

BCC Brunch Honors Producer Zvi Howard Rosenman and First Couple Brett Trueman and Mark Miller

Larry Nathenson

227 BCC members, family and friends gathered on Sunday, April 26 at the Luxe Hotel Sunset Boulevard for the 2009 Humanitarian Awards Brunch honoring film producer Zvi Howard Rosenman and BCC first

Cecilia Quigley Groman.

Following welcoming remarks by BCC Treasurer Bruce Maxwell, Yuval David grabbed our attention with his funny and raucous opening monologue. Rabbi Lisa Edwards led an invocation and motzi, and offered an anecdote highlighting BCC's special quality. When one of our children was asked by a teacher to define the word "transparent," and was unsure of the exact meaning, she ventured a guess – that it's a father who becomes a mother, or vice versa!

After the meal, BCC Executive Director Felicia Park-Rogers opened the formal program with the results of our raffle for four box seats for Aretha Franklin at the Hollywood Bowl. Congratulations to Richard Lesse for winning this prize.

Next came the presentation of the Presidents' Award, given since 2003 to BCC members for their outstanding leadership in BCC and the larger



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Awardees Brett Trueman, Mark Miller, and Howard Rosenman

couple Mark Miller and Brett Trueman for their many contributions to BCC and the larger community. Hosted by actor and BCC member Yuval David with comedian Judy Carter, this year's Brunch also broke all of BCC's fundraising records and exceeded our goals, raising more than \$122,000 to support our ongoing programs and services.

The event began with a reception and silent auction featuring a wide range of items. There was something for every interest and every price range, from original works of art from the Andrew Weiss Gallery to vacations in Hawaii and Palm Springs, LA Sparks tickets, tickets to theater and concerts, jewelry, professional services, and a Baltic Sea cruise by Atlantis. Thanks to all of the donors and donation solicitors and other volunteers who made this possible and especially to silent auction chair



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Howard Rosenman accepts the Humanitarian Award

community. This year's extremely deserving recipients are BCC's first couple, President Brett Trueman and First Gentleman Mark Miller. Mark was introduced by BCC member and previous award

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recipient Harriet Perl, also his high school English teacher, who recalled how intelligent and polite he was as a student and how their friendship blossomed once they met as adults at BCC.

She even tried to fix Mark up with someone she knew, but the other man was too in love with his closet! Mark's acceptance speech is reprinted below on page 6.

Brett was introduced by BCC Board member and 20s/30s Havurah chair David Mozes, who summed up Brett's leadership with the observation that a great leader is one for whom you can't pinpoint what he did himself. Brett has been so effective in motivating BCC members to enhance our existing programs and develop new ones that his achievements overlap with those of the congregation as a whole. You will find Brett's column, a modified version of his Brunch remarks, on page 7.

We next had the pleasure of listening once again to Judy Carter, who has graced BCC brunches in the past. Comedian and magician, television star and



Rabbi Lisa Edwards and emcee Yuval David

author, founder of the comic school Comedy Workshop Productions and in demand as a corporate and college workshop leader, Judy has inspired thousands to deal with life's stresses through humor. She reminisced about growing up in Fairfax, and remarked on how hard it is to get Californians to protest unless they'll lose weight. She also observed

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that only Jews would use a microphone during a silent auction. She decried that we have been robbed of our right to marry, and is embarrassed that the conservative farm state of Iowa is now ahead of California in marriage equality.

Judy was followed by a surprise guest, comedian



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Comedian Elon Gold auctions a signed Beatles poster at the Brunch

Elon Gold, who auctioned off a poster of the Beatles signed by all four of them. It went for \$1,600!

The Rabbi Erwin and Agnes Herman Humanitarian Award, first given in 1985, is named for the rabbi and rebbetzin who were instrumental in BCC's formation and acceptance into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now Union for Reform Judaism) in 1974, when it was only two years old. This year's recipient is Zvi Howard Rosenman, a noted Hollywood producer of mainstream films and television shows, as well as documentaries pertaining to GLBT issues that have won an Academy Award and a nomination and two Peabody Awards for Outstanding Journalism. Howard is the co-founder of Project Angel Food, a lifeline for people with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses that has prepared and delivered more than 3.4 million meals in the past 20 years. Most recently Howard made his acting debut as David Goodstein, publisher of the Advocate, in the movie "Milk."

Howard was introduced by BCC member and Brunch honorary co-chair Max Mutchnick, and Howard's heartfelt acceptance remarks can be found on page 4 below. Before he spoke, we all had the pleasure of watching a film montage prepared by BCC member Pam Postrel, highlighting Howard's career and especially his three GLBT documentaries – "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt," "The Celluloid Closet," and "Paragraph 175" (about persecution of gay men in Nazi Germany).

Many thanks are due to our Brunch Honorary co-chairs Max Mutchnick and Erik Hyman, our incredibly industrious Brunch Committee, consisting of Mark Farber (event chair), Cecilia Quigley Groman (silent auction chair), Debby Chanen, Allison Diamant, Ray Eelsing, Denis Hiebsch, Joanne Laipson, Kenna Love, Bruce Maxwell, Donna Quigley Groman, Lauren Schlau, Brett Trueman, and BCC office intern Helen Barriere. A debt of gratitude is also owed to all our table sponsors and captains, the Brunch honorary committee, and all those who contributed to the silent auction and to the beautiful tribute book that all attendees received. Last but not least, thanks to Felicia Park-Rogers, office manager Victoria Delgadillo, and custodian Tim Goad for all their hard work on behalf of BCC, and to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Brunch a success.



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The first couple embraces upon receiving their award

My name is Zvi Howard Rosenman and I am Here to Recruit you!

A lot of people in this room know me, but maybe not everyone. Some of you are my good friends and family and some of you may know me socially or through the entertainment business (I am a film producer)...or maybe you recognize me from my acting debut, in the role of Advocate owner David Goodstein in the Oscar nominated movie, "Milk."

For those of you who don't know me (or why I'm being given this award today), let me give you some background. My parents were both born in Jerusalem; my father in Meah Shearim; my mother in Shaarei Chesed. They are each 4 and 7 generations born in Palestine, respectively. When I was a little boy living in Brooklyn I remembered there were these blue and white tin boxes where my parents and grandparents were always putting their spare change. I once asked my Palestinian immigrant grandmother, Savta Leah, what they were for: "This kufseh (box in Yiddish) is for the trees to be planted in Eretz Yisrael by the JNF (the Jewish National Fund); this kufseh was for the Bikur Cholim Hospital in Yerushalayim; the white kufseh is for The Yeshivah of Meah Shearim where your Saba's father, Leibush, was the shaliach – the guy with the long white beard and the kapoteh who rings your bell when you're least expecting it; the gold kufseh was for the tzedakah of Rebbe Meir Baal ha'Ness...Rabbi Meir the Master of the Miracle. "When I lose something, all I do is say a tefilah to Rebbe Meir Baal Ha'Ness, put a nickel in the kufseh and I always find what I lost."

These are the type of Jews I am from. My mother's father, for whom I'm named, Reb Zvi Hersch Rosenfeld, was a sofer stam, and a shaliach. He was tenacious and a little stubborn and he wrote the

entire Torah in calligraphy on parchment in ink by hand, and dunked himself in a mikveh every time God's name was mentioned, over 6,800 times. It obviously took him several years to write a Torah and he was a very clean man...He then himself brought the Torahs to America to the shuls that commissioned them and then spent time raising money for the yeshivot in Shaarei Chesed. Tzedakah was part of the warp and woof of my family life, the underlying structure on which my family life was built. It was the base or foundation upon which all else was predicated. It was such a natural part of my upbringing it was like eating and going to shul and wearing a kippah. My family taught me that "tov shem tov mi'shemem tov." It is better to have a good name - or reputation, than it is to have good oil - or money.

When I was in my 20s and I started to come of age as a gay man, I drifted away from this Jewishness and became a bit of a bad boy. I spent too much time partying and being the life of the party in the Seventies. In 1983 I came to a New Years Day brunch given by my cousins twenty-four hours late, red-eyed and bleary, not having slept in 48 hours and promptly nodded off. I knew then that the party was over.

Eventually, I found my way back to Tzedakah via Hollywood. Having succeeded again in getting a foothold in the movie business, I started to see that the Hollywood influence could be a positive force. For example, in the 1980s a group of us decided to create The Elizabeth

Taylor Green Room at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, which provided a safe space for doctors to speak to parents, for parents to be in a convivial atmosphere with their children when AIDS was wreaking its worst havoc.

Not long thereafter, I learned that movies could bring about awareness of social causes I care



L to R: Motty Rief, Howard Rosenman, Gal Uchovsky (producer Yossi & Jaeger, Walking on Water)

about. I assisted in the making of "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt" a collection of profiles of victims of AIDS who are remembered in the AIDS Memorial Quilt. I persuaded Dustin Hoffman to narrate it and it eventually won an Oscar and a Peabody.

Later on, when I was trying to get another documentary made, "The Celluloid Closet," I ran into terrible roadblocks getting the film clips from the studios. It was not easy, but I had to channel the tenacity and stubbornness of my grandfather to make the studio heads give me what I needed. In this town, you don't want people to run away when they see you coming, so it's a challenge. But it was not that hard, because I was doing what I loved and it was for a good cause. I remember hounding people like Sid

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Sheinberg and Mike Medavoy, telling them that I'm making a documentary about the history of gay and lesbian images in cinema and your studios are refusing to give me the film clips we need, and by the way all my friends are dying of AIDS and I am not taking a salary on this film and 10% of the profits are going to AIDS charities.

Eventually, I had \$3 million worth of clips for free. "The Celluloid Closet" was nominated for an Oscar and it too won a Peabody and, I think, did great things by providing America with exposure to gay people in a recognizable context.

I had a similar experience making "Paragraph 175" about gays in the Holocaust. I've made many kinds of movies, but making these documentaries has been more satisfying and rewarding than "Buffy The Vampire Slayer" and "The Main Event."

Back in the 1980's, when AIDS brought our community together, it was natural for us to all work and be part of something to help our community. This led me to help found Project Angel Food in Los Angeles, after a project I'd seen in New York called, God's Love We Deliver. I think that in 2009, when not everyone remembers what it was like when AIDS was on all of our minds all of the time, it's not necessarily as natural for us to work for our community.

When I was younger, I may have been a bit of a bad boy for a while, a little bit lost. When I started to use my work to help the gay community, I got a second chance and found a way to live my life somewhat closer to the heritage of tzedakah from Reb Zvi Hersch Rosenfeld and my other righteous Jewish ancestors, the Rosenmans, Kirschenbaums and Klagsbruns. In Bereshit, Genesis, when Adam is hiding in the Garden of Eden, after he eats from the forbidden apple, which G-d warned

him not to do, G-d calls out to Adam, "Ayeka? Where are you?" It is the very first question asked in the Bible. I often ask this of myself...

"Ayeka? Where are you?" My Savta used to say to me if you want to know where you are, look at your feet. Well, ladies and gentlemen, look at your feet. You are all here, part of this incredible Beth Chayim Chadashim

community of progressive, righteous Jews dropping more than a few coins into the kufseh boxes to sustain BCC and to continue the Jewish tradition of tzedakah in this troubling economic time. I am proud

today to look at my feet today and be among you, receiving this honor of the Rabbi Erwin and Agnes Herman Humanitarian Award.

The timing of "Milk" this year is amazing, isn't it? In the wake of Prop 8, we need to continue to ask ourselves, and everyone around us, "Ayeka? Where are you?"

After I left Medical School and moved to Manhattan in 1967 the club scene did not allow men to dance with men. Men had to form a circle with a woman in the center. Sitting on a ladder was a man with a flashlight. If two men touched each other the man on the ladder would beam the flashlight on them. If they did it twice the management would then call the cops. That's how Stonewall occurred in 1969. I was at the Stonewall club the night before the first riot and then every night thereafter. It was exhilarating to finally end the suppression and enter the new decade with freedom of expression. The City Council voted down the law within the year. Those

brave drag queens couldn't stand being relegated to second-class citizenship. I can't believe the progress we've made in just forty years. Can you imagine not being able to dance with another man or two women unable to dance together? It's absurd. What is not absurd, but cruel, is that two men who love each other, or two women



Howard Rosenman (center) with Brunch honorary co-chairs Max Mutchnick (left) and Erik Hyman

who love each other cannot be married. What is not absurd is the rash of suicides of 9, 10, and 11 year olds hanging themselves because they were too effeminate and called "gay" by the bullies in their class. We've got a long road ahead of us. We must not falter...not even for a second. The unified gay communities, whether they be communities of faith, like we folk in this room, or communities of commonalities like gay theater people, or gay veterans, or gay sports clubs must link up in an organized fashion and use every tool available to us: legal, political, boycotting homophobic companies. We must outsmart the right by using our feet...and our brains...and our hearts to stop the suicides of kids like Jaheem Herrera and we must not rest until we are first class citizens in every single way. Ayeka?

We need to continue to work for

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Coming Home (Literally) to BCC

Mark Miller



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Mark Miller delivers his acceptance speech

Harriet, David: Thank you so much for those most gracious words of introduction.

Picture it: Late May 1951 and a Jewish couple in their late twenties move from the Boyle Heights section of Los Angeles to what was then the far western reaches of L.A. to the corner of Pico and Stearns with their 3 year old daughter and newborn son in tow along with one set of grandparents.

Picture it: A warm summer's day in the early 60's and the son is now a pre-teen, the future home of BCC is a dance studio and the Mint Bar, which will eventually turn into a hot L.A. spot for blues and jazz, is a lesbian bar. The boy's parents warn their son to stay away from "those" people. Ultimately he wouldn't heed their advice.

Fast forward to July 1976 and the 25-year old young man who two years earlier moved out of the house on Stearns discovers Beth Chayim Chadashim, a temple for gay Jews. The young man is slowly coming out and a safe open place to be gay and Jewish, which seemed incomprehensible to him at the time, was going to change his life completely.

Later that year after the young man had attended numerous Friday night services, he learns from a temple friend that the synagogue is purchasing its first building and they go for a ride to check it out. Imagine

the young man's reaction to BCC's purchase of the building on the corner of Pico and Stearns. The phrase "returning to the old neighborhood" took on a very real and special meaning for the young man. Sometimes he still can't believe where BCC is located.

In 1977 the young man meets his former high school English teacher, Miss Perl, at temple one evening. They began a friendship now in its 33rd year. You never know who you're going to meet at synagogue these days.

In May 1983, the young man becomes BCC Treasurer and during his tenure the temple hires its first Rabbi and pays off the mortgage to the building.

In March 1984 three years after coming out to his parents, they finally agree to attend Friday night services after untold number of invitations to them to visit BCC. They receive BCC's famous welcome and reception from the entire community and participate in a Torah service with the



Mark Miller, Brett Trueman and award presenter Harriet Perl

young man's father carrying the Torah, beside himself with tears of joy.

Three years later and it is Friday evening, January 2, 1987 just after services at BCC. Another young man approaches him and starts up a conversation and the two of them begin a relationship that takes them through more than 22 years of

happiness and love together with challenges and loss, through about 15 years living in the San Francisco Bay Area and finally a return to L.A. in 2003 and their legal marriage last October by Rabbi Lisa Edwards.

And since September 2005, the not-so-young man (oh wait, 50 is the new 30) becomes First Gentleman of BCC, an auspicious honor indeed: hosting events with the President, wining and dining with BCC members, getting to know the



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The BCC President's Award

temple community as well as the larger LGBT and Jewish communities in Los Angeles. Hey, he even got to meet L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa.

It is I who should be honoring you, BCC, for all you have given me throughout the years -- the people I've met, the lasting friendships I've made. You gave me the opportunity to commit to something larger than my own personal interests. You gave me a place to go for spirituality, for socializing, and for social action. You gave me clergy who inspired me, made me laugh, made me cry, and taught me. Most of all you gave me the opportunity to meet my husband and life partner, Brett.

Receiving this award and honor means a great deal to me. OK, so I have to share the President's Award with someone, at least that someone is the actual president and I know him fairly well. (And by the way, why isn't there a First Gentleman's Award?) I accept this award and honor most humbly within and with love for BCC and its community. Thank you so very much.

THANK YOU, BCC!

Brett Trueman, President



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Brett Trueman delivers his acceptance speech

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of BCC for the privilege of serving as temple president over the last almost-four years. It has been gratifying to be able to give back to BCC for all that it has given me – a place where I feel completely comfortable as a gay, Jewish man; a close, extended family of friends; and, most importantly, the chance to meet my future husband.

In preparing this column I reread the acceptance speech I gave during Friday night services shortly after becoming president. In it I listed a number of goals. Top among them was the enhancement of our programs and services. Today, looking back four years, I am thrilled at how much we together have achieved. Among our accomplishments, we:

- inaugurated a new once-a-month Shabbat service, Ruach Chayim, full of music and spirituality (which was met by rave reviews);
- established a religious school;
- expanded our social programming, adding more Men's and Women's Havurah events, founded the 20s-and-30s Havurah, and organized more frequent pre-Shabbat dinners at BCC;
- established the Telephone Minyan and Telephone Torah Study, serving those who are homebound, hospital-bound, or who just want to participate from afar.

These enhancements, together with

our expanded outreach, our information-packed and beautifully laid-out newsletter, and our newly redesigned website have contributed to an immense increase in BCC's visibility within the wider GLBT and Jewish communities. As evidence of our success, more than 50 new members joined BCC over the last four years!

Perhaps our biggest accomplishment during this time, one that wasn't even on the radar screen four years ago, was the acquisition of a new space. To achieve this long-held dream we inaugurated a capital campaign. Thanks to the extreme generosity of our members we have raised over \$3.2 million so far, an amount that has exceeded our wildest expectations. According to our fundraising consultant, it has been the most successful small-synagogue capital campaign in which his firm has ever been involved (and they've been involved in many)! At double the size of our current building, our new home, 6090 Pico Blvd., will allow us to increase our sacred space, expand our activities, and better serve our membership.

In my acceptance speech I also emphasized the need for everyone to continue to be involved in order to accomplish our goals. I asked for members to volunteer their time, energy, expertise, and, most importantly, their ideas. Whether it was by joining the Board of Directors, serving on a committee, or participating in special projects and events, you, the members of BCC, really stepped up to the plate. Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, to maintain and enhance the vibrancy of BCC.

I'd like to close by giving thanks to a few people in particular. First are the officers I've been privileged to serve with during most of my presidency,

Donna Groman, Allison Diamant, and Bruce Maxwell. I'm so impressed by their talent and dedication to BCC. I also want to thank our long-serving office manager, Victoria Delgadillo, who, working mostly behind the scenes, ensures that BCC runs smoothly and efficiently. Then there's our executive director, Felicia Park-Rogers. Her intelligence, creativity, common sense, good-naturedness, and tireless dedication to BCC have been integral to our great successes over the last four years. And, a special thanks goes to Rabbi Lisa, whose scholarship, spirituality, calm and thoughtful demeanor, and caring nature constantly amaze and impress me. My admiration for her increases every day. We are so blessed to have Lisa as our rabbi.

And I am so blessed to have, Mark, the First Gentleman, as my life partner. I want to thank him for his wise counsel during my presidency, for hosting myriad dinners and other events in our home for members and non-members, and most importantly,



Mark and Brett, with surprise guests, Brett's brother David and his wife Amy

for his patience and tolerance of my sometimes all-consuming focus on BCC. Thank you for all this, Mark, and for so much more!

As I prepare to step down from the presidency, I am as optimistic as ever about our future. Working together as a community, I have no doubt that we will continue to realize our dreams for our beloved synagogue.

Kol tuv (all the best),
Brett



In Appreciation of Student Rabbi Joe Hample

Rabbi Lisa Edwards

PHOTO: KENNA LOVE



Over the years BCC has been blessed with some really wonderful student rabbis, as well as members who

became rabbis. None has been better than Joe Hample, who will be ordained as a rabbi on May 17.

Joe is the first student rabbi to stay with us for two years. You can read in Joe's column what the two years at BCC did for him. And you know from your own experience what Joe did for BCC. For me, though, especially at this crucial time of transition in cantors at BCC, Joe's solidity, reliability, humor, creativity and collegiality have made a world of difference.

I suppose it was helpful that by the time Joe became our student rabbi he was already a member of BCC, and also that he had already fallen in love with a member of BCC. But even had he come to us a stranger, I think we would have taken to him

right away. What a fit, what a find (I guess he found us), and what a delight to have worked side by side with him for these two years. Joe, many thanks to you for all you've done and continue to do even in these last weeks as our "student" rabbi.

Joe and Barry don't yet know where they'll be next year. If by chance they remain in LA, I hope they'll remain members and frequent the shul they've done so much for. But whether they stay or not, I wanted here also to add my thanks to Barry Wendell, Joe's husband and a member of BCC for very many years. Over those years at BCC Barry has been a cantorial voice for us, as well as a darshan and occasional committee member and a regular at Project Caring. He's been a steady presence and beloved friend to many of us. If he and Joe weren't so happy together, I'd be really resentful right now that Joe might take Barry away from us! But as it is, I like it that Joe and Barry are one of our poster couples – met and fell in love at BCC, attend services nearly every Friday night, serve as leaders of the congregation

and willing participants in nearly any sort of community event. Should they leave town, they will indeed be missed. But whether they're here or there, they'll continue to exemplify what it means to be willing and engaged members of a Jewish community.

Joe and Barry, we wish you all the best and thank you for all the many blessings you've brought our way.

We'll be celebrating Joe's ordination and Barry's ascension to official rebbetzin status on Friday night May 15, two days before Joe's ordination. Join us for a drash by Joe and blessings all around!

Also that weekend (see p. 10) be sure to join us Thursday night and Saturday afternoon (May 14 and 16) for learning with our visiting scholar, Rabbi Lisa's brother, Rabbi Laurence Edwards. Join us too for the egalitarian minyan Saturday morning and we'll roll from there into lunch and then into learning with Larry.

Up the Mountain on May 11

At Sinai, the Talmud tells us, God granted Moses a glimpse of the Jewish future. On Monday evening, May 11, it'll happen again, but at Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park.

May 11-12 is Lag b'Omer, the 33rd day after Passover, also called the Scholars' Festival. The day honors the ancient rabbis, especially those who resisted the Hadrianic persecution of the second century CE. Since it occurs in the spring, Lag b'Omer is usually celebrated outdoors.

This year on Lag b'Omer, we will join almost-rabbi Joe Hample and the local Great Outdoors chapter for an easy 90-minute hike in Griffith Park, plus a few reflections on how we carry Torah with us into the woods and over the rocks of our lives. We meet at 6:00 pm sharp in the parking lot of the Griffith Park Observatory (2800 E. Observatory Ave.), walk up Mount Hollywood with its striking 360-degree panorama of the city, and circle back to the starting point. Those who wish will reconvene around 7:45 at Palermo restaurant, 1858 N. Vermont Ave. near Franklin, in Los Feliz. Palermo is a family-style Italian eatery with ample room for large parties.

All genders welcome. No need to RSVP, just show up.

PHOTO: BARRY WENDELL



Two years ago, already a BCC member, I took on the role of BCC's student rabbi. I thought I knew the congregation,

but what a lot I've learned since!

I learned this is a crowd with real Jewish literacy, where worshipers savor sermons about text and ideas, where seekers attend classes on history or theology. I learned we have a community where tikkun olam is more than a buzzword, where many are eager to help the

needy or protest injustice. I learned BCC is a family of dreamers and experimenters, where prayerbooks get rewritten regularly, where it's acceptable to change a Bible story for political reasons – or just for fun.

Only at BCC could I see Jews of so many colors and cultures and sexualities, converts so ardent for Torah, atheists so zealous for Yiddishkeit. Only at BCC do old friends from far-off cities turn up unexpectedly, and new acquaintances swiftly become indispensable, people I can't imagine not knowing. Only at BCC could I meet and marry another Jewish man as complex as myself –

between the two of us we've had a dozen careers – and have no one find it unusual.

Thank you for being your full selves, and for empowering me to be my full self. When ordained on May 17, I'll be a much more interesting rabbi for having served you. And if I say l'hitra'ot, goodbye, I must remind you that it literally means until we see each other again, just like the French au revoir. Whether I end up in Los Angeles, or in some remote backwater where palm trees and celebrities are only a distant rumor, we will see each other again. And I can't wait.

Juval Porat's Return to BCC



Juval Porat

We are delighted to announce that Juval Porat, BCC's student cantor last High Holy Days, has accepted our

invitation to become BCC's half-time cantor. We are planning for him to join us this summer, shortly after his investiture in June from the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin, the first liberal Jewish seminary in Continental Europe since the Shoah. Juval will become the first cantor invested in Germany since before World War II. Although contract negotiations remain to be completed, we don't anticipate any stumbling blocks.

When the Cantorial Transition Task Force began our work, a year and a half ago in preparation for our cantorial transition, our goals were to focus first on finding a

cantor for the Days of Awe, and then to compile a list of priorities for a new part-time cantor. At the same time, the Board worked toward budgeting for a half-time position to begin in July of 2009.

After the High Holy Days, as we continued to hear such positive feedback from clergy, choir, and congregants, we realized that in Juval we had found not only the musical and religious training we seek in a cantor, but also the *mentschlichkeit* that our community so appreciates. And, happily, Juval seems to be equally taken with the BCC community, and looks forward to sharing his music and his learning with us.

Many thanks to the Cantorial Transition Task Force for their time and devotion – Allison Diamant (chair), Rabbi Lisa Edwards, Brett Trueman, Robin Berkovitz, Davi Cheng, Cara Hanes, Dave Parkhurst, Felicia Park-Rogers, Lauren Schlau, Aaron Tornell, and Barry Wendell.



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PIANO TEACHER



On Thursday, May 28, 2009 at BCC, come and stimulate your mind and your soul with learning and community in this time of limited resources.

Rabbi Lisa Edwards will teach us how to make delicious stone soup; and show us the ancient secret ingredients in the Torah and Talmud that will satisfy our appetites.

The tikkun leil Shavuot will begin at 7:00 pm, and we'll have a vegetarian/dairy potluck - please bring something to share. Our guest speaker Greg Krentzman of Jewish Vocational Services will speak to us about an exciting new program and website www.ParnossahWorksLA.org geared toward job seekers and employers in our community, along

with BCC member Ginger Jacobs, who will inform us about other resources and services available to those affected by the economic downturn.

Chanting of the Ten Commandments and the Yizkor service will begin at 9:30 pm, followed by more eating and learning till dawn.

Adult Education at BCC

Kadin Henningsen

What It Means To Be Chosen –
with Student Rabbi Joe Hample
Tuesday May 5, 7:00-9:00 pm

"...and you shall be My treasure from among all peoples..." – Ex. 19:5

Is Israel really God's "treasure people" or "chosen people"? What does the formula mean, and is it still persuasive in our modern, multicultural world? Doesn't it conflict with the Creation narrative, and Prophetic visions suggesting the equal dignity of all? Could Judaism do without the chosen people doctrine? We will reflect on ancient texts and modern views, especially those of Michael Wyschogrod, Mordecai Kaplan, and Martin Buber, and try to find our own answers to these questions.

Join us at BCC on Tuesday May 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm to celebrate Student Rabbi Joe Hample's upcoming ordination (May 17) with study and an in depth discussion on what it means to be "chosen." Classes are always free for BCC members!

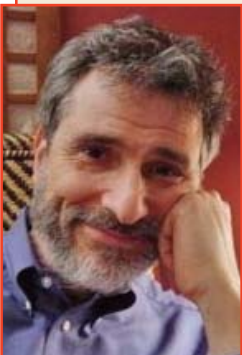
The Development of Jewish Identity
with Rabbi Laurence Edwards,
Thursday May 14, 7:00-9:00 pm and
Saturday May 16, 1:00-3:00 pm

Two versions of Judaism survived the destruction of the Second Temple. Paul and the followers of Jesus of Nazareth took it in one direction. Yohanan ben Zakkai and the Rabbis took it in a very different direction. It seems that Christianity had crystallized into a separate tradition before the Rabbis had consolidated their approach into what we know as Rabbinic Judaism.

Judaism is not the "Old Testament." And Jews are often under the impression that Judaism was fully shaped by the time Jesus came along and started a new religion. Thus, we used to believe that Judaism is the "mother," and Christianity is the (a) "daughter." The new paradigm is that we are "sibling" traditions. Pope John Paul II referred to Jews and Judaism as "our elder brother," but it is not so clear who is "elder" and who is "younger."

Paul of Tarsus (known to some as St. Paul) is a dramatic example of a Jew of transitional identity. So was Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai. What would they have said to each other, if they weren't both so busy taking Judaism in different directions?

Now's your chance to study with not just one, but two Rabbis Edwards! Join BCC and Rabbi Laurence Edwards (Lisa's brother) on Thursday May 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm for a discussion on Jewish Identities in the first century and/or Saturday, May 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm for a comparison of the Paul and Yohanan ben Zakkai narratives. Although both study groups are related in topic, they are separate sessions and attendance at both is not required. If you are interested in attending the Saturday class, why not come early (10:00 am) for the Shabbat morning service and stay for the dairy potluck, then study with Rabbi Larry. Classes are always free for BCC members!



Rabbi Edwards

Does the complexity of Jewish identities in the first century CE shed any light on the complexity of Jewish identity today? One way we know who we are is that we are not Christians. What if a group of Jews believe that the Messiah has now come (in the person, let's say, of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson). Are they Jews, or are they a new religion?

Notes from BCC Men's Havurah....There is a White (Wine) Party in your Future!

Dennis Bogorad



BCC Men's Havurah chair Dennis Bogorad (right) and partner Mark Apostolon

can use everyone's help.

In the next few weeks we will begin announcing events through Facebook Evites. Just like normal emails these "Evites" will show up in your email. Just follow the simple instructions to reply. This online invitation will shorten our clerical work. So when you receive an "Evitation," please don't ignore it. And let us know if you will be attending the event by answering yes, no, or maybe!

Here is a list of upcoming events.

"Game Night," Saturday, May 9, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

BCC President and First Gentleman Brett Trueman and Mark Miller will be hosting a havdalah and game night at their Santa Monica home. Games such as Trivial Pursuit, Monopoly, Scrabble, Charades, Poker, and Scattergories will be offered. If you have a favorite game please bring it along. Pastries and refreshments will be served. Limited to 25 men. RSVP to the BCC office – no fee for this event!

"Wine Tasting and Appetizer Party," Sunday, June 7 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

It's the white party! A wine tasting and appetizer party will be hosted by David Mozes & Peter Bastien at their chic Studio City loft. In addition BCC congregant and wine connoisseur, Mark Brown, will give us pointers and information on selecting and enjoying white wine at

BCC's Men's Havurah executive committee has grown in size and now has six active members. Each of our committee members spends about an hour or two a week working on developing, planning, announcing and executing BCC's men's events.

If you would like to be part of this team please let us know...we

multiple price levels. A blind taste test will be conducted to challenge our palates and see who can discriminate a passable wine from a fine wine. Participants will be required to bring a potluck appetizer. RSVPs are required to your Facebook Evite. There will be a fee of \$10-\$15 to cover the cost of wine in addition to a potluck appetizer.

Upcoming Events -- A little naughty and a little nice...Here are events we are currently working on:

- Pool party
- Picnic and havdalah at the ocean
- Bingo night at Hamburger Mary's with drag queen bingo callers
- Chinatown meal and tour of Watts Towers
- Jazz night at the Skirball
- Evening of poetry reading, short stories, music, and conversation. This will be a Women's & Men's Havurah joint event.

If you have a home, apartment, condo, or tent and you can host a men's event, please email Dennis Bogorad at typug@pacbell.net. We will tailor the event to the size of your place.



Members of the Men's Havurah enjoy an evening of bowling on Saturday, April 4. Left to right: Matthew Smith, Michael Gutenplan, Michael Belkin, Dennis Bogorad, Mark Apostolon, Richard Lesse, Glen Chester, Joe Hample, Barry Wendell.

BCC Book Group

Larry Nathenson

For over ten years, BCC members and friends have gathered in private homes for monthly potluck brunches and discussion of books selected by the group. Fiction and non-fiction, historical and contemporary, American and Israeli, the books read by the group include something for everyone's tastes and interests. We welcome new members to the group, as well as occasional visitors who may be interested in discussing a particular book.

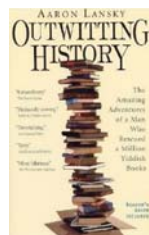
Our next two book discussions are:



Sunday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m.

***The Boy Who Loved Anne Frank*, by Ellen Feldman**

This novel explores what might have happened to Peter, Anne's friend in her Diary, after the war.



Sunday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m.

***Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of the Man who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books*, by Aaron Lansky**
An autobiographical account by the founder of the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts, about his search for Yiddish books in many different places and the fascinating people he met along the way.

BCC members and non-members alike are invited to attend. Because the discussions are held in members' homes, space is limited. Please RSVP to the BCC office early to guarantee your seat at the table, or contact Larry Nathenson at Larrynath@aol.com.



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Cecilia and Donna Quigley Groman

Believe it or not, I'm not really good at keeping up conversations with people I don't know well. That's why you may see me running around the synagogue, taking care of things instead of schmoozing like the other synagogue officers do. I have always found that I feel better socializing with people when I have some other activity to occupy me. That's why Women's Havurah events are good for me. I select things that I like to do, send out the e-mails, get lots of positive responses, and then have an opportunity to spend time with other Women's Havurah members in an environment in which I feel comfortable.

So if you are shy (maybe "reserved" is a better adjective) like me, give the Women's Havurah a try. There is no pressure on you to be a social butterfly. You can talk as much as you would like, but you can always fall back into the activity if you need a break from talking. You can also suggest an activity that you like to do, and I will arrange for folks to join you at something you really enjoy doing!

Eating, Walking, Game Night, and Basketball with the Women's Havurah

In April, we had a fabulous stroll through Solstice Canyon. There were lots of wildflowers in bloom. My favorites were the lupines and there were plenty of those. Towards the end of the trip (some of us took the high road back) we had to push our way through a gauntlet of lupines to continue on the trail to the parking lot. We all enjoyed the beautiful day, the gorgeous ocean views, and the opportunity to walk through the wildflowers.

In May, we are scheduled to walk a 5K in Malibu for the California Wildlife Center (a good thing to do on Big Sunday morning, May 3). Saturday May 9 at 7:00 pm will be another game night at BCC. Sunday May 31, we will have brunch at 10:00 am at the Nickel Diner downtown and then go on to some of the downtown sites. We'll also be geocaching www.geogaching.com and looking for treasures on the way.

June kicks off the LA Sparks season. LA's women's professional basketball team plays in their home game opener on Saturday, June 6, at 11:30 am. Join us for the game and then for a late lunch afterwards. Sunday June 21 we will meet for breakfast at Figtree Café in Venice at 9:00 am and then stroll through Santa Monica, stopping at the Main Street Farmers Market on

Donna Quigley Groman, Vice President

the way back.

Please join us! Suggest an activity or a favorite location for a gathering, or have a Women's Havurah event at your home. Questions? Contact me at dlgroman@hotmail.com or call the temple office.

LA Pride Weekend 2009

Celebrate
Pride Shabbat
at BCC on
Friday, June 12
with a special
service and
community
gathering.

Then come out for
the Christopher
Street West festival
on Saturday and
Sunday, and
the parade on
Sunday morning.
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Ohr Chayim as a Two Year Old

I was sitting on a leather couch just outside the doors to the theater with my hands resting on my pregnant stomach. I had five weeks to go till the baby was due, Passover had just ended, and I was finishing a run of a one-act showcase. I remember the moment so vividly because in a few seconds it all changed. My husband told me he had been offered an academic position at UC Riverside. Twelve days later, my youngest daughter Bella was born.

This week Bella turned 2. I look at her, listen to her talk in full sentences and wonder how it all went so fast. Yet, I think back to that moment not much more than two years ago and it feels like a lifetime ago.

Our Ohr Chayim program is coming to the close of its second year. Have we really finished two years of our program already? Yet, it feels like quite a long time since I joined the congregation as a new staff member and met with parents and students for the first time.

In two years we have

accomplished much in building a new program that realizes our vision of family education. We have created a comfortable structure for learning where students and parents gather as a community, learn separately and together, and pray together. We have created a meaningful prayer community where our older students can lead the service. We have created a social context for learning where students know that their learning is valued by their parents and by the community. We have celebrated holidays together, and explored the meaning of Torah together.

Like my toddler who has learned to ask "why?" we are starting to ask questions too. What are our long term goals for our students? How do we integrate our Shabbat community with the rest of the congregation? How do we engage new participants so that our program can grow to a sustainable size? How do we get the word out to the Jewish GLBT and progressive

Leah Zimmerman, Education Director

community that BCC is home to one of the most innovative and dynamic Jewish education programs in Los Angeles?



To help us investigate these questions, we have formed a new Education Committee comprised of three Ohr Chayim parents and two Congregational representatives. The committee will work with the staff to help set a direction for our new education program and guide us as we grow beyond our toddler years. Thank you to Josh Wayser, Mindy Blum, Robin Berkovitz, Ginger Jacobs and Ilene Cohen for agreeing to work with us during this important time. If there is anyone else who would like to be a part of this process, please contact me at 917-738-9668.

Teaching Candidates Sought

BCC and Ohr Chayim would like to express appreciation to Francess Tiger and Dori Zabari for their commitment and dedication to teaching. Francess and Dori both joined our Education team late in the year after some staff changes. Both have brought renewed energy, creativity, thoughtfulness and Jewish learning to our program. We wish Dori good luck as she graduated from college and heads to New York to pursue her teaching career. Ohr Chayim is now looking for teaching candidates who are enthusiastic about teaching, progressive, creative and passionate about Judaism. Please share any ideas for publicizing this position or any suggested candidates with me at 917-748-9668 or leahzimm@gmail.com

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The Need for Community in Hard Times

Felicia Park-Rogers, Executive Director

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I am a knitter. I first learned in high school, long before the recent renaissance in needlecrafts. And then I picked up the sticks again

while living in Jerusalem with my partner Rachel and our first son Benji, who was two at the time. A fellow American, whose husband was also studying to be a rabbi, held a weekly evening gathering of women in her home to knit and talk. She taught me the basic stitches and helped me select patterns I could accomplish. The women in the group were all Americans. Some had babies, some did not. I was the only queer one, but all were accepting and open. We would talk about life in Jerusalem, love lives, what we were doing to celebrate upcoming holidays (there was

always some holiday upcoming) ...common topics, deeply gratifying conversations.

It's interesting what can bring people together—something as simple and yet complicated as creating fabric by looping string with a couple of wooden sticks. Knitting is magical to me. I still love to knit, and I try to find time, but now that I have a busy job and two busy boys, and a busy almost-rabbi wife, I find my projects don't get finished very often. I haven't made time to join a knitting group since I moved to LA. Honestly, as much as I love knitting, it's not the same doing it alone in my living room as it was with a group of dynamic, chatty, interesting people.

The same could be said of praying. I have a complicated and ever shifting understanding of God. Yet, I love to pray. It moves me, releases me, reminds me, heals me, forgives me, forgives others, relaxes me. I could pray by myself, but I don't. It's just not the same as praying in a group. Praying in conjunction with

others through song, spoken prayer, silent prayer, is just so much more compelling to me, so much more powerful.

These are hard days. The road ahead is not clear. Even people who do have secure jobs or livelihoods are soaking in the anxiety and tensions of the times. We are all insecure and worried. We need each other more than ever. Please, I beg you, don't stay home alone. We need each other now. Come to shul. Come be with people who care about you. And even if you don't like to pray the way I do, just remember that being together, with other people, is powerful and strengthening.

If you are suffering, let BCC help you. Come to the life transitions group. Call or email the rabbi. Call or email somebody you've met at BCC. Come to the Books and Bagels Group. Help someone else and volunteer with Project Chicken Soup or Project Caring. Come to services and pray. We can be fabric for each other now.

(continued from page 5), Zvi Howard Rosenman speech

our community and to fight against AIDS, against the John Briggses, the shameful Anita Bryants, the Kenneth Starrs. We need to find the next Harvey Milk in this new generation of young men and women. I ask all of you: "Ayeka?"

I want to thank my cousins Rachell, Iris, and Lana, and my close pal Motty Reif for flying in all the way from the East Coast; Brian Swardstrom, my dear, dear friend for his friendship and loyalty in every possible business and personal situation; Barry Karas for his many years of friendship; and all the people and corporations who contributed to make this event so successful; Felicia Park-Rogers who spent hours poring over my phone book, eliminating the "improper" names, and organizing this event;

Rabbi Lisa Edwards for her inspirational leadership; my co-honorees Brett Trueman and Mark Miller and Mark Farber, the chair of this event; Max Mutchnik and Erik Hyman who brought me into this community and so generously gave me their time, advice and love; my much loved brother Shep and my incredible sister-in-law Shari, and my niece and nephew, Maya and Eitan; my sister Freydee...who we all call Charedi Freydee in Jerusalem; Dr. Michael Franzblau, the man who has so generously integrated all my sides since 1983; and above all my parents, Sima and Morris Rosenman, my grandparents, my Aunt Esther,

Aleihem ha'Shalom, who taught me the ways of charity and showed me by example the path to commitment.

And finally a huge thanks to Samir Khalidy, my partner who occasionally has to put up with the "bad boy."



L to R: Brian Swardstrom (Head of Talent Division, Endeavor Talent Agency), Howard Rosenman, comedian Elon Gold, singer Ari Gold, Howard's partner Samir Khalidy

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Mazel Tov

Please join the whole BCC community in wishing the following members a big "mazel tov" on their recent good news or upcoming naches.

Joe Hample, BCC's Student Rabbi; **Josh Whinston**, our Ruach Chayim service leader for three years, and **Rachel Timoner**, partner of **Felicia Park-Rogers**, who will all be ordained by Hebrew Union College on May 17, 2009.

Rachel Timoner on her new position as Assistant Rabbi at Leo Baeck Temple (this means she and Felicia and their kids will be staying in LA!).

Juval Porat, BCC's guest cantor at High Holidays last year and future cantor beginning this Fall, who will be invested as a cantor at the Abraham Geiger Seminary in Berlin on June 16.

Arnie Pincus on celebrating his 80th birthday.

Victoria Delgadillo, BCC office manager, who presented two workshops at the Social Justice Summit convened at Cal State Fullerton the weekend of April 19. One was titled "Art & Activism" and the other "The Femicide in Ciudad Juarez."

Gavriella Ruit on her acceptance into the Rabbinic program of Hebrew Union College. She will defer her studies this year and begin her year in Jerusalem in June, 2010.

Cecilia Quigley Groman, on her acceptance into the doctoral program at Alliant University's Center for Forensic Studies. She will start her four-year journey in August.

Sylvia Sukop, on the publication on April 18 of her letter to the Los Angeles Times about solar-powered clotheslines and memories of her mother drying clothes on the line in Pennsylvania

Tracy Moore, who was a featured presenter at an April 20th One Archive presentation of historic films of the LGBT community and spoke on behalf of the life and work of Lillian Faderman.

Helen Barriere, BCC intern from the Jewish Studies Department, who will receive her BA in Sociology from CSU Northridge on May 23.

Eve Postrel, who will become bat mitzvah on June 20 after a lifetime of learning at BCC.

Felicia Park-Rogers, who was a panelist on the closing plenary of the City of West Hollywood's Women's Leadership Conference in April. The subject was "Marriage Equality: What Next and What Can You Do?" Fellow panelists included Robin Tyler and Judy Carter.

Please send your good news to the BCC office. We want to celebrate with you!

Lifelong BCC Member Eve Postrel Becomes Bat Mitzvah

Eve Postrel will become Bat Mitzvah on June 20, 2009. She is the daughter of Mindy Blum and Pam Postrel, and sister to Matt Postrel. Eve is a student in BCC's religious education program for children and families: Ohr Chayim. Felicia Park-Rogers recently interviewed her on the "eve" of her bat mitzvah.

How long have you been coming to BCC?

Since I was born!

What is your first memory of BCC?

One of my earliest memories is Purim and seeing everybody in costumes. And I remember Becky (Weinreich) and Amanda (Bender) and the people that play in the band and they were playing a Jewish version of "Stop in the Name of Love."

When did you realize you are Jewish what does it mean to you to be Jewish?

I've always known I am Jewish. It lets you be different and gives you a real opportunity to be unique.

How long have you been studying for your bat mitzvah?

I always thought "it's in awhile..." and then I realized "it's going to be really soon!" and I started working with my tutor Debbie Jaffe about a year ago.

Do you have a mitzvah project you're working on?

Yeah, I'm going to be helping at Door of Hope, a transitional living program for eight homeless families in transition. I'm going to be doing activities and art projects and stuff with them. They need somebody to be there after school to help with the kids and be a mother's helper.

What do you think your Jewish adulthood will be like?

Like my parents—I want to do as much as I can and to celebrate the Jewish traditions. Our temple has been a really good place to grow up in—it's really friendly and open. Coming to BCC, Ohr Chayim—I always look forward to it. It's more like going to a friend's house than having to come to temple.

Anything else to share?

This has been an eye opener for me—realizing that each person has to do his or her own part and now it's my turn. I have to take more responsibility; this is a big step for me and to take this on.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div>All events at BCC unless otherwise noted*</div> | | | | | 6:30 pm Thai House ¹ Dinner 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Student Rabbi Joe Hample Herb Toplan | ² 10:00 am Ohr Chayim 12:00 pm Family Shabbat |
| 8:00 am (cook), ³ 11:30 am (deliver) Project Chicken Soup 330 N. Fairfax 10:00 am Women's Havurah 5k walk in Malibu BIG SUNDAY (Mitzvah Day) | ⁴ 7:00 pm Hebrew Class Todd Shotz | ⁵ 7:00 pm Class, The Chosen People Student Rabbi Joe Hample | ⁶ | ⁷ 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Edwards | 6:30 pm Telephone ⁸ Service 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Guest Cantor Stefani Valadez | ⁹ 10:00 am Ohr Chayim 11:00 am Project Caring Country Villa Wilshire 7:00 pm Game Nights Women's Havurah at BCC Men's Havurah (private home) |
| ¹⁰ MOTHER'S DAY | ¹¹ 6:00 pm Lag B'Omer Hike with Student Rabbi Joe Hample 7:00 pm Hebrew Class Todd Shotz | ¹² LAG B'OMER | ¹³ 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting | ¹⁴ 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Larry Edwards (Lisa's brother) | ¹⁵ 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbis Lisa and Larry Edwards Joe Hample (in honor of his ordination) | ¹⁶ 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service and Dairy Potluck 1:00 pm Study, Jewish Identity Rabbi Larry Edwards |
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| ²⁴ 10:00 am (private home) BCC Book Group <i>The Boy Who Loved Anne Frank</i> ³¹ 10:00 am (Downtown LA) Women's Havurah Brunch and Walk | ²⁵ MEMORIAL DAY (BCC closed) | ²⁶ | ²⁷ 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting | ²⁸ 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 6:00 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot (all night study) Rabbi Edwards and guests | ²⁹ SHAVUOT (office closed) Ruach Chayim 7:00 pm Refreshments and Schmooze 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Guest Musicians | ³⁰ 10:00 am Ohr Chayim 12:00 pm Family Shabbat |

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