

RELIGIOUS NEWS

'Big Give' expands to serve 4,000

The "Big Give" at Wilshire Boulevard Temple enabled 4,000 families to receive Thanksgiving dinners, a 400 percent increase from last year's distribution.

The dinners, purchased by \$25 donations, were assembled by Temple members and volunteers and were given out on Nov. 20 to families in Wilshire Center and Skid Row.

The expansion of the "Big Give" coincides with a major renovation and redevelopment project at the 3.9-acre Temple site, 3663 Wilshire Blvd.

The Magnin sanctuary is being restored and a social services center will be erected on Sixth St. to house the food pantry.

The project also includes the renovation and construction of new school buildings, a parking structure, athletic and celebrations facilities.

Founded in 1862, the Temple (originally known as Congregation B'nai Brith) is the oldest Jewish congregation in Los Angeles and operates fully accredited parenting and early childhood centers.

Temple gala benefits schools, children

Local residents Naomi Vanek and Dr. Richie and Ellen Katz will be honored by The Los Angeles Chapters of Emunah at a gala Sat., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., at the Sephardic Temple, 10500 Wilshire Blvd.

Mrs. Vanek will receive the Aishet Chayil (Woman of Valor) Award for her involvement in community activities.

Vanek, a graduate of UCLA, was influenced by a visit to an orphanage in Israel in 1946. Helping lost and abandoned children became a deep personal wish that she fulfills today in her efforts on behalf of Emunah.

She also works with seniors and founded and coordinates the popular Tuesday Lunch and Learn program at Congregation Shaarei Tefila. She has taught classes, including Shakespeare, at Oasis.

Richard and Ellen Katz will receive the Keter Shem Tov (Crown of a Good Name) Award. Richard Katz was president of Congregation Shaarei Tefila for six years and orga-



Naomi Vanek



Dr. Richie and Ellen Katz

nized concerts and lectures to benefit the community. His wit and humor was evident in the many videos and newsletters that he prepared for local organizations. Ellen Katz has volunteered for Congregation Shaarei Tefila and Tomchei Shabbos which prepares over 250 food packages for needy families.

Event honorary co-chairs are professor Leila Bronner of Las Palmas and Dr. Gitta Nagel of June St.

The event will benefit the children of Emunah, its residential homes, counseling centers, and network of schools, said gala spokesman Marcia Josephy.

For information and reservations call Bernice Gelman at 323-938-7147 write ayalaemunah@aol.com

Contemporary talk on holocaust, BYO lunch Dec. 2

"Let's Talk About It: New Conversations on the Holocaust" is a free BYO brown-bag lunch-and-learns program at the Museum of the Holocaust on the first Friday of the month from noon to 1 p.m.

Rabbi Levy, cofounder of Bet Tzedek—The House of Justice, Los Angeles free legal services, will speak on Fri., Dec. 2.

Bet Tzedek provides legal service to more than 10,000 people each year. Levy is also the founder of national Holocaust Victims Network which assists Holocaust survivors seeking reparations.

December 2011

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. BRENDAN

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Thursday, December 8
Feast Day Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS
Monday, December 19 • 11-12 noon, 4-5 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20 • 11-12 noon, 4-5 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21 • 11-12 noon, 4-5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, December 24 • 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass at 12:00

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 25 • 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2012
Saturday, December 31, 2011 • (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1, 2012 • 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

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ECCLESIA GNOSTICA Gnostic Christian Church
BISHOP DR. STEPHAN HOELLER

Sunday Eucharist 11:00am
Wednesday Eucharist 8:30pm Lectures • Fridays • 8pm
3363 Glendale Boulevard, Atwater, Los Angeles • 323-467-2685

First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood
1760 N. Gower St. 90028 323-463-7161 www.fpch.org

Sunday Worship Services
8:30am Contemplative Service, Wylie Chapel
9:30am Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Contemporary Service, Sanctuary
9:30 & 11:00 am Children's Sunday School

Christmas Concert – Sunday, December 11
4:00pm in the Sanctuary
Sonshine Choir, Carol Choir, Teen Bells, Heaven Bound Singers, Cathedral Bells, Hollywood Mass Choir & Cathedral Choir

Wednesdays in Advent
7:00pm Worship in Wylie Chapel

Christmas Day Service
10:00am in the Sanctuary
NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

New Year's Day Service
10:00am in the Sanctuary
10:00am ONLY – NURSERY & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



Orphanage Guild donates check to Maryvale Girls'

The Los Angeles Orphanage Guild presented a check for \$110,000 to Steve Gunther, president and executive director of the Maryvale Girls' Home in Rosemead.

The Guild has supported Maryvale's program to provide early education, mental health and housing to Maryvale since 1952.

For information, call Lisa Sohigian at 310-273-5163.

CHRIST THE KING
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2011
4:30 PM Children's Mass
6:00 PM Spanish Mass
12:00 AM Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2011
9:30 AM English Mass
11:00 AM Spanish Mass
NO EVENING SERVICE

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31, 2011
4:30 PM English Mass

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1, 2012
8:30 AM English Mass
10:30 AM English Mass
12:30 PM Spanish Mass
NO EVENING SERVICE

Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 am
Annual Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24 • 7pm and 11 pm
Candlelight Christmas eve service with courtyard caroling

Sunday, December 25
10:30 am Worship Celebration followed by Christmas Treats

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