dreams*. She has traveled the world spreading her unique message of optimism and courage, which stems from her early years in Hungary escaping the communists in the 1950s.

A successful businesswoman and philanthropist, as well as wife, mother and grandmother, Susanne has served as chairman of the Board of Governors of City of Hope and is a past president of Hadassah Los Angeles and ZOA Western Region.

Again this year, our program will include a tribute to 15 Women of Vision, nominated by local Jewish agencies and synagogues for their outstanding dedication, leadership and volunteer work.

Event Details

We are "going green" again this year by sending invitations via email. Your invitation will be mailed if you attended Visions in the past but do not have an email address. If you will be attending for the first time, please contact us with your email address.

Dinner tickets are \$70 and guests are asked to pledge a minimum gift of \$180 to the 2020 Annual Community Campaign Fund. Your donation can be paid in installments throughout the year. The event takes place at the Alpert JCC on the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus.

For further information, contact Yolanda Placencio at 562.426.7601 ext. 1314, or email events@jewishlongbeach.org



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This list of honorees is as of press time.

Don't Keep Calm, It's Super Duper Super Sunday

DANNY LEVY | DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

We are well on our way in raising dollars for the 2020 Jewish Long Beach Annual Fund. But wait, don't keep calm, there is more, we need you. You still have a chance to join the rest of our community in supporting the Annual Fund. There are many types of gifts in varying amounts that our community gives to support the Annual Fund. We thank you. We could not accomplish our goals if not for participation from across all giving levels. To this end, one way we like to reach the masses is our annual phone-a-thon: Super Sunday, this year Super Duper sized, on Sunday January 26, 2020. There are no NFL playoffs this day. No excuses. Only 30+ volunteers, calling for 5 hours, attempting to reach over 1,000 community members. You would be amazed at what we can accomplish in one day.

Every GIFT Makes a Difference

A donation to the Annual Fund is a promise that Jewish life and vibrant community organizations will remain strong and active for all of us, for you, and for your family. It's an opportunity to be a part of a caring community that gives back. It's an opportunity to foster and celebrate Jewish identity for future generations. Together we have the power to make an impact. We care, we build, we engage, we advocate.

So when that call comes in to you on *Super Duper Super Sunday*, January 26, pick up the phone. Your community volunteers will thank you. The entire community will thank you.

Make a Difference in Our Community

There's more than one way to answer the call. Not a fan of a ringing phone? We hear you. You don't have to pick up on Super Duper Super Sunday to donate. It's your call. You can donate online at jewishlongbeach.org; return the Super Duper Super Sunday mailer that will soon arrive; or attend one of our upcoming Annual Fund events.

Last, but certainly not least, volunteer to make calls at the Super Duper Super Sunday phone-a-thon. Join in the super duper fun with fellow community members.

We need callers! There will be door prizes, give aways and nosh galore! To volunteer, pick a shift between 9 am - 12 pm or 12 - 3 pm; childcare is available for ages 2-12 with an RSVP. Sign up: jewishlongbeach.org/supersunday.

For all this excitement we have super duper co-chairs, Jeb Brilliant and Marcos Weinstein, who would appreciate your investment, your calling, your support.

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Spotlight: Matt Paretsky, Jewish Long Beach Board Member

CAROL A. BECKERMAN | EDITORIAL COORDINATOR

Each journey is unique and Jewish journeys, perhaps even more so. Maybe it is the nature of a diaspora, where we wandered not necessarily out of curiosity, or to seek fortune. Rather most of the time we ran, hid, or escaped in the dead of night in order to survive. When I think of this wandering followed by settling in new places, I don't think of Kansas, do you?

But Lawrence, Kansas is where Matt Paretsky spent his formative childhood years. His grandfather was a professor at the University of Kansas and the Jewish population was numbered by the 10s, not the thousands. Every Shabbat was celebrated with dinner at his grandparents' home and services with his grandfather at the Jewish Community



Center. These experiences created the foundation for his growing Jewish identity.

As a student at the same university, he maintained his association with the Jewish Community Center where he describes the services as "Conservadox." But after graduation, his dedication to ritual practices fell away. Later in his 20s, while not adopting a full Kosher practice, he did drop pork and shellfish from his diet. And later, with the birth of his own children, he felt the tug from within to know more about his identity once again.

By the early 1990s, Matt was living in California. His quest to strengthen his Jewish identity led him to join Temple Beth David in 2009. Matt's involvement there led Rabbi Nancy Myers to ask him to participate in the Alpert New Leaders Forum, a program of Jewish Long Beach. It was here that

Matt experienced, "greater exposure to the larger Jewish community in Long Beach." He then joined the Temple Board for a year, before deciding to step back in order to spend more time with his young children. As his children grew he was able to take on more volunteer activities, this time as a member of the Allocation Committee for what was then the Jewish Federation (now Jewish Long Beach).

It has been three years since Matt joined the Jewish Long Beach board, where he is now chair of the Community Engagement Committee. This act of volunteering his time and talent was a result of his family's tradition of giving and the act of tzedakah. "Becoming a donor to Jewish Long Beach, and to the other agencies was more of a continuation of what has always been important to us. I will say that the donations to

Jewish Long Beach did mark a turn towards donating my resources, as well as my time, to explicitly Jewish programs. I have been a longtime supporter of national organizations, but becoming a donor locally really was an opportunity to actively engage in local philanthropy doing important work," Matt explained.

"The Jewish Community in Long Beach and West Orange County is an immensely diverse community, and I have found everyone to be very welcoming. I would encourage those Jews who have not joined a community, to know that there is no one way to look Jewish, or to be Jewish and I think this is one of our greatest strengths. I think it is important to recognize that the community is only as strong as the members of the community are willing to keep it. Everyone has something they can give, whether that

is money or other resources. Just being able to participate in the community, makes our community stronger. And now more than ever we need a strong Jewish community. I encourage everyone to get involved with other Jews - we are wildly enthusiastic about meeting each other."



Matt currently lives in Rossmore with his wife, Lisa, and their blended family of three children, Daniel, Cameron, and Gabriel. If you would like to contact Matt, please email sharonk@jewishlongbeach.org.

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RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

When Your Eulogy is Written, What Will People Remember About You to Cause Them to Truly Weep?

RABBI JIM SIMON | TEMPLE ISRAEL



As you are reading this we will be finishing the first book of the Torah, *Sefer Beresheet*. In the final *parasha*, *VAYECHI*, we learn about the death of our patriarch Jacob, as well as his favorite son, Joseph.

More importantly, it is here we learn of the Biblical basis for many of our laws and customs with respect to death, burial and mourning. Among these customs we learn about the origin of the *hesped*, what we know today as the eulogy. The word *hesped* comes from the Hebrew verb *l'hasped*, which interestingly does not mean to praise or to mourn a person. Rather, the verb

means "to cause to cry" and it refers in the Torah to the great grief displayed when both Jacob and Joseph died, despite the fact that both were privileged to live to a ripe old age.

Should there be praise in a eulogy? Definitely yes, especially if it is warranted. However, to the Rabbis, the real value of the eulogy was to induce weeping among the mourners because it was felt that unless the mourner can experience the fullest depth of loss she will be



unable to move on with her life. Unfortunately, we cannot simply assert that our words themselves will cause a mourner to cry unless our words can capture the essence of the deceased. But, if a person has no real essence - if his character was lacking in virtue, who would be willing or able to weep for such a person?

It might be true that a Rabbi or a person with oratorical skills can speak in a way that everyone at a funeral will be touched

deeply by their delivery. But I think the larger truth is this: If the deceased did not live her life in a meaningful way, how can we cry or induce others to cry since there is no real loss to cry over and for?

Certainly we should praise those who die, especially for their communal involvement, professional success and devotion to hobbies and friends. But are these the human qualities that we will truly miss? Did the deceased touch our life with kindness, generosity and compassion to the extent that we will cry when we ponder the new reality that we will never see them again?

What is really inside of you that will cause others to weep when you die? That is the question.

Rabbi Jim Simon is the Interim Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel in Long Beach, CA.



A Tribute to Barbara Alpert



longtime champions of the California Conference for Equality and Justice (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews) and were honored in 1998 as the organization's Humanitarians of the Year.

Barbara was a long standing board member of both the Alpert Jewish Community Center and Jewish Long Beach (formerly the Jewish Federation).

Barbara was born on Dec. 4, 1930, in Chicago, her family moved to Los Angeles and then Van Nuys after World War II. In 1963, Barbara and her husband, Ray, moved to Long Beach, where Ray opened a second location for Alpert & Alpert Iron & Metal Inc., a company started by his father and uncle in the 1930s. The company has grown through four generations of the Alpert family to become

an international non-ferrous scrap metal processor, recycler and trader. The Alperts raised three children and joined Temple Israel, where their children attended Torah Center.

"My mom just fell in love with Long Beach and the people here," Nancy Alpert said. "She felt she was so fortunate herself and she should give back, that it was the right thing to do.

"Together, dad and mom became strong supporters of the Long Beach community," she added, "giving both time and financial resources to causes dear to them."

When the new Jewish Community Center building was proposed in the 1990s, the Alperts felt it would be wrong if it were named after out-of-towners, so they stepped up with a large donation and the center was

named after them, Nancy said.

"More than anything, mom used to love walking into the center and seeing the children pulling their rolling backpacks and looking so happy," Barbara Alpert's daughter said. "You could say the center was the center of her life."

She said her mother was so full of energy that she "could run circles around most people."

"She had soldiered on for so long in so much pain and through so many comebacks," she said. "I expect she and my dear daddio are having a wonderful reunion."

Barbara is survived by three children Teri, Alan and Nancy; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed.

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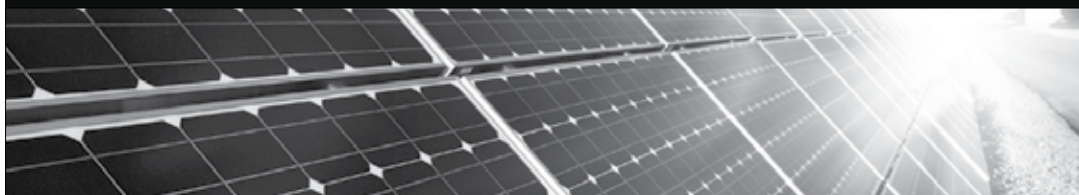
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Message from the Executive Director

First, I hope you all enjoyed all of our Chanukah celebrations! Candle lighting, sufganiyot, latkes, the kids' artwork in the Promenade, and lots of music! Our community Chanukah event was again a great success, and it was especially meaningful to me that almost all of our local synagogues participated. The food was great, the services were spirited, and Saul Kaye was a great addition to the celebration. It was a really great night. Thank you to all who attended!

I also want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding during our pool and locker room refurbishment projects which took up much of the last several weeks. I am very happy to report that as of print time, that the construction is almost complete, and we will go into 2020 with beautiful new locker rooms and a newly updated pool. Thank you to Jewish Long Beach for their vision, partnership, and for completely funding of the locker room refurbishment project.

As we do head into 2020, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and healthy year! The New Year is a time to set new goals and to look forward to the possibilities of change and growth, and I am excited about what we have to look forward to this year here at the Alpert Jewish Community Center.

If your goal is to improve your health and wellness, we are Your Center for Fitness. We have two brand new cable machines to go along with our top-of-the-line Matrix cardio and state of the art Hoist Roc-It strength equipment in our Fitness Center; over 50 energizing group fitness classes; and exceptional personal trainers and fitness instructors to help you achieve your goals.

We also have a wonderful aquatics program including Aqua size classes, Lap Swim, and private swim lessons in our Swim for Life Aquatics Center's year-round heated pool.

If your goal is to find a great place for your kids, we are Your Center for Youth. We have one of the best Early Childhood Education Centers in Long Beach; there are over 100 kids who participate in our Kids' University afterschool program; Camp Komaroff offers terrific summer camp programs as well as vacation and holiday fun days and program; and the JCC Maccabi Games and ArtsFest are engaging programs for our teens.

If your goal is personal, educational, cultural and spiritual growth, we are Your Center for Jewish Life and Culture. We have adult classes, film festivals, author talks, lectures, field trips, cooking classes, lunch n' learns, Kabbalah classes, and so much more!

If your goal is to make new friends, we are Your Center for Socializing. With our weekly Senior lunches; weekly Bridge and Mah Jongg games; Summer of Fun; and other social events, you are bound to meet people who have similar interests, all while having a lot of fun.

If your goal is to give back, we are Your Center for Volunteering, offering many opportunities to volunteer through our Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) program, our JCC Ambassadors, our brand new JCC Cares program, or through one of our many committees.

As you can see, the Alpert Jewish Community Center is here to help you accomplish your goals for the coming year. I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and hope you fulfill your goals in 2020 at the Alpert JCC, Your Center For Life.

L'Shalom

Jeffrey Rips
AJCC Executive Director

A Joint Alpert JCC/Jewish Long Beach Trip

Italy & Israel

October 12-26, 2020

Info. Meeting: Tues | Jan. 9, 2020 | 7pm

Everyone interested is invited to attend this meeting at the Alpert JCC,
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JEWISH LIFE & CULTURE

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The Sacred and the Sensual

Sunday | January 26 | 11:30am

Shul By the Shore and the Alpert JCC Invites you to an empowering discussion on intimacy, relationships and the Mikvah with Miram Lipskier.

Delicious brunch and dessert bar will be provided. \$15 per person

Register at shulbytheshore.org

Community Tu B'shevat Seder

Wine, Music, and Trees

Sunday | February 9 | 3-5pm

Join us for a community Tu B'shevat

Seder. We will enjoy great wine, finger foods, music and a lovely Tu B'shevat Seder.

This event is for Adults only. \$20 per person

Cash or Check Preferred pay at the door. Address Provided upon RSVP.

Partnering Organization: Alpert JCC, Beach Hillel, Hebrew Academy, Jewish Long Beach, Shul by the Shore, Temple Israel and Temple Beth Shalom

Russian Comfort Food Cooking Class with special Guest Jessie Butler

Wednesday | February 19 | 6-8pm

Join Dana and Jessie as we make some of your favorite Russian treats.

Blitzes, pierogis and knishes are all on the menu.

Space is limited so sign up today! \$36 Member | \$50 Non Member



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Partner Dance

Wednesdays | January 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12 | 7:30pm

Each week we will learn a new pattern for the Two-Step and one choreographed dance. You do not have to bring your own partner.
\$50 Member | \$65 Non Member

Line Dance 1 | Beginner Basics

Mondays | January 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10 | 5:30pm

Thursdays | January 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20 | 1pm

For newcomers or for those wanting to come back to dance after taking time off. We will teach all the basics steps and basic dances not to exceed 32 steps.
\$50 Member | \$65 Non Member

Line Dance 2- Beginner/Easy Intermediate

Mondays | January 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10 | 6:30pm

SOME EXPERIENCE HELPFUL. Dances will have more difficult combinations of steps, from 32-64 counts.
\$50 Member | \$65 Non Member

Line Dance 3/Intermediate

Mondays | January 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10 | 7:30pm

SOME EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Students will be expected to memorize longer dances and be able to turn frequently. Dances will usually have 48 or 64 counts.
\$50 Member | \$65 Non Member

Line Dance Party

Monday | February 24 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Join us for a single-night event, everyone from the Line Dance classes is invited to try-out all of the new dances they learned.
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January 26, 2020 | 1-3pm | Lipeles Auditorium
Join us, and we'll waive your camp registration fee! For more info, contact Emily Madison at x1205 or emadison@alpertjcc.org

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Sr. Adult New Year's Day Party and Dance!

Wednesday | January 1 | 1-3pm

Live music by "Martin Zing"

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Happiness & Humor Group

Friday | January 3 & February 7 | 11:30am

Did you know that humor helps us connect with others and reduces depression?
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The Hebrew Academy Students Innovate



Middle School students create prosthetic hands.

This year's annual Innovation Fair at the Hebrew Academy of Orange County was an enjoyable and stimulating event and left a lasting impression not only on Middle School students in the longest-standing Jewish Day school in Orange County, but

potentially on individuals in need of prosthetics around the world. The Academy's unique educational program provides meaningful and relevant education through projects spanning science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). This year students incorporated

learning in all of these subjects to create real prosthetics that will impact the lives of actual amputees around the globe. As part of this hands-on, real-world educational experience, students visited a state-of-the-art lab and one of the foremost production sites for study and development of prosthetics. Applying learning to real-world situations, as well as seeing the impact that their work had on people in



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Assemblyman Tyler Diep representative honors our Innovation Fair.

need, brought together the core values of the Hebrew Academy and its deep commitment to providing students the education they need to be competitive in a modern and ever-changing world of technology.

Open house dates: Jan 8, 9 - 12 pm; Jan. 23, 9 - 1:00 am; Feb. 3, 8:30 - 11:00 am, Feb. 20, 12 - 2:00 pm. To reserve space, contact Admissions@hacds.org.

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Fall Semester at Beach Hillel

SABRINA HEINRICHS | FRESHMAN AT CSULB

Before starting at California State University Long Beach (CSULB) I had lost touch with my Jewish identity. I did not have any Jewish friends, and I only celebrated holidays because my family is the designated holiday host. Within my first week at CSULB, an engagement intern from Beach Hillel reached out to me and invited me to a Shabbat dinner. She also picked me up from my house, brought me to Shabbat, and she spent the night hanging out and talking to me. From the first Shabbat dinner I felt like I was part of the Beach Hillel community.

After that, I threw myself into Hillel. In the first month

of school, I helped table for Week of Welcome and then passed out honey sticks for

Rosh Hashanah. I attended every event I could that Hillel hosted;



Sabrina Heinrichs (2nd from left) with fellow students at Hillel Jewish Festival on CSULB campus.

I could not get enough. Having a variety of events both on and off campus really helped acclimate me to life in Long Beach and in college. Beach Hillel gave me the support I needed to succeed during my first semester away from home and pushed me to deepen my Jewish identity.

As I became more involved with Beach Hillel, I met so many people, and I have made some amazing friends. Before Hillel, I had no Jewish friends, and once I joined, I had a whole group of Jewish friends. This was something I had never had before. With every event I attended and every Jewish friend I made, I began to rediscover that my Jewish

identity was something that was incredibly important to me.

I love being Jewish. I love the community that comes with being Jewish. Beach Hillel is the first thing in my life that has ignited such a deep passion in me.

I am so excited to continue learning and growing with my Beach Hillel family throughout the remainder of my time at CSULB.



Our Community Makes Holidays Brighter



Kathryn Miles
Executive Director
Jewish Family &
Children's Service

Thanks to the generosity of so many in the Long Beach Jewish community, the holidays were happier for many of JFCS' client families. From Thanksgiving through Chanukah and Christmas, 30 families enjoyed festive Thanksgiving holiday meals, and 26 families totaling 32 adults and 73 children received holiday gifts.

Skillfully coordinated by Board Secretary Judy Leff, former JFCS Development Director Janet Pottebaum, and Board Member Joanne Ratner with support by Jamie Watson, JFCS' manager of

social work and older adult services and the JFCS social work team, JFCS matched those in need with those who were ready to provide it.

Organizations and groups who adopted families include the AJCC Early Childhood

Education department, Alpert JCC, sisterhoods of Temple Beth Ohr and Temple Israel, NCJW, the 2013 B'nai Mitzvah Class at Temple Israel, and Jewish Long Beach's Women's Philanthropy. Eighteen generous individuals,

women's groups and mahjong groups also adopted families, and three made monetary donations to the project. AJCC Dance Instructor Cindi Massengale and her classes also contributed with non-perishable food items and

grocery store gift cards to stock the JFCS pantry for clients experiencing food insecurity. "Our families really enjoyed shopping with their children and having conversations about buying presents for other children. It seemed to be very meaningful for the children to bring their gifts to school for wrapping," said Emily Gould, ECE director.

"On behalf of our client families, the board of directors and staff of JFCS would like to thank these organizations, groups and individuals for the generosity shown to these families in need. It made their holiday season one that they will long remember," said Kathryn Miles, JFCS Executive Director.



ECE children, parents, and staff gather to present gifts to their assigned family.

ISRAEL: THE TOUGHEST NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE WORLD

The CSULB Jewish Studies Program is very pleased to again partner with the Orange County One Month Community Scholar Program. This year's speaker is Dr. Paul Liptz. He will speak on Thursday, January 23rd, at 7:30 pm, at the Alpert JCC, on the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus (3801 E. Willow St.).

After decades of conflict with its neighbors, Israel has attempted to improve its position. Treaties with Egypt and Jordan, economic interaction with several countries, and the impact of a strong Israel assisting some Sunni Arab countries, have borne fruit in making the neighborhood a little less threatening.

Dr. Paul Liptz, a social historian, was on the faculty of Tel-Aviv University for 40

years, where he taught in the Department of Middle East and African History, as well as the International School. His main interests are History of the Yishuv [Pre-State], the Modern State of Israel and Arab Women and Nationalism in the Middle East.

He also taught graduate students at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem as well as at the Conservative movement seminary for 25 years, dealing with modern Jewish history, Israeli society and the contemporary Middle East. In the Israeli army reserves, he lectured officers and non-commissioned officers on non-military realms. Paul was born in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and came as a volunteer to Israel one day before the Six Day War on June 4, 1967. He decided to stay in Israel and marry Brenda, with whom he has four children and 10 grandchildren.

All CSULB Jewish Studies talks are free and open to the public; no need to reserve a space. For more information on this talk or Spring 2020 events, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Blutinger, Jeffrey.Blutinger@csulb.edu.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN (NCJW)

Save these dates for NCJW Long Beach!

Join us on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 10:30am for a joint Shirley Stein Book Review Program with Hadassah at the Grand. *Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America* by Dr. Steven F. Ross, a professor of History at USC.

This book was a finalist for the 2018 Pulitzer Prize in History. It tells the little known story of the rise of Nazism in Los Angeles, and the Jewish leaders

and spies they recruited who stopped it.

RSVP by January 7, send your check for \$40.00 (for a salmon luncheon) to NCJW at 3801 E. Willow St. Long Beach 90815. Or pay online at <https://www.ncjwlongbeach.org/shirleysteinbookreview>

On Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 10:30am, Charter Day, we will be honoring Congressman Alan Lowenthal with the Hannah G. Solomon Award. Our program includes a Jewish Women's Theatre special presentation and will take place at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740

The cost is \$75 per person. More information can be found at www.ncjwlongbeach.org/CharterDay or by calling 657.235.2511.

Coming in March: Suffrage! A History in

Word and Song: Sunday, March 15, 2020.

A rollicking evening of historical protest songs and impassioned pleas for women's rights to vote in honor of the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote this year!

The program is from 7-9 pm at the Alpert Community Jewish Center, on the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus 3801 East Willow St, Long Beach.

For more information call 657.235.2511 or email info@ncjwlongbeach.org. or go to www.ncjwlongbeach.org for more information.



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