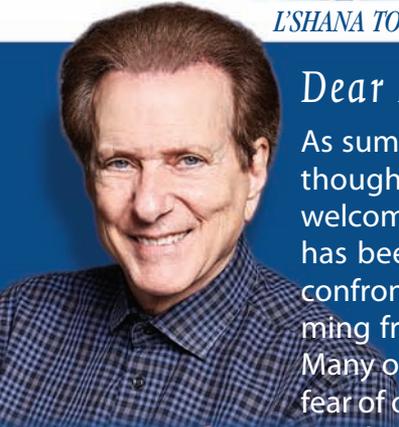




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L'SHANA TOVA! 5786

September 2025



From the
Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As summer comes to a close and autumn nears our thoughts turn to looking back on the old year and welcoming in a new year on our Jewish calendar. This has been such a difficult year for our people as we confront rising anti-Semitism in great measure stemming from the pro-Palestinian Hamas sympathizers. Many of our Jewish organizations won't call it out for fear of offending but we must be clear. The claim that Israel commits genocide when the actual mass murderers are the perpetrators of October 7th who

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Wishing everyone in our Temple a sweet New Year of health and peace for Israel and our nation,
l'shana tova tikatevu

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Rabbi Baron's **HIGH HOLY DAY GUESTS**



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Andrei Kozlov
Held hostage by Hamas for 247 days, then freed by a daring raid by IDF troops. He shares his inspirational story of survival.



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Schedule of **HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

Conducted by **Rabbi David Baron**

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Our Temple employs top armed, Israeli security company, Matal, supplemented by our own in-house security and our building is circled by the Beverly Hills Police Dept. throughout the High Holy Days. To enter the service, you must clear security and our metal detectors, so please come early. Thank you.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
Monday • Sept. 22nd • 8pm

ROSH HASHANAH
Tuesday • Sept. 23rd • 10am

KOL NIDRE
Wednesday • Oct. 1st • 8pm

YOM KIPPUR
Thursday • Oct. 2nd • 10am

Children's Services

Led by Karen Abrams (Ages 6-11)

ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, Sept. 23 • 10:30am

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, Oct. 2 • 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,

Recently, I went to a play at the Ahmanson Theatre at the Music Center titled *Parade*.

I was surprised to learn that this was a story about antisemitism in 1913. The plot was about a Jewish man in his thirties that moves from Brooklyn to Atlanta to run his wife's uncles pencil factory. The body of a murdered 14-year-old female employee is discovered in the basement.

There were two suspects - a Jew and a Black man.

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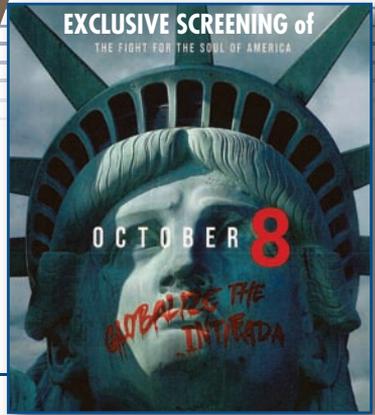
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YOM KIPPUR 2 PM - 5:30 PM

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

**MEET &
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**the Rabbi's
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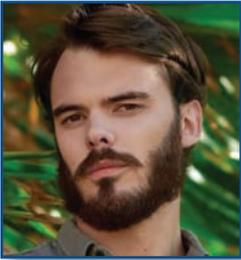


Leo Terrell

Leo Terrell has been on the front lines in the fight for social justice and everyday Americans for over thirty years. Terrell is a nationally renowned civil rights lawyer and popular television personality.

Terrell joined the U.S. Department of Justice at the beginning of the Trump-Vance Administration to lead the federal government's Joint Task Force on Combating Antisemitism.

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Andrei Kozlov

Andrei Kozlov was taken hostage by Hamas during the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel. Kozlov had picked up a job working security at the Tribe of Nova music festival in southern Israel close to the Gaza border. On his third morning, amid sounds of gunfire, he was led to a vehicle beginning 247 days of imprisonment. On the 247th day, Israeli Defense Forces burst into the camp where Kozlov was held, rescuing him and three other hostages, and killing at least 274 Palestinians caught in the cross-fire and an Israeli commando.

Today, in his studio near the Hudson river in New York, he creates paintings about his days of captivity.



Moti Kahana

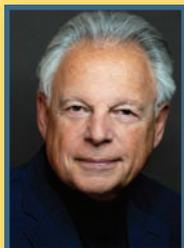
Moti Kahana returned from Gaza with a first hand account of what is actually occurring in that war-torn zone. He and his colleagues set up the first food and aid distribution center in Gaza. Moti was instrumental in bringing aid and rescuing Syrian Jews during its civil war.



Luai Ahmed

Luai Ahmed is a Yemeni and Swedish journalist, columnist, and influencer. Ahmed is active on social media and is considered a critic of radical Islam and antisemitism in Islam. Luai is openly gay and considers himself a Zionist.

From Hazzan Nathan Lam



Dear Friends,

We can all be proud that The Temple of the Arts is the “address” for the most important events in support of Israel and the Zionist values we share. From the Israeli Consulate and to organizations showing solidarity with the State of Israel, we stand together in strength demonstrating our commitment towards Israel’s survival.

I am very excited about our upcoming project, a new siddur, a prayer book for Shabbat Eve, Shabbat services for B’nai Mitzvah and for special events in our lives. The Hard cover and the downloaded version will include magnificent art work of world masters, meaningful adaptations of our prayers and easy access to be useable for all. Plus, a huge and beautiful bonus to the E Book, is that all the prayers will be recorded so that you can be inspired by the spirituality of music. You can listen to these selections anytime, in your car, at home, while traveling any where in the world. This component of the project has been funded by Judy Gurian to whom we are most grateful.

There are opportunities for you to participate in supporting and funding this project and be a part of a meaningful legacy project.

It is a time to be grateful for the blessings that we receive daily, the relationships that make our lives meaningful and the love that gives us fulfillment as we journey through life. I am grateful for my wonderful family, my wife Donna, who inspires me everyday with her wisdom and love, my children, their spouses and families, and of course our five amazing grandchildren, who are the real rewards of life.

This is my fourth High Holy Days at the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts and I am delighted, honored, proud and grateful to serve this unique and special congregation. We are blessed with a great administrative staff and an incredible musical team that brings so much beauty and talent to our services. Cantor Ilysia Pierce and Music Director, Sharon Farber bring to our services not just their enormous talents, but a love of Judaism and Israel that permeates the music we create. I feel honored to serve with Rabbi David Baron whose commitment to the

Jewish people is unwavering and inspiring. We are blessed at the Temple of the Arts to have such a spiritual leader as is he.

The Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe, is another name attributed to Rosh Hashana, the Ten Days of Repentance and Yom Kippur. They are awesome for many reasons. Reflecting on one’s life, good deeds and things that we could have done better or ways in which we wronged others. The Tradition focuses much of its attention on forgiveness as well as being forgiven. It is a time to forgive and rid ourselves of anger that negatively affects our lives and relationships. Call those you love and care about, ask them to forgive you and you extend your forgiveness to them. What a way to start a new year.

We pray for the Jewish people, for Israel, ourselves and the entire world, a year of peace. Shalom.

Shanah Tova u’metuka, a Sweet and Happy New Year. **Hazzan (Cantor) Nathan Lam**

From Cantor Ilysia Pierce



As I reflect on this past year since our last High Holy Day services, two words continue to rise to the surface: gratitude and anguish.

Gratitude for the fullness of life with our children, family, and friends. Gratitude for a strong and enduring marriage of 32 years. Gratitude for the immense joy and privilege of serving our congregation. Gratitude for the honor of officiating weddings, guiding couples as they begin their sacred journey together. Gratitude for the simple blessing of picking up a tennis racquet and playing freely. Gratitude, above all, for G-d and the gift of leading a life that feels normal, steady, and whole.

And yet, alongside that gratitude lives anguish - an anguish I cannot deny nor push aside. October 7 brought a reign of terror we believed would never again darken our people. “Never again” became “once again.” What followed and continues to follow is a chilling resurgence of antisemitism, emboldened and unmasked - not just aboard, but

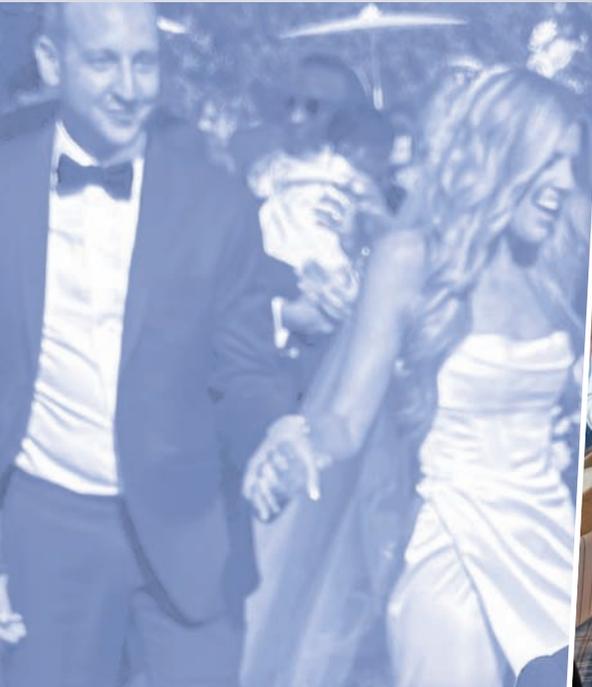
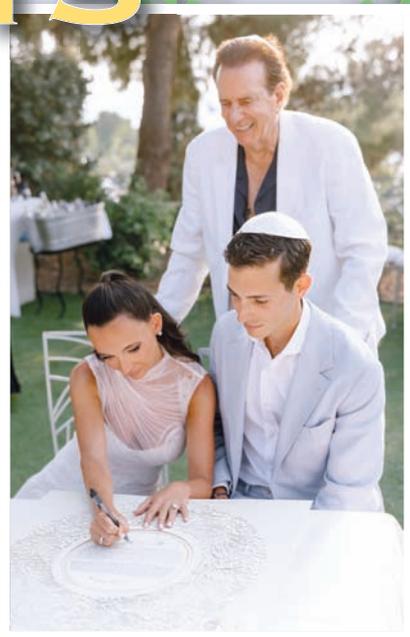
here in our own country. I cannot forget that nearly two years have passed, and yet approximately 50 hostages still remain in Gaza - souls who have been denied freedom for far too long. We are called to resist silence. To meet hate with courage. To anchor ourselves in gratitude, even as we carry anguish. And so, I pray. I pray for our country. I pray for Israel. I pray for healing. I pray for all humanity.

Shana Tova, a great New Year **Cantor Ilysia Pierce**

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



NEWLYWED
*Hali Prineas &
Heston Berkman*



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Kimberly Tulip & Kyle Dardashti





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NEWLYWED
Joel & Susan Bennett

MAZEL TOV!

BAR MITZVAH
Sky Yomtobian



BAR MITZVAH
Dashielle Gross



BAT MITZVAH *Olivia Pitson*

Olivia Pitson's Bat Mitzvah in Thessaloniki, Greece, where her paternal great grandparents were married after the War. She wanted to honor her Sephardic heritage. In 1943 there were 64 synagogues there. Now one is left.

BAR MITZVAH
Asher Pynes



OUR TEMPLE MUSIC

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.



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.



Including Our Magnificent 12-Voice Choir and Instrumentalists

SHARON FARBER *Music Director / Composer*

Grammy Winner, Four-time Emmy Award Nominated, a Peer group moderator of the TV Academy, Board member of ASCAP, Former Vice-president 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" and "Best Song for a Drama" nominated by the Society of Composers and Lyricists, ASCAP composers' choice nominee, World Soundtrack Award nominee, winner of 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 music composer.



Sharon has been working with networks and cable broadcasters such as Amazon/MGM, NBC, CBS, Showtime, Lifetime and the WB as well as composing music for feature films, documentaries and the concert stage. Her film music has been released commercially and performed live in concerts.

Sharon has recently completed the score for Tyler Perry's "SISTERS IN ITALY (current title) for Amazon/MGM. Prior to that she scored "OCTOBER 8", directed by Wendy Sachs and executive produced by Debra Messing, and "Baima Boy", which will premiere at the Busan International Film Festival. The soundtracks for "October 8" was commercially released, as were Sharon's two previous film scores: "Jacob The Baker" (Amazon Prime) and award winning director Nina Menkes' documentary "Brainwashed- Sex- Camera- Power", which premiered at Sundance and the Berlin Film Festival (Amazon Prime).

Sharon is one of 9 female composers featured at Lincoln Center, at the historical "Women Warriors- Voices of Change" concert and GRAMMY winning album and she is also one of the few composers featured in the concert event celebrating female composers. The International Film Music Critics Association wrote about her piece: "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, "I'm Standing With You", in collaboration with 16 time OSCAR nominee Iconic song-writer Diane Warren and award-winning Director Gev Miron, features 17 lead singers from virtually every continent and 180 singers and instrumentalists. It is the largest scale project of its kind.

In the concert music world, Sharon's acclaimed concerto for cello, orchestra and narrator, "Bestemming" ("Destination" in English), based on the remarkable life story of Holocaust survivor and hero of the Dutch resistance Curt Lowens, has received many performance since its creation, including on a 4-city tour of the Pacific Northwest, and will be performed this November with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra. Other commissions include The Los Angeles Master Chorale, Juilliard School of Music, Pacific Serenade Ensemble, The Northwest Sinfonietta, The National Children Chorus and many more, in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Disney Hall, Saban theater, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and internationally.

The Israel Initiative

Our Temple has become *THE* address for Israel events in our community. You can help support our efforts on behalf of Israel and expanding our programming into films, lectures, author book signings, rallies and more. We will also be including support for Israel against the anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic groups through alliances with Christian friends and supporters. Become a founding benefactor of the Israel Initiative. Contact Rabbi David Baron for more information mdavidb18@gmail.com



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plant weapons and operations under schools and hospitals using their own people as human shields. So added to the agony of the hostages is the morally bankrupt world opinion that would for a moment actually consider rewarding terrorism with statehood! Many of us see this assault against Israel and the Jewish people as part of an age old morphing virus.

We must however remember that we have many millions of Christian friends who stand with our people, detest the death cult perpetrators and are not blinded by the lies echoed in

mass media. Most importantly we turn to our faith in moments like these and commit to standing as one proud people resilient and unafraid. A new year brings with it the promise of redemption and peace. As our prayers ascend may the almighty continue to bless us with an inscription in the book of life.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu.

A Sweet Healthy New Year of Healing and Peace.

Rabbi David Baron

I am pleased to introduce my newly ordained assistant Rabbi Evey Rothstein. She brings a wonderful skill-set of care and compassion to her role.

As I begin this new chapter, I am profoundly grateful to founding Rabbi David Baron for making this role possible and for entrusting me with the privilege of serving this extraordinary community. It is an honor to learn this sacred craft under the guidance of such a visionary and respected leader.

I aspire to be a warm, soulful presence in the life of this community – to hold space for healing, joy, learning, and connection. I am here to walk through the valley with those navigating grief, loss, and end-of-life, and I am honored to offer pastoral counseling and spiritual care to anyone seeking comfort clarity, or companionship. I also feel called to journey alongside spiritual seekers – those yearning to deepen their spiritual practice, strengthen their connection to G-d, and explore the sacred dimensions of their lives. Through teaching, conversation, and sacred ritual, I hope to help others access the deeper wisdom of their own souls.

Through teaching Kabbalah, offering Torah talks, and creating meaningful spiritual practices, I hope to illuminate the rich mystical traditions of Judaism in ways that are both accessible and transformative. I am especially excited to lead joyful, spiritually rich Shabbat services and foster community growth through vibrant experiences grounded meaning and light.

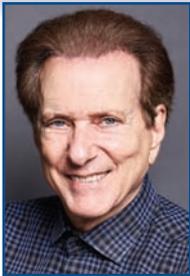
A graduate of UCLA with a degree in Cultural Anthropology and an honors focus in Jewish Studies, **Rabbi Evey Rothstein** was ordained in 2024, and is currently completing her Master's in Jewish Religion at the Academy for Jewish Religion California (AJRCA).

Rabbi Rothstein offers interfaith spiritual care as part of the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she leads Shabbat services and provides spiritual support throughout the hospital.

Rabbi Rothstein leads inclusive, musically-infused Shabbat and holiday services, offers soul-nourishing sermons rooted in Jewish wisdom and contemporary relevance, and serves individuals and families through all stages of life.



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.

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SUKKOT

*the Festival of Booths and
Autumn Harvest*



Come join us for the celebration of Sukkot on **October 12th at 11:30 AM** at a beautiful private home.

Our hosts **Joyce and Aubrey Chernick** will welcome you to the celebration and lunch. RSVP at reception@templeofhearts.org or call our office at **323-658-9100** for information and address.

October 7th **"We Remember" Memorial**

The Consulate General of Israel, Israel Bachar has chosen our Temple and its Saban Theatre as the official site for the October 7th memorial, which, due to the Sukkot holiday, will be held on October 16th here and in Israel.

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 (OHS, 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 figures. Michael attended USC where he received a 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. Jill has been involved with several philanthropies including The Jewish Federation, Visto 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.



Herb Nadel, *Board Member*

Herb Nadel, married to Jeannine Sefton Nadel, was born and raised in Los Angeles. From a tiny studio in his home, he launched Nadel Architects, which is ranked among the top architectural firms in California with over 300 employees. The firm, through its seven offices, has designed thousands of very creative and successful projects both domestically and internationally in countries throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East. His firm has received countless design and civic awards and Herb has personally been honored at numerous events for charitable organizations with which he was intricately involved.



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 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 JWF (1976-1985). Ray is president of King Meats 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 rapidly growing 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 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*

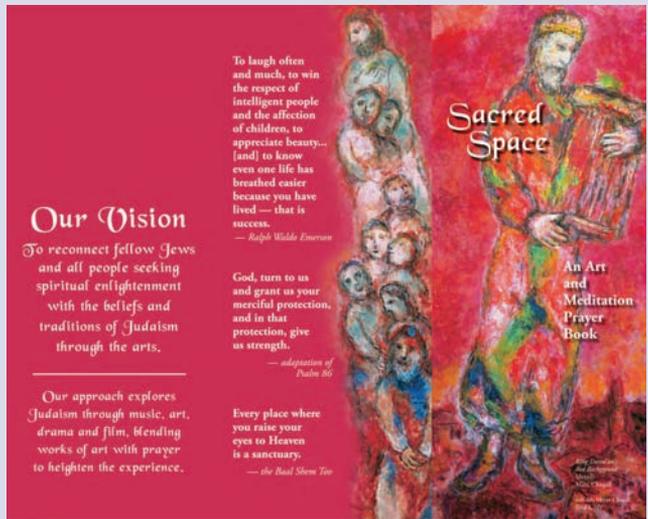
Adrienne Baron was born and raised in New York City. Upon graduation from the High School of Performing Arts, she attended acting classes at Herbert Berghof Studios with Uta Hagen, the Neighborhood Playhouse with Sandy Mesner and studied music and voice at The Juilliard School of Music. She worked classical 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 theater'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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We are pleased to announce that we have received a major gift from **Judith Gurian and the Gurian Family** for the completion of our new edition of the prayer book, ***Sacred Space***. We thank **Bill and Rochelle Handy** for agreeing to co-chair this effort with Judy Gurian.



Dedication Opportunities

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Contribution **\$10,000.00**
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Please join this Temple-wide effort by placing a dedication in honor or in memory of dear ones to help us with the online edition and the musical component. Thank you for your support.

New Years' Blessing from Rabbi Evey Rothstein

As we enter this sacred new year, may our prayers rise and be answered.
 May hatred dissolve, and may all hearts be turned to loving-kindness.
 May we be safe, healthy, and free.
 May we be nourished in body and soul, and awakened to the fullness of who we are.
 May the lonely be embraced, the hungry fed, and our mourning turned to dancing.

May we walk with wisdom and compassion, guided by the Oneness from which all life flows. May we carry the light of our ancestors and notice the beauty and miracles that surround us.
 May our vessels be strong enough to hold overflowing light—and may we shine together as a light unto the nations.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah
Wishing you a sweet, radiant, and transformative new year.

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We are excited to share that longtime Temple member **Geanie Zelig-Galinson**, who brings extensive experience in production and event management, will be collaborating with us on special projects, beginning with the acclaimed one-woman play *Not That Jewish* on November 9.



In Preparation for **NEW YEAR 5786** **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 5786 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

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As a grassroots community leader, Terrell has worked tirelessly to build better relations between police officers, business owners, and his fellow Americans.

A respected negotiator, Terrell has served as an attorney for the NAACP, the former Chairman of the Black-Korean Alliance, an Advisory Board Member for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and a former member of California's Statewide Commission Against Hate Crimes. As a result of both his law

practice and civil rights contributions, Terrell has appeared on such national programs as *Nightline*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hannity* and *The Larry King Show*.

Prior to his legal career, Terrell taught high school history, geography, and economics. He is also the author of "Your Rights in the Workplace - What Your Boss Won't Tell You." He received his master's degree in Education from Pepperdine University and his law degree from UCLA.



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The prosecutor chose to frame the Jew. He knew that the jury would go along. Just in case you can see this play, I will not go any further with the plot. Suffice to say that I felt uncomfortable with the development of the story and left the theatre with strong feelings about the ignorance of the population who knew nothing about Jews other than an ancient hatred based only on the fact that someone is Jewish.

Flash forward 112 years, and little has changed. Antisemitism is more prevalent than ever.

In 2024, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) tracked 9,354 antisemitic incidents across the United States. This represents a 5% increase from 2023, a disturbing 344% increase over the past five years, and a 893% increase over the past 10 years. It is the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents 46 years ago. Jews, we have a problem.

The cover of the *JEWISH JOURNAL* (July 18, 2025) shows a mother holding her young son's hand with the caption "Raising A Child the World Already Hates." The sub caption "The Jewish trauma we thought was buried has come roaring back, four generations after the Holocaust."

So how do we combat anti-

semitism? I honestly do not know. What I know in my heart is that being a Jew now comes with more responsibilities to preserve our way of life, our beliefs, and our community. Being an active member in a synagogue is important. Perhaps bring a guest of another faith to a service. Give back to your communities and to others who are not as fortunate as you. For some, this means boots on the ground participating in demonstrations, and for others it can be donating to an appropriate organization. The point is that we cannot afford to do nothing.

I personally wear a Magen David around my neck identifying myself as a Jew and when encountering others I smile, greet them with a least a nod and usually a verbal comment acknowledging them. I'll hold or open the door for others. The point is, let them see a Jew in a positive light. I believe that this giving will help people of other faiths appreciate Jews. Of course, you must do what you are most comfortable doing.

As the new year is about to begin, we will gather in our house of worship and pray together for forgiveness and strength. I wish you a wonderful and blessed New Year.

Brian Weinstock



Rabbi David Baron with Temple Sustaining Member and Benefactor, **MADLINE GUSSMAN**. Madeline recently dedicated our new Temple Tree of Life Bar in memory of her late beloved husband, **MARVIN GUSSMAN**.

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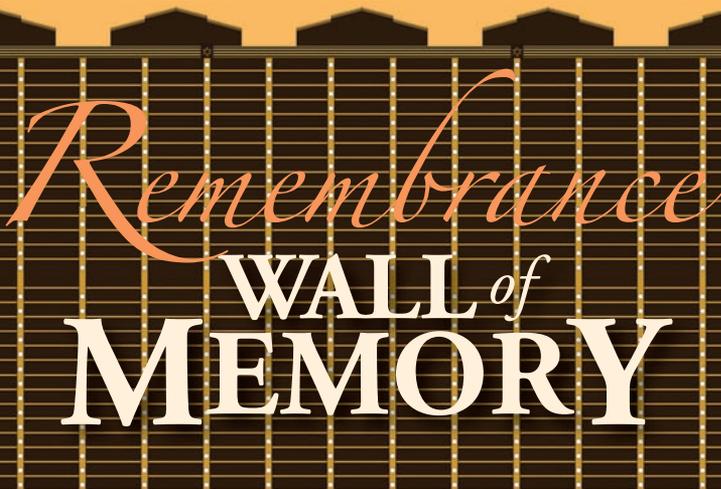
As part of the congregation of Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts, we hope you share the importance of ensuring the meaningfulness and beauty of our High Holy Days, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Shabbat dinners and the many other events, for future generations. Please join with Temple members and **make Temple of the Arts part of your estate planning**. We will be happy to assist and provide you with the necessary information to include us in your estate. Please contact Kasey Carter at the Temple office at 323.658.9100 for additional information. Thank You to the **Flekman Family** for naming our Entry Plaza through their legacy giving!

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If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please call our office at 323.658.9100. The names of the RECENTLY DEPARTED (past 12 months) will be read by the Rabbi during our Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur.

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