



Torah on Tap Class

On Thursday 18 March, Rabbi Drew went to San Bernardino for a class on Jewish food. The program, entitled “Torah on Tap”, is an ongoing opportunity for students to engage with texts from the Jewish tradition in a relaxed atmosphere in a pub. It is in such an atmosphere where they feel comfortable attending.

This Torah on Tap class, the second one of the spring for California State University – San Bernardino Hillel students, was held at a pub. For this gathering, the topic on hand was Jewish foods, specifically discussing kosher foods in the Torah. One student remarked to Rabbi Drew afterwards saying that it was interesting, since he had never heard of kosher food/eating.



CSUSB students with Rabbi Drew at Torah on Tap discussion

Talk with Temple Israel Confirmation Class

On Sunday 21 March, Rabbi Drew went to Temple Israel to speak to this year's confirmation class. The topic for the conversation was college life, not only academically and generally, but also the Jewish dimension. Although the students are in their sophomore year of high school, they have already begun to consider where they would like to attend college and the discussion was in place to help them to frame their thinking about it. Having attended multiple colleges, Rabbi Drew shared his experiences and knowledge on college life.



Temple Israel Confirmation class students with Rabbi Drew and Temple Israel's Rabbi Steven Moskowitz

Beach Hillel Bowling



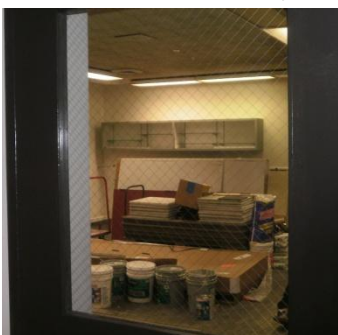
Students at Beach Hillel's March 11th bowling event

Beach Hillel Passover Seder

On Tuesday 30 March, Beach Hillel held a second night of Passover Seder at the Kaplan's house. With over 20 students in attendance, Rabbi Drew led the proceedings of the seder.

Beach Hillel Office at CSULB Relocated

Due to the recent flooding in the CSULB's University Student Union (USU), the Interfaith Center, where Beach Hillel has been located for years, has been moved. The flooding in the USU was caused by breaking pipes due to the heavy storms, which damaged the entire first floor of the USU. The Interfaith Center, in the meantime, has been indefinitely relocated to the back of Brotman Hall. So, Rabbi Drew can be found at various spots on campus (rather than in the back of an administrative building, such as Brotman Hall).



Interfaith Center in the University Student Union under renovations

Hebrew Hammers Take to the Field Again

After a semester's hiatus, Beach Hillel's intramural softball team at CSULB, the Hebrew Hammers, resumed play this semester. Taking over Rabbi Yonah's position at third base, Rabbi Drew has enjoyed playing so far. And, as part of the tradition, there is a post-game gathering at a nearby pub.



Post-game gathering

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