Plan now to join us for **Yom Limmud**
our amazing Celebration of Learning!
There are dozens of classes and workshops to choose from for every age and interest.
see page 7 for details

**Purim** is one of the most joyous days of the year - so you won’t want to miss out; great food, rides, and fun for the whole family.
see page 10 for details

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**Yom Limmud**
saturday, february 2
LBT's annual day of learning

**Purim**
sunday, march 17
Shpiel + celebration for all ages

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**Board of Trustees**
7:00pm
Tuesdays - as scheduled | 1/15, 3/19

**Congregational Choir**
7:00pm
Wednesdays 1/9, 1/16

**COE Wednesday at the Temple**
9:30am
Full day “WATT” 1/9, 2/13, 3/13  (see page 11)

**COE Opera Series w/D. Hutman**
10:00am
Wednesdays 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24  (see page 11)

**COE - Yoga with Norm Gee**
1:30pm
Wednesdays / 1st, 2nd and 3rd week (see page 11)

**Music Appreciation: A. Chapman**
2:00pm
Fourth Wednesday 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24  (page 11)

**Community Conversation on Prop 13 Reform**  (see more on LBT’s website)
Saturday 1/12

**Current Events w/ Jon Dobrer**
12:30pm
Monthly, Thursdays 1/17, 2/21, 3/14, 4/18  (page 11)

**ECC-Family Visiting Day**
9:30am
Sunday 1/27

**ECC-Seedling Program**
9:30am
Weekly on Friday

**Executive Committee**
6:30pm
Thursdays - as scheduled | 2/7, 4/4

**Jewish Lit with Bobbie Bilson**
10:30 am
Tuesdays 1/15, 1/29, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16

**Jewish Meditation Retreat**
9:00 am (both days)
Saturday, January 19 & Sunday, January 20  (page 6)

**People of the Book Club**
7:30 pm
Second Thursdays, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11  (page 12)

**Purim Shpiel & Carnival**
11:00am
Sunday 3/17

**Religious School Family Shabbat**
6:15pm
Friday 3/1

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**RS - Wednesday Hebrew School**
4:30pm
Weekly - No classes 1/2

**Religious School Sunday AMs**
9:30am
Weekly - No classes 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3

**RS - 7th-10th Grade Classes**
5:00pm
Weekly - Sundays | No classes 1/20, Grades 7-9 2/3
*10th Grade meets 10-11:30am 2/3 due to Super Bowl

**RS - 11th-12th Grade Classes**
5:00pm
Sunday | Monthly Post-Confirmation
1/13, 2/10, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5

**RS - Parenting Book Group**
10:00am
Sunday 2/24

**Sunday AM Knitting + Mahjong**
9:30am
Sundays (during Religious School) 1/6, 2/10, 3/10

**Topical Torah w/ Rabbi Chasen**
12:00pm
Wednesday 1/16, no class until 5/1

**LBT Women’s Storytelling in the Tent**
7:00pm
Sunday, February 5  (see page 9)

**LBT Women’s Retreat** (overnight - away)
Saturday-Sunday 3/2-3/3 (see page 9)

**Women’s Torah w/ Rabbi Berney**
10:00am
Monthly, Wednesday 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/5

**Yom Limmud Day of Learning**
9:00-5:00
Saturday, February 2  (see page 7)

Please Note: The LBT offices and the ECC will be closed 1/1, 1/21, and 2/18

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Reach in. Reach up. Reach out.

For a complete list of our 25 Hours Shabbat Services and Events please see page 5 and follow the LBT website.
I have always been drawn to the name Puah. Not sure why it is not more common? Sadly, with two boys and no daughters, the moment may have passed to bring Puah into my family tree.

Puah, with her fearless partner-in-midwifery Shifra, has always inspired me. She valiantly defies Pharaoh, refusing to kill the Israelite male newborns. Such courage in the face of power! Also in Exodus, we encounter the Israelite foremen who takes the flogging of the taskmaster rather than betray the Israelites struggling to fulfill their quota of bricks under his charge.

For whom or what would you put your body on the line? Your reputation? Your comfort?

I found myself asking these questions as I watched Dr. Christine Blasey-Ford testify before the Senate Judiciary this fall, retelling her story of surviving sexual violence.

I found myself asking these questions when I heard the details of our asylum family fleeing domestic violence, traversing borders, leaving everything familiar behind, for a chance to live without fear. And still, if their asylum request is rejected, they will be deported, returning to face almost certain violence.

I found myself asking these questions when looking at the raised hand of an LBT congregant responding to others who asked in disbelief, “Really, are there Trump voters at LBT?” The courage to stand by your political convictions when surrounded by those who vehemently disagree is courageous. And to do so without any aggression or defensiveness necessitates a level of grace rarely exhibited in the U.S. today. The easier and available option is to keep your hand in your pocket and your head down.

Courage takes different shapes. It seems like a courageous act leads you to a place of greater fullness – where you are closest to living into your deepest truth.

Nelson Mandela reflected, “I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave woman is not one who does not feel afraid, but she who conquers that fear.”

What would allow you to see the fears as they exist, not ignore them, but walk right through them toward your fullest self?

This is a question we should all be asking as we prepare for Purim. It takes the agitation by Uncle Mordechai for Queen Esther to wake up and step up and act courageously to save the Jews.

Marianne Williams wrote, “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.”

What will you do with all your power?

With love,

rabbi benjamin ross
ci·vil·i·ty

as defined by Webster’s dictionary is: formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech.

Synonyms are: courteousness, good manners, graciousness

In our quest at Leo Baeck Temple to always be civil, we are reminded of our cherished values to look beyond the wall of our temple towards civic engagement through self-determination.

In his tome, Engagement, Terry Tempest Williams wrote:

*The human heart is the first home of democracy.*

It is where we embrace our questions.

Can we be equitable?
Can we be generous?
Can we listen with our whole beings, not just our minds, and offer our attention and not just our opinions?
And do we have enough resolve in our hearts to act courageously, relentlessly, without giving up-ever-trusting our fellow citizens to join with us in our determined pursuit of a living democracy?

To this end, more than ninety new members are joining the House of Representatives in the 116th Congress. The incoming class is the most racially diverse newcomers elected to the House, including the most military veterans elected in nearly a decade, thirty-six women, and the youngest-ever and second-oldest new members. Incidentally, the party breakdown is interesting with thirty-five women and twenty-seven men representing the Republicans.

Our LBT community had a hand in fashioning this result of inclusiveness and participation via our voter turnout initiative and through our continued work on state and local issues. However, to be even more effective in our aspiration for civic engagement and outreach, Rabbi Ross, in concert with other LBT members, is in the process of facilitating discussions with multi-faith and culturally diverse communities throughout Los Angeles and beyond. They will be taking on difficult topics that have the potential to divide us — while also looking to find common ground — as a way to better our collective communities as we move forward.

In his book Healing The Heart of Democracy, Parker Palmer wrote:

*If we want to create politics worthy of the human spirit we must find ways to bridge our differences, whether they are defined by age, gender, class, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or political ideology. Human beings have a well demonstrated capacity to hold the tension of differences in ways that lead to creative outcomes and advances. In fact, our capacity for creative tension holding is what the American experiment possible in the first place.
Join us for these amazing Shabbat experiences in the **25 Hours** line-up throughout the coming months! Try something new; feel enriched – be transformed.

### JANUARY*

1. **Friday Night Liftoff / FNLO Shabbat Service** at 6:15pm - Peachy & Mark Levy Beit Midrash
2. **Tasting & Torah** with our Clergy at 6:00pm (watch for details | location)  No Service at LBT
3. **Shabbat Morning Minyan** at 9:30am - in the Peachy & Mark Levy Beit Midrash
4. **Tot Shabbat** at 9:30am - in the Religious School's Multipurpose Room
5. **MLK Shabbat Service honoring the legacy of Dr. King** at 7:30pm - in the Sanctuary | see back cover
6. **Shabbat in Your Home** - away | No Service at LBT (gatherings in congregants' homes)
7. **Shabbat Morning Minyan** at 9:30am - in the Peachy & Mark Levy Beit Midrash

* See the listing of all upcoming **B’nai Mitzvah services** on page 16.

### FEBRUARY

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### MARCH

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7. **Shabbat Morning Minyan** at 9:30am - in the Peachy & Mark Levy Beit Midrash
8. **COE | Community of Elders Shabbat Service** at 7:30pm - in the Sanctuary

For a full listing of our 25 Hours experiences, visit our website at www.leobaecktemple.org and read your weekly e-newsletter for the latest updates!

**CONNECT!** Join the **25 Hours** conversation on social media:  Facebook  Post your comments and photos using #25HoursShabbat  Follow us on Instagram at leobaecktemple
In two separate but equally powerful pieces, David Mathews and Scott E. Page concur that when we choose to engage, not evade, the tension of our differences, we will become better able to participate and expand our.... capacities. In essence, the power of diversity creates better groups, firms, schools, and societies.

Offering an amalgam of their sage wisdom:
1. To listen to each other openly and without fear, learning how much we have in common despite our differences.
2. To deepen our empathy of the “other” as we enter imaginatively into the experiences of people whose lives are radically unlike our own.
3. To hold what we believe and know with conviction and be willing to listen openly to other viewpoints, change our minds if needed.
4. To allow ourselves to become better informed.
5. To probe, question, explore and engage in dialogue, developing a fuller, more three dimensional view of reality in the process.
6. To welcome the opportunity to participate in collective problem solving and decision making, generating better solutions and make better decisions as work with competing ideas.

I am proud that our Leo Baeck Temple Community has modeled this way forward from its beginning. So with the legacy of 70 years and counting – let us bring in the new year doubling down with the same fortitude for effecting change through a process that makes the world a better place for everyone.

If you wish to learn more about what Rabbi Ross’ group is doing and how you can participate, please feel free to connect with him directly (bross@leobaektemple.org).

If you wish to learn more about the small group discussions and learn how you can participate, please feel free to connect with Rabbi Ross at: bross@leobaektemple.org.

And while we are in the process of messaging and promoting our values, I want to ensure that you all know that YOM LIMMUD on Saturday, February 2nd is not to be missed! You will cherish this Sabbath day filled with magnificent opportunities to learn, relate more deeply with one another, and experience joyousness on our beautiful and inviting campus.

Wishing everyone deep goodness for 2019.

Warm regards,

LLOYD SEGAN, LBT PRESIDENT

### Mindfulness Event at LBT

**Sitting Under the Tree of Life: Courage & Love in a Time of Tumult**

A Jewish Meditation Retreat

led by Rabbi Sheila Weinberg and Rabbi Benjamin Ross

**Saturday, January 19, 2019 | 9am-6pm**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019 | 9am-3pm**

This two-day Jewish meditation retreat with Rabbi Sheila Weinberg and Rabbi Benjamin Ross will include sitting, walking, and eating meditation blended with body movement and teaching.

We welcome you to come, whether you are a meditation newbie or pro. You may come for one day (Saturday) or both days.

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In order to build a unified and continuous retreat experience, we are asking that you do not come for Sunday only. Scholarships are available; if cost is a barrier, please email Benjamin at bross@leobaektemple.org. Sign up online via ShulCloud at https://lbt.shulcloud.com
Yom Limmud - LBT’s Day of Learning - for all ages

9:00am - Bagels and coffee
10:00am - Sessions begin (the day includes lunch between sessions B and C)

Leo Baeck Temple will once again present a day of learning for all ages at our eighth annual “Yom Limmud.”

Come and experience this popular festival of learning and community.

Choose from a diverse group of workshops . . .

- Join us throughout the day – for the opportunity to grow and learn in a variety of ways – from Understanding the Universe to Hip Hop in Israeli Culture; from Communicating with Confidence to Anti-Semitism in America.
- You may opt to take a class on Love Songs Throughout the Decades or Soulful Yoga; an LBT Art Tour or Who Wants to Be a Millionaire – Jewish Edition? Learn the Secret to Making Hamantashen or delve into Exploring How Implicit Bias Leads to Microaggressions, and more! There is something for everyone!
- Bring your children in Pre-K through sixth grade to Camp Baeck, a special full day of programming geared just toward them!

Sign up at www.leobaektemple.org/yomlimmud2019 sign up for the areas that interest you!
Save the date . . . April 12-14!

Congregational Retreat for all ages and scholars-in-residence weekend Friday-Sunday, April 12-14

For the past twelve years we've had hundreds of Leo Baeckers experience a weekend away at the beautiful retreat center of Brandeis-Bardin located on 3000 acres in Simi Valley. This all-inclusive weekend features a climbing tower, swimming, tennis courts, 25-hours of Shabbat, great children's programming and more.

Once again, we'll be featuring an accomplished, learned Scholar-in-Residence at the retreat. Stay tuned to hear more about our sure-to-be inspiring scholar.

This weekend has something for everyone; singles, couples, and families are all welcome at this "not to be missed" program. Come for the weekend or come for the day!
lbt women’s retreat 2019

back to the beach... in Oxnard!

Take time away along the shores of Oxnard
Saturday, March 2 (9:30am) - March 3, 2019 (11am)

• At the Newly Renovated Embassy Suites | Mandalay Beach Resort (see room options below)
• Delicious Dinner Catered by Paradise Pantry, owned by two incredible women
• Dinner in a Tent (at a private home)
• Happy Hour & Havdalah on the Beach
• Walking, Friends, and Relaxation
• Yoga, Meditation, and Workshops with Rabbi Berney and Cantor Kates

First step: Find a friend (or two) to room with – or opt for the quiet of a single room!
Second step: Sign up online via ShulCloud no later than Wednesday, January 30.
Third step: Spread the word about this amazing weekend away!

Option 1: Peace & Quiet (King, Single Room) $265
Option 2: Best Friends (2 Queens, Double Room) $195
Option 3: Slumber Party (2 Queens & Pullout Sofa, Triple) $155
Option 4: Day-Tripper (Saturday Only, Includes Lunch, Dinner, Happy Hour) $75

save the date and join us for:

women’s seder
Wednesday, April 24 6:30pm

Invite your Mothers, Sisters, Daughters, Aunts, In-laws and Friends of all ages to sit at your table!

Be a part of our famous “Charoset Tasting” or “Dessert Buffet!”
When you RSVP - sign up to bring a large bowl of your favorite charoset or dessert. Please bring enough for 10 people.

Sign up via your ShulCloud account! Women (16 & over): $30 Girls (15 & under): $15

save the date and join us for:

storytelling in the tent
Tuesday, February 5 7-9pm

This new event will be a women’s gathering around the "new moon."

We will hear stories, enjoy a small ritual, and eat foods in the shape of the moon.

As always, watch your email for updates and details to attend!
fun for all ages!

purim at lbt!

join us on
sunday, march 17
11:00-11:30 shpiel
carnival 11:30 - 2:00

FOOD  •  FUN  •  PRIZES
And More!

BAKE SALE!

Want to contribute to the Bake Sale?
Contact Laura Gottlieb at lslevin@yahoo.com

This is the only Religious School Fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will go to the Religious School Scholarship Fund.

Religious School Fundraiser*

TICKETS ON SALE

starting February 2

25 for $20 Good Value!
50 for $38 Better Value!
75 for $56 Best Value!

After March 1, tickets will be $1 each

sponsorship opportunities

Contribute to our Religious School Fundraiser by sponsoring a Booth or other Purim Attraction - as an individual or for your company!

SMALL ATTRACTION: $100 (Sponsor Booth with Banner)
LARGE ATTRACTION: $250 (Sponsor Booth with Banner)

* To purchase your tickets in advance or sign up to be a sponsor, please go to: www.leobaektemple.org/purim/
A NEW YEAR - NEW CLASSES!

Join us for...

• Opera Talk (Series) with Dick Hutman
  Wednesdays 10am
  Bizet’s Carmen
  Wednesday, January 23
  Mozart’s La Clemenza di Tito
  Wednesday, February 27
  Wagner’s Die Walkure
  Wednesday, March 27

• Music Appreciation with KUSC’s Alan Chapman
  monthly on the 4th Wednesday
  2-4pm
  10-part series
  $25 for the first class to try it out 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24

• Current Events with Jonathan Dobrer
  12:30-2pm (note time)
  on the third Thursday 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18

As always, watch the LBT website, the monthly postcard, and the weekly email for all of the COE news and updates!
> calling all readers . . . join us monthly
people of the book club - 7:30pm
All are welcome to be with us for these monthly gatherings on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Rose & Leonard Freeman Community Lounge. An eclectic list of books is chosen each year (by committee) that the group will be reading and discussing throughout the year. Plan to join us - and start reading!

January 10  The Man in the Wooden Hat by Jane Gardam
February 14 Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln by Gluckel, translated by Marvin Lowenthal
March 14 Waking Lions by Ayelet Gunnar-Goshen
April 11 Operation Shylock by Philip Roth

> wednesday, january 16, february 20, march 20
women’s torah study - with rabbi lisa berney

Rabbi Berney teaches this monthly adventure. Join us - and be part of this series of classes for the women of LBT.

Classes take place (typically) on the third Wednesday of each month. The class meets from 10-11:30am.

> classes with bobbie bilson - ongoing
jewish literature - 1st & 3rd tuesdays* 10:30am
Our popular Jewish Lit class will again meet the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the year starting this fall.

All are welcome to join this ongoing class with Bobbie Bilson.

The first book we’ll discuss is Philip Roth’s first collection of stories, Goodbye, Columbus; followed by Dara Horn’s In the Image.

Mark your calendars: 1/15, 1/29, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16 (*The class also meets when there is a fifth Tuesday.)

Parenting Book Group

with Rabbi Berney

Enjoy breakfast as we explore our role as parents together. Please read the book before the session. RSVP to Betsy at education@leobaekctemple.org.

Sunday, February 24
10:00-11:30am:
Overwhelmed: How To Work, Love, and Play When No One Has the Time
by Brigid Schulte

save these religious school dates!

Sunday, January 13: K-6th Tu B’Shevat Family Day at Temescal Canyon from 9am-12pm
Saturday, January 26: Religious School Parents Night Out 6:30-9:30pm
Saturday, February 2: Yom Limmud, Annual Day of Learning for all ages with Camp Baeck for K-6th (no Religious School on 2/3 due to Yom Limmud)
Friday, March 1: Religious School Family Shabbat Service, Dinner, and Program at 6:15pm
Sunday, March 17: Purim Shpiel & Carnival
Friday, April 12 - Sunday, April 14: Congregational Retreat
Friday, May 10: Final Religious School Family Shabbat & Dinner
the ecc is a place for “seedlings”

In addition to our preschool program, Leo Baeck Temple offers a once a week Shabbat class* for children ages 0-23 months of age.

The children get to experience the beauty of Shabbat with the community before settling into their time together in the “Seedling” room. Under the guidance of our skilled child development specialist, the children have a chance to interact and play with one another, while the caregivers have an open forum to discuss topics relevant to their personal experience. During the most recent session the children explored the properties of paper and paint.

This class is as much about the caregiver as it is about the children – and there’s no better way or time to bond with your child than over challah, music, and fun in our beautiful facility. Don’t wait to start this meaningful journey with your child as they begin to form the foundation of their Jewish identity.

*The class is set up for children to attend with a parent, grandparent, or caregiver and does not require membership to attend.

If you would like to learn more about our Seedling classes, or our other fantastic programs offered here at LBT’s Leonard I. Beerman Early Childhood Center – or if you know someone who is interested – please contact the ECC office at 310.476.2274 for further information or email ecc@leobaoecktemple.org.

Warmly,
Brianne Naiman
Early Childhood Education Director

> tot shabbat - saturday mornings
January 12, February 16, March 16 at 9:30

Join us at LBT monthly at 9:30am for our wonderful Tot Shabbat services for children ages 0-6 years old.

It’s a beautiful way to welcome and explore Shabbat with your child. We will sing, listen to stories, make a craft project. . . and of course, enjoy bagels and treats!

Mark your calendars for our Tot Shabbat gatherings for the coming months: January 12, February 16, March 16, April 6, May 18, and June 15.

All are welcome – and we look forward to sharing Shabbat with you!
Our ninth graders recently had the opportunity to travel to Arizona with Tzedek America, a Jewish Social Justice Organization, (discover more at http://tzedekamerica.org/) in order to learn about the complexities of immigration in the United States. They spent four days meeting with migrant families to hear their stories, and engaged with nonprofit organizations, immigration lawyers, and government officials at the border to explore this issue and their own connection to it more deeply. Below are reflections from three of our ninth graders.

A big part of this trip involved hearing other peoples’ stories. We heard the same issues from many different angles, turned over and over again. And even when we were uncomfortable or afraid or angry, we were forced to learn how to listen to them.

We learned that there are no simple answers to complex questions. There are layers to right and wrong that are near impossible to separate, and that there’s a lot more to things than what might appear on the surface.

A lot of what we saw was very difficult. We witnessed, firsthand, a lot of suffering and anger and hate. We met people who had been flattened to their lowest points and treated like vile creatures instead of like human beings.

And yet, we also saw hope. We saw the human spirit, distilled into its purest form. We saw people who stood up and held their heads high and when the world said, “no,” they did it anyway. We saw people who, every single day, keep on breathing and fighting and living despite everything.

It gives me hope that there are people out there willing to do what is right in the face of overwhelming resistance. The world is very broken, and in the end, it is us — ordinary people — who have the power to fix it.

- Elia Smith

This trip was an incredible eye opening experience where we got to experience and empathize with other peoples’ paths and stories to come into our country. We heard from many points of view and now I know how I can help and how we as teens can make an impact.

- McKenna Flekman

The trip to Arizona was an incredible and educational experience. We learned so much about the importance of advocating for what’s right and what we can do to help the people who need it. It was filled with adventure, tragedy, and friendship, and I will always remember such a fulfilling trip.

- Rachel Levin
The Religious School is a Happening Place! See page 12 for important dates in the coming months!

The LBRTY (Youth Group) at the NFTY Fall Kallah

The 3rd-7th Grade Retreat was a success - even with an unexpected change in location.

2018

Sunday morning Religious School: learning, growth, movement, art, painting, and friendships!

There were smiles and festive activities at the Chanukah Family Day.
our upcoming b’nai mitzvah...

Saturday, January 5 at 4:30pm
Natalie Sperling
daughter of Nicole & Jason Sperling

Saturday, January 5 at 4:30pm
William Sperling
son of Nicole & Jason Sperling

Saturday, March 9 at 10:30am
Keilin Smith
son of Tam & Jeffrey Smith

Saturday, March 16 at 10:30am
Georgie Koretz
daughter of Keren & Brandon Koretz

Saturday, March 23 at 10:30am
Michelle Afshani
daughter of Mojdeh & Daniel Afshani

Saturday, March 30 at 10:30am
Jordan Falk
son of Karine Chung & Jeremy Falk

Saturday, April 6 at 10:30am
Lila Bragard
daughter of Allison & Christophe Bragard

leo baeck temple
congratulations ...

Allison and Jeff Mirkin are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, Jackson Robert Mirkin, son of Abby and Matt Mirkin, and little brother of Grace.

Marilyn Seligman happily shares the recent addition to their family. Harper Reese Gurvitz, daughter of Katie and Matt Gurvitz, joins big brother Shane.

Mazel tov to all!

and farewell . . .

It is with sadness, and excitement for what the future holds, that we share that at the end of December our longtime graphic designer, Sharon Rose Smith will be retiring.

Sharon is a staple of LBT, having been on the temple staff for 24 years. Originally hired to assist part-time in the office, Sharon dabbled in accounting before finding her rightful place as our graphic designer. Sharon has an eye for detail and has been able to fully incorporate the Temple’s aesthetic into everything that she produces. Every beautiful invitation, every Bulletin, every “This Week at LBT,” every postcard, and pamphlet, every ECC promotional piece, and so much more, has been lovingly and exquisitely created by Sharon. She has touched every group within the Temple and her work has elevated our Temple. More than her work, Sharon is a kind, caring, intelligent person, with a good sense of humor, who is a pleasure to work with and know!

Sharon and Larry are longtime members of LBT. We have had the privilege of watching their children Joel and Elisabeth grow up, go to college and work in their desired fields. We have shared their joy at Joel’s marriage to Alison and in the new year, Sharon and Larry will become firsttime grandparents.

Sharon will be deeply missed, and... we feel so fortunate that she and Larry will continue to be a part of our Temple family. We wish Sharon all good things!
The Caring Community Fund
In Honor of:
Vida Brucker & Lois Littman and the work of the Caring Community
Nancy Levinson’s special birthday
Marjie Mautner’s special birthday
In Memory of:
Philip Bowers
Philip Bowers

The Landscape Fund
In Honor of:
The birth of Harper Reese Gurvitz
The marriage of Mary & Rob Jaffe
Contribution: Shana Epstein-Guttman & George Guttman

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Robert Mann, husband of Janet Mann
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Samantha Allison Stein, daughter of Sharlene Stein
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