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June 5th Dinner to Celebrate our 1st Year at "The Temple on Temple Avenue"

What better way to celebrate our first birthday here at our new location, than to get up for Israeli dancing, and then sit down to enjoy a great meal amongst your Jewish friends afterwards!

And that is just what the Temple's Anniversary dinner is going to be. It will be at the Temple, with the dancing starting just after 4 PM on Sunday, June 5th.

Our Israeli dance instructor, Janie Bernard, brings expertise, enthusiasm and twenty years of experience as an instructor, choreographer and performer of Israeli Dance for children and adults in the U.S. and Israel. Janie teaches and leads favorite, traditional "Oldies" plus new upbeat Israeli dances.

After the dancing we will enjoy a barbecue dinner prepared under the direction of our "in house" master chef, Steve Moore. He has plans to prepare a buffet of both barbeque and teriyaki chicken, complemented with plenty of all the traditional fixins!

A brief anniversary ceremony followed by dinner will commence around 6 PM. Dinner seating will be on a first come, first seated basis so don't be late!

We must know how much food to prepare so a reservation or purchase of a ticket in advance is a must. Bring your check for \$18 for adults, or \$9 for children to the office, or give us a call with your credit card info and we can mail your tickets, or hold them for you.



Does Prayer Work?

by Rabbi Michael Lotker

Does prayer work? Yes. I am certain that it does! Central to understanding what I mean by

this is understanding what I mean by “prayer” and by “work.”

It is easy to confuse prayer with magic and God with the Supreme Magician. Magical prayer suggests that if I can just say the right words (in Hebrew certainly) at the right time (Shabbat, Pesach, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) maybe accompanied by the right ritual (a tallit around my shoulders, maybe *teffilin* around my arm and head and bowing, standing and going up on my toes at just the right moment), then God will listen to my pleas and do what I ask. The goal of this effort is to make *my will* and desires *God’s will*. One would hope that the prayer would be for something noble like peace, healing the illnesses of friends and family, protection for our soldiers, comfort for the victims of the world’s problems and avoiding those ills ourselves. But sometimes, it has to do with the next big test, an important date or the lottery.

It’s interesting that this is the kind of prayer that scientists love to study. My understanding is that when fairly and scientifically examined in a true double blind controlled study, this kind of magical prayer is proved not to work. For example, if a group of people are praying for person A but not for person B, and A and B are not aware of these prayers, there does not seem to be any effect. Surprise of surprises, magic, even religious magic, doesn’t work!

But consider a slight variation on this approach which I will call *majestic* prayer. In majestic prayer, the idea is

that if I can just say the right words (in Hebrew perhaps) at the right time (Shabbat, Pesach, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) maybe accompanied by the right ritual (a tallit around my shoulders, maybe *teffilin* around my arm and head and bowing, standing and going up on my toes at just the right moment), then I can better set my mind and will so that *God’s will* and commandments will become *my will*.

I love the way that our old prayer book, *The Gates of Prayer*, puts it (page 81): “Pray as if everything depended on God; act as if everything depended on you. Who rise from prayer better persons, their prayer is answered.”

The God I believe in is not some kind of cosmic Amazing Randy who can and will work miracles that violate the laws of nature if the requester knows the secret formula for the request. The God I believe in is a Teacher and Law Giver who has told us what we need to do to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of people around us. But it’s not easy and it doesn’t come naturally. We have to remind ourselves what is ethical and noble (through study and prayer) and organize ourselves into mitzvah teams to do this work (this is why I have no problem with “organized” religion).

I know and I’m sure that you know that this prayer works. These kinds of mitzvah teams (Jewish and otherwise) feed the hungry, treat the ill, comfort the bereaved, and even risk their very lives often for the sake of people they have never met. This kind of prayer has changed my life and can change yours.

Majesty not Magic. God’s will becoming my will and not the other way around. Amen!



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Plain Talk about Temple Finances

by Nadine Frankel, Executive Leadership Team

Your Board of Directors has realized that it is essential that each of our members have a clear understanding of the financial needs of our temple. Although financial information is shared at our annual meeting and can be made available on request any time, we are aware that being presented with columns of figures does not always lead to clarity. We want each of you to get “the big picture.” Our basic annual operating expenses have been approximately \$330,000 per year. This includes rent, clergy, cantorial services, wages, utilities, and Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) dues. We receive \$148,000 per year in dues (based on 2009-2010 figures.) With 197 memberships, this comes to an average dues received of approximately \$750. Other sources of income such as Torah school tuition, annual giving, High Holiday pledges, general donations, and fundraising have not closed the gap between our expenses and income.

How have we managed? We have reduced our expenses by moving to a shared space, decreasing the Rabbi's hours, and becoming delinquent on our URJ dues. We have spent the money that Shirley Sussman bequeathed, money the board had put in a general building fund. Our Torah school principal, Julia Newman, has worked without pay since she took over this position. Recognizing that it is unfair to ask critical professional staff to work without compensation, our indomitable Arla Crane raised a substantial amount of money to fund the principal's position, much of it by running marathons. These sources are not available to us now. There is no more general building fund. Arla cannot be expected to raise this kind of money again, nor can we ask Julia to continue to work without compensation. In addition some of our most generous members have moved and left the temple.

While we will always have fundraisers and giving campaigns, it is critical that we raise more revenue through dues. Dues should cover at least 90% of our fixed, basic operating expenses. Then we can use other income that comes in to build up our reserves (which are presently close to zero), replenish our general building fund in order to honor the wishes of our benefactor, become current in our URJ dues in order to support our parent organization as our members support Temple Ner Ami, and use as seed money for a pre-school.

In order to achieve our goals, your board has decided to raise

annual membership dues. We hope you will see your new dues as a guide only and will pledge more if you are able, in order to make up for the many congregants who cannot pay their full dues. Although Temple Ner Ami is a business in the sense that we have bills that must be paid in order for us to operate, we hope you will not think of your temple as a fee-for-service business. We are not like a country club or gym where you are charged a certain fee and can't join if you can't pay. Ner Ami is more like a co-op where each member contributes as much as he or she can.

Many of our members who are in special discounted categories and can pay more, give generously at other opportunities throughout the year. While all donations are always appreciated, we would like you to consider adding what you can to your annual dues pledge as a first priority, and as a secondary priority, give at other opportunities as you are able. The reason for this is that dues pledges give us a predictable source of income that we can use for our budget. Fundraisers are difficult to count on. They require a chairperson and a committee with the time and energy to devote and the outcome can be unpredictable. An example of this is the Cantors concert, which was promoted and tickets sold, but had to be cancelled because the Cantors could not get passports. Another example is the Hanukkah Boutique, where attendance was low due to rain.

Members of Temple Ner Ami do not have to be persuaded of the importance of maintaining our Jewish home for worshiping, learning, gathering, and preserving our heritage for future generations. You already believe this. That is why you are members. Armed with the knowledge of the financial issues we face, we can work together to keep our temple's eternal light burning.





TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!

Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair

How would you like to see your name in lights? Well, maybe not exactly lights but in print right here in your Temple's newsletter? Just offer to be one of the sponsors of an Oneg and I promise to print your name in the Megillah!

All you have to do is call me at (805) 388-8511 and tell me on what Friday night you wish to sponsor an Oneg and whether it is to honor someone or in memory of one of your loved ones. You can either buy some of the goodies, bake them yourself, or write a check and I'll do the baking or shopping for you. Call me and I'll give you even more particulars regarding this easy way for you to help your Temple function.



The members who so graciously sponsored an Oneg during the month of May were:

Della Carmona in memory of her father, Keos Lertzman.

Elva Levine in memory of her son, Ron Levine.

Joan and Paul Taubman in honor of their first great-grandson, Carter Lee Foos.

Many thanks to all of you from a grateful congregation. You helped make the social hour after services enjoyable, fattening and fun!

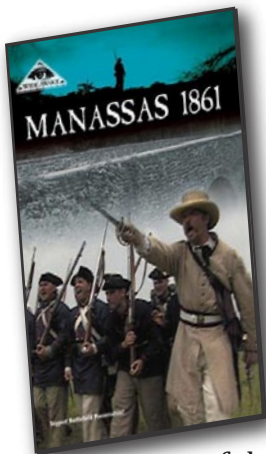
Jews & Lutherans: More Alike Than Different

California Lutheran University president Chris Kimball, Ph.D., and Rabbi Mike will share their insights on the modern and historical relationship of their religions at a free presentation, "Jews and Lutherans: More Alike than Different." The event is open to anyone interested in attending and will be held **7-8:30 p.m., June 2**, at Temple Ner Ami.

CLU President Emeritus Howard Wennes will give introductory remarks on the history of Jewish-Lutheran relations. Rabbi Mike and Dr. Kimball will discuss the history of each faith and the many similarities between the two. Rabbi Mike, author of *A Christian's Guide to Judaism* (Paulist Press, 2004), will describe how the two faiths can move forward as one community. Kimball will present the many opportunities for Jewish students at CLU. Time will be set aside for questions and answers, and refreshments will be served.

"This outreach program will enable us to learn more about each other's history, theology and practices. By discovering our similarities rather than dwelling on our differences we can form not only acceptance but friendships as well," said Kimball.

About Dr. Kimball: As the president of CLU since 2009, Kimball is a widely published author and speaker on academic affairs. He is highly regarded in academic circles and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America university network for his deep understanding of Lutheran higher education. Kimball received his master's and doctorate degrees in history.



MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT MAY 28 - 6:30 PM

On Saturday, May 28th, Dale & Bobbe Jacobs will host a screening of *Manassas 1861*. This documentary, performed by Civil War living historians, tells the story of the first battle

of the American Civil War. After the movie, the Jacobs' (dressed in period costumes) will hold a discussion on Judaism during the Great War Between the States. Learn about Jews and the slave trade, the Jewish home front and life on the field of combat. The movie was created using primary accounts of the frontline soldiers and massive scale reenactment battle formations. The film provides an authentic view of the uniforms, strategy and innocence that so colorfully shaped the First Battle of Manassas.

Steve Moore will be cooking hot dogs and we'll have other goodies too. Come early to get your movie snacks!



Spotlight on Volunteers!

by Shari Brody

I would like to invite all of our volunteers to a very special **Appreciation Shabbat Service on June 24th at 7:30 PM.**

Many of them have generously given of their time, effort and talent which has made a huge difference during the first year in our new Temple. Our wonderful volunteers have done some remarkable things and if you look around you will see how much like "home" our Temple looks.

This group includes our Board of Directors, Sisterhood Board members, weekly people (library, Oneg, office helpers), special event Chair people and committees (Purim Carnival, Passover Seder, luncheons, dinners, etc.), MEGILLAH proof reader(s) and people who come right in when a need arises, just to name a few. Then there are the people who are always at the Temple doing something...or those who pitch in to help with the cleaning up...

Our thank you list includes:

Karen Baratta, Stan Baratta, Jon Bogen, Pam Bogen, Naomi Brill, Howard Brody, Jennifer Brown, Ann Burke, Elvira Cabelli, Arla Crane, Jay Crane, Arlene Cohen, Raja Desenberg, Aaron Dvoretzky, Ayla Dvoretzky, Rena Dvoretzky, Chip Erickson, Francine Erickson, Nadine Frankel,

Claire Goldstein, Sylvia Goldstein, Amy Goltz, Gary Goltz, Sharon Green, Karin Greenberg, Alison Grossmann, Marc Grossmann, Nolan Grossman,

Dan Harris, Kim Hoenig,

Bobbe Jacobs, Dale Jacobs, Becky Kamola, Russell Kamola, Reva Kern, Chana Kreitzer, Sholmo Kreitzer, John Kerwien, Beverly Kerwien, Karen Keys, Avram Kohls,

Saul Lessler, Cathy Lieb, Gary Lieb, Harriet Lit, Lenny Lowenschuss, Sonia Lotker,

Phyllis Mandel, Heather Moch, Helen Moch, Steve Moore, Jennifer Moore,

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Christine Taylor, Joe Taylor, Alan Treitman,

Marlene Votion, Sarene Wallace, Carole Warren.

If I missed anyone, please let me know as it was unintentional. You can become a volunteer even if you only have a couple of hours now and then. The more people we can count on to help, the better the Temple becomes, and the more that we can do!



Bravo!

Temple Ner Ami's own Lynne West was named the 2011 **Youth Advocate of the Year** at the National Association of Women Business Owners Ventura County (NAWBO) 13th Annual Bravo Awards in May. The theme for this year's award was "Celebrating Women Who Believe and Achieve." As the CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County since 1987, Lynne is definitely a women who believes and achieves.

NAWBO Ventura County, a chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, is dedicated to promoting economic development, creating innovating change in the business culture, building strategic alliances and transforming public policy within and beyond the women business owner community.

Way to go, Lynne!



Cheder Chappenings

by Julia Newman

I thought it would make for a fun column to give you a list of some of the activities, events, and programs that occurred during this school year for Torah School and Teen Connection. It is by no means an exhaustive list—but when you read through it, you’ll see it’s been exhausting—but of course, educational, inspirational, nutritional, recreational and spiritual. Here it goes-- the ABC’s or should I say the Alef-Bet of Torah School and Teen Connection:

Abilities Awareness Fair, Adult Education, Alef-Bet, Art Bar-b-Cue, Basketball, Baking Challah, Birthright, B’nai Mitzvah, Bowling Camp Kadimah, Candle Factory, Consecration Dancing, D’var Torah Extreme Haverim (summer camp) Fall Kallah, Family Education Graduating Seniors Shabbat Hanukah, Hillel (CSUCI), Holocaust Education Israel

JOLT, Jewish Literacy, Junior Youth Group Kibbutzing, Klezmer, Kugel Life Cycle Madrichim, Martial Arts, Mitzvah Projects, Museum of Tolerance, Music NAUTY (teens) Overnight campout at the Temple Place of Our Own, Pizza, Planting, Power Point, Prayer, Purim Carnival Quiet-time. Not! Rehearsals Sacred Choices, Shabbaton (retreat), Shabbat services, Simchat Torah, Sky High Jump, Snack, Spring Kallah, Sukkot, Swim Party, Sycamore Canyon Ten Commandments, Teen Dinner, T’filah, Torah, Tot Shabbat, Tzedakah Underwood Farms Vonderful Zeides & Bubbies Weekly Parasha Xcellent students and teachers Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha atz’maut, Yom Ha Zikaron **ZANY, WONDERFUL FIRST YEAR AT THE TEMPLE ON TEMPLE!**



Wagons Hidey Ho!!

We all piled onto the tractor-drawn wagon and we were off to pick strawberries. Our final JOLT (Jews Out Learning Together) event of the year was a trip to Underwood Farms. We had a wonderful turnout of families from around Ventura County and even from Chatsworth



and Northridge! We set up camp in the Pony Paddock, our own private picnic area, where we had plenty of goodies to eat.

We visited the Animal Center, picked fresh strawberries, played in the kids corral and saw a live animal show featuring **Lucy**, the pot-bellied pig, **Bingo** the black Lab, and **King Henry** the rooster.

And what about that proud peacock!



Chicken Soup on the Bimah??!! Yes!

That's exactly what occurred during the Pre-K & Kinder Shabbat service in May. Our youngest students introduced themselves in Hebrew (*Ani I am*) and asked each other "How are you?" (*Ma nishma*)? They sang songs about Shabbat, prepared the Shabbat table with candles, wine and a challah and said the blessings.

The finale of the program was an hysterical rendition of making chicken soup—along with a pot, a rubber chicken and all the vegetables. *Galia Lapidot-Boaz* has been the teacher for this wonderful class.



Photos courtesy of Saul Lessler

Tikkun Olam: תְּקוּן הָעוֹלָם



Food of the Month: **Cereal**

We would appreciate donations of: hot cereal, cold cereal, and cereal bars. Remember, cereal is not just a breakfast food. Thanks for all of your generous food contributions for the Somis Pantry. New volunteers are also appreciated at our monthly distribution site. Please contact Julia Newman for more information.

Don't forget our carpools to Temple. If you need a ride or can drive someone else, please call me and I'll try to arrange a match.

Harriet Lit, 805-484-9119



Teen Haverim is a summer outing and mitzvah program for Jewish teens entering grades 6–12. The program meets after summer school is over for the day, approximately 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Two afternoons a week are devoted to just going out and having fun together and one afternoon a week is planned as a community service/ *tikkun olam* project. Two adult advisors will join the teens every afternoon.



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Community Shabbat – June 3rd

by Rabbi Mike Lotker

Thanks to sponsorship by the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, we are in for a very special Shabbat celebration on Friday June 3rd to be held at Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Road in Ventura, CA 93004. We will be introduced to an innovation called “Visual T’filah (Prayer).” In this concept, which I saw at a recent rabbis’ convention, the words of the prayers are projected onto a screen, eliminating the need to hold and read the prayer book. But it is really much more. As you will see this evening, the images projected deepen the meaning of the prayers and make the service more of a whole body and soul experience. Although the service will take place at Temple Beth Torah, it will be a joint service of our two communities.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE AT TEMPLE NER AMI ON TEMPLE AVENUE ON JUNE 3RD.

Even beyond this, we are invited to join Temple Beth Torah for two programs that they routinely hold on their first Friday of each month. For our youngest (Kindergarten and below), there will be a Tot Shabbat at 6:00PM. For everyone, there will be a community catered, “family friendly” dinner at 6:30PM. The meal will cost \$13 for adults, \$6.50 for children with check payable to Temple Beth Torah. Please RSVP (by email at volunteer@templebethtorah.com if you like) and send in your checks by Thursday, June 2nd.

In order to make it possible for all of us to easily attend the service (and to save gas), Mark Malloy will help organize car pools. If you can offer a ride or need a ride please call him at the Temple as soon as possible and we will do everything we can.

For more info on Visual T’filah, see www.ccarnet.org/vt.

I hope you will make plans to attend this program.

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- 4) Grants & more



I am a licensed financial services business owner, but have been focusing on helping parents to be in the best position possible to fund a college education for their children. Let me show you how to avoid making mistakes now, that could cost you later.

Date: Thursday, June 9th at 7:15 pm

Place: Temple Ner Ami Library

Materials: Bring a Notebook & your Calendar

RSVP as soon as possible to: [Andrew Greenberg, 805-204-8418](mailto:Andrew.Greenberg@amgfinancial.com)

NOTE: I will be setting up complimentary initial appointments to go over your specific needs, so bring your Calendar. Also note, Grand Parents are more than welcome to attend.

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Brad & Elvira Cabelli - Wednesday June 1, 25th
- William & Helen Gardner - Friday June 10, 53rd
- Gregg & Sharon Hartman - Friday June 10, 21st
- Jay & Arla Crane - Monday, June 13, 31st
- Jerry Lewine & Sheryl Rudie - Monday, June 13, 36th
- Charles & Libby Pierce - Monday, June 13, 57th
- Richard & Ellen Brand - Thursday, June 16, 37th
- Gerald & Natalie Rosen - Thursday, June 16, 54th
- Donald & Mildred Seidler - Saturday, June 18, 67th
- Cary & Lisa Alberstone - Sunday, June 19, 49th
- James & Christy Kadin - Friday, June 24, 38th
- Allan & Nicole Sadowsky - Friday, June 24, 11th
- Max & Josephine Freifield - Tuesday, June 28, 8th

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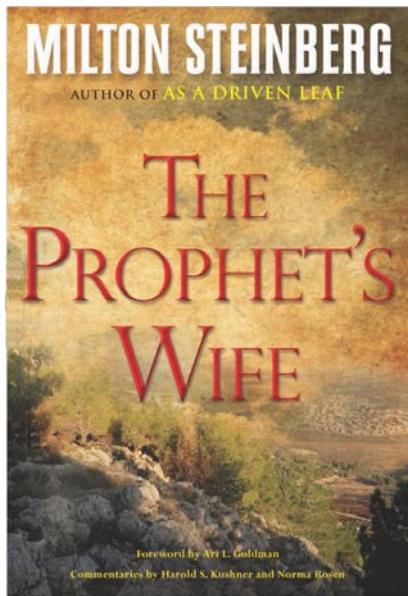
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Leegant, Joan

WHEREVER YOU GO -Three lives caught in the grip of a volatile and demanding faith in one of the most disturbing elements in Israeli society

Steinberg, Milton

THE PROPHET'S WIFE - History of Biblical event in the time of Hosea

SISTERS IN DA' HOOD News

Our Mimouna Celebration was an absolute success. It was very well attended. If you were unable to participate, we hope you will join us next year. Our professional Croatian performer (Natasha Senkovitch) gave an amazing belly dancing performance. She introduced us to various belly dancing styles such as: cane dancing, sword dancing, Egyptian dancing, veil dancing, and much more. After her performance, Natasha made herself available to answer questions, and joined us for our Mimouna celebration.

“Mimouna is a Moroccan Jewish tradition that brought together members of the Moroccan community – Jewish and Muslim – on the last night of Passover. Families, neighbors and friends would stroll from home to home, sharing sweets and greetings as part of a communal celebration. This celebration is now celebrated at many Jewish Temples throughout the US, as well as Canada.”

The traditional Mimouna table displays a large variety of sweets and pastries, as well as many symbolic items. Moroccan Mint tea is usually served. Our own Mimouna table was beautifully decorated with silk tablecloths, gorgeous flowers and hand made Moroccan copper platters. A big Toda Raba to all the ladies who brought a large assortment of Middle Eastern pastries, fruit platters, assorted nuts and dried fruit, and delicious “American” cookies.

The most common explanation for the origin of Mimouna has to do with its name – this celebration is most often linked to the birthday of Rabbi Maimon, the father of Maimonides (Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon). Mimouna is also portrayed as a festival of emuna (faith), because of the phonetic similarity between the words.

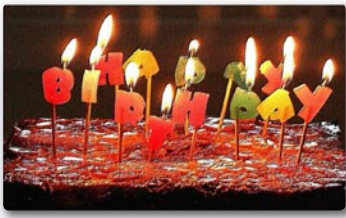
The Mimouna holiday greeting is: “Tarbakhu u-tsa’adu” - meaning, “May you have success and good luck.”

Sonia Lotker & Shari Brody
Co-Presidents



SAVE THE DATE:

**October 22nd – Temple Casino Night
at the Boys & Girls Club in Camarillo**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gretchen O. Laskey	Thursday	June 2, 2011
Andrew Greenberg	Friday	June 3, 2011
Sara Scheerger	Saturday	June 4, 2011
Cassandra Posner	Tuesday	June 7, 2011
Helene Scherer	Thursday	June 9, 2011
Pamela Bogen	Friday	June 10, 2011
Robin Elliott	Saturday	June 11, 2011
Richard Lefkovits	Saturday	June 11, 2011
Sandra Fischler	Sunday	June 12, 2011
Stephen Miller	Wednesday	June 15, 2011
Shirley S. Heller	Friday	June 17, 2011
Steve Moore	Tuesday	June 21, 2011
Paul Needham	Tuesday	June 21, 2011
Lucrecia Burger	Wednesday	June 22, 2011
Alice Babich	Thursday	June 23, 2011
Dr. Claudio Burstein	Thursday	June 23, 2011
Michael Bogen	Sunday	June 26, 2011
Marc Grossmann	Monday	June 27, 2011
Sy Blau	Wednesday	June 29, 2011

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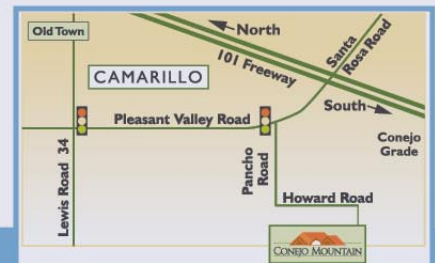
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Behind Our Tree of Life Leaves – The Rest of the Story

by Harriet Lit

(Harriet recently purchased Tree of Life leaves to honor her mother and late husband. Here is her story. Ed.)

My mom was always the person I wanted to hang out with. She was more fun than most of the girls my own age. She was orphaned at about age 5 and grew up in the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphan Assylum (BHOA). I benefitted from her courage and strength. She was always ready to have fun in a creative way. She used to show me how to make something from nothing. For example: an empty shoe box became a doll carriage or a train or a place to hide treasures. I became a hit with my grandchildren doing similar creative activities. She also taught me a very long nightly prayer which I have repeated for about 60 years. My own children gave up. She used to use

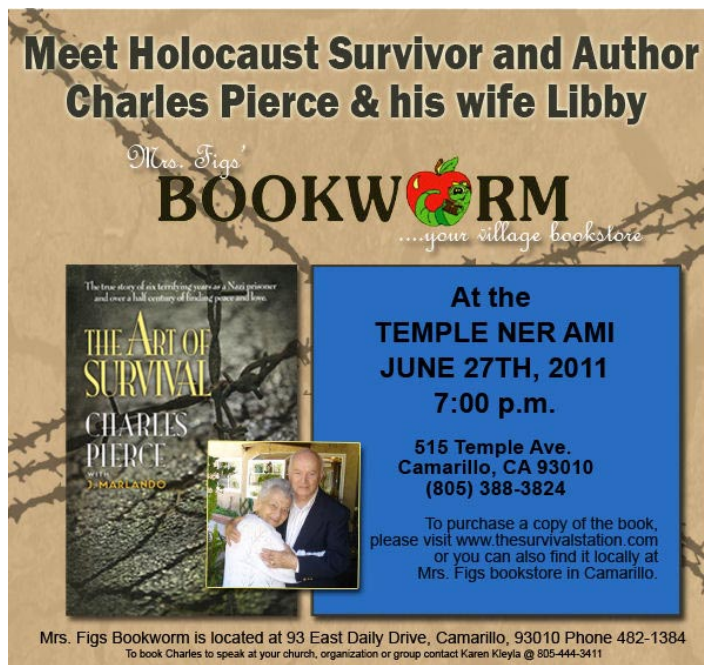
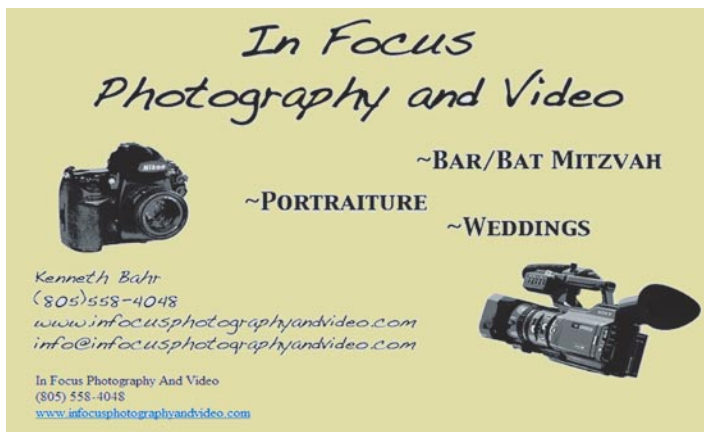
this as a way to get my sister and myself to go to sleep. She said we weren't permitted to speak after we said, "Amen" and we fell for that.

At about 85, she and my dad left Brooklyn and moved to Leisure Village. Now, at 95, she has moved into Emeritus Assisted Living, and she is having a wonderful time. I haven't heard her laugh so much in years. She is really involved in activities and people around her.....and sometimes, I feel left out.

Morty: my late second husband was the light of my life (no pun intended since our last name is Lit). He brought me back to my Jewish roots and encouraged me to become a Bat Mitzvah.

He was the widower of my best friend when I lived in West Hills. His first wife's name was Harriet Lit also. It was very confusing to friends and family, so we called each other: "the other Harriet" When we fell in love and married I was living in Portland, Oregon and he moved up there to be with me and also to give me a chance to adjust to being Harriet Lit without other people saying, "but you're not Harriet Lit". We could never have her Yahrtzeit celebrated in Temple because people would think that I had passed.

There are many more stories about how this was a love that was meant to be.



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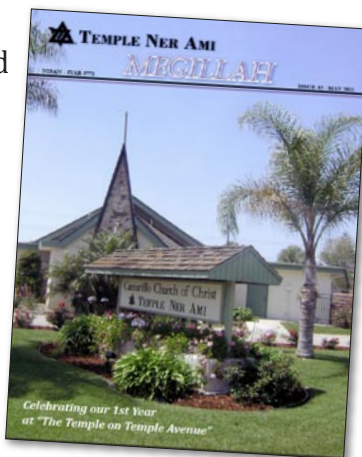


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TEMPLE NER AMI

Yahrzeits - June 2011

Friday, June 3, 2011

Irene Newman**.....mother of Julia Newman
Hyman Zaid.....Father of Sadita Ovadia
William Kreitzer.....father of Shlomo Kreitzer
Abraham I Mandel.....husband of Phyllis Mandel
Sarah Ovadia.....Mother of David Ovadia
Michael Short.....son of Marvin & Carol Short
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Alice Taylor Struhl.....sister of Ethel Ellenbogen
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Irwin Kushner.....husband of Anne Kushner
Mollie Samuels Rubin.....grandmother of Claudia Yorke
David Weire.....father of Renee Stein
Shirley Minter.....mother of Lisa Alberstone
Albert Weingardt.....husband of Lorraine Weingardt

Friday, June 10, 2011

Sam Bookbinder.....father of Helene Scherer
Marie Mandel.....mother of Jean Shev
Betty Finsten.....mother of Mark Finsten
Ruth S. Jacobson.....mother of Shari Brody
John H. Kerwien.....father of John Kerwien
Aaron Bonderman**.....husband of Margie Bonderman, z”l
Jacob Lotker.....grandfather of Rabbi Michael Lotker
Herbert Pritz.....grandfather of Danalynn Pritz
Ida Sylvia Stein.....mother-in-law of Renee Stein
Elizabeth Wechsler.....mother of Kenneth Wechsler
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Jonas Spiegel.....father of Frank Spiegel z”l
Fanny Selekovic.....mother of Frank Spiegel z”l
Klara Aller.....grandmother of Mariana Krastein
William Smith.....father of Jill Brody

Friday, June 17, 2011

Jane Kaden.....mother of James Kadin
Lena Klemptner.....mother of Sarah Brejensky
Mary Clarke.....mother of Susan Miller
Celia Valentine.....mother of Sylvia Leventhal
William Bailess**grandfather of Stacy Lowenschuss
Benjamin Ira Holzman.....husband of Gail Wander Holzman
Louis Pomerantz.....father of Karen Rosenstein
Edward Harris.....father of Pam Bogen
Ida Shvarts.....grandmother of Greg Krastein
Edward Fine.....husband of Jane Fine
Shirley Cohen.....sister-in-law of Renny Goldich

Friday, June 24, 2011

Henry Nadler.....father of Clarice Shapiro
Isadore Acker.....husband of Ruth Acker
Rose Epstein.....mother-in-law of Bernice Epstein
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The Temple's *Yahrzeit* Board has spaces available for remembering loved ones who have passed away. The requested donation for memorial plaques on the *Yahrzeit* Board is \$350.00 per plaque.



MOVIE NIGHT

JUNE 25TH - 6:30 PM

In **BEE SEASON**, a wife and mother begins a downward emotional spiral, as her husband avoids their collapsing marriage by immersing himself in his 11-year-old daughter's quest to become a spelling bee champion. This movie, fascinating in its own right, is even more interesting because of its many Kabbalistic overtones.

Kvell Kolumn (July Megillah)

We'll be featuring your kids' accomplishments. You may write about academic honors, athletic awards, graduations, new jobs (college-kids), or just what makes your kid great! I'll need your entries by June 15th. Send them at any time via eMail to Julia Newman at: educator@templenerami.org

Torah School Sessions & Events

- Wed May 25 **Year-end Party for Torah School Teacher Appreciation**
- Wed June 1 **Year-End Pool Party for Senior Teens**

JUNE 28 – AUGUST 11, SUMMER HAVERIM – CAMP PROGRAM

- Sat July 16 Bar Mitzvah *Daniel Siela*
- Sat Aug 13 Bat Mitzvah *Hannah Harris*
- Sat Aug 20 Bar Mitzvah *Adam Sookikian*

Torah School & Teen Connection Resume: Monday, September 12th

JUNE Outside Organization Meetings



CITY OF HOPE - GENERAL MEETING

No Regular Meeting This Month
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

CITY OF HOPE - BOARD MEETING

Monday June 27, 2011 - 9:30 AM
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

HADASSAH GENERAL MEETING

Regular Mtg. 6/6 Noon, Board Meeting 6/20, 10am
Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222
Roberta Weinstein - Co-President 805-383-7573

ORT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 2nd, 2011 - 10am
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

ORT General Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd, 2011 - 11:30 am
Theater Party, June 26th, 1:30 pm
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tues-Wed 7-8:15 pm,
Sat. 6:30-7:30 pm,
Sunday (Men only) 7-8 am

TEMPLE NER AMI - June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Jun 1	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29	30	31		2	3	4
	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY @ Temple office Closed Today 12:30p CANCELLED-Lunch N' Learn		12p Torah-Woman's Perspective 7:30p Judaism 101	10 ORT Board Meeting 7p Lutherans & Jews:	8p Tot Shabbat @ TBT Ventura 6:30p Community Dinner @ TBT Vent 7:30p Community Shabba Service @		9:30 Torah Study
5p Anniversary Dinner & Dancing	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12p Hadassah Regular Mtg. 12:30p Lunch N' Learn	12p Torah-Woman's Perspective 7p Annual Business Meeting 7:30p Board of Directors Meeting	7:15p College Funding Workshop	7:30p Shabbat Service & Shavout Observation			9:30 Torah Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	12:30p Lunch N' Learn	10:30 Eager Readers Book Club	12p Torah-Woman's Perspective	7:30p Shabbat Service			9:30 Torah Study
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	10 Hadassah Board Mtg. 12:30p Lunch N' Learn	12p Torah-Woman's Perspective	12p ORT General Meeting	6:30p Tot Shabbat Service 7:30p Volunteer Recognition Shabbat	9:30 Torah Study 9:30p MOVIE NIGHT - Bee Season		
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1		2
3:30p ORT Theatre Party Camarillo Airport Theater "The King & I"	9:30 City of Hope Board Mtg. 12:30p Lunch N' Learn 7p Charles Pierce Book Signing	12p Torah-Woman's Perspective	7:30p Shabbat Service	9:30 Torah Study			

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