

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## **"Ladies, Latkes and Lights" Ceremony on Sunday, December 5th**

This year, join us on Sunday evening, December 5th at the home of Jean Kline for our annual "Ladies, Latkes and Lights" Chanukah Candlelighting ceremony. You won't want to miss this opportunity to join your friends in celebrating Chanukah in new ways. "Ladies, Latkes and Lights" incorporated beautiful readings and melodies as well as meaningful discussion and an opportunity for introspection. The refreshments are great and the company is warm.

Reserve your space now as we can only accommodate 40 women. Call Jean Kline at (310) 289-0132 for reservations and directions. Donation \$12.00

## **AIDS Lunch Project Update**

The AIDS Lunch Project was honored at a special reception at the USC-County Medical Center on October 1st. Representatives of Los Angeles County Supervisors Gloria Molina and Ed Edelman were on hand to congratulate Temple Israel along with the 17 other churches and synagogues that serve lunch to the outpatients at the AIDS Outpatient Clinic and surprised us with a beautiful commendation form the Board of Supervisors. Look for the beautifully inscribed commendation to be hanging in the lobby soon.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the ninth grade class in the Religious School which has begun preparing food the night before the luncheon. If you have any great ideas for a pasta salad to feed 80 to 100 people, please share it with us! We're also looking for art supplies that can be donated to the pediatric wing. The clinic is currently seeing more than 100 children from newborn to 10 years old. Call Sheri Langer at (213) 936-3944 to volunteer to prepare food or to serve lunch at the Clinic.

1993-94 AIDS Lunch Project Dates: December 16th, January 19th, February 17th, March 16th, April 21st, May 18th, June 16th, July 20th, August 18th, September 21st, October 20th, November 16th and December 15th.

## **Hilda Goodman Judaica Shop Highlights**

Still looking for that last-minute special Chanukah gift? May we suggest the new Alef Bet Boogie musical videotape by Rabbi Joe Black or perhaps one of his new audio cassettes? You and your family will sing along and clap your hands when you hear his "Afikoman Mambo" as well as his other holiday songs, "Boker Tov" and lullaby. Rabbi Black is a young, Reform rabbi who also happens to be the father of a 2 year-old little girl. Check out his work as well as the latest recordings by Debbie Friedman, Vocolot and more, available now in the Judaica Shop.

For all your Chanukah needs -- candles, chanukiot (menorahs), dreidels, gelt, wrapping paper, ribbon and bows, stop by the Judaica Shop during our regular hours: On Sunday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Wednesdays from 4:15 pm to 6:00 pm. Plus watch for our special displays each morning at the school entrance. Special requests: Joni Masket at (213) 876-7833.

## **Chanukah Bazaar Thank-yous!**

Jill Meltzer and Randy Suser, Co-chairs of the Chanukah Bazaar, thank all the sponsors, volunteers and dedicated shoppers who created such a festive and successful day. A special thanks is due to Rabbi John Rosove's Discretionary Fund for his support of our childcare program, to our Havurot for undertaking "A Taste of Temple Israel" to our Brotherhood and to Bernie Briskin and Gelsons for their generous support of our food booths as well. And a great big thank you goes to a dedicated committee: Donna Colin, Joan Comanor, Julie Fluegel, Karen Gilman, Jeanie Kline, Joni Masket, Jody Porter, Terry Raphael, Ruth Rose and Enid Kent Sperber. And to our Temple staff, your support always helps the Bazaar go smoothly.

## **Sisterhood Cookbook Needs More Recipes!**

We are furiously testing recipes and find we still need more in every category! Call Harriet Steinberg at (213) 851-1861 for more information or send your recipes to Sisterhood, c/o Temple Israel of Hollywood, 7300 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046.

## **Book Review Series to Start in January**

Our series of four monthly book reviews, featuring our Temple's spiritual and lay leaders, will begin on Tuesday, January 11th at 10:00 am. The series continues on the second Tuesday of the next three months. February 8th, March 8th, and April 12th. Bagels, juice and coffee will be served. A brief Sisterhood Board Meeting will follow each review at 12:00 noon. More details to follow!

### **SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND**

Tribute Chair: Pearl Berg, (213) 465-4447

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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

At the first Social Action Committee meeting of the New Year, one of our members commented that Temple Israel is widely known in the Los Angeles Jewish community for being a leader on the Social Action front.

We were all pleased, of course, but mostly surprised. After all, we make no attempt to publicize our activities. And we're not doing all that much, are we? Temple Israel members just fulfill the mandate of *tikkun olam* in different ways, quietly and regularly. So how did the Temple get this reputation?

We got it because a secret like Temple Israel's Social Action program just won't stay kept. The fact is, an incredible number of generous-spirited people give time and money to a glorious variety of Temple-sponsored activities. The purpose of the Social Action Committee is to coordinate and amplify the many ongoing activities at every level of Temple life, and to develop new opportunities for the involvement of Temple members. Thanks to the leadership of our Rabbis and numerous activist members, there is no dearth of activities with which to be involved.

Every month in these pages, you see mention of various aspects of Social Action at the Temple. Our ongoing projects include:

***Families-in-Need Project***, which collects and distributes apartment furnishings to clients of "Beyond Shelter," the highly respected private agency that reclaims deserving families from homelessness and gives them a new start. For monthly pick-up of furniture in good condition, please call Shelley Miller at (213) 935-5826.

***Temple Israel and Messiah Baptist Church Covenant Relationship***, with whom we share educational, philanthropic and social projects as well as discussions of religious and secular similarities and differences. Our regularly scheduled joint services have become a real treat (see page 5 for more details).

***Russian Jewish Outreach***, by which we help new members of our community to become acclimated to Temple life and city life. Thanks to this project, many warm friendships are already flowering (see *Tzedakah Sightings* on page 7).

***The Sisterhood AIDS Project***, through which TI members furnish and serve a monthly luncheon to AIDS patients and their families at County USC Medical Center. Recently, the County of Los Angeles presented TI with a beautiful scroll to commemorate this effort. You can see it proudly displayed in the Corwin Library.

***"House of Ruth" Project***, which actively supports a home for abused families in Pasadena.

***Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger***, which supports various food programs through percentage contributions in honor of celebratory occasions such as weddings and bar and bat mitzvah.

***The High Holyday Food Drive***, is one of several food drives staged by the Temple, which this year collected 6,000 pounds of food for distribution to the homeless and hungry!

***Educational Programs***, such as our fascinating seminar on Health Care policy a year ago featuring experts such as Congressman Henry Waxman, State Assembly Representative Burt Margolin, and our own Dr. Howard Mandel, as well as various Shabbat Social Action Services.

And at this time of year, we especially want to mention the increasingly successful **Christmas Day Gathering for the Homeless** at First United Methodist Church of Hollywood. Last year, at least 150 of our TI members prepared a lavish dinner, and distributed clothes, supplies, gifts and services to approximately 700 of Hollywood's less fortunate citizens. This year's event will be even bigger. If you haven't been a part of one of these gatherings, you have missed a heartwarming and moving experience. Please sign up to collect goods and/or to contribute a couple of hours on Christmas Day itself.

One of the goals of each Social Action project is to have it embraced by all aspects of Temple life especially including our children. And even as our current projects continue to expand, we are moving into some new areas such as exploring covenant relationships with the Mexican/Latino and Asian communities.

We would need a special issue of *The Observer* to mention and thank all the people who make these and other social action programs real. We will talk more fully about each individual project and the people who lead them in subsequent issues. And on Friday evening, November 19th, during the Shabbat service dedicated to New Members, we will proudly recognize the individuals who have contributed so much time and energy to Social Action projects during the last couple of years. It will be a great chance to meet new people and get energized.

It is an honor to be among the hundreds of you who are involved in Social Action at Temple Israel. To those of you who are not involved - YET! - we say please give at least a small part of your attention to one of the most spontaneous and rewarding aspects of membership at Temple Israel. If you want to get involved, please call us at (213) 969-9444.

Shelley and Wayne Baruch, Co-Chairs, Social Action Committee