

## From the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As we approach the gift of a new year of life for us, our families, and our people we also pray for the well-being of humanity and a time of peace. Some would deride this spiritual effort as naive but we know that people of faith can truly move mountains.

As I'm writing these words we are living through a time of great anxiety, given the existential threat faced by Israel driven by a genocidal enemy, the mullahs of Iran and their proxies. In my recent trip to Israel I sensed that anxiety but also a strong determination to defend the Jewish homeland.

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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

## Rabbi Baron's HIGH HOLY DAY GUESTS



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Nathan Lam**  
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**Oz Davidian**  
*A courageous farmer from Southern Israel fearlessly drove 15 times and rescued 120 young people from the Nova Festival, ferrying them to safety under the relentless onslaught of gunfire.*



**Cantor  
Ilysia Pierce**  
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# Schedule of **HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

Conducted by **Rabbi David Baron**

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

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

## **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Wednesday • October 2nd • 8pm

## **ROSH HASHANAH**

Thursday • October 3rd • 10am

## **KOL NIDRE**

Friday • October 11th • 8pm

## **YOM KIPPUR**

Saturday • October 12th • 10am

### **Children's Services**

Led by Karen Abrams (Ages 6-11)

### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Thursday, Oct. 3 • 10:30am

### **YOM KIPPUR**

Saturday, Oct. 12 • 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,

In my lifetime of 80 years, I have never seen the degree of antisemitism in America that we are experiencing now. To survive this latest uprising – and survive we will - we must unite in our faith and present a unified front.

The October 7th unprovoked attack on Israel, and the response against Hamas, unleashed a deep hatred and a surprising silence towards the Jewish people from all corners of society.

We all agree that Israel has the right to protect and

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### Moti Kahana

just returned from Gaza with a first hand account of what is actually occurring in that war-torn zone.



### Richard S. Hirschhaut

became Director of AJC Los Angeles in September 2019.

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### Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez

was born in Guatemala and migrated to Los Angeles in 1976, where he resides and has been engaged as an advocate for social justice and Christian Zionism.

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# STAY **ALIVE** 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

### A TRUE STORY of REMARKABLE HEROISM on OCTOBER 7th



**Oz Davidian drove his car 15 times under terrorist gunfire into the Nova Music Fest saving 120 young people!**



at the **SABAN THEATRE**

### OCTOBER 21st 6:30 pm

8440 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211

# TEMPLE ROTUNDA and LOBBY HISTORIC RESTORATION

**W**e are excited to announce that we have begun the historic restoration and remodeling of the lobby of our Temple's home, the Saban Theatre. We have commissioned the world leading experts in historic theatre restoration (Pantages, Radio City, etc.) Evergreene Studios to restore our **Rena and Barry Plost Lobby** and **Joyce and Stanley Black Rotunda** to its 1930's splendor including the original art deco chandelier. This space will be used for services once metro construction ends.



Our lobby has been restored and enhanced with state of the art sound and lighting.

## An Entry Naming Gift!

Longtime members **Manny and Marilyn Flekman** have made a generous naming gift for our Theatre Entry Plaza.

# LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



**NEWLYWED**

*Katie Rosenthal  
& Evan Schoenbrun*



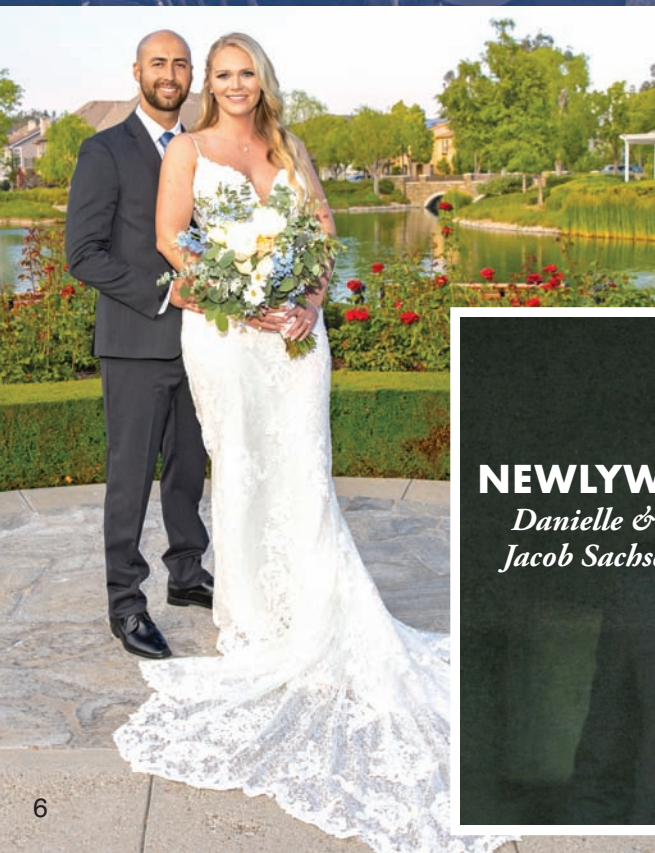
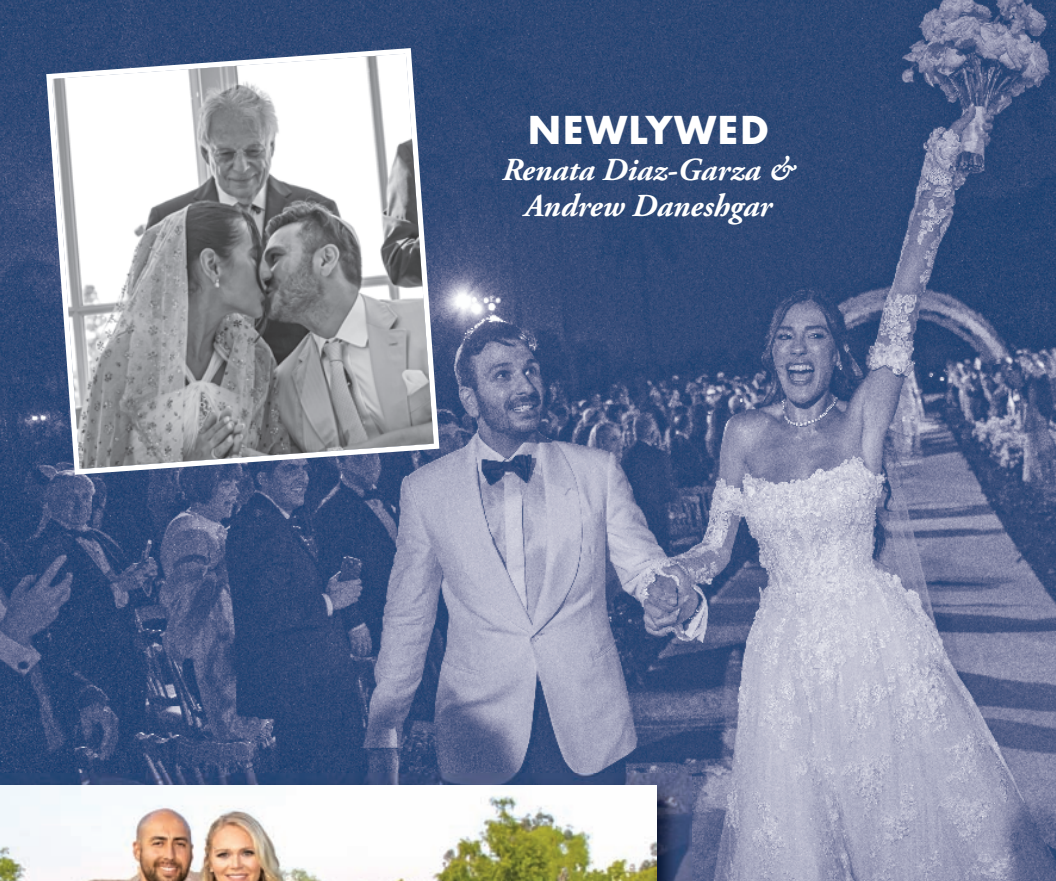
**NEWLYWED**

*Braxton &  
Raynie Pierce*



## NEWLYWED

*Renata Diaz-Garza &  
Andrew Daneshgar*



## NEWLYWED

*Kaitlyn Reiner &  
Jordan McGinley*

## NEWLYWED

*Danielle &  
Jacob Sachse*





# MAZEL TOV!

## BABY NAMING

*Hailey & Ian Gilbert  
and daughter  
Savanna Kirstine Gilbert*

*Proud Grandparents  
Dennis & Cindy Gilbert*

## BAR MITZVAH

*Ryder Sands  
son of  
Dr. Kevin &  
Alana Sands*



## BAR MITZVAH

*Jasper  
Diamond  
son of  
Dr. Jason  
&  
Jessica  
Diamond*

# 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](http://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 member of the Executives Committee of the Motion Pictures Academy, ASCAP Board member, Winner of the Society of Composers and Lyricists Award for "Outstanding work in the Art of Film Music," the Visionary Award in Music by The Women's International Film & Television Showcase, winner of the Telly Award, and ASCAP Composer Choice Award nominee, **Sharon Farber** is a celebrated Film, TV and concert music composer as well as music director.



Sharon has been working with networks /cable broadcasters like NBC, CBS, Showtime, Lifetime and the WB as well as writing music for feature films. Her soundtrack for the feature film *Jacob the Baker* (Amazon Prime) was released and nominated for the ASCAP award, and the theme song she composed to lyrics by Noah Ben Shea, "Better Times" (performed by Sharon's daughter, Eden) was nominated for the Society of Composers and Lyricists award.

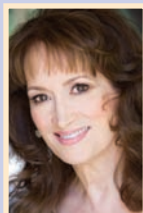
Watch the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmtpgOTqd4s>

Sharon is currently scoring the powerful documentary *OCTOBER H8TE* for director Wendy Sachs (executive produced by Debra Messing) which deals with the current wave of antisemitism and the aftermath of October 7th as well as continuing her work on a concert commission from Juilliard school of music.

Sharon is one of 8 female composers featured at Lincoln Center at the "Women Warriors" concert, and one of a few composers featured in a concert celebrating female composers. The International Film Music Critics Association wrote: "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."

In the concert music world, Sharon has many national and international credits to her name, including The Los Angeles Master Chorale, The Jewish Symphony Orchestra, The Northwest Sinfonietta, Juilliard School of Music, The National Children Chorus, and many more.

## Joining Our Choir & Orchestra This Year!



### **Renée Burkett Stuppler**

received her Bachelor of Music from Trinity University and a Master of Music from the University of North Texas. She has performed with the opera companies of Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Opera Pacific, Pasadena and Los Angeles and was a

member of the LA Master Chorale for 18 years. She performs in operas, concerts, television and motion pictures, both on screen and on soundtracks. She was a legal secretary and is a member of LA Lawyers Philharmonic's choir, Legal Voices, and serves as its assistant conductor.



Violinist **Philip Vaiman** has performed in concert halls and premier recording studios around the globe. Vaiman's profound musicality and unlimited technical possibilities have captured audiences in Europe, America, and Asia. He has been the recipient of many awards, including

the Leni Fe Bland Foundation Award, The Sophia Guzik Foundation Award, The Julia F. Lotze Prize for String Players, winner of the Atwater Kent Concerto Competition, and Silver Medalist of the 2023 Euterpe Music Awards.

## From Hazzan Nathan Lam



Dear Friends,

I wish you a Shanah Tova u'metuka, a Sweet and Happy New Year. Rosh Hashana is a time of joy as we bring in a Jewish New Year and renew our commitment towards bettering ourselves, our community, our country and our 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 third 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.

Shana Tova **Hazzan (Cantor) Nathan Lam**

## From Cantor Ilysia Pierce



As I reflect on this past year since our last High Holy Day services, I cannot help but think of two words, gratitude and anguish. Gratitude for enjoying a life full with our children, family and friends, gratitude for a strong marriage after 31 years, gratitude for the immense joy and honor of being able to officiate weddings on my own, and gratitude for the ability to just go play tennis. Gratitude to lead a reasonably normal life.

But I would not be honest if I did not admit that anguish has been an emotion I cannot expunge. Shortly after our beautiful services, October 7, 2023 brought a reign of terror we never thought would happen again. Never again has become now. It allowed a deep seated anti-semitism that has been brewing in our country and others, to rear its ugly head. With thousands of students protesting at our highest universities, never before has it been so obvious that our educational systems are infected and have failed us Jews. Jews and synagogues have become targets of hate crimes. Jews are fearful of wearing their beloved Star of David necklaces. What can we do? I lend my voice as often as possible to any cause that supports Israel and fights against terror. I sing our National Anthem for any organization, event, or politician who vocally and adamantly supports Israel. I have friends and

family who continually post on Facebook and social media so as not to allow anyone to forget the atrocities that took place and the hostages still in captivity. Our own Rabbi Baron works non-stop educating and promoting truth and awareness. Each of us must find our way of raising our voices against this violence and hatred. I pray for our country, I pray for Israel, I pray for all mankind.

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

# 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 12**

## **Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez**

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As founder and president of Churches for Action, he oversees a coalition of 2300 churches, who mobilize on behalf of the needy and destitute. He has founded 40 churches, including the "Dream Center", formerly Bethel Temple Los Angeles, heads the Annual Mayor's Inter-Faith Prayer Breakfast in Los Angeles, has worked on the

U.S. Congressional Forum on Immigration and has organized hundreds of Prayer Breakfasts for elected officials at the municipal, state and national levels. In Washington D.C., he has hosted Congressional summits. He serves on the board of numerous boards both nationally and internationally.

# TEMPLE BOARD MEMBERS



**Dorian Bilak**, *Board Member*

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



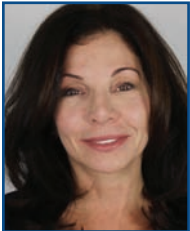
**Michael Karlin**, *Treasurer*

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



**Matt Lichtenberg**, *Treasurer*

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



**Jill Black Zalben**, *Board Member*

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



**Ari Ryan**, *Board Member*

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



**Raymond Rosenthal, Board Member**

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



**James Ross, Secretary**

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



**Zach Zalben, Board Member**

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



**Adrienne Baron, Board Member**

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

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**A SWEET and HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR 5785!**

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Here at home, many of us are concerned at the polarization in this time of a presidential election. How do we maintain our decency and come through this? The answer lies in a fundamental truth. We lean on faith, family and friends to see us through difficult times. Jewish belief in the hallowed power of tefillah, teshuvah and tzedakah; prayer, repentance and charity to transform our lives and bless us with a new year of goodness and advancement.

Family ties, even if at times fraught with conflict, remain a steadfast anchor in the storm. Family is that place that no matter what happens in life they will take you in. Lastly, friendship is a cornerstone of living a rich life. Current research confirms what we

already knew. True friends are a source of longevity and meaning. In fact, gaining new friends not only broadens our horizons but enables our brains to remain healthy and vibrant.

As we unite as a people during these sacred days we commit ourselves to standing with Israel in its hour of need and making sure that with our non-Jewish friends and neighbors we engage with our political leaders to secure our nation's ongoing support. Only through Achdut, unity, can we gain the strength and resilience required for these times. May God bless us and inscribe us for a new year of goodness, blessings, life and peace.

*L'Shana Tova Tikatevu.*

*Rabbi David Baron*

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

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

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



# In Preparation for **NEW YEAR 5785** **HIGH HOLY DAYS**

**A**ccording 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 5785 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

## **Richard S. Hirschhaut**

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He is the organization's chief strategist and principal spokesperson in advancing AJC's global advocacy mission in Southern California, leading a vibrant leadership network and talented professional team.

Rick brings to this position more than four decades of civil rights, humanitarian, and Jewish communal advocacy, serving in senior professional roles across the U.S. with the Anti-Defamation League, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and American Friends of Rambam Medical Center.

Rick is a builder and innovator who has worked to advance human

rights and democratic values, enhance intergroup understanding, and promote the security and well-being of Jews and other vulnerable communities in the United States, Israel and around the world. His work with NGOs has included efforts to advance humanitarian medical aid and peaceful coexistence in Israel and neighboring countries. He has led fact-finding missions to Israel, Ukraine, Ethiopia, and Cuba. He also spearheaded international efforts to mark the 20th Commemoration of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

Previously, Hirschhaut led the creation and establishment of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, as its founding executive director.

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



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# OCTOBER 7, 2024

## REMEMBRANCE & RESILIENCE

Our Temple of the Arts has become *THE* address for Jewish and Israeli community events!

On October 7 at our Saban Theatre home, we will host the city-wide observance of October 7 with the LA Jewish Federation, IAC, Stand With Us, and over 50 other organizations.

**L** REMEMBERS   
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defend itself. Some may believe that Israel's response has been too severe, while others find their measures most acceptable. Regardless of where you stand, we must stand together. Solidarity, I believe, is now more important than ever.

In a few weeks we will be welcoming the Jewish New Year of 5785. Let us do this together! Let us pray together in our beautiful home at the Saban Theatre. Let us be with our fellow congregants, your brothers and sisters. Let us share our histories and memories

with one another. Let us celebrate our Judaism. I promise you a fabulous service with our beloved Rabbi Baron, Cantors Pierce and Lam and of course Sharon's music and choir will again bring you the best during services.

Come pray with me. Let us pray for peace, love and understanding.

*Brian Weinstock*



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