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Services | Shabbat Evening Services will be streamed and offered in-person at 6:00 p.m. outdoors unless otherwise noted

Torah Study | Saturdays in-person or virtual at 9:15 a.m.

Join Us for Our Upcoming Events!

6/3 @ 6:00 p.m. | Special B'nei Mitzvah and Family Shabbat – Join us for this special, family-friendly service as we recognize our recent B'nei Mitzvah students. Family services are held the first Shabbat of the month at 6:00 p.m.

6/4 - (Start Times Vary) | SoCal Ride for Parkinson's – TBS is creating a team to ride a metric century: 62 miles! Thank you to Mitch Cohen and Amy Feldberg for spearheading this great event. See page 11 for registration and sponsor info.

6/4 @ 5:00 p.m. | Erev Shavuot Movie Night – Rabbi Lipper and Cantor Reinwald will facilitate a movie night for members of all ages. Choose from *A Serious Man* or *Encanto* and enjoy activities, discussions, and a nosh following the films. Register at <https://tbsoc.com/> or call the office.

6/8 @ 7:00 p.m. | Annual Congregational Meeting – Held in the Social Hall

6/10 @ 6:00 p.m. | Shabbat in Honor of Cantor Reinwald

6/11 @ 7:00 p.m. | Cantor's Cabaret – Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of live entertainment, delicious food, elegant cocktails, exciting live and silent auctions, and a wine pull in celebration of Cantor David Reinwald's 12 years of song and spiritual leadership.

6/12 @ 10:00 a.m. | Brotherhood Speaker Series – Rachel Weissberg will be speaking, and her talk is called “How the Pandemic Accelerated Innovation in Healthcare.” Rachel is the daughter of Dan and Linda Weissberg.

6/17 @ 6:00 p.m. | Farewell Shabbat – Join us for services and dinner as we say farewell to Rabbi Lipper and Cantor Reinwald. Dinner boxes will be provided from Parties by Panache for \$20 each. Please see the website or call the office to view the menu and register for your dinner by June 13th.

6/23 @ 6:30 p.m. | Brotherhood Poker Night – Held in the Social Hall the 4th Thursday of each month. Contact Lew Seigler (misterlew@gmail.com) with questions and to sign up.

6/26 @ 9:00 a.m. | Brotherhood/Sisterhood Hike – Crystal Cove in Newport Beach with lunch to follow. Please be sure to register at <https://tbsoc.com/hike/>

Worship at TBS

From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi David Lipper

It is hard to believe that this is my final message for *Voices*. In just a few short months, I feel like we have come together as a community and shared a lifetime of moments and memories. We have accomplished so much together, and I believe that Temple Beth Sholom is stronger for this year together.

Many years ago, I came across this quote: "People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime." It's only when we can reflect on its words that time and relationships begin to take shape.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason, you need them to be. We have been brought into each other's lives for a reason.

When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They may bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season. This has also been the season of our coming together.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; those things you must build upon to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people (anyway); and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind, but friendship is clairvoyant. I know that we have both shared life lessons and on so many levels, lifelong friends going forward.

I truly feel that we have been brought together for all these moments and reasons. I have learned much from each of you and I hope that you have as well. We are blessed! Thank you for being a part of my and Dora's life.

May we be blessed as we go on our way
May we be guided in peace
May we be blessed with health and joy
May this be our blessing, amen.

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace
May we be kept in safety and in love
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul
May this be our blessing, amen.

Words of Gratitude

Cantor David Reinwald

When I think of the semi-clichéd statement, "An ending is only a new beginning," I realize that this statement is very Jewish in value. In so many ways, our ritual moments are established to be this way. We never truly end reading Torah. When we complete the reading cycle of the Torah on Simchat Torah, it is in the very next breath that we begin again. (cont. on page 3)

Words of Gratitude, cont.

Likewise, we often remind our students that at the culminating point of their becoming b'nei mitzvah — and yes, it is no doubt a marker of a great amount of study — that this is actually the gateway to the rest of their Jewish adult life. There is so much more to come — so much more to learn, to do, to create, to make this world a better place by continuing to journey forward on one's Jewish journey.

I feel so blessed to have had these twelve years of my Jewish and cantorial journey here with you at TBS. And, while I do hope to see many of you in these final weeks of celebration and farewell, I cherish the connections we have made and hope these will live on in these days when we are never too far away from each other with the blessings of technology. So, thank you for being a part of my journey. I have been honored to be a part of yours. And, if you find yourself in my new neck of the woods in Pittsburgh, please visit me at Temple Sinai! I won't say goodbye — only, *L'hitraot* — see you again in the future!

Worship Committee Update

Karen Warren, VP of Worship

Summer is in the air! In case you didn't already know, weather permitting, our Shabbat services are now outside at 6:00 p.m. June promises to be the perfect time to join our various celebrations. **June 3rd** will be a special shabbat as we welcome back all our B'nei Mitzvah students who might have missed out on festivities due to Covid. Join us for a celebratory Oneg as we honor them. **June 10th** we will welcome Cantor Reinwald's family as they join us for services and then attend the Annual Gala honoring Cantor Reinwald. Did you make your reservation? I hope so. **June 17th** will be a Farewell Shabbat for both Rabbi Lipper and Cantor Reinwald. Join us for services and dinner as we thank them and say goodbye. Please register for your dinner from Parties by Panache at <https://tbsoc.com/farewell> by June 13th. **June 24th** will be a very special Shabbat as our own Alan Shebroe leads us in a meaningful service.

Drum roll please! **July 1st** will be Rabbi Sobel's first Shabbat at TBS. It will indeed be a very special shabbat and dinner that you won't want to miss. This is your temple. You have a very dedicated group of volunteers, as well as loyal and dedicated staff that work hard to create meaningful experiences and activities. Please make it a point to join. As always, if you have any questions or would like to be a volunteer or participant, email me at warrenk123@gmail.com.

Executive Messages

Mike Winston, TBS President

As excited as I am for the future of TBS with Rabbi Sobel and her first Shabbat with us on July 1st, I am saddened by the impending departure of our current clergy who is servicing the congregation for the last time this month. Cantor Reinwald has been serving our community for the past 12 years, and while Rabbi Lipper has only been with us for a year, his guidance and accomplishments have made it feel much longer.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank Rabbi Lipper and Dora for joining our community. Each of them, in their own way, were able to add a special piece to each of our hearts, which is something we will cherish forever. TBS would not be where it is today without Rabbi Lipper and Dora. *Todah rabah*. Thank you for being here for us, for enlightening us, and for bringing smiles and warmth to our members. We wish them the best of luck in their new journey and hope they keep fond memories of our time together. I encourage each of our members to come to services or a TBS event this month and thank Rabbi Lipper and Dora personally; I am sure they would greatly appreciate it. (cont. on page 4)

Executive Messages, cont.

Finally, to Cantor Reinwald, I am at a loss of words (which is not like me). Cantor has brought so many years of music and laughter and most recently kept TBS meaningful and engaging through the COVID pandemic. I couldn't imagine where TBS would be without him. But these are just accomplishments. Cantor Reinwald has captured our hearts and community and will always be part of TBS. I can't say enough to his credit or even come up with the right words, other than we will miss him immensely.

I hope each of you will celebrate Cantor and Rabbi during their last service on **June 17th** and come welcome Rabbi Sobel for her first service on **July 1st**. L'Shalom.

Brotherhood

Community – Fellowship – Action – Service

Sylvan Swartz, Brotherhood Director of Membership

April 29th was the Brotherhood Shabbat and kudos to Steve Belasco for putting it together. We had men essentially leading the service with readings in both English and Hebrew. Thanks to both the Rabbi and Cantor for allowing the Brotherhood to be such an instrumental part of the evening. Brotherhood President Arnold Shugarman also announced at the service that the TBS Brotherhood Man of the year is Lew Siegler. This is a much-deserved honor for a very hard-working man. [Note from the editor: Mazel Tov, Lew!]

We hope everyone supports our upcoming fundraiser in honor of Cantor Reinwald on **June 11th**. Brotherhood is a sponsor of the event. Let's make this a great send off for the Cantor and a great fundraiser for the temple.

Our Brotherhood Speaker Series went on May 15th as scheduled with Michael Swartz giving a thorough rundown of his case against Tulsa, OK on behalf of the black community of Greenwood, OK in which over 300 black people were massacred, over 1,000 injured, and the entire community burned to the ground. Our next speaker will be Rachel Weissberg speaking about the digital hospital and medical care of now and the future. Rachel will be another of our extremely well qualified children of congregants. Do not miss it on **June 12th**. You can join for free using the Zoom link at <https://tbsoc.com/sons-daughters/>.

Once again, the Brotherhood is offering 4 x \$500 scholarships to students graduating high school this year and going on to higher learning of some sort. Look for our flyers and be sure to have your senior apply. You can always contact Arnold Shugarman or me if you are having trouble finding the form.

The Brotherhood Poker nights, ordinarily held on the 4th Thursday of each month, has been growing under the leadership of Lew Siegler. Join us this month on **June 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the TBS Social Hall. We hold a very friendly, non-threatening poker game with both experienced and novice players. I strongly encourage all men to join us for a fun 3 hours with the guys. Look for announcements and contact Lew (misterlew@gmail.com) to let him know you are coming. It is getting to the point that we need to know how many tables to set up—which is a good thing!

Our next hike will be on **Sunday, June 26th at 9:00 a.m.** at Crystal Cove in Newport Beach with lunch to follow. Please be sure to register at <https://tbsoc.com/hike/> so our expert hiking leaders, Lisa and Todd Litman, know to look out for you. This hike looks to be easier, on the beach, on flat ground. These hikes are structured so that hikers of every experience level can attend at least one during the year. (cont. on page 5)

Brotherhood, cont.

We are going to be starting a new fiscal year on July 1st so I would like to encourage all men of TBS to join us and have some fun and do some good. You will be seeing our membership forms everywhere and you can always contact me at sylvan@swartzcre.com. We expect to have some fun events over the summer such as dinner and wine tasting or beer tasting as well. Thank you for supporting Brotherhood.

Brotherhood Speaker Series - The Sons and Daughters of TBS: Celebrating Our Blessings!



"How the Pandemic Accelerated Innovation in Healthcare"

Rachel Weissberg, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Sirius

Sunday, June 12, 2022, via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. PDT

Rachel Weissberg has spent the last 20+ years in Healthcare Technology serving various leadership roles. Rachel currently serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives for Healthcare at Sirius a CDW Company, which helps healthcare organizations improve quality of care, control costs, and ensure compliance. Rachel is the daughter of Dan and Linda Weissberg and the sister of Jason Weissberg.



Jeremy Sirota, CEO, Merlin

"A Music Man for The Digital Age"

**RESCHEDULED* Sunday, July 17, 2022, via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. PDT*

Jeremy is the son of Ed and Ilene Sirota as well as CEO of Merlin, an independent digital music licensing partner based in New York and London. He currently resides in New York City but was born in Los Angeles and raised in Orange County, where he attended Hebrew School and Sunday School at Temple Beth Sholom. He was deeply inspired by his Rabbi who oversaw his Bar Mitzvah.

Sisterhood



TBS Sisterhood is a vibrant, fun, and philanthropic group. This year alone we've had some great activities and are planning many more for the coming year. We are always at TBS events, helping where we can. We cooked for the adult Purim event dinner, manned the registration/welcome booth for the Purim carnival and helped with the adult Purim bag assembly. We also collected and packaged up women's period products for the female homeless community as a community service. Thank you to all who participated. That was so enjoyable as we worked together. As they say: "Many hands make light work." In addition, we had fun during our Paint and Sip event, where we created "beautiful" art.

We are planning our kickoff event for next year on **Wednesday, June 29th**. We'll have a terrific dessert potluck, kibbitz with old and new friends and see what Sisterhood has planned in the coming months. Here's your chance to decide where your hands and heart would be most happy to help. I promise, you'll make new friends, have a great time and be glad you are part of this amazing group. Look for Sisterhood news in the Shavu'on. To become a Sisterhood member is so easy. The application flyer will arrive in your membership packet. Be sure to join us. It's the easiest and most rewarding thing you'll do this year!

Our Youth

Early Childhood Center

Tamara Levin, Director of Early Childhood Education



As another school year draws to a close, I am awed by the fact that it marks the beginning of my fourth year as the director of TBS ECC. What an incredible journey it has been. I recall with stark clarity meeting Cindi Dubrow (ECC administrative assistant) for the first time. Her passion and devotion to the temple and ECC was notable and matched my own dedication and excitement for

excellent programming, building community, and above all, thriving children whose first introduction (away from home) into the world of social, emotional, and cognitive growth takes place in the nurturing environment of our TBS ECC.

As each year concludes, we celebrate the graduating TK class. The joy of celebrating our oldest children taking a giant step into the world of elementary education is bittersweet. What we are really celebrating is the incredible growth that takes place during the first 5 years of life. Dependent infants, with flailing arms and shrill cries, enter our lives and 5 years later stand together with friends singing songs of farewell having experienced the most significant amount of brain development in their lives.

We love our children at all stages of life, but the memories that often fill our hearts are those of little faces beaming with joy when we pick them up from preschool and the feel of their arms wrapped tightly around our waists as they say goodbye. The graduation ceremony marks a change. A change not only for our children, but a change for us as parents.

It is a moment of pride for the ECC staff, many of whom witnessed the graduating class take their first lurching steps. We marvel at how much our students have evolved and celebrate their future. Then, as the last piece of celebratory cake is consumed, we turn our eyes to the bright faces of the upcoming class.

Religious School

Chavva Olander, Director of Youth Education

Shalom! May was a busy month for the Religious School. On May 1st, we held our community-wide “Taste of Israel” arts festival in celebration of Yom Ha’atzmaut. It featured multi-generational arts experiences and activities with a focus on Israel’s contributions to the arts. Rabbi Lipper led a “Tour of Israel” for young children, we held a hummus-tasting, and participants enjoyed a variety of craft-making stations.

May 15th was our final day of Religious School for the year. We celebrated with a school-wide pizza party picnic. Students and families spent the morning playing games on the lawn and sharing summer plans.

I want to thank our wonderful teachers, Vivi, Michal, and Arad for their dedication to educating our youngest members and, most of all, for building community among students in their classrooms. It has been a terrific experience being part of the TBS community!

Something to Kvell About – Recognizing our Teens and Young Adults

Monica Engel, Social Action Member



Brent Wasserman has a family history of life at Temple Beth Shalom. Beginning the years of membership with Grandparents, Andy and Sydel Walencewicz and followed by Mom and Dad Wasserman, who both grew up in TBS (Mom is a former Board President). Beginning with infancy, Brent has joined his family at Shabbat as well as all holidays. He attended religious school, spent summers at Camp Shalom, had his bar mitzvah, was confirmed and a camp counselor and enjoyed other activities all here at TBS.

From ages 8 to 16 Brent enjoyed club ice hockey at Villa Park High School. While in high school, Brent discovered a passion for science and outer space. He began reading an assortment of scientific articles and found great joy in trying to understand how the universe works. After high school graduation, he attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona where he earned a bachelor's degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics.

Religion has always been an integral part of Brent's life. Having been raised Jewish, a strong sense of morality, honor and goodness was instilled within him from a young age. Because of his Jewish upbringing, he made the decision to add the military to his list of potential careers. Brent felt it was important to give back to the country he loves so dearly.

In the summer of 2021, he was recruited by the U.S. Navy to apply for their Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program. Several interviews and a mountain of paperwork later, Brent officially joined the Navy in March 2022. He will be attending Officer Development School in Newport, Rhode Island at the end of August followed by the Nuclear Power School training pipeline in Charleston, South Carolina where he will remain and serve as an instructor at the Navy's Nuclear Powers Training Unit. Needless to say, Brent hopes to connect with the local Jewish community and continue leading a robustly Jewish life.

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Committee Updates

Membership/FWYC

Mary Gonzalez, VP of Membership



Thank you to all who joined our Family Movie Night last month! Our superhero (Spiderman) and Disney Princess (Cinderella) started off the night with face painting, superhero training, hide-and-seek, and lots of fun for the kiddos. Then, Rabbi Lipper and Mike Winston led us in a special Havdallah, and we all enjoyed popcorn and Sing 2 on the “Big Screen.” Many, many thanks are in order to Heidi King and her team of volunteers for putting on this amazing “fun-raiser.”

The Membership and Families with Young Children Committees have their sights set on summer! Be on the lookout for more information on the annual **Backyard Bash in August** and the **Chavurot Shabbat on September 9th**. If you would like to get involved in our “fun-raisers” please reach out Arielle Ohls at 562-316-7030 or Mary Gonzalez at 714-292-4957. We meet the first Tuesday of each month and are looking for fresh ideas!

Chavurot

Shani Boone, Chavurot Chair, Membership Committee Member, and TBS Secretary

Our new Chavurot are up and running and it’s been great seeing the energy that the new groups are showing! Joining a Chavurot is not a one-time event; they are ever changing. If you are interested in joining, we are happy to help you connect to an existing group with similar interests. If you have questions, please call or text Shani at 714-343-1135 or shaniboone2@sbcglobal.net.

Education

Steffanie Belasco, VP of Education

This has been an exciting year for us at TBS. We were able to join each other in large intergenerational events that brought our community together: We enjoyed the lights of Hannukah, our Purim Carnival was extraordinary with over 350 in attendance, and we tasted a bit of Israel together as we celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut. Rabbi Lipper led a series of Adult Education classes titled *Judaism 101: The 10 Most Important Ideas Judaism Brings to the World*, *Sacred Texts of Jewish Time*, and *Searching the Prophets for Values* for a total of 18 classes. Adult Ed presented two authors for a presentation and discussion and the movie group Reels & Repartee reviewed 3 films. All these ideas came from the findings from our focus group last year. Our community benefits when we come together in programs of learning and celebration.

Our school and teen program has grown this year thanks to the positive involvement of Chavva Olander. We will miss her in her current role as she pursues her Master's in Philosophy. The Nosh and Learn Program created an opportunity for families to meet each other and begin to join as families. We are in search of a new Director of Religious School as we prepare for next year.

Our preschool kids are thriving in our school thanks to the very hard-working teachers and our director, Tamara Levin. Cindi Dubrow, administrative assistant adds to the positive can-do environment at our school. Our future leaders come from our preschool parents, and we have a bright future based on the commitment demonstrated by many of our families.

Thank you to all the volunteers in our programs that have generously volunteered to make our events a success. We need your time, ideas, attendance, and your spirit to continue to make TBS a place of active learning for all. We hope you will join us in our celebration of Shavuot on **June 4th at 5:00 p.m.** as Rabbi Lipper leads an adult discussion on the film, *A Serious Man* while the kids watch *Encanto* and participate in an art project with the Cantor. We will then enjoy a light dairy dinner and Havdalah together.

Fundraising

Melanie Pollak, Director of Fundraising

Want to help lead TBS into the future while helping to create fun and exciting events? Join the TBS Fundraising Committee! The Fundraising Committee meets once a month to plan fundraising campaigns, explore participatory revenue streams, and develop events to help the temple meet its financial goals. If you have a fundraising, sales, marketing, or development background and/or happen to be a creative person with great ideas, we need you! Please contact Melanie Pollak at (714) 204-6183 / melaniepollak@gmail.com.

Social Action

Education - Direct Service – Advocacy - Collections

Social Action Committee

Social Action has joined forces with and will be supporting Orange County United Way along with our ongoing relationship with two Orangewood facilities. Our Mitzvah of the Month for April was books which we donated to OC United Way in response to their goals. Thank you to all who provided new books for kidlets to adults. OCUW's mission is to end homelessness, financial insecurity, and support student success; books are just the beginning. (cont. on page 10)

Social Action, cont.

Our Social Action committee is counting on the support of our congregants to help this group in their mission by providing something useful as we do for our other recipients. Thank you for being a generous and giving community. If you are interested in joining us in our work, please contact Paula Pitluk at pkpteach@gmail.com / 714-225-2058. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mitzvah of the Month

Monica Engel, Social Action Member

Our MOTM for June will be items for the beach, pool, or even a spritz with the hose. Bathing suits and towels will be appreciated by youngsters as well as adults. Safety items are also very important: floatie vests, life jackets, sunscreen, etc. Both Orange facilities are very grateful for our donations which can be left in the TBS living room. If you are unable to shop, please send a donation check to TBS, with MOTM in the memo line and Monica will work her magic.

Mitzvah Meals is Reorganizing!

Mitzvah Meals Team

Mitzvah Meals is taking a break to reinvent and refresh this legacy program. We want to thank all those who have volunteered their time and donated to this amazing weekly mitzvah over the years. If you are interested in becoming a part of the new and improved Mitzvah Meals, please keep an eye out for correspondence and contact info in upcoming newsletters.

Do You Have an Hour a Month to Bring Happiness to Seniors?

Alan Shebroe, Worship Volunteer



Approximately 20 years ago, Alan Friedman z”l and Sarah Schweitz began a program on behalf of TBS wherein volunteers would lead Shabbat services for Bubbe & Zayde’s Place, a live-in Jewish retirement home roughly 4 minutes from TBS. It is owned and operated by Bonnie Curkin and her son-in-law, Shimon Cagan. They are wonderful people and are so grateful for all we have done as a community over the past 20 years, and we continue to do so each week! Their website can be found at <https://bubbeandzaydesplace.com>.

When Alan became ill, he asked me to take his place for the first Friday of the month, and when he passed, I took on the general maintenance of the program. I have been taking care of it ever since and Sarah continues lead on week 2 of every month. Today, we have three pairs of volunteers who continue to perform this mitzvah. But we need at least TWO MORE individuals—one pair—with an hour a week to spare for the **third Friday of each month**. The commitment would be for as many months as you can offer, one hour per month. Each set of readers does a different version of the service, depending on their ability and preference. There is no set format. Some do it entirely in English, others mix the Hebrew and English.

If you are interested in joining this legacy TBS mitzvah program, please contact me at alan53@earthlink.net / 626.664.8384 so I can answer any questions and discuss the possibility of doing this tremendous mitzvah for the seniors of our community. On behalf of Bonnie, Shimon, Sarah, and myself, thank you for your consideration.

Adult Education

"Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching."

Angela Holmes, Adult Ed Chair

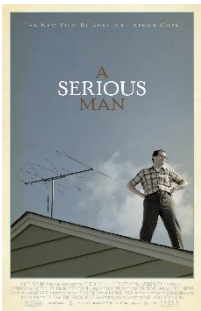
As the 2021/2022 year comes to an end, it is time to reflect on what we were able to accomplish and what we plan to do for the 2022/2023 year. We thought the shut-in time of the pandemic was challenging the two years before but didn't fully realize that the back and forth of zooming versus physical meetings would be even more of a scheduling and advertising drama for planning and implementing a consistent Adult Education program. Nonetheless, we did try to present interesting topics with the help and input of the representatives. Next year's programs have already been calendared or saved on the calendar by all the groups at TBS who plan events, including Adult Education. The Adult Education committee will begin discussion and planning in June.

I wish to thank the 21/22 volunteer and representative committee members, Cindy Grossberg, Linda Weisberg, auxiliary representatives, Paula Pitluk (Social Action), Soni Sanberg (Worship), Sylvan Swartz (Brotherhood), Norm Rosen (Torah Study), Steffanie Belasco (VP of Education), Cantor Reinwald and Rabbi Lipper for their input and support. Words of appreciation are never enough! And a final thanks to Ruth Aptaker for supporting the publication of extended ideas that Adult Education wanted to share in promoting multi-generational resources.

The Adult Education committee hopes to see everyone next year at the trials, movie chats, book reviews and other events being planned.

Reels and Repartee: Adult Education Film Series

Adult Education Committee



Thanks to all who joined us for our stimulating movie and discussion groups so far! We are planning another for **Saturday, June 4th** during the Shavuot celebrations during which we will be discussing *A Serious Man* in a program led by Rabbi Lipper. In the film, Physics professor Larry Gopnik (Michael Stuhlbarg) can't believe his life: His wife is leaving him for his best friend, his unemployed brother won't move off the couch, someone is threatening his career, his kids are a mystery, and his neighbor is tormenting him by sunbathing nude. Struggling to make sense of it all, Larry consults three different rabbis and their answers lead him on a twisted journey of faith, family, delinquent behavior, and mortality. Register online or call the office.

Don't Miss Out!



The SoCal Ride for Parkinson's is **Saturday, June 4th** and TBS is creating a team to ride a metric century: 62 miles! Thank you to Mitch Cohen and Amy Feldberg who have spearheaded this great event and will be "going the distance." Along with the 62-mile cycling route, there is also a 30-mile cycling route, an 8-mile family cycling route, and a 3K or 5K family walk. Join us! And if you are able, please support us by donating through our pledge page. Our goal is to raise \$360.

SoCal Ride for Parkinson's (Homepage): <https://socalride.net/>

Donation Page: <https://www.pledgereg.com/3982/mitchellcohen>

Register to Ride/Walk: <https://www.bikereg.com/so-cal-ride-parkinsons>



It's almost here! **Saturday, June 11th** will be a wonderful evening of live entertainment, delicious food, elegant cocktails, exciting live and silent auctions, and a wine pull in celebration of Cantor David Reinwald's 12 years of song and spiritual leadership. Tickets are available now! Silent auction goes on sale **Wednesday, June 1st**.



Cantor David Reinwald, a Chicago native, has been the cantor of Temple Beth Sholom since 2010. With a passion for music of all styles, Cantor Reinwald considers himself a music aficionado. He holds a Bachelors in Music, Media, and Jewish Studies from Indiana University – Bloomington and was ordained as a cantor by the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York City in 2006.

Cantor Reinwald is inspired by Jewish and cantorial music that is both classic and contemporary and has a specialization in music written and performed during the Holocaust. Out of his master's thesis research, Cantor Reinwald created an hour-long transformative experience and performance entitled *Cabaret of the Holocaust: Notes of Satire from the Stages, Cafes, and Streets of the Ghettos*. His research is archived in the collections of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. and at Yad Vashem in Israel.

Prior to joining the TBS staff, Cantor Reinwald has served Temple Anshe Sholom of Olympia Fields, IL, Congregation Beth Israel of Austin, TX and Temple Beth-El of Jersey City, NJ. He also spent a summer working as a hospital chaplain at Beth Israel Hospital in NYC's East Village. He is a member of the American Conference of Cantors Executive Board, where he has served on various committees, and is also a past chair of the student recruitment committee of the HUC-JIR Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music Alumni Association. The cantor's debut album, *Here I Stand*, was released in September 2011. He is the creator and host of the unique podcast *Tropeful*, studying Torah through the perspective of the trope (cantillation) system. Cantor Reinwald is an advocate for foster youth through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Orange County and a passionate representative for the work this incredible organization does on behalf of children in the foster care system.

Cantor Reinwald has been an integral part of our TBS family for the past 12 years. He has been there for you and your families during joyous moments and sad times as well. He has taught music to our youngest students in pre-school and religious school and has made our teens shine at their B'nei Mitzvah services. Cantor has brought so much spirituality with his beautiful voice and his presence during Shabbat, High Holy Day services and Temple events throughout the years. He has been the glue that has held our congregation together during the pandemic. He will be missed! All proceeds from the auction benefit the programs and services TBS provides to our congregation.