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Torah Study - Let's Talk

Message from Rabbi Mike Lotker

Many of you have been kind enough to share your impressions and feedback concerning our High Holy Days services. The Board and I have been compiling these thoughts and will use what you've told us to try to make services better and better each year. One of the most gratifying impressions that I've heard, however, is how much so many of you enjoyed the Yom Kippur afternoon discussion. I confess (as appropriate concerning Yom Kippur) that this is also one of the highlights of my High Holy Days experience.

My sense is that many of us enjoy the discussion because of the ability to talk about what really bothers us and really delights us about Judaism, God, religion, services and even life. There is no need to have a great store of knowledge or information; what is valued and valuable is our opinions, our experience and our ability to share and to listen. Since there is no specific agenda or curriculum that we must cover, there is no rush and it is a delight to digress into areas that interest us. I've been attending and leading these kinds of discussions for more than 20 years and I never fail to come away invigorated and enlightened.

For those of you that enjoy these kinds of discussions, I've got wonderful news: We have three such sessions each week and you may not have realized it! The sessions are:

1. Torah Study – the Women's Perspective: led by our Student Rabbi Lisa Bock on Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:30PM.
2. Lunch n Learn: Discussion group led by Rabbi Mike, Thursday 12:30 to 2PM.

3. Shabbat Morning Torah Study: Led by Student Rabbi Lisa and Rabbi Mike Saturday mornings 9:30 to 11AM.

I have a strong suspicion that many of you do not attend these “Torah Study” sessions because you are under the misunderstanding that you need to know Hebrew, be very familiar with the Torah and Bible, or because you think the sessions will be long winded, dry, expositions of boring (or at least tedious) material. Nothing could be further from the truth!

The discussions are conducted using the Torah (or other text) as a starting point but focusing on issues and questions that concern us all. You don't need to be an expert because we have wonderful texts and commentaries available to us. You don't have to come every week although we hope you will make it part of your regular spiritual discipline. And you never know who you will see or meet – it was at Torah Study that I first met my lovely Sonia who is now my wife and your *Rebbitzin*.

When we pray, we speak to God. When we gather for this kind of study, God speaks to us. *Shema Yisrael!* Listen up, Israel! So, try it! You'll like it!



Movie Night!

*Saturday
Oct 30th
6:30 pm*





SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

from Shari Brody

When people attend a special event at the Temple, such as a fashion show/ luncheon or a holiday boutique, few may realize how much time is spent planning, organizing, publicizing, contacting people, setting up and cleaning up. Then, there is shopping, cooking, baking, table setting, centerpiece arranging, making items to sell, pricing them and setting up a display to show them off. Two women worked very hard for weeks before the recently held Temple Holiday Boutique. I would like to thank **Arlene Cohen** and **Arla Crane** for their great effort as co-chairwomen for this event!

Their most gratifying feeling came from the support of Temple members and friends who attended these labor intensive, special events. These events raise money for the Torah School Support Fund and the Temple Music Fund, which are vital to the school's success and a benefit to you and our temple families. How wonderful it was to have food, entertainment and lovely items to purchase for the upcoming holidays, all under one roof! The Temple greatly appreciates YOUR attending and supporting these endeavors. It is

really a win/win situation: the Temple gains and so do you! Thanks very much for being there to enjoy these efforts and to participate in their success.

The following is a list of people who have graciously volunteered their time since our move. Some have continued on a daily or weekly basis. **Jon Bogen, Pam Bogen, Naomi Brill, Howard Brody, Shari Brody, Arla Crane, Jay Crane, Arlene Cohen, Raja Desenberg, Aaron Dvoretzky, Ayla Dvoretzky, Rena Dvoretzky, Claire Goldstein, Sharon Green, Beverly Kerwien, Karen Keys, Sonia Banon Lotker, Phyllis Mandel, Steve Moore, Irene Olsen, Anne Regen, Muriel Rosenkrantz, Helene Scherer, Jean Shev, Art Slade, Phyllis Slade, Sharon Spielman, Joan Stone, Lew Stone, Alan Treitman, Marlene Votion, and Carole Warren.**

There is something to be done almost every day to help at our Temple! **Mark**, our Administrator, **Julia**, our Torah School Principal and **Kaila**, our Accountant, love (and need) volunteers to assist them. If you have a few hours to spare now and then or once or twice a month, please call 805-492-2129 or email me Bothbrodys@aol.com and I will find a spot for you! You will be happy that you showed interest and will enjoy being part of our temple community.

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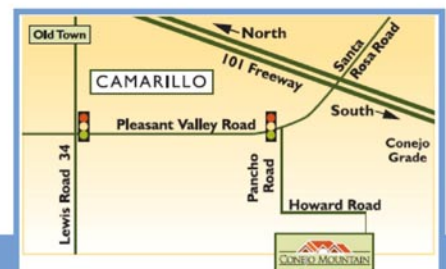
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Executive Leadership Team Message

by Nadine Frankel

Everywhere we look we see signs of revitalization at Temple Ner Ami. It's hard to believe that only 6 months ago we were in dire straits. We had lost members and the state of the economy had greatly affected our temple. Only determination and the generosity of our congregants kept our doors open. But look at us now! We have a beautiful new home in which to worship and gather together. We have a yard for children to play in and for all of us to enjoy as we celebrate Shabbat under the stars in summer. We have plenty of classrooms for our Torah school. We have approximately thirty new memberships. We have 17 new Torah school students. Nothing illustrates this new spirit of revitalization as much as our recent Simchat Torah service and consecration ceremony for our new students. Sixteen new students and their families came. It was heartwarming to see these beautiful children being honored. In honoring them as students of Torah, we give them the message that our heritage is a precious thing. Our teen program is active again with several

teens attending a National Federation of Temple Youth event. We had three B'nai Mitzvah in October! After a period of stagnation and crisis, we are flowering once again, but we still have many challenges ahead. We need to pull together to keep up our momentum, so Temple Ner Ami can be the strong Jewish presence we envision. What can you do? First of all, be here. Come to as many services and events as you can. Your presence alone lends strength and energy. Second, make friends. We are not only a place to worship and learn, but a community with which to be connected. The best way to make friends is to volunteer to take part in an event or project. Doing the work of the temple, with others, promotes the bonds that we need to hold us together. Third, share your time, your energy, your ideas, and your resources. Our greatest asset at Temple Ner Ami is you, our congregants. What could be simpler? Show up, make friends, and share. If we each do this, our temple will thrive and so will we.

Movie Night at the Temple

November 20th 6:30 pm

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Toula is 30. And unmarried. Which means as a nice Greek girl—she's a failure. All her cousins did the right thing—married Greek boys and made Greek babies. So everyone worries: what will become of Toula?

Then one day she sees the ultimate unattainable guy and realizes the only way her life will get better is if she gets away from her big, fat Greek family. Toula discovers the love she's been missing right in the heart of her big fat family—and gets the man of her dreams in the family wedding to end all weddings!





CHEDER CHAPPENINGS

from Julia Newman

Shalom Haverim,

Last month I introduced you to our wonderful faculty. This month we will be looking at a very important part of our Torah

School curriculum: Hebrew reading and our program for prayer instruction. Most of our Hebrew curricular material and textbooks come from Behrman House Publishers (Springfield, New Jersey). I strongly encourage families and all congregants to go to their website at www.behrmanhouse.com. They have a lot of free, on-line programs to help you with your Alef Bet and learning your prayers.

Hebrew Language

From the youngest age our students are introduced to Hebrew words and expressions. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students learn numbers, colors, names of animals (the Noah story is perfect!) and other vocabulary related to holidays and key Jewish concepts. As the children move up through the grades additional vocabulary is introduced (relating to prayer, holidays and Jewish values) along with some basic Hebrew grammar.

Although the focus of our program is not on conversational skills, we are so fortunate at Ner Ami to have several teachers who speak Hebrew—that it is a natural occurrence to imbed the language in our instruction.

Hebrew Reading

Beginning Hebrew readers start with Shalom Alef Bet, which introduces the Hebrew letters and vowels, demonstrates that Hebrew is read from right to left and offers a basic vocabulary. Pictures link letters to words, i.e. shofar for *shin*, Torah for *tav*.

Shalom Uvracha is our primer. It teaches decoding skills using key cultural words, prayers and concepts. For example, students learn the letters *kuf* and *tzadee* from the word *tzedakah*. They learn to read Hebrew with words they will come across again in their prayer study. We use an interactive, computer program which provides Hebrew exercises in a fun, video game format that students can also do at home.

Hebrew through Prayer

Hineni is our primary program for the teaching of prayer-based Hebrew. Separate booklets for specific prayers allows us to individualize instruction and for students to work at their own pace. Hineni teaches students to translate key prayer words, identify important roots, suffixes and prefixes, explain the theme of each prayer and connect prayer to its underlying Jewish value. We have a computer lab where students can work independently using the interactive CD's.

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

As our students reach Bar and Bat Mitzvah age they begin individual sessions with our Student Rabbi to work on their Torah and Haftarah portions. Our students learn to read trope (melody) and move from reading their Parsha (Torah portion) with vowels to reading it directly from the Torah scroll without vowels.

T'filah (Prayer in the Sanctuary)

One of the most important aspects of our Torah School curriculum is the practical application of what students are learning in the classroom. In our weekly T'filah, students learn to transfer their Hebrew reading to the Siddur (prayer book). Our short-term goal is the preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah. These weekly T'filah sessions are lead by our Cantor and upcoming B'nai Mitzvah students. More importantly, our long-term goal is that all of our students will be comfortable in attending and participating in any prayer service—wherever they go throughout their lifetimes.

Adult Education – Alef Bet & Prayer

This year we have offered a class for adults in Hebrew reading and in learning the Shabbat prayers. The class meets during our regular school hours and is taught by Torah School teachers. Adult students join the rest of the “kids” for T'filah.

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SACRED STORIES OF HOLY OBJECTS

“The Old Tallit” by Kaila Kaden

The neatly dressed old man sat alone, quietly waiting for the morning Yom Kippur services to begin. Also waiting, I glanced around to survey the congregation when I saw him sitting at the end of the row directly behind me. He wore the usual attire for a man of his age on Yom Kippur, a brown suit with a modestly printed floral tie, tallit wrapped around his shoulders. That tallit, obviously very old, radiated something that I simply could not look away from, and the man was radiant for wearing it. I was curious so I struck up a conversation with him in order to learn more. “*L’Shana Tovah*,” I said to him with a smile. “*L’Shana Tovah*,” he answered, looking at me inquisitively. I told him how special his Tallit looked to me and asked him if he would kindly tell me about it. He smiled broadly - I could see how my question delighted him - and he told me his story.

As a young boy in Poland this man spent every Shabbat and Holiday going to the synagogue with his beloved Grandfather. That tallit had wrapped his Grandfather and he knew every strand and every knot as if it was his own. When he turned 13 and read from the Torah himself for the first time, his Grandfather beamed with pride as he gave this man that tallit. The man went on to tell me that he had another, more modern and more ornate tallit, but this special one was the only one he wore for the High Holy Days because whenever he wore it, he could feel his Grandfather at his side, just like he was on that day so long ago in that tiny Polish village. It wasn’t the most ornate tallit in the synagogue that day, but as the service began and I turned around to open my prayer book, it struck me

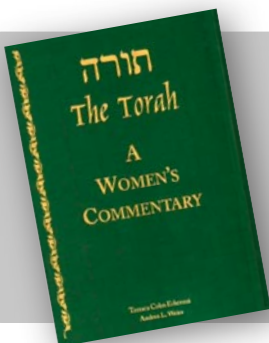


that this tallit was perhaps one of the most special in the room. That tallit and its legacy had connected me - through the nice old man in the brown suit - to a family in a little Polish village, nearly 100 years ago. At that moment, I realized that we really are all connected. *L’Dor Va Dor* was right there behind me on Yom Kippur morning. All of this got me thinking about the many stories of *Klei Kodesh* - Sacred Objects - that surely reside in each of our homes and hearts.

Do you have something special that connects you to your own family, and to your larger Jewish family? Candle Sticks? A Kiddush Cup? A Seder Plate? Perhaps even a cutting board, soup spoons or bag of coins? If these items could tell their stories, what would they say? What would you say to tell their stories if you could be their voice? Now is the time to share these wonderful and unique stories with the rest of your Temple Ner Ami family. These are the details that connect us to our ancestors and to one another. Without them, we are just secular individuals; with them, we are a congregation, a family, a People.

I invite you to tell your story by sending it in an email to me at accounting@templenerami.org or by calling me at the temple office (805) 388-3824. You don’t have to be a world-class writer; I’ll be happy to help you put something together, either from your own notes or through telling your tale to me in your own words. Don’t be shy; each small story binds us together and enriches our Temple Ner Ami community.

May each and every one of you be filled with the joy of being this generation’s link in the chain of our People Israel.



Torah Study: The Women's Perspective

Join us from Noon-1:00 pm
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we shine light on the Torah from
the women’s perspective!

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VISIT TO

ISRAEL

Led by

RABBI MICHAEL LOTKER

MAY 18 – 29, 2011



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ 1 Shabbat in Tel Aviv & 1 Shabbat in Jerusalem.
- ◆ Palmach Museum.
- ◆ Independence Hall.
- ◆ Secret underground munitions factory.
- ◆ Tour ancient port of Jaffa.
- ◆ Roam through Caesarea.
- ◆ Zippori – see mosaic 'Mona Lisa of the Galilee'.
- ◆ Walk through Tel Dan where Rabbi Mike excavated!
- ◆ Visit IDF base on Golan Heights (*pending military's authority*).
- ◆ Have a tasting at the Golan Heights Winery.
- ◆ Browse through mystical city of Safed.
- ◆ Tour Old City of Jerusalem – Jewish & Christian Quarters.
- ◆ Tunnel along Kotel (Western Wall).
- ◆ Yad Vashem – Holocaust Museum & Memorial.
- ◆ Dead Sea Area including Masada.
- ◆ Plant a tree sapling in the hills of Jerusalem.
- ◆ Pay respects at Har Herzl – Israel's military cemetery.
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How do you prepare for the holidays? A lesson from Jacob and his brother Esau.

by Student Rabbi Lisa Bock

My, how time flies! It seems I was just writing about the beginning of the school year, and now we are looking towards Thanksgiving and Chanukah. We have our Jewish calendar merging with our Gregorian calendar, and so this year, our Jewish holidays are early.

The Jewish month of Cheshvan usually coincides with the month of November. This year the last week of Cheshvan overlaps with the first week of November. The first full day of Chanukah will be on December 2nd, so we light our first candle on Wednesday evening December 1st. So we'll have Thanksgiving the last Thursday in November, and Chanukah will be just under a week later.

So we have a lot to prepare for! Cheshvan in the Jewish calendar is the only month that does not have a Jewish holiday. Yes – there is Shabbat each week – and indeed, that is our weekly gift of Sabbath rest and peace, which we can think of as a holiday, certainly a Holy day. But no festivals, no special celebrations. Perhaps this is a kind of resting period after the High Holy Days, and Sukkot.

So how do you prepare for all the holidays – both secular and religious – that come at the end of November and December?

I think that the cooking and gift buying should be an obvious answer, so what I'm really asking is, how do you prepare yourself?

Just this morning, a friend said to me, "I'm looking forward to the holidays." "Really", I said, "So soon?" "Yes, but not the shopping and the craziness...I'm looking forward to the special time with my family – mom, dad, brother, nieces and nephews..."

While many of us genuinely look forward to the holidays, not all of us do. For some of us, it may be a very stressful time, an intense time of personalities, expectations, fears, and even antagonism. Rather than looking forward to holidays, some of us feel more like we're putting on psychic armor and gearing up for battle.

There is a story in the Bible about Jacob and Esau. When their father, Isaac, was dying, Jacob deceived their nearly blind father by impersonating Esau and thus Jacob received Esau's birthright. Esau flies into a rage and swears to kill his brother once the mourning period for their father is over. Jacob flees his brother and his family of birth, and only years later, returns to the lands in which his brother Esau resides. As you can imagine, Jacob is nervous about their meeting again – his brother must still be angry with him, mustn't he? At this point I imagine Jacob donning psychic armor and gearing up for battle with his brother, but seeing how heavy he becomes with this armor, he chooses another path. Indeed, the narrative tells us that next, Jacob prays to God, pours his heart out, and declares himself

unworthy of the bounty in life he has received. That night an angel wrestles with him and neither prevails. As dawn begins to break, the angel tries to leave, but Jacob asks for a blessing. The angel gives Jacob a new name: Israel, meaning to struggle with God. In the morning, Jacob meets up with Esau, and while Jacob is still afraid, Esau greets him with an embrace, and they weep together.

What about this can be helpful to us?



First, there is recognition of past failings. Jacob prays to God and pours his heart out. In the process of praying to God, he does an honest assessment of his self – his past, present, and future, and who he has been in his life. In his wrestling with the angel, he himself changes from Jacob to Israel. When we struggle with something, we ourselves change, the struggle impacts us and when it comes from honesty and truth, it can be transformative.

Second, there is recognition of expectations. It is very clear that Jacob expects the worst in his meeting with Esau. What are our expectations when we meet people with whom we have a history? Jacob is pleasantly surprised when his brother embraces him, and a happy reunion takes place. If we take a moment ahead of time, and imagine ourselves at a holiday or family event – and look honestly and figure out what our expectations are, whether of good things (is it realistic to expect all good things?), or of bad things (is this realistic as well?), and see if we can just allow ourselves to let those expectations go, and instead see things, events, and people newly – just recognize that we have expectations, and let them go.

Third, people can change, and we ourselves can change. Jacob changes and becomes Israel. We are not told what changes may have taken place in Esau and his personality, but clearly Esau is no longer a man who has sworn to kill his brother. People can change, and most importantly, we ourselves have the capacity to change. Again, recognize that we have expectations, including how we think people really are. If we can let these expectations go, we might get a chance to see who is really there.

Fourth, generosity and appreciation go a long way in mending the past and building a future. Jacob recognizes the change in his brother Esau. Their response to one another is an appreciation of one another's place in life, and a generosity to one another. They greet one another, and Jacob introduces his family, and Jacob gives Esau gifts. Esau offers to travel slowly with them and give Jacob and his family men to help them continue their travels. Generosity and appreciation begins with the *willingness* to be generous and appreciative.

May you be blessed with a meaningful and loving holiday season,
Student Rabbi Lisa Bock

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How did I do you asked? I had thought I came in first in my age group. Turns out, I came in second. (Of course, there were only two people in my age group. That means the other person came in next to last). The idea is that I finished and could still walk after the race was over...that is a good thing.

Hope you all came to the **Holiday Boutique.** *Arla Crane*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We hope you will join us for: *A Very Special Shabbat on the fifth Friday of October - October 29th.*

We will begin with a wine and cheese "schmooze" from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, and have a short service from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. After that, you may either go have dinner with friends and/or family, or enjoy a light oneg in the kitchen.

On the *Shabbat after Thanksgiving*, we will be hearing from those young people who have recently been on Birthright trips in Israel. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those students who are home from college to come to Shabbat services and see one another - we'd love to see you and your families!

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Message from Naomi Brill

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To be a sponsor of a Friday night Oneg, what is required is that you bring the pastries to be served (either bought or homemade) and be at the Temple at 7 PM to help with the set-up. We also ask you to stay and help with the clean up of the evening. If you would rather or cannot bring the pastries, then we request a donation to the Temple to cover same. The Temple supplies the grape juice, coffee and paper goods. This is an appropriate way to honor someone.

Thank you again to the gracious people who helped with the Onegs during the last three months. They are:

August: Gail Kleinman, Max & Josephine Freifield, Arlene Cohen, Elvira Cabelli and Kristine Taylor.

September: Beverly & John Kerwein, Sharon Spielman and Jean Shev.

October: Jody & Ari Spritzer, Bobbe & Dale Jacobs, Betty Stallman, Jennifer Greenblatt & Naomi Brill. The Temple and congregation appreciate your donation of food and time to make the Onegs a pleasant and beautiful event.



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Phyllis Slade	Thursday	November 18, 2010	49th anniversary
Ron & Sarene Wallace	Sunday	November 21, 2010	22nd anniversary
Seymour & Myrna Zimmerman	Sunday	November 21, 2010	59th anniversary
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RIDIN' IN THE OZARKS

by Naomi Brill

Yep, that's us - really just sittin' – not ridin' on Katie and Gary's new toy at their new home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and what a treat it was! My friend, Max Heller, and I spent three days with them in their lovely home in a most beautiful area. I am happy to report that they are well and happy but do miss all of you at Temple Ner Ami and send you their warm regards and love. I assured Katie that we miss her pretty smiling face and the warm hugs she showered on all who entered her office at Temple Ner Ami.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Katie know she wouldn't move to just any ordinary Village – no, she and husband, Gary, moved to Hot Springs Village mainly because Katie's brother, Tom Templeton, lives there and because it is a spectacular place! Here are just a few of the amenities they now enjoy: Eight 18-

hole golf courses, 16 tennis courts, 12 lakes totaling over 2,000 acres, over 200 clubs and organizations, an indoor pool plus three outdoor pools and a 650-seat performing arts theatre and community center all in an area comprising 26,000 acres. The place is literally the size of the city of San Francisco! No wonder they like the place!

Katie, Gary and brother Tom did their best to introduce Max and me to the area. We spent one day in Little Rock, the capitol of the state, which has many cultural and unique attractions. We toured the Clinton Museum which certainly is a MUST SEE. It is in a very modern edifice built with much glass and steel housing numerous exhibits depicting the Clinton years in the

White House. The other day was spent touring the historic city of Hot Springs with its 1920s era bath houses, elegant hotels and art exhibits.

On Sunday, September 26, Katie and Gary drove us to the Little Rock Airport for the final flight of our very exciting trip. It is always a wonderful experience to visit new places but to have seen them with such dear friends made it a memorable trip which we'll cherish forever.



Evan Benjamin Spitzer was called to the Torah on October 2nd 2010. Evan's Torah Portion was *Bereisheet*, from the Book of Genesis. The *Mitzvah* project he is working on is helping the Torah school raise money. He volunteered his time at the Temple Fashion Show and the Holiday Boutique.

Evan is a seventh grader at Mesa Verde Middle School in Moorpark, California. He enjoys playing football for the Moorpark Packers, and basketball at Boys & Girls Club of



Garrett Erickson, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Las Colinas Middle School, was called to the Torah October 9th 2010 at Temple Ner Ami. Rabbi Michael Lotker and Cantorial Soloist Karen Dworsky officiated. As part of Garrett's *mitzvah* project, he volunteered at Somis Food Bank and helped collect food and portion out food to be disbursed to the needy. Garrett is the son of Francine and Chip Erickson.

Sisterhood News

Message from Shari Brody & Sonia Lotker

Dear Ladies,

You are cordially invited to attend the first Sisterhood meeting of the new year. It will be held at the Temple on Wednesday, November 3 at 7 PM.

We have planned a lovely evening for you! Our guest speaker will be student Rabbi, Lisa Bock, who will enlighten us with a program entitled *Rosh Chodesh* ~ Re-energizing Ourselves: A celebration of the New Month. Rabbi Lisa is a warm and friendly person whose presentation you will really enjoy!

Our new officers listed at right look forward to welcoming you and talking briefly about the plans for Sisterhood. There will be a raffle! For those who have already paid your dues for this year, you will receive an extra raffle ticket for a drawing that will be held. If you have not as yet joined, please bring your checkbook or cash and sign up that evening. You will also be entered twice in the raffle. Bring a Temple friend and earn 3 more chances to win the raffle!

We look forward to seeing you as a new member or a current one! Dues are \$25.00 for the year. Be there and you could take home a prize! Refreshments will be served.

Co-Presidents: Sonia Lotker & Shari Brody

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Oneg Chairperson: Naomi Brill

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Special Projects: Arlene Cohen

See you on November 3rd!

Shari & Sonia



GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING - NOV 7th

Temple Ner Ami and Temple Beth Torah are proud to be hosting the Ventura County community program for the Global Day of Jewish Learning Nov. 7th. It's a worldwide event to celebrate Jewish learning and the completion of scholar Adin Steinsaltz' translation of the Talmud. Jews all around the globe will study from the same tractate of

Talmud. You don't need to know Hebrew, to have ever studied Talmud before nor be a member of TNA or TBT to join us. 5 rabbis from our community will be leading dynamic and interactive sessions. Each student will have the opportunity to study two different themes during our morning together. Please choose at least 2 sessions; we will try to accommodate everyone's first choice.

All sessions at Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Rd., Ventura, from 9:30AM- 12:15PM.

No charge to attend. Please RSVP at 805-647-4181 ex. 34 or Globalday@templebethtorah.com

Learning Sessions:

- Models of Leadership—Rabbi Alan Henkin of the URJ
- Miracles—Rabbi Gershon Winkler of WalkingStick.org
- Prayer—Rabbi Michael Lotker of Cong. Ner Ami
- Why Get Married? —Rabbi John Sherwood
- Tzedakah—Keeping One's Word
—Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller of Temple Beth Torah

Schedule:

- 9:30 *Kedushat Ha Yom* & Talmud on One Foot—our scholars share their favorite Talmudic tales
- 10:00—Learning Session #1
- 10:45—Break
- 11:00—Learning Session #2
- 12:00 Noon—Siyyum

This event is being co-sponsored by Temple Beth Torah, Temple Ner Ami and the Jewish Federation of Ventura County.



Membership News

Arla Crane, Membership Chair

We are continuing to bring in new members to our wonderful Temple Ner Ami. The time has come to tell a friend! We will be renewing the Gifted Membership Program again this year. A friend can have one year of free membership. Have your friend fill out the Gifted Membership Form available in the office. They can try us out for one year.



Also, we are forming Havurahs. We have a movie Havurah and a Hiking Havurah all ready and waiting for you. Call me at 987-2000, and I tell you all about it. We will also be forming friendship Havurahs. Pick up a form in the office...come join the fun.

See you soon. Arla

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amy Jamieson	Monday	November 1	Eleanor Odenberg	Friday	November 12
Bernice Epstein	Tuesday	November 2	Selma Weiss	Friday	November 12
Bruce Hochstadter	Tuesday	November 2	Chris Richards	Saturday	November 13
Alyse Borla	Wednesday	November 3	Carole Westwood	Monday	November 15
Sheryl Rudie	Wednesday	November 3	Dr. Israel Feingold	Wednesday	November 17
Melvin Kuznets	Friday	November 5	Daniel Harris	Thursday	November 18
Lyn Mesirov	Saturday	November 6	Dr. Cary Alberstone	Friday	November 19
David Henderson	Tuesday	November 9	Charlotte Brandes	Saturday	November 20
Romy Henderson	Tuesday	November 9	Joel Wyenn	Saturday	November 20
Patricia Improta	Wednesday	November 10	Celia Teitell	Sunday	November 21
Loretta Reshes	Thursday	November 11	Joan Taubman	Monday	November 22
Jeff Weinstein	Thursday	November 11	Jennifer Moore	Tuesday	November 23
Tina Wyenn	Thursday	November 11	Elvira Cabelli	Wednesday	November 24

** This table is based on Temple records. If your information is missing or in error, please contact the Temple office.*

Simchat Torah at Temple Ner Ami!



TEMPLE NER AMI

Yahrzeits - November 2010

Friday, November 5, 2010

Martin Burger**.....husband of Lucrecia Burger
Herb Glass.....partner of Freda Weiss
Cindy Russell.....aunt of M/M Collins
Alfred Amerikaner.....husband of Gudula Amerikaner
Rose Marcus.....mother of Naomi Brill
Harry Hersko.....father of Evelyn Selbert
Nana Mary Wildbaum.....Grandmother of Kevin Harmon
Sally Mandel.....sister of David Isaacs
Charles Hochberg.....father of Betty Fink
Abraham Beacher.....father of Libby Pierce
Yolanda Cramer**.....remembered by Jack Schapiro and
Temple Ner Ami
Sam Zatkan.....father of Dr. Allen Zatkan
Bertha Shansby.....aunt of Jean Shev
Cele Weiss.....mother of Renee Stein
Edith Medlevine.....grandmother of Robert Moskowitz
Nellie Rocklin.....mother of Neil Rocklin
Theodora Rosen.....mother of Gerald Rosen
Virginia Clarke.....mother of Michael Clark
Sylvia Heller**.....wife of Max Heller
Edward Pollock.....uncle of Gloria Brodie
Fritzi Schwade.....mother of Bonnie Shubb
David Isador Weisbart.....father of Jan Safran
Ida Benjamin.....mother-in-law of Lorraine Weingardt

Friday, November 12, 2010

Joseph Bergman.....father of Irving Bergman
Garey Cook.....fiancée of Dalya Dektor
Charles Fridberg.....husband of Ruth Fridberg
Samuel Krantz.....father of Marvin Krantz
Zlotta Lertzman.....mother of Della Carmona
Josephine Urbach.....Mother of Cynthia Urbach
William Weinberg.....husband of Doris Weinberg
Carol Linz.....mother of Annelies Regen

Friday, November 19, 2010

Sam Ballonoff.....uncle of Jay Collins
Matthew Beacher.....brother of Libby Pierce
Mary Diamond.....mother-in-law of Israel Feingold
Esther Shev.....mother-in-law of Jean Shev
Shirley Novak.....Great-grandmother of Jennifer Witt
Dora Chorna**.....mother-in-law of Max Heller
Sol Rosen.....Father of Gerald Rosen
Fannie Smith.....grandmother of Dr. Robert Improta
Samuel Cooperman.....father of Gilbert Cooperman
Gus Honick.....husband of Diane Honick
Harry Selbert.....father of Norman Selbert
Barbara Zimmerman.....daughter of Myrna & Seymour
Zimmerman

Friday, November 26, 2010

Maurice Clark.....father of Michael Clark
Morris Stolman.....father of Betty Stallman
Etta Bach.....grandmother of Sarene Wallace
Lorraine Kaplan.....mother of David Kaplan
Nadine Zneimer.....wife of Joel Zneimer
Bobbie Friedman.....mother of Vicki Sharp
Laurie Perr.....husband of Jack Perr, mother of Daniel
Perr
Joe Selber.....husband of Jane Selber
Jacob Uran.....father of Raye Gabriel
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Gussie Kerner.....grandmother of Jan Safran
Blake Werner..... father of Juliaan Howell
Hyman Nathan.....father of Robert Nathan

* Deceased Member

** Name on the Yolanda Cramer Memorial *Yahrzeit* Board

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JEWISH COUNTY FAIR

Temple Ner Ami was a sponsor at the Jewish County Fair at **JCA Shalom** in the Santa Monica Mountains on October 3rd.

There were over 7000 attendees! What a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a large gathering of Jews. Many thanks to Arlene Cohen; Elvira Cabelli; and our college teens Shoshannah Gardner-Frankel and Alicia Cabelli for working at our booth. We had a chance to network and share ideas with other temples and Jewish organizations.

The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

Annual Giving Campaign

Robert M. & Joyce A. Brown
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Honorariums & Memorials

Naomi Brill & Max Heller: Congratulations to Sonny Feingold on his new Granddaughter

Naomi Brill: In Loving Memory of her husband Richard Brill, and her mother Rose Marcus

Florence Budoff: In blessed memory of her sister, Claire Reisner

Lee Edwards: In Honor of Charles Pierce's 90th Birthday

Lee Edwards: In Honor of Della Carmona's 90th Birthday

Sandra Goodwin: Oneg Shabbat Donation in memory of her parents, Kitty & Henry Copeland

Lois F. Harwood: In Honor of Phyllis Mandel's 90th Birthday - to Rabbi's Disc. Fund

Donald & Mildred Seidler: In memory of Emma Goldberg from the Seidler Family

Betty Stallman: In Loving memory of her husband, Edwin Stallman

Jack & Marlene Votion: In loving memory of Jack Votion, Sr.

Muriel Rosenkranz: In loving memory of her mother, Jennie Tenenbaum

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Joseph Aaronson & Irene Olson: In Honor of Joe Aaronson's 90th Birthday from Irene Olson

Charles & Libby Pierce in loving memory of Libby's late mother, Emma Beacher

Jaffe Library Fund

Robert M. & Joyce A. Brown: In Honor of Phyllis Mandel's 90th Birthday

Music Fund

Harriet Lit: For Karen Dworsky, Sharon Spielman, Danny Lesser & Choir in honor of Hilda Pergament

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Seymour & Myrna Zimmerman: In Honor of Phyllis Mandel's 90th Birthday

Irene Olson: In loving memory of her mother, Natalie Brody

Torah School Principal's Chair

Jay & Arla Crane

Naomi Brill: In Honor of Arla Crane running the marathon

Howard & Shari Brody: In Honor of Arla Crane & in Loving Memory of Art Slade

Dalya Dektor: In honor of Arla Crane/In Memory of Dalya's Grandparents

David & Sandra Fischler: Congratulations to Arla Crane on her marathon

Saul Lessler & Julia Newman: In Honor of Arla Crane

Dr. Gary Lieb & Dr. Cathy Kim: In honor of Arla Crane

Rabbi Michael Lotker & Sonia Banon: In honor of Arla Crane

Jack & Marlene Votion: In Honor of Arla Crane

TORAH SCHOOL SESSIONS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1	Regular session
3	Regular session
8	Regular session
10	Regular session
12	Family Shabbat Service <i>led by the 7th Grade (Dinner)</i>
13	Parents-Night-Out (6:00-10:00)
15	Regular session
17	JOLT – Visit to Candle Factory
20	B'nai Mitzvah Family Education (Saturday – 9:30-12:30)
22	Regular session <i>Junior Youth Group 6:15 -7:30</i>
24	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
26	Tot Shabbat Dinner and Family Program (5:45-7:15) College Students Shabbat
29	Regular session

DECEMBER

1	Regular session – Camp Kadimah Hanukah
3	Hanukah Shabbat
4	Bat Mitzvah – <i>Shoshannah Steinberg</i>
6	Regular session + Camp Kadimah Hanukah
8	Regular session
10	Family Shabbat Service <i>led by the 6th Grade (Dinner)</i>
11	Bar Mitzvah – <i>Griffin D'Inca</i>
13	Regular session
15	Regular session
20	Winter Vacation
22	Winter Vacation
27	Winter Vacation
29	Winter Vacation

Teen Connection Calendar 2010 - 2011

➔ **NAUTY - 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30-8:30**

Weekend social activities to be announced

➔ **Place of Our Own - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30**

NOVEMBER

Mon	1	NAUTY
Wed	10	Place of Our Own
Sat	13	Parents-Night-Out (6:00-10:00) **Need help with babysitting
Mon	15	NAUTY
Wed	24	NO SESSION – Thanksgiving
Fri	26	College Students Shabbat
Mon	29	NAUTY

DECEMBER

Fri	3	Hanukah Shabbat
Mon	6	NAUTY
Fri-Sun	10-12	FALL KALLAH (Retreat)
Wed	15	Place of Our Own
Dec. 20 – Jan. 4		WINTER VACATION

TEMPLE NER AMI - November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween	1 4:15pm - Torah School @	2 Election Day	3 11:30am - ORT Donor 12pm - Torah-Woman's 4:15pm - Torah School @ 7pm - Sisterhood Meeting	4 10am - ORT Board Meeting 12:30pm - Lunch N' Learn	5 10am - ORT Board Meeting 7:30pm - Shabbat Service	6 9:30am - Torah Study @
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30am - Global Day of 5pm - Child Storytime @	8 4:15pm - Torah School @	9	10 12pm - Torah-Woman's 4:15pm - Torah School @ 7pm - Board of Directors	11 Veterans Day 12:30pm - Lunch N' Learn	12 6pm - 7th Grade Families 7:30pm - Shabbat Service	13 9:30am - B'nai Mitzvah 9:30am - Torah Study @ 6pm - Parents Night Out @
14	15 4:15pm - Torah School @	16	17 JOLT Candle Factory Tour 12pm - Torah-Woman's 4:15pm - Torah School @	18 12:30pm - Lunch N' Learn	19 7:30pm - Shabbat Service	20 9:30am - Torah Study @ 6:30pm - MOVIE NIGHT @
21	22 9:30am - City of Hope 4:15pm - Torah School @	23	24 12pm - Torah-Woman's 4:15pm - No School Today	25 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving	26 OFFICE CLOSED 5:45pm - Tot Shabbat 7:30pm - College Student	27 9:30am - Torah Study @
28	29 4:15pm - No Torah School	30	1 12pm - Torah-Woman's 4:15pm - Torah School @	2 1st Day of Hannukah @ 10am - ORT Board Meeting 12:30pm - Lunch N' Learn	3 7:30pm - Hannukah	4 Shoshanah Steinberg Bat 9:30am - Torah Study @

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November Outside Organizational Meetings



CITY OF HOPE - GENERAL MEETING
(Not Meeting at the Temple in November)
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

CITY OF HOPE - BOARD MEETING
Monday November 22, 2010 - 9:30 AM
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

HADASSAH GENERAL MEETING
Now meeting at "The Center for Spiritual Living"
Natalie Rosen - Co-President 805-484-3523
Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222

ORT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 4, 2010 - 10am
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

ORT Donor Celebration - Aloha Restaurant
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 - 11:30 am
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Tues-Wed 7-8:15 pm,
Sat. 6:30-7:30 pm,
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