



BIMAH

L'SHANA TOVA! 5787

September 2026



From the
Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As we are blessed with the opportunity of experiencing a new year together in our temple we look back over the past years during these trying times with a fair amount of concern, and for some of us, trepidation. This is especially true with the rise in antisemitism that we must objectively call out and note that it emanates primarily from the Islamist community. For so many of us, and for our nation and our beloved state of Israel, it has been a challenging year to say the least. Where do we find the strength to

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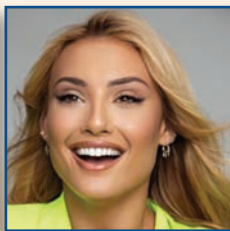


Rabbi Baron's **HIGH HOLY DAY GUESTS**



**Steven
Emerson**

Distinguished expert in
counterterrorism
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Singer, dancer, actress,
social media star tackles
antisemitism.
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Aiding Holocaust
survivors in Eastern
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Combats antisemitism
and extremist
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Schedule of **HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

Conducted by **Rabbi David Baron**

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

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

Our Temple employs top armed, Israeli security company, Matcal, supplemented by our own in-house security and the Beverly Hills Police Dept. now stationed nearby across Wilshire. To enter the service, you must clear security ID and our metal detectors, so please come early. Thank you.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday • Sept. 11th • 8pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday • Sept. 12th • 10am

KOL NIDRE

Sunday • Sept. 20th • 8pm

YOM KIPPUR

Monday • Sept. 21st • 10am

Children's Services

Led by Karen Abrams (Ages 6-11)

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, Sept. 12 • 10:30am

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, Sept. 21 • 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,

These are uncertain, untested and unrecognizable times for our community and Jews around the world. Not since the end of World War II have we seen the level of antisemitism as we do now. Indeed, I for one thought those times were behind us. And it is tempting to discuss or even blame the challenging political environments we are facing – on both sides of the aisle. But if these times call for anything, it's for us to put politics aside, and to move forward as one, as the Jewish people.

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STAY ALL DAY

YOM KIPPUR 2 PM - 5:30 PM

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

MEET & QUESTION

the Rabbi's SPECIAL GUESTS

THE RIGHTEOUS ROAD TRIP

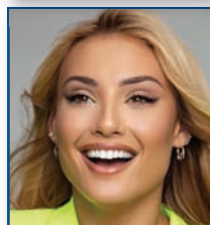
is a documentary by Oscar winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth, that takes us on a holiday journey with Jonny Daniels & his dog Tyson, as they travel across Poland, Slovakia and Hungary in a van filled with gifts for the last living Righteous Among The Nations; the extraordinary people who saved the lives of Jewish people during the Holocaust.



Steven Emerson

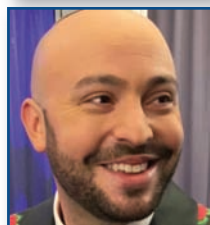
Steven Emerson, a distinguished figure in counterterrorism, serves as the Executive Director of The Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT), a nonprofit research organization he founded in 1995. With over three decades of dedicated investigation into the phenomenon of terrorism, particularly concerning the

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Montana Tucker

Montana Tucker is a singer, dancer and social media influencer who uses her large online platform to fight antisemitism and educate people about the Holocaust. The granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, she released a docu-series in 2022 retracing her family's history at the Auschwitz concentration camp.



Jonny Daniels

As founder of FromTheDepths.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.



Natalie Sanandaji

Natalie Sanandaji serves as a Public Affairs Officer at the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), where she is deeply involved in global efforts to combat antisemitism and fight extremist ideologies. Born and raised in Long Island to an Israeli mother and

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Jill Pila *Marking the 25th anniversary of 9/11.*

Jill Pila is a born-and-bred New Yorker who calls Manhattan home. She attended the University of Michigan for her undergraduate degree and earned a master's degree in speech/language pathology from Columbia University. Jill has a private practice specializing in

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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 proud of our project Sacred Spaces, the Chorub-Gurian Edition, prayer book for Shabbat Eve, Shabbat services for B’nai Mitzvah and meaningful prayers for everyday events in our lives. The Hard cover and the downloaded version includes 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.

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 fifth 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 in-

spiring. 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 we gather once again during these High Holy Days, I find myself reflecting on a world that still longs for healing. The horrors of October 7th continue to linger, and the painful rise in antisemitism reminds us that hatred has not disappeared—it has simply found new voices. This year also brought profound changes in the Middle East, reminding us that history can shift in ways we never imagined. My prayer is that the people of Iran may one day freely determine their own future, that generations who have lived under oppression will know liberty, and that the women of Iran will finally experience the dignity, equality, and freedom that have been denied to so many for far too long. May justice replace tyranny, hope overcome despair, and may all people created b’tzelem Elohim—in the image of God—be able to live with peace, purpose, and human dignity.

And yet, even in a world that often feels uncertain, I am reminded that God’s blessings continue to shine through the people He has placed in my life. I remain deeply grateful for my loving husband and our beautiful marriage, for our extraordinary children and the pride and joy they bring to our family, and for the gift of health that allows me to continue playing tennis—something that brings me both friendship and laughter. I am especially thankful for the privilege of serving as your cantor and for the

profound honor of officiating weddings, standing beneath the chuppah with couples as they begin their sacred journeys together. These moments remind me that love continues to triumph, families continue to grow, and hope is renewed every single day. As we enter this new year, may we never lose sight of the blessings that surround us, may we choose compassion over division and faith over fear, and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year filled with health, peace, purpose, and abundant blessings.

L’Shanah Tovah, a great New Year **Cantor Ilysia Pierce**

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



NEWLYWED

*Dr. Kevin &
Dani Sands*



NEWLYWED

*Zach Zalben &
Bianca Heyward*



NEWLYWED

*Cayla Bergman &
Jonathan Leiter*



ENGAGED

*Danny
Yomtobian
&
Taylor Marks*



NEWLYWED

*Kasey Carter &
Robert Capalbo*

MAZEL TOV!

BAT MITZVAH

Alexa Ross



BABY NAMING

*Hali and Heston Berkman
with baby Rhodes*



BABY NAMING

James Noah Boyton



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 Farber, has enjoyed an extraordinary year of artistic achievement and international recognition.

On September 9, Netflix will premiere the highly anticipated feature film *Why Did I Get Married Again?*, directed by Tyler Perry and featuring an original score by Sharon. This marks her second collaboration with Tyler Perry Studios, following *From Italy, With Love*, which is slated for release by Amazon MGM Studios next year. These major productions further establish Sharon as one of today's most accomplished and sought-after film composers, collaborating with some of the entertainment industry's most celebrated filmmakers.

Sharon has been nominated for a Hollywood Independent Music Award for her orchestral work *Echoes of Eternity*, commissioned by acclaimed cellist Andreas Graf and recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra at the legendary Abbey Road Studios in London.

Sharon was reelected to the Board of Directors of ASCAP, one of the world's leading performing rights organizations, reflecting the continued confidence and trust of her peers. We congratulate Sharon on these outstanding accomplishments!

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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overcome any anxiety or fear? For centuries our people have turned to our faith in the Almighty and in our people's resolve to not just survive but prosper. We have always held on to the hope in a brighter tomorrow and our mission to be a light to all the people through the performance of chesed, deeds of loving kindness that impact both our present and future. The awareness within each of us that we possess both a powerful resilience and that we have the capacity to per-

form many Mitzvot that can transform those we encounter and even ourselves, gives us strength. Modern science has proven that these acts of kindness even improve our overall health! Let us pray together that we are inscribed in the book of life to be worthy of experiencing a new year of goodness, blessing, health, peace, and healing.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu.

Rabbi David Baron

New Choir/ Instrumentalists

Kimberly Switzer, Mezzo-soprano



Mezzo-soprano Kimberly Switzer studied vocal performance in both opera and commercial music at California State University, Long Beach. She went on to sing with Opera Pacific, on tour through Brazil with Ray Conniff, at the Venetian in Las Vegas, and in New York. Kimberly currently performs as a professional choral singer and soloist in the L.A. area, in an a cappella jazz ensemble called Pacific Swingline, and as a session singer.

Matthew Brown, Tenor



California native R. Matthew Brown, a member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale since 2009, is active as a tenor, composer, orchestrator, arranger, keyboardist, session singer, and educator. With the Chorale, he has performed at Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Hollywood Bowl and toured internationally in Peter Sellars stagings at festivals internationally.

Ben Han-Wei Lin, Bass



Taiwanese American basso profundo, Ben Han-Wei Lin, has been a roster member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale since the 2016–17 season. He frequently performs with the LA Philharmonic at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Hollywood Bowl during the summer, and the LA Opera at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Tal Vaknine, Harp



Tal Vaknine is a classically-trained harpist based in Los Angeles. A graduate from the Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem, she balances a busy schedule as a recording artist, performer, and as a harp teacher. Tal was the winner of the American Israel Culture Foundation in the years 2009-2013.

Darren Liou, Clarinet



Darren Liou recently received his master's degree in clarinet performance at the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to this, he received a BM in clarinet performance and a BA in music education at UCLA. Darren has performed with the UCLA symphony.

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 18



SUKKOT

the Festival of Booths and Autumn Harvest

SAVE THE DATE Sukkot Brunch

at the home of

Frances and Dorian Bilak

Sunday, September 27th at 11am

RSVP at reception@templeofthearts.org

or call our office at **323 658-9100** for information and address

SACRED SPACE

The new Chorub-Gurian edition of our daily and Shabbat prayer book featuring meditations, prayers and great works of art by Chagall, Matisse and Cezanne.



SHABBAT EVENING

HEAL US NOW

Based on Moses's prayer for Miriam, the prophetess (Numbers 12:13).

R'fa'einu Adonai
v'neirafei Hoshi'einu
v'nivashei'ah. El
karov l'chol kor'av
Ach karov lirei'av
yish'o

Heal us, Adonai, and
we will be healed. Save us
and we will be saved.
God is near to all who seek
God. Surely, help is near
for those who revere God.

רְפְּאוּנוּ, יי, וְנִרְפָּא,
הוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ וְנִשְׁעָה
אֵל קָרוֹב לְכָל-קֹרֵאיוֹ
אֲךָ קָרוֹב לִרְעֵאיוֹ
יִשְׁעוֹ

We pray for healing of the body.
We pray for healing of the soul.
For strength of flesh and mind and spirit.
We pray to once again be whole.

El na r'fa na

Please, God, grant healing

Oh, please, heal us now.

אֵל נָא רְפָא נָא
Oh, please, heal us now.

R'fu'at hanefesh
u'ru'fu'at haguf
r'fu'ah sh'leimah

Healing of the soul
Healing of the body
Complete healing

Heal us now.

רְפוּאת הַנֶּפֶשׁ,
וְרְפוּאת הַגּוּף,
רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה.
Heal us now.

Hoshi'ah et amecha
u'vareich et nacha-
latecha Ur'eim
v'nas'eim ad
ha'olam Mi
shebeirach avoteinu
Mi shebeirach
imoteinu Ana Adonai
hoshi'ah na

Save Your people and
bless Your inheritance
Care for them and exalt
them forever. You,
who blessed our Fathers
You, who blessed
our Mothers
O, God, please help us

הוֹשִׁיעָה אֶת-עַמְּךָ
וּבָרֵךְ אֶת-נַחֲלָתְךָ
וְרַעַם וְנִשְׁאָם
עַד-הָעוֹלָם
מִי שְׂבָרְךָ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
מִי שְׂבָרְךָ אִמּוֹתֵינוּ
אָנָּה יי הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא

We pray for healing of our people.
We pray for healing of the land.
And peace for every race and nation,
Every child, every woman, every man.

Music and English lyrics to this prayer by Cantor Leon Sher,
Hebrew from Tanach and liturgy.



Paul Cezanne, The House with the Cracked Walls (ca. 1892-9)

It will also be an ebook
with the inspiring
music of our Temple.



DAILY PRAYERS
and
PRAYERS FOR
SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Devoted by
The Black Family

*"Your sacred and life: it is as if they saved an entire world." — TALMUD
taught in loving memory of Joyce's T, and in honor of Stanley.
These three remind us that giving is the greatest blessing.*



Marc Chagall, Prayer (1976)

ESTATE PLANNING

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!

A special Thank You to



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Contact our Temple office to order a bronze memorial tablet in memory of your loved one. We send a notice on the Yahrzeit and light the names at our Yom Kippur services.

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.

In Preparation for **NEW YEAR 5787** **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 5787 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

Jill Pila *Continued from page 3*

pediatrics, where she finds great meaning in the important work she does with children.

Jill is also a passionate mah jongg instructor. She enjoys the way mah jongg brings people together, creating opportunities for community, laughter, friendship, and connection.

Jill tragically lost her first husband in the World Trade Center on 9/11/01. She is deeply grateful for their two children who continue to carry on his legacy. In 2004, Jill remarried. Her husband brings two additional children to the family as their blended family is filled with love and gratitude.

Natalie Sanandaji *Continued from page 3*

an Iranian father, Natalie draws on her multicultural background and lived experiences to inform her work and amplify voices that often go unheard.

In October 2023, Natalie was visiting Israel when she narrowly survived the Nova music festival massacre, a traumatic and life-changing moment that shifted the entire trajectory of her life. In the aftermath, she dedicated herself fully to advocacy, turning her personal experience into a mission to raise awareness and fight hate in all its forms.

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



**TOTA West Hollywood Campus of the
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My thoughts; lets stay apolitical and not say both sides of the aisles, but rather from both extremes left and right. The Book of Isiah calls on us to be a "light unto the nations", a demand that we serve as moral, spiritual and ethical examples to the rest of the world. Let's do this together.

In a few weeks we will be welcoming the new year. Let us pray together in our beautiful home at the Saban. Be with our

fellow congregants, your Jewish family. Enjoy celebrating your Judaism.

I promise you a fabulous service with our Rabbi Baron, Cantors Pierce and Lam and Sharon's music and choir will again bring you warm and beautiful services.

Come pray with me. Pray for peace, love and understanding. Let's pray for each other.

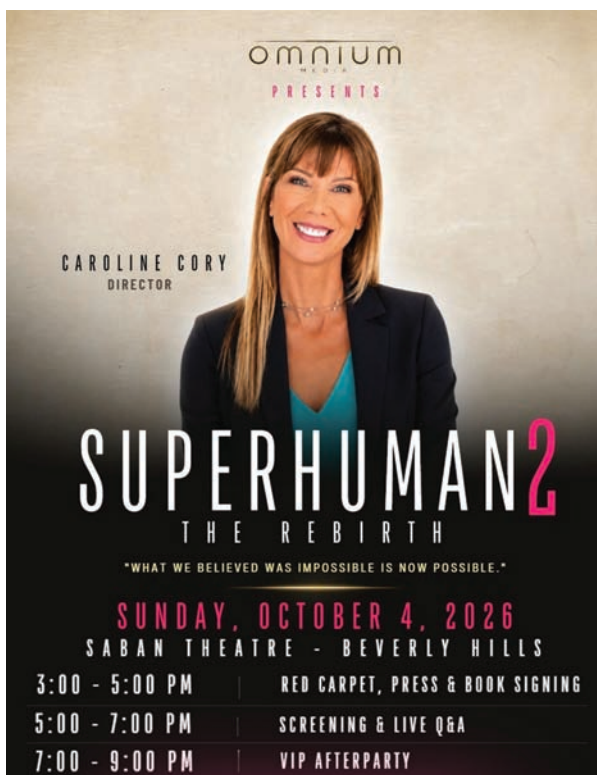
Brian Weinstock

Steven Emerson

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Middle East, Mr. Emerson has established IPT as the world's most comprehensive data center on radical Islamic terrorist groups. He was the first person to testify about the Muslim Brotherhood back in 1996 before Congress and since then has authored hundreds of articles on the MB alone including front groups for Hamas like CAIR and other MB.

Before he founded the IPT, Mr. Emerson worked as an investigative reporter for the *New Republic*, *U.S News & World Report*, the *New York Times Magazine* and as a correspondent for CNN. He has authored hundreds of articles for national and international media.



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CAROLINE CORY
DIRECTOR

SUPERHUMAN 2
THE REBIRTH

"WHAT WE BELIEVED WAS IMPOSSIBLE IS NOW POSSIBLE."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
SABAN THEATRE - BEVERLY HILLS

3:00 - 5:00 PM	RED CARPET, PRESS & BOOK SIGNING
5:00 - 7:00 PM	SCREENING & LIVE Q&A
7:00 - 9:00 PM	VIP AFTERPARTY

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 (Ois, 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.



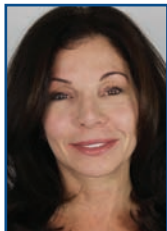
Michael Karlin, *Treasurer*

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 an Bachelor 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, 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.



Herb Nadel, *Board Member*

Herb Nadel, married to Jeannine Sefson 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 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 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 Messner 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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