

From the
Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As the seasons change from idyllic summer to pensive autumn, we turn inward to reflect on our lives. This time of year beckons us to confront the flight of time, a precious fungible gift from the creator. People of faith, who take time to introspect are generally decent, caring human beings. This has been a year of conflicting bouts of anxiety and hopefulness, both at home, in Israel, and throughout the world. For the Jewish people, this time of year, summons us to our own form of "jury duty."

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**Rabbi
Baron's**

HIGH HOLY DAY GUESTS

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Aron Bell

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Schedule of **HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

Conducted by **Rabbi David Baron**

Cantors **Ilysia J. Pierce & Nathan Lam**

Music Director **Sharon Farber** with Choir & Instrumentals

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday • September 15th • 8pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday • September 16th • 10am

2nd Day ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday • September 17th • 9:15am

KOL NIDRE

Sunday • September 24th • 8pm

YOM KIPPUR

Monday • September 25th • 10am

Children's Services

Led by Karen Abrams (Ages 6-11)

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, Sept. 16 • 10:30am

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, Sept. 25 • 10:30am

Approximate Yom Kippur Schedule

10:00AM Service Begins

12 NOON Rabbi's Sermon

12:30PM Yizkor Memorial Service

2-5:30PM Discussion, Q&A

w/ special guests, film screening

5:45PM Mincha & Neilah
services ending in Final Shofar Blast



From the **President**

Dear Congregants,

As our lives adjust to a post-pandemic routine, the Jewish community finds itself submerged in several issues both at home and abroad. To be honest, when I sat down to write this message, I was not sure what to write. I wanted to be upbeat, yet I also knew in my heart that I could not ignore increasing antisemitism, Israel's unprecedented internal strife, political divisions here at home, and a litany of other issues that concern the Jewish people.

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STAY ^{THE} DAY

YOM KIPPUR

2 PM - 5:30 PM

**Fascinating
Presentations & Your
Incisive Questions as
our Special Guests
share their insights**

Over 25 years ago our Rabbi innovated with a way to keep our members in the synagogue all day on Yom Kippur and stay for the final shofar blast at our beautiful Neilah service. He schedules fascinating speakers who present their views on important topics related to American Jewish life, Israel and challenges we all face in our world. Also included is a short impactful film. The 3 hours fly by as members are stimulated to ask their pointed questions and forget the hunger pangs of the fast! Join over 600 fellow worshippers and stay with us all day. You will be Jewishly enriched by the experience.

TEMPLE BOARD MEMBERS



Founding Rabbi — David Baron

Our Founding Rabbi, David Baron, comes from a long line of rabbis. He was born in New York, ordained in Jerusalem, and served congregations in New Jersey and Florida before coming to California where, in 1992, he founded our Temple of the Arts. He authored our Temple prayer books *Sacred Space* and *Sacred Moments* as well as the best-selling *Moses on Management: Leadership Lessons in Life* published by Simon and Schuster. He has made numerous television appearances and consulted on many major motion pictures and television series. Rabbi Baron pioneered the fusion of religion

in the arts and was the lead participant in the TED "Charter on Compassion" as well as a Founding Advisory Board Member of the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.



Brian Weinstock, President

Brian Weinstock has been a respected member in the real estate development community for over 50 years. He has developed thousands of dwellings, commercial and industrial centers in his career. Former Commissioner of the Motion Picture Council for the state of California as well as a Commissioner Advising the State Senate on Real Property Insurance. For the City of LA he served on the Construction Services Committee and was an advisor to the LA Department of City Planning and the CLA's office developing new ordinances. He has a variety of charitable interests beyond the scope of real estate including the American Friends of The Hebrew University, past Board Member of the Joffrey Ballet. He has been active with the Guardians of the Jewish Home for the Aging and a past member of the Directors Forum at MOCA.



James Blatt, Past President

Law Offices of James E. Blatt, A Professional Corporation

Our immediate past president moved to Los Angeles from a small town in Pennsylvania years ago to attend UCLA and Loyola Law School. An accomplished and active criminal defense attorney with over 40 years of experience and a storied career, Jim Blatt served as our Temple President for a decade.

Additional Temple Officers and Board members on page 6

OUR TEMPLE MUSIC

ILYSIA J. PIERCE *Cantor*

Ilysia's first solo album, *Blessed*, is available on CD at ilysiapierce.com, and can be found on all streaming services such as Apple Music, iTunes, Spotify, Pandora, and more! This album is about G-d, inspiration, and most importantly, gratitude.

Whether it be on stage or in a studio, singing or voice overs, Ilysia is most comfortable in front of a microphone! Ilysia has led Shabbat and High Holy Day services for Temple of the Arts since 1999. Prior to her tenure at the Temple, Ilysia enjoyed a successful career entertaining audiences on stage, television (she originated the role of Miss Oops-A-Daisy in PBS', *The Huggabug Club*), and concert halls. Some of her theatrical highlights include: Janina (Irena's Mother) in a reading of a new musical, Irena Sendler, Disney's King David, an oratorio concert sparking the reopening of the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, playing the Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Frumah-Sara in *Fiddler on the Roof* with Theodore Bikel and Lainie Kazan, Eva Peron in *Evita*, for which she received a Dramalogue Critics' Choice Award for Outstanding Performance, Johanna in *Sweeney Todd*.

Of all her successes and accomplishments, Ilysia says she is most thankful for her supportive family and friends. She feels blessed to have the most loyal and loving husband, David, and two beautiful children, Braxton and Madison.

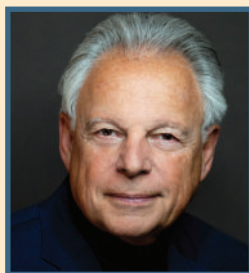


HAZZAN NATHAN LAM *Cantor*

Nathan Lam was born in Los Angeles, California into a family of immigrants from Poland and Bessarabia. The Yiddish language, Zionism, Synagogue life and chazzanut (Cantorial music) were an important part of his upbringing.

He was Cantor of the Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles for 45 years and is acclaimed for his vocal artistry, mastery of the cantorial art form and scholarship in many areas of Jewish studies. He was the Dean of the Cantorial School of the Academy for Jewish Religion, California, and has proudly inspired many young Cantors to follow in his footsteps.

Cantor Lam has been a venerated voice teacher to many stars in the music industry. He also has been a music producer, documentary producer, "100 voices - A Journey Home," and released many albums spanning the vast spectrum of Jewish music, religious and secular.



Including Our Magnificent 12-Voice Choir and Instrumentalists

SHARON FARBER *Music Director / Composer*

Grammy winner, member of the Executive Committees of the Motion Pictures and TV Academies, four-time Emmy Award nominee, board member of ASCAP, VP of the Alliance for Women Film Composers, Winner of the Society of Composers and Lyricists Award for "Outstanding work in the Art of Film Music", the Visionary Award in Music by The Women's International Film & Television Showcase, and winner of the Telly Award, composer **Sharon Farber** is a celebrated Film, TV and concert composer.

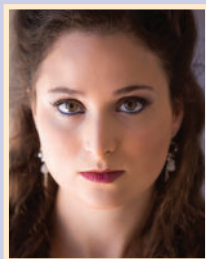
A graduate of the prestigious Berklee College of Music in film scoring and concert composition, Sharon has been working with broadcasters like NBC, CBS, Showtime, Lifetime and the WB as well as writing music for feature films and documentaries. Her film music has been released commercially and performed live in concerts. Sharon is currently scoring the successful Israeli TV show *Red Skies* as well as a feature film, *Jacob the Baker*. Sharon's latest scores include the award-winning documentary *Brainwashed-Sex-Camera-Power* and *Don't Sweat The Small Stuff: The Kristine Carlson Story* for LIFETIME TV. She is one of 8 female composers featured at the "Women Warriors" Lincoln Center concert that won the 2022 GRAMMY Award. The International Film Music Critics Association wrote about her music: "Composer Sharon Farber wowed the crowd with a suite of music from three of her scores: *Children of the Fall*, *When Nietzsche Wept* and *The Dove Flyer*..."

Sharon's Corona project, arranged and produced by her for the United Nations' Corona relief fund in collaboration with iconic songwriter Diane Warren and director Gev Miron, features singers and instrumentalists from virtually every continent. In the concert music world, Sharon has many national and international credits and commissions, including The Los Angeles Master Chorale, Juilliard School of Music, Pacific Serenade Ensemble, The National Childrens Chorus, The Northwest Sinfonietta, Opera Națională București in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Disney Hall and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. She has recently returned from Italy, where she taught film music at the Guitar Oasis International Music Festival, and from London, where her music was recorded at the renowned Abbey Road Studios.



Joining Our 12-Voice Choir This Year!

Hagar Sara Adam is an operatic soprano



and a recording vocalist, native of Jerusalem, and currently based in Los Angeles. She holds a Master of Music degree in Opera Performance from Binghamton University in New York (in collaboration

with Tri-Cities Opera) and a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Boston Conservatory at Berklee.

Hagar sings leading and supporting roles in operas as well as in choirs across the United States and Israel. She also records and produces vocals for films and songs.

Jessie Shulman is a SAG-AFTRA session singer,



and member of the LA Master Chorale and LA Opera Chorus. Her voice can be heard on many film and TV soundtracks, including *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, *Mulan*, *Frozen II*, *The Lion King* and many others. Next season Jessie will sing in Handel's *Messiah* (LAMC).

Recent solo performances include *Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy*, Ravel's *Chansons Madécasses* as part of the 'Summer of Paris' Chamber Music Festival, Mozart's *Requiem* (Mountainside Master Chorale), and her debut with the LA Chamber Orchestra for their Baroque Conversations series

She received her M.M. from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and her B.M. from California State University, Long Beach.

TEMPLE BOARD MEMBERS



Dorian Bilak, *Board Member*

Dorian Bilak has been an active member of the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills community for most of his life. He lives in Beverly Hills with his wife Frances and their two children, Michael and Maddie. He is a graduate of the Beverly Hills School System and attended several colleges in the Los Angeles Area (Otis, SCI-ARC, UCLA and the University of Judaism). He is a real estate investor and oversees a group of companies that invest in and manage commercial properties throughout the western states. He is also an owner and principal in a capital and debt advisory company in Orange County. He has been active with a number of charities and non-profits.



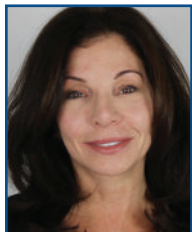
Michael Karlin, *Treasurer*

Along with Fred Nigro and Mickey Segal, Michael Karlin is a founding partner of Nigro Karlin Segal & Feldstein LLP. Michael is responsible for managing the business and financial affairs of many high net worth clients comprised of business executives, real estate developers, and entertainment industry screenwriters, actors, musicians, composers, publishers, producers, directors and executives. Michael attended USC where he received an undergraduate Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting and a Masters of Taxation degree. Michael is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Motion Picture and Television Fund and serves on the Board of Advisors of the USC Leventhal School of Accounting.



Matt Lichtenberg, *Treasurer*

Matt Lichtenberg is a CPA who started his career at Price Waterhouse and Co. then ventured into entertainment business management in 1981. He is a partner at Level Four Business Management, LLC with a client list reflecting a heavy presence in the world of comedy in addition to artists from all aspects of the industry. He is known to occasionally inject some humor into the business and his best advice is "live within your means." Matt is a New York City native currently living in Pacific Palisades with his wife Maria, an internationally renowned concert pianist, and their sons, Asher and Maksim.



Jill Black Zalben, *Board Member*

Jill Black Zalben, daughter of longtime members and generous donors Joyce and Stanley Black graduated from The American University in Washington, D.C. with a B.A. in Public Communications. Jill is a director of the Joyce and Stanley Black Family Foundation, and in 2004, joined Black Equities Group, becoming involved with property management and acquisition of retail and industrial properties. Jill has been involved with several philanthropies including The Jewish Federation, Vista Del Mar, Beit T'Shuva, LA Neighborhood Land Trust, and was on the board of Beyond Shelter for 4 years, an organization that combats poverty and homelessness in Los Angeles. She has two children; Zach Zalben and Torie Zalben.



Ari Ryan, *Board Member*

Ari Ryan is a multi-faceted creative entrepreneur; he is a real estate investor, restaurateur, film director and philanthropist. Ryan is an active investor, developer and manager of a large commercial and residential real estate portfolio. He also owns and operates several restaurants in LA, Las Vegas and Chicago. In addition, Ryan has worked as a free-lance film director/producer. His directorial debut was distributed by HBO. He also works as a consultant for start-ups and devotes time to charity service. Ari is a Co-Founder of the YLD of The FIDF LA and currently serves on the Board of Directors of The FIDF Western Region. Ari has also served as the YL Co-Chair for the LA Division of AIPAC and is a member of AIPAC's National Council and LA Cabinet. Ryan attended USC, and majored in film production and business administration.



Raymond Rosenthal, Board Member

Raymond Rosenthal and his wife Peggy Shapiro Rosenthal are proud parents of children Wendy, Erin, Jessica, Samantha, and David. They are also proud grandparents of Asher, Ryan and David. Ray and Peggy were married by Rabbi Baron, and are longtime members of our Temple, and pillars on our Founder's Wall. Ray went to Fairfax High School, and then to The University of Texas, where he earned his BA. Ray was on the board of Brentwood School (2001-2011), Jewish Big Brothers, and was Chairman of Food Division UJF (1976-1985). Ray is president of King Meat Inc., director Transpac Foods, and director of King Food Service Hawaii.



James Ross, Secretary

James Ross has almost 40 years of experience as an attorney. After completing his studies at the University of North Carolina and Tulane University School of Law, he served as a Federal Prosecutor in the United States Tax Court and as a corporate litigator with a large national law firm. He has also participated as a principal in several real estate development and syndication projects. He now divides his time between the practice of law and serving as a director of a firm that provides financing for the development of municipal, educational and medical facilities. He and his wife, Darolyn Austin Ross, a longtime member of the Temple of the Arts, live in Beverly Hills.



Zach Zalben, Board Member

Zach Zalben is a third generation LA native. During his teenage years, he spent his summers working at Black Equities. Throughout college, Zach continued to work part-time at Black Equities which helped to rapidly grow his knowledge of the real estate business. A graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a BA in Urban Studies, Zach has truly applied his education to many aspects of his work. From a young age, Zach has been active in his community as well as philanthropic endeavors. He devotes much of his spare time to many charitable organizations. Zach serves on the board of Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts and is currently Chairman of the LA Young Leadership of Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF). As a Board Member/Director at The Stanley & Joyce Black Family Foundation, he is dedicated to supporting many organizations that are helping to change the world for the better.



Adrienne Baron, Board Member

Adrienne Baron was born and raised in New York City. Upon graduation from the High School of Performing Arts, she attended acting classes at Herbert Berghof Studios with Uta Hagan, the Neighborhood Playhouse with Sandy Mesiner and studied music and voice at The Juilliard School of Music. She worked classical concerts and Broadway shows in New York and abroad. After moving to Los Angeles, she attended UCLA for interior design and the Gemological Institute of America, specializing in diamonds and black pearls. Adrienne's passion for our Temple is expressed through her design skills utilized throughout the theatre's renovation. Adrienne has two beautiful children, a daughter who teaches at a temple school and a son in music production. Her Jewish education has always been extremely important to her and she is happily married to Rabbi David Baron.

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**A SWEET and HEALTHY
NEW YEAR 5784!**

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



NEWLYWED

Alanna Nass & Eric Graffeo



NEWLYWED

*Sabrina Mayer &
Skylar Mones*



NEWLYWED

*Tiffany Majdipour
& Jovhan Jilbert*



NEWBORN

*Adam Saul and Lina Rachel
with parents Jonathan and
Juliana Tauber*



NEWBORN

*Bluebelle Eisenpresser with
mom Ruby, dad Jackson
and brothers.*

MAZEL TOV!

B'NAI MITZVAH

*Max Lam (l. top),
Lyla Pitson (l. bottom)
and the Lam family*



Jonah Saken

Sophia Saken

B'NAI MITZVAH *in Jerusalem*



BAT MITZVAH

Lucy David



BAT MITZVAH

Danielle Schwarz



BAR MITZVAH

Jonathan Ellin

Leonardo de Ohoven

BAR MITZVAH *in Jerusalem*

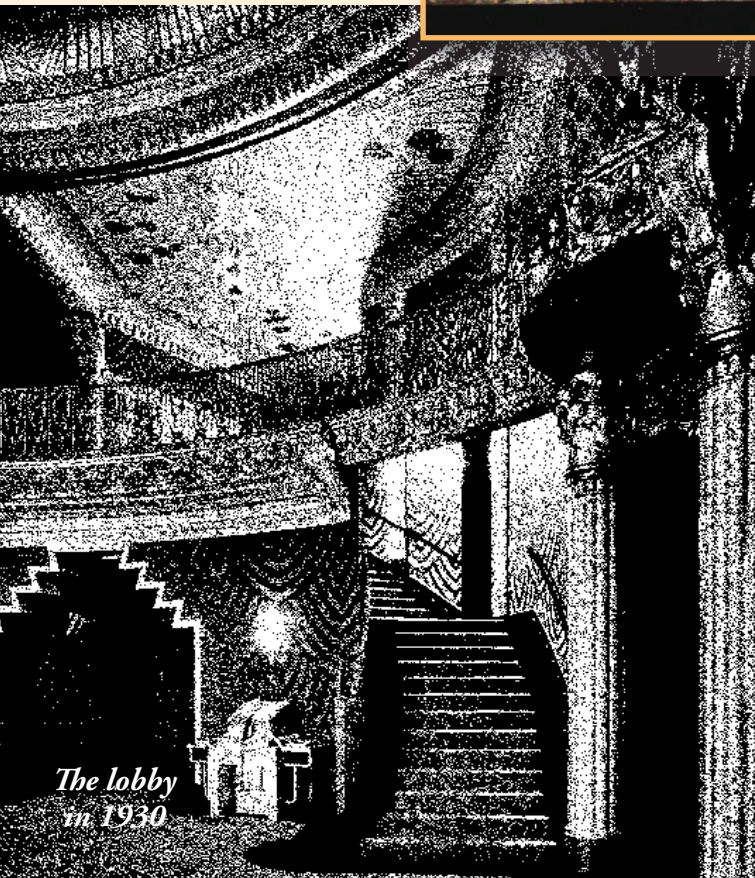


TEMPLE ROTUNDA and LOBBY HISTORIC RESTORATION

We are excited to announce that we have begun the historic restoration and remodeling of the lobby of our Temple's home, the Saban Theatre. We have commissioned the world leading experts in historic theatre restoration (Pantages, Radio City, etc.) Evergreene Studios, to restore our **Joyce and Stanley Black Rotunda** to its 1930's splendor including the original art deco chandelier. This space will be used for services once metro construction ends. The diamond shaped lobby bar built in 1985 will be demolished and replaced with bars in the rear to make a wider space for our events and celebrations (Bar/Bat mitzvahs, weddings etc).



Our lobby will be restored and enhanced with state of the art sound and lighting. It will be named for generous donors **Rena and Barry Plost** and we will hold "work in progress" viewings.



*The lobby
in 1930*

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Service

**Please join us
on September 17th**

for a traditional 2nd day of
Rosh Hashanah at 9:15 AM. Just the
Cantors and our music director, no choir.
We will chant and recite our traditional
prayers which our Rabbi will explain
and discuss. No tickets are
required for this event and
it is open to the public.



**Register your Toddler or
Grandchild for Our Temple's
— Preschool Fall Semester —**



**TOTA West Hollywood Campus of the
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We honestly look at ourselves and back at the mistakes and sins of the past year and resolve to correct and amend our behavior.

We sit in judgment of ourselves and pray that the Almighty source of healing and forgiveness accepts our contrition. Some of us ignore the summons still others ask "is there any way I can get out of this jury duty?" Still others look for a "plausible deniability" out. Let's not look for the easy escape, or go down the path of avoidance for fear of confronting our own truth.

A powerful 10 day opportunity is granted to us commencing with Rosh Hashanah and ending with

the fast of Yom Kippur. This opportunity for spiritual growth and transformation takes place on a personal level, and also as we gather together in synagogues around the globe uniting with our fellow Jews. We aspire to the tried, and true formula of Teshuva, repentance, Tefilah, prayer and Tzedakah acts of Justice and charity. May our prayers and actions for wholeness in our lives and peace in our world be answered, and may you and your loved ones be inscribed in the Book of Life.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu. A sweet healthy new year.

Rabbi David Baron

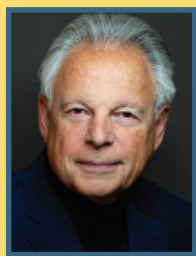
Sarah Pesa Gurian is the Director and Co-Founder of the exciting new **B'nai Mitzvah and Concierge Program** at the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts.

Sarah is the grandchild of Holocaust survivors, whose lives and stories profoundly influenced her connection and dedication to her Jewish faith and culture. She has participated in many diverse Jewish communities throughout Los Angeles, which has given her unique insight into the most effective means of teaching Jewish studies to students of all skill levels.

These experiences have given her a distinctive ability to effectively connect with and inspire young people to explore and define their own Jewish identity. Sarah is dedicated to creating positive Jewish educational experiences that enrich and inspire students to explore their heritage further.



From Hazzan Nathan Lam



Shanah Tovah umetuka. May you have Good and Sweet New Year. It has been my honor, privilege and pleasure to serve on the clergy team of the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts. I am grateful to the staff, Cantor Illysia Pierce, Music Director, Sharon Farber and our congregants who have made this new chapter in my professional journey a blessing. I am especially thankful for the privilege of working with Rabbi David Baron, whose support, encouragement, vision and leadership has made this an exciting and meaningful chapter in my life.

I believe that music is the window to our souls and can lead us to meaningful change in our spiritual growth. Music speaks to all generations, all religions and all of our hearts. I pray that this High Holiday season will bring us a spiritually uplifting message and the renewed commitment to bettering ourselves and the world we live in. May the music of our tradition open us up to forgiveness of ourselves and others.

Sh'ma koleinu, Hear our voices, dear God, and grant us lives of good health, kindness, and compassion towards all human kind. May we continue to support our fellow Jews around the world and in Israel.

May we all be a blessing to each other.

Hazzan (Cantor) Nathan Lam

Rabbi Baron's High Holy Day Guests

Aron Bell

Aron Bielski (born July 21, 1927 in Stankevich, Belarus), later changed to Aron Bell, is a Polish-American Jew and former member of the Bielski Brigade, the largest group of Jewish armed fighters against the Nazis and rescuers of over 1200 Jews during World War II. He was also known as Arczyk Bielski. The youngest of the four Bielski brothers, he is the only one still living (Asael died in 1945, Tuvia in 1987, and Alexander "Zus" in 1995).

Cristiano Zeledón

24-year-old former U.S. Marine Cristiano was wounded in Ukraine, while serving as a volunteer providing humanitarian aid.

On July 27, 2023, Russian troops fired missiles into the Ukrainian city of

Kramatorsk in the Donetsk province. Cristiano recovered in a Ukrainian hospital from severe head injuries and burns.

Cristiano first became involved in assisting Ukrainian humanitarian work through the relief efforts of Israeli-American businessman and philanthropist Mordecai "Moti" Kahana.

Jonny Daniels

As founder of FromThe Depths.org, Daniels travels extensively to poor Eastern European villages, seeking out Holocaust survivors and rescuers, preserving their acts of heroism and bring them food and medical supplies. Jonny also led the effort in saving a Torah scroll from the flames of the Shoah, inviting survivors to write letters to complete its restoration.

In Preparation for **NEW YEAR 5784** **HIGH HOLY DAYS**

According to Jewish Law (Halakha) the entire month preceding Rosh Hashana (Elul) is a time for spiritual inventory-taking and reconciliation. In some synagogues, the shofar is actually sounded every morning at the daily service (minyan) to awaken us to a repentance frame of mind. I would like to recommend a few steps for you to consider taking in preparation for the Days of Awe.

Reconciliation: Take the first bold step by text, phone, email or in person with someone you have felt alienated from and enjoy the possible fruits of reconciliation.

Take a few Sacred Moments: Open our beautiful Chagall prayer book and read the meditation passages before coming to Temple. I recommend pages 1, 15, 20, 50, 88, 91, 108, 239-268. Try reading one each day between now and Yom Kippur. Also, you might want to refamiliarize yourself with the Hebrew refrain to the classic prayers. If you don't read Hebrew, try reviewing the transliterations: "Avot" on page 15, "B'rosh Hashana" on page 98, "Ha-Yom" on page 109, "Avinu Malkeynu" on page 49, and "Barchu" on pages 33 and 34.

Frequently Asked Questions at Yom Kippur

Question: *What if I can't fast or must drink water with my meds?*

Answer: Jewish Law insists that anyone ill, or taking medications or pregnant women do not have to fast. (However out of respect for fellow worshipers please do not bring food or drinks into the sanctuary).

Question: *What if I can't stand each time the Holy Ark is opened?*

Answer: Please feel free to remain seated if rising for each Ark opening is too arduous.

Question: *What if my parents are still alive –shouldn't I leave for Yizkor?*

Answer: No, you can recite the Yizkor memorial prayers for other relatives or fallen American and Israeli soldiers. It is superstition that you must skip Yizkor if your parents are still living.

A NEW YEAR MEDITATION **to be recited before the Amida**

Silent Meditation, candle lighting or Tallit (prayer shawl)

Dear G-d,

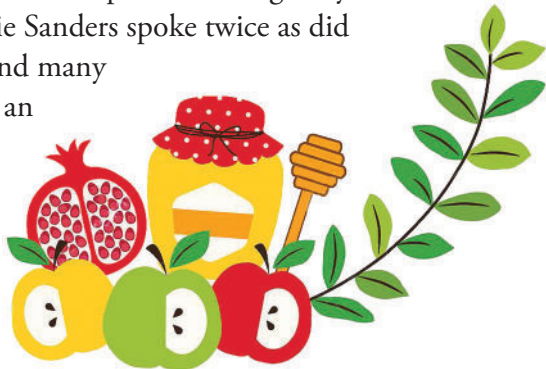
On this new year 5784 fill me with a new heart and a new spirit to do your will and be of service to my family and to all people who cross my path in life. I need to replenish my soul and my being, especially this year. Grant me the open heart to perceive and understand that any challenges I face are opportunities for growth. As I ask for your compassion, may I grow in compassion for others and merit blessing, health, and being, inscribed in the Book of Life.

Amen

by **Rabbi David Baron**, Lead Participant in the TED Charter for Compassion Project

No Politics in Shul - I have long observed a policy of not engaging in political commentary in the synagogue. I feel it is destructive. We are overwhelmed by political commentary all year via the news media and social media. The Temple is a refuge from all of that and must remain so. I personally shunned political appointments or invitations. I declined the invitation to deliver the invocation at the Republican National Convention and would have done the same if invited to deliver one at the Democratic Convention. At our Saban Theatre (as opposed to Temple sponsored events) we have held all kinds of speakers arranged by outside groups who rent our facilities. Bernie Sanders spoke twice as did Rachel Maddow. Karl Rove spoke and many others have appeared. These are not an endorsement of our Temple which continues to steer clear of any political endorsements.

— ***Rabbi David Baron***



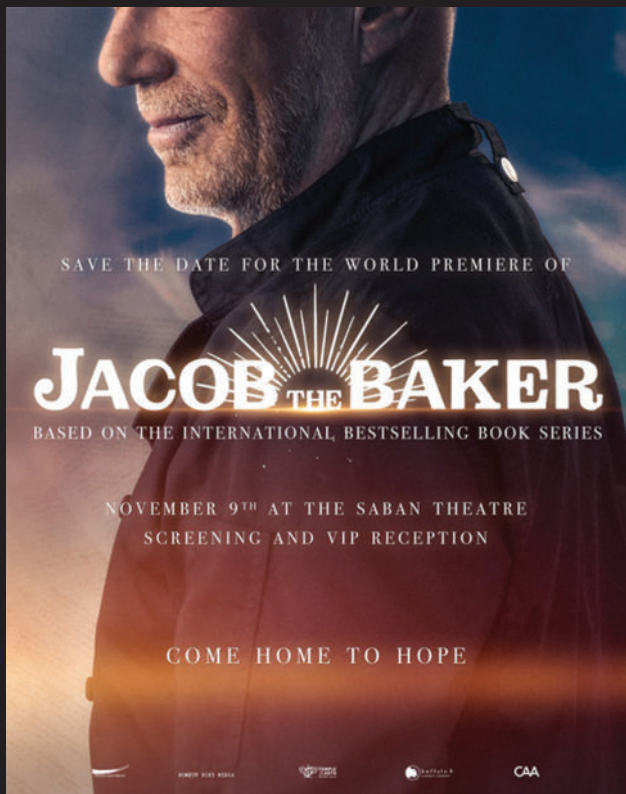
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THE
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November 9, 2023

North American
Premiere
at our
Temple of the Arts
**Steven Tisch
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**JACOB
THE
BAKER**

*The important story
of returning
to love*



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One question that came to mind was how do we stay united and accept these challenges with some peace of mind? I believe the answer lies in our Jewish heritage. As a member of the Temple of the Arts Synagogue, we offer an extended family. Our Shabbat services are evenings where the traditions of our ancestors are remembered in prayer, and these few hours are a perfect opportunity to reflect and enjoy Judaism and the community established by our forefathers. If you have not had the chance to experience our Shabbat services, I invite you to join us.

As we approach the High Holidays, I feel positive that the challenges we face also offer us a great deal of opportunities. The Jewish people have always come back from the challenges we faced, usually stronger and more united

than before. It is therefore our responsibility to teach by example and to lead with love.

When you come to the Saban Theatre for the High Holidays this year, you will be greeted with our lobby and rotunda renovation project, restoring our beautiful home entrance back to its original Art-Deco splendor to be completed by January of 2024. I ask that you consider a project donation to help with the costs of the restoration.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hello, please contact me. I look forward to seeing you and your loved ones at the Temple of the Arts.

From my family to yours,
Shana Tova.

Brian Weinstock

*Shana
Tova!*



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