

West Covina temple plans concert

Event will include comedy, jazz musician

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Temple Ami Shalom — a center for Jewish worship, education and community activities for the San Gabriel and Pomona valleys — will host master jazz musician and comedian David Zaslloff at 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

The evening includes Zaslloff's shofar concert and workshop, presented with his blend of hilarious comedy and storytelling.

"David's concert opens our series of events created as part of Temple Ami Shalom's revitalization and renewal initiative designed to welcome everyone in the greater Jewish community of the eastern valleys of Los Angeles," said Temple Ami Shalom President Richard Bash. "And this New Year, we are excited to welcome Rabbi Michael Barclay to our community."

The shofar is the ram's horn traditionally blown the month prior to and during the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The sounding of the shofar is intended to wake up the soul and to call the community to worship.

Zaslloff's Shofar Palooza is much more entertainment than simply the classic shofar blasts. During the workshop portion, he will explain how to choose the best shofar to suit each person's needs and how to play a shofar.

Included will be the shofar calls for the High Holy Days, advanced musical techniques, and unique shofar sounds. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own shofar to participate.

Zaslloff plays the shofar like a musical instrument. His shofar concert includes traditional Jewish songs, "Kol Nidre," "Hatikvah" and "Draydl," along with classics such as "Summertime" and "Flight of the Bumble Bee." He even takes requests from the audience.

A multi-instrumentalist and a master of the Japanese shakuhachi flute, Zaslloff plays trumpet, piano, percussion, guitar and autoharp as well as shofar. He will intersperse pieces on various instruments throughout the evening.

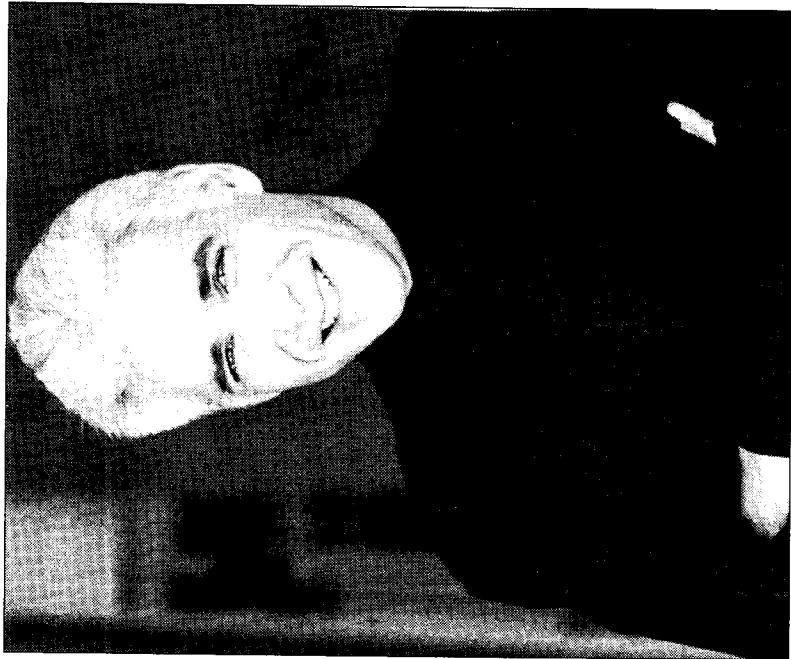
With his band, Zaslloff plays Zen

jazz, which is a combination of African, Japanese, Jewish, Latin, Caribbean and bebop. He has been the musical director for 14 HBO comedy channel shows and one Showtime special. As an accomplished songwriter and film composer, he has produced four CDs, and his music has been heard on the television soap opera "The Young and the Restless." Recently, he played shakuhachi flute on the multimillion selling Linkin Park CD, " Meteora."

"David's performance is one of a series of events during the holidays and throughout the coming year. There will be something for everyone at Ami Shalom — young and old, new to Jewish traditions or experienced in the teachings of our Sages," said Reb Michael.

There is no charge for admission to the concert/workshop or for High Holy Day services, but for security, tickets are required.

For additional information and to receive your free High Holy Day tickets, contact Temple Ami Shalom — 3508 East Temple Way, West Covina — at (626) 331-0515 or go to the Web site at www.amishalom.org.



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