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18TH ANNIVERSARY

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BUILDING UPON THE PAST

BY RABBI JON HANISH

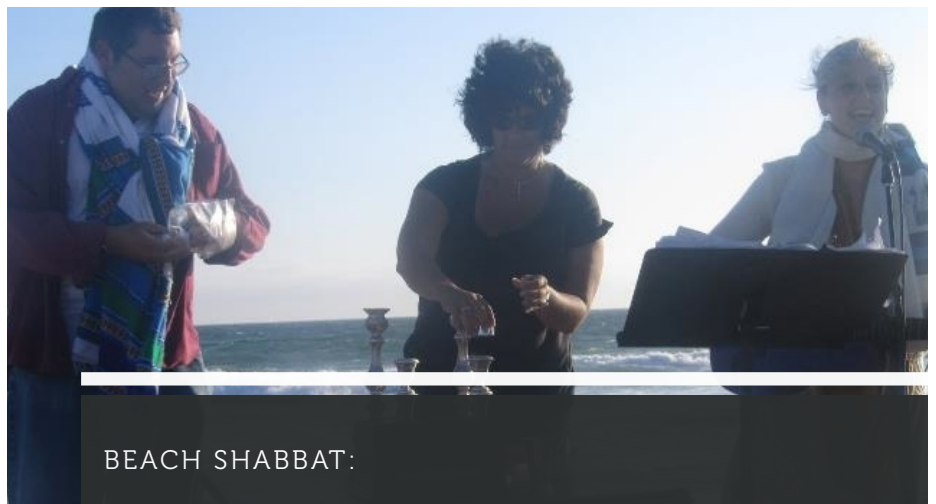
In many ways this designation is similar to the concept of the Bodhisattva in Buddhism.

During the 16th Century, the Jewish mystics of Safed taught that every individual has the ability to be reincarnated not just at the point of death, but also during their lifetime. If you were lacking a key characteristic such as humility, the soul of a deceased tzaddik would enter your soul to help teach you the importance of the lacking characteristic. In the world of Jewish mysticism, the designation of tzaddik was the highest mark of enlightenment given to a truly special human being, one who was nearly perfect in every way, a distinction that carried over into death. The term they used for the transference of the soul from the deceased tzaddik to the living individual was “ibbur” which

literally means, “impregnation.” This impregnation was considered a living reincarnation that occurred during your lifetime. After your soul grew and changed, the soul of the tzaddik would leave having done its work.

During this reincarnation, your good characteristics

did not disappear, you simply received an attitude adjustment for those characteristics that were not up to par. As we enter the High Holidays, we need to consider the beauty of a spiritual reincarnation. Every High Holidays, we are given a chance to look at ourselves and realize that we can change, that we can be better. Even as we realize that personal improvements are possible, we need to honor our strengths and remember to cherish that which is good about each and every one of us. Yes, we might have made mistakes in the past and need to improve, but we also need to be proud of the good that we have done. The major trope of the High Holidays is repentance. But, repentance is only part of improvement, it is only the first step in changing. What personal characteristics do you need to change to make your soul healthier? Which tzaddik needs to



BEACH SHABBAT:

enter your soul? How will you balance the strengths of your past with the changes you know you need to make?

This year, we are celebrating our Chai Anniversary. Chai literally means life and is also one way of designating the number eighteen. As we celebrate this anniversary, we want to look at our past and honor our many achievements. From clergy to congregants, so much has been accomplished since Kol Tikvah's inception. Today we have a thriving early childhood center, an innovative religious school, social action programs too numerous to name and a facility that is a second home to so many. But even as we take pride in what has been accomplished, we need to think about the future. We need to ask ourselves, What needs to be improved? What needs to be created? What can we do to grow our community both spiritually and physically? Kol Tikvah's Chai anniversary celebration provides an opportunity to praise the past as we begin to chart a course for the future.

I believe that as we change for the better we will create a more joyful world for ourselves, for our families, for our synagogue and for our community. The past is a building block for the future.

Let us work together in building upon the labors of the Jewish people for the past 3,000 years and the efforts of the Kol Tikvah community for the last eighteen. I hope

that each and every one of you will actively participate in our special Chai anniversary events as we honor the past while planning for a bright future.

CHAI ANNIVERSARY

This is Kol Tikvah's Chai (18) year! What does that mean to our temple family? It means our Chai (18) anniversary will be incorporated into everything we do at Kol Tikvah. Have you already noticed our Chai Anniversary Logo? Watch for emails and flyers about the many events planned to bring our community together this year. In addition to all the fun and fundraising events, there are four levels of Chai (18) Sponsorships and all will be recognized on a beautiful Chai (18) Anniversary plaque in our Temple:

Shechinah Bronze \$1,800 sponsorship includes 2 tickets to the Big Chai Event and a bronze ad.

Chesed Silver \$3,600 sponsorship includes 2 tickets to the Big Chai Event, a silver ad and special parking for the high holidays.

Keter Gold \$7,200 sponsorship includes 4 tickets to the Big Chai Event, a gold ad and

special parking for the high holidays.

Ein Sof Platinum \$18,000 sponsorship includes 6 tickets to the Big Chai Event, a platinum ad, special parking for the high holidays and a "Clergy Chefs" night.

A sampling of some of the exciting things to look forward to include:

- Challah and Passover Cooking Classes
- Beach Shabbat & Park Day
- Sukkot Picnic
- The Rabbi's Installation
- Children's Nature Institute Hike
- Hanukkah Celebration
- Speaker Series
- Big Chai Event
- Purim Celebration
- Passover Experience
- A TBD Special Big Event

The Chai Committee is co-chaired by Cory Garson, Rachel Paul and Maxine Straus. If you are interested in helping chair an event, please contact Cory at cbg1951@aol.com or Rachel Paul at rachel-paulemail@aol.com

OUR HIGH HOLY DAYS HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER



Join us at Temple Kol Tikvah for our special services and activities surrounding the High Holy Days.

Elul Preparation Service: Join us the month prior to the High Holidays for Elul Preparation. The month of Elul is designated within Jewish Tradition as a period of reflection and preparation for the Days of Awe. Beginning on Friday night August 26th, we will start our Elul preparation. In addition to the service, the clergy will be sending out special daily messages to our community to aid them in making positive changes in their lives during the entire month of Elul.

Selichot: Reflect with us during this service, the high point of our Elul preparation. During this service, we will meditate, sing and pray.

Rosh HaShanah: Mark the Joyous Celebration of our New Year and focus on the exciting changes that a new year brings. Our services are

multi-faceted and include the melodious voice of our cantor, the inspiring words of our Rabbi, the beautiful music of the choir and community participation.

Rosh HaShanah Family Service: Rock out during Family Services with Temple Kol Tikvah's Band KOLPLAY. Our Family High Holiday Services are fun for the entire family. Hear stories, parade with the Torah, sing, dance, and celebrate.

Ros HaShanah Outdoor Experience: Trek outdoors with our clergy and pray amid the beauty of nature. The experience concludes with a Shofar Blast that will ring through the mountains.

Tashlich: Join us as we gather together to focus on our strengths and weaknesses by symbolically casting our

shortcomings into the water, leaving ourselves strengthened for the future. This year we will observe Tashlich at Balboa Park.

Yom Kippur: On Rosh Hashanah, we joyously enter the new year and on Yom Kippur we think about the changes we need to make to improve not only ourselves but our relationships with our family, friends and community. Experience the 24 hours of Yom Kippur at Kol Tikvah as we reflect on forgiveness and change. There will be special programming throughout the day creating a unique prayer experience.

Sukkot: Celebrate this outdoor holiday by noshing in Kol Tikvah's sukkah and by shaking the lulav and etrog in honor of the changing of the seasons.

Sukkot Yizkor: Remember our loved ones who are no longer present on earth by coming together in prayer.

Simchat Torah: Honor our Torahs by dancing with them in our sanctuary and hear the cantor chant the concluding verses of Deuteronomy and the first verses of Genesis. The newest Kol Tikvah students will be honored as part of the evening's program.

2011/5772 HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES



All Services will be held at Temple Kol Tikvah unless otherwise noted.

Service	Date	Day	Time
Selichot**	Sept. 24	Saturday	9:00 PM
Erev Rosh HaShanah*	Sept. 28	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Rosh HaShanah Day*	Sept. 29	Thursday	10:00 AM
RH Family Service**	Sept. 29	Thursday	1:30 PM
2nd Day RH Outdoor Experience**	Sept. 30	Friday	10:00 AM
(Malibu Creek State Park; trailhead near main parking lot)			
Tashlich** (Balboa Park)	Oct. 2	Sunday	1 2:30 PM
Kol Nidre*	Oct. 7	Friday	7:30 PM
Yom Kippur Morning*	Oct. 8	Saturday	10:00 AM
YK Family Service**	Oct. 8	Saturday	1:30 PM
Interlude**	Oct. 8	Saturday	3:00 PM
Meditation and Reflection	Oct. 8	Saturday	4:00 PM
Afternoon Service**	Oct. 8	Saturday	4:30 PM
Yizkor/Neilah**	Oct. 8	Saturday	5:00 PM
Sukkot and Simchat Torah Service Schedule			
Sukkot Picnic & Service**	Oct. 14	Friday	Picnic 5:00 PM Service 6:30 PM
Sukkot Yizkor**	Oct. 21	Friday	10:00 AM
Simchat Torah Service**	Oct. 21	Friday	6:30 PM

*Tickets are required for admission to these services

**Tickets are not needed for these services and events

L'CHAYIM

Notes From Cantor Tifani Coyot



Baruch ata Adonoy, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei peri ha-gafen. Blessed are you Adonai, our God, source of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

In every joyous Jewish holiday and ritual we are commanded to say a blessing over beverages made with grapes to represent the happiness we wish to bring into a special occasion. At weddings the glass is filled to the rim; a metaphor for the couple's relationship to overflow with joy. On Passover the four glasses of wine are symbols of freedom and relaxation. And on Purim we are commanded to drink so much that we cannot tell the

difference between the Hero, Mordechai and the Villan, Hayman. Each week on Shabbas we recite an extended Kiddish to thank God for creating the universe and the opportunity to rest each week. Using wine/grape juice as a symbol of joy, relaxation, and celebration is imperative to our religion and culture. After reciting the blessing, it is traditional for those who did not say the blessing to respond with Amen, meaning "so be it". If you recite the blessing, it is customary to say L'chayim, the Hebrew toast offered before drinking any beverages.

The concept of "toasting" is part of every culture. There is a word in every language to offer the goodwill associated with a toast. While the physical and verbal ritual may be elaborate and formal, merely raising one's glass towards someone or something and then drinking is a toast and conveys a message of goodwill. In England and America we say "Cheers", the English sometimes say "Cheerio", Americans may say "Bottoms up". In Spain and France, they say "Salud"/"Santé" (to health), and in Jewish culture we say L'chayim (to life).

The concept of life is essential to Judaism; we are commanded to live life to the fullest. While other religions concentrate on life after

death, we are concerned with making our personal lives and the lives of our communities meaningful. This year Temple Kol Tikvah is eighteen years old, Chai! And we are committed to strengthening our relationship to our community with a year of Celebrations in honor of our Temple's life and all we are grateful for:

KT Community- The best part of our Temple is our caring and supportive community.

KT Volunteers- So many congregants put in time and hard work to make our community wonderful.

KT Staff- Every member of our staff is committed to making Temple Kol Tikvah a spiritual home for our community.

KT Education- Kol Tikvah believes in lifelong education in the preschool and religious schools, the Teen program, and our new and improved Adult Education Program.

KT Students and Teachers- Through music, interactive activities, art, prayer, and movement they explore Jewish religion, culture, and spirituality.

KOLPLAY- Our Temple Rock Band is comprised of congregants from 13-60. We offer uplifting and energetic music at Shabbat Services, Temple Events, and at High Holiday Family Services.

Innovative Programming- Kol Tikvah offers some of the most creative programming in Los Angeles. Shabbat on

the beach, Second Day Rosh Hashanah Hike, Second Day Outdoor Passover Experience, Shabbat and Havdalah Hikes, Tzdakah Teens, Cantors In Training, and more.

Chai Events- Special events each month to celebrate our 18th year!

And so much more!

In honor of our Chai Anniversary, I urge you to do your share in making our Temple a sacred community. May this be a year that together we celebrate our accomplishments, strengthen the life of our community, and share in communal joy.

SUMMER RECIPES

This recipe for vegetable latkes uses more than just potatoes, and has a wonderful flavor, with just a hint of sweetness, from the carrots and parsnips. One of the first times I made these was at the class at Cantor Glasser's home. Just before the class, I was at the market check stand with my carrots, onions, parsnips and hers, when a nice lady behind me asked if I was making soup. I told her I was making vegetable latkes and we chatted a little about them. She asked for the recipe, but I didn't have it with me. When I got to Cantor Glasser's house, who should be there, but the lady from the market, who turned out to be long-time Temple member Sam Wildman!

GARDEN VEGETABLE LATKES

8 ounces Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces

8 ounces carrots (about 2 large), peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces

SUMMER RECIPES CONTINUED

8 ounces parsnips (about 2 large), peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces

1/4 cup all purpose flour

1/4 cup chopped fresh dill

1/4 cup chopped green onions

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

2 large eggs, beaten to blend
10 tablespoons (about) vegetable oil

Carrots, parsnips, green onions and dill make the difference in these colorful pancakes. Mix some chopped dill and green

onions into sour cream to pass alongside.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Place baking sheet in oven.

Using food processor fitted with medium grating disk, shred potatoes, carrots and parsnips. Place towel on work surface. Spread vegetables over.

Roll up towel; squeeze tightly to absorb moisture from vegetables. Blend flour, dill, onions, salt and

pepper in large bowl. Add vegetables; toss to coat. Mix in eggs.

Heat 6 tablespoons oil in large skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, drop 2 heaping tablespoons batter per pancake into hot oil. Using spoon, spread to 4-inch rounds.

Cook until brown, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to sheet in oven. Repeat with remaining batter, adding more oil to skillet by tablespoonfuls as necessary. Serve hot.

WHO ARE WE AND WHO ARE WE MEANT TO BE?

BY Rabbi Becky Hoffman

Parents are able to maintain their adult children on their medical insurance until the age of 26. You cannot run for minimal public office until the age of 25. You can't even rent a car at 18. So, why do we still place such an emphasis on the age of 18?

Because it is significant. It is the age of being on the precipice. The precipice of learning and growing – to actualizing who you are really meant to be. An eighteen year old is not an adult (as much as they would like to think that they are). But, we begin to see who they are going to be.

That is how I envision our school. We have the framework of who we are going to be, but we are not quite formed as to who we are. In this year of our synagogue becoming the age of chai, it is important for our religious school to lay the important foundation towards future growth.

We are working towards a new vision of education in our religious school. It may not be obvious when you enter the classroom, but as a school and as a staff, we are going to be talking about our curriculum differently.

Our curriculum will be based on the teaching of Torah, Avodah (Worship), and Gemilut Chasadim (Acts of Lovingkindness). Through this framework, our students will gain a greater sense of our Jewish story, how we pray, and our role in the world. Every grade, from kindergarten to confirmation, will be guided through learning by these frameworks.

Our school is on the precipice of becoming what we are meant to be. As we prepare for a year of learning and growth, I hope we all think about being 18, about who we are and who we are meant to be.

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 Cory Garson in memory of her father, Sid Kreines, on the anniversary of his Yahrzeit

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In memory of her father, Charles Kamrasch, from Sam Wildman

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In honor of Rabbi Hanish from Sandra Banner
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In memory of her mother and father, Morry and Lee Witkoff, from Mike and Sandy Selden

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What better representation of Chai at Temple Kol Tikvah than our Early Childhood Center's Staff? We have 18 warm and wonderful teachers that inspire, nurture and love each child as a unique individual. Our teachers are the first connection between the home and the community for young children. We are committed to reach and teach each child socially, emotionally, academically, as well as provide a warm and loving Jewish environment.

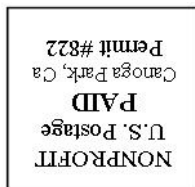
When you enter the preschool classrooms, you cannot help but smile when you see the children busy and excited to make the discoveries a new day has to offer. You will hear the sounds of song and laughter and notice teachers engaged in discussion about the wonders of the world. Our teachers are kind, patient, educated, and professional and take the time for "teachable moments" every chance they get. You may walk into a class where a teacher is covered up to her elbows in paint as she hangs a child's freshly created masterpiece. You may see a teacher sitting on the carpet supporting a child who is determined to tie their shoe for the very first time. You may see a child trying a new food and discovering they like it, just because they prepared it themselves. You may see a teacher playing in the sandbox demonstrating that it is much

more fun for everyone if we dig with sand instead of throwing it. You may see a teacher offering a lap or a hug in comfort because it is hard to say goodbye to mommy and daddy in the morning. You may hear a teacher supporting a parent, because being a parent is a tough job. You may walk into the sanctuary on a Friday morning gathered around the Shabbat table during Kabbalat Shabbat and walk away with the "Shabbat Feeling" yourself after experiencing the singing and dancing that happens every week. You may see a child kissing the Torah as they exit the sanctuary and head back to their classrooms. Little did they know, there is so much more than "play" that goes on each and every day at Kol Tikvah's Early Childhood Center. Our children develop deep connections to Judaism and their Jewish peers here that bond them together for life.

There is no doubt that we have the very best 18 teachers right here at Kol Tikvah. We also have the best children! Each child has an extra special place in our hearts, as there is no greater gift than the ability to continue the tradition!

Laurie Healy - ECC Director





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shana Tovah U'Metukah.

I can't believe another year has passed and the High Holy Days are once again approaching. I am honored to be the temple president during this year that marks Kol Tikvah's 18th Chai Anniversary. Chai means "life" and we typically say "l'chaim!," (to life!) at celebrations in anticipation of all the good things to come.

Well, good things have come to Kol Tikvah! We are pleased to welcome our new Rabbi, Jonathan Hanish, along with his wife Lisa and their two adorable daughters, Lila and Sydney, into our congregational family.

And, I anticipate more good things will continue to embrace us this Chai year. The buzz and energy flowing amongst the Kol Tikvah congregants is so amazing. We are all getting to know one another and we look to Kol Tikvah as our family not just as our synagogue. If we haven't met yet, I would like to meet you and get to know you. You can usually find me at Shabbat services with my mother so please seek me out. As we look forward to this new year and become comfortable with our many changes, let us be thankful to belong to a synagogue with so much positive and renewed energy that is filled with joy and happiness brought on by all our wonderful and loving members.

I look forward to continuing to move our temple in a direction where everyone can call Kol Tikvah home.

With gratitude, Laureen Waterman