



## Join us for Rabbi Lotker's Farewell Dinner Party on Friday, June 29th



**Tickets are still available to enjoy a catered dinner here with your Temple family. After dinner, Rabbi Mike will lead our evening Shabbat service.**

**Adult tickets \$18 for adults, children under 13 are \$9.  
Purchase of tickets by Wednesday, June 27th is required.**





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Rabbi Lisa Bock and some of her fan club at the post ordination ceremony reception.

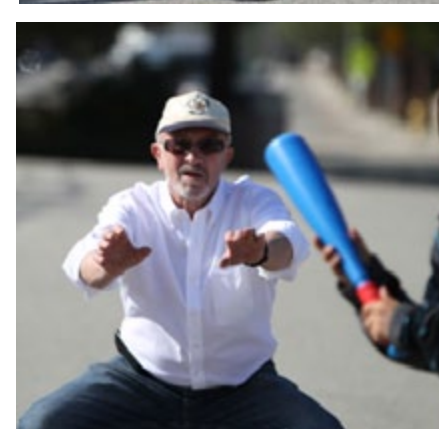


Our children participating in a Tot Shabbat, and our teen girls at confirmation.

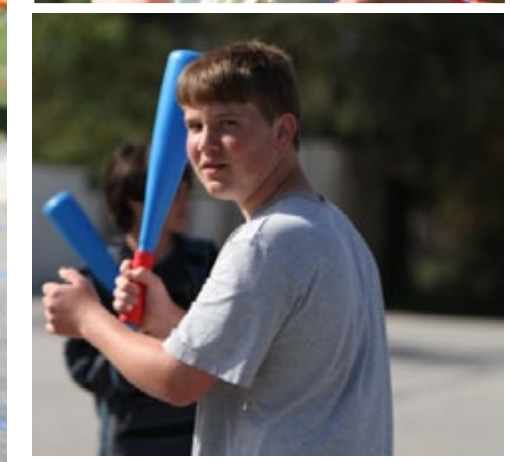


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Our 2011-2012 Confirmation Class with Rabbi Lisa (center) and Teen Connection Counselor Daniel Veselak (right).



# Fun Fun Fun at the Temple!







## Kvell Column

by Julia Newman

Here's news of some of our kids and grandkids. We'll include more entries in the August issue—just send them to me at: [educator@templenerami.org](mailto:educator@templenerami.org) by July 12th.

Thanks and have a great summer!

**Jonathan Bogen** graduated Camarillo High School as one of the eleven valedictorians. He will begin his college studies at U.C. San Diego with a major in chemical engineering.

**Michelle Bogen** graduated from U.C. San Diego with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering.

**Dylan Burstein** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Arizona and has been accepted to the UCLA Law School.

**Lucas Burstein** received a Scholar Athlete Award for volleyball as well as a Coach's award for soccer.

**Valerie Burstein** finished her first year of the Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program at UC Davis.

**Rena Dvoretzky** won Second Place in the Ventura County Spelling Bee and was the alternate for Nationals.

**Ayla Dvoretzky** won 1<sup>st</sup> place in English grammar in the Camarillo Academic Olympics, achieved high honors in all 4 quarters of school and achieved the red belt in Tae Kwon Do.

**Shoshannah Gardner-Frankel** won the Sarah Siddon scholarship given to an outstanding theatre student in Chicago. She will be attending school in England Spring 2013.

**Shana Graff** is doing a hospital administration internship this summer at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer hospital in Manhattan. She is now a senior at Cornell.

**David Schneider** made it to the Camarillo Academic Olympics Finals in Science, and his Cyber Eagles team won the Robot design award at the PVEF FIRST LEGO League Robotics competition.

**Danny Graff** graduated Camarillo HS and will attend the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, studying International Relations. His honors at graduation: Valedictorian, Distinguished Academic Honors, CSF Lifetime member, Cords for Drama, Foreign Language, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Music, National Honor Society, President's Award for Excellence in Education, Seal of Biliteracy.

**Hannah Harris'** parents are in a state of "kvell-liciousness" about their daughter's promotion from Mesa Union Middle School. Hannah was awarded for eight consecutive semesters of honor roll, and achieved a variety of other academic honors. She will attend Camarillo High School in the fall.

**Tari Kurman** just finished a spectacular sophomore year at Camarillo High School, where she played Junior Varsity Tennis and was generally her wonderful goofy self. This summer, Tari travels to Israel for four weeks with NFTY, where she will tour the entire country and spend five days in the Israeli army!

**Jonathan Kurman** graduated from Camarillo High School earning cords for his participation in Marching Band and as the Editor in Chief of the school newspaper. Jonathan will spend the summer working (yeah money!) and in the fall begin his next phase in life - that of a freshman at San Francisco State University.

**Healey Ramot** sings all of her Shabbat blessings and accompanies herself on the guitar. Healey is two years old and keeps her parents, Revi and Gil (teachers at Ner Ami), very, very busy!

**Emily Sadowsky** participated in her 5th grade promotion ceremony from Tierra Linda School. Emily was a member of the school Speech Team. She also participated in the Camarillo Rotary Club Track Meet and placed 2nd Place in the 50 meter dash and 4th Place in the 400 Relay!

**Ethan and Zachary Abergel** graduated from Pre-Kindergarten. Their Mom and Dad say that they "are so proud and fortunate to have such sweet, kind and very loving boys like you!"

**Miriam Stiefel**, granddaughter of Rita and Gil Cooperman, graduated from Pitzer College with honors in Political Studies and Sociology. She was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship, and next year she will be teaching English in the Czech Republic.



## MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday Night, July 28th, 6:30 pm

Academy Award Winning Best Actor performance by Roberto Benigni

This extraordinary movie somehow combines romance, comedy, and drama against a Holocaust background. And does it so well that it won many awards. In his academy-winning performance, Roberto Benigni brings us laughter, sadness, inspiration & wonder.

*The plot:* A Jewish man has a wonderful romance with the help of his humor, but must then use that same quality to protect his son in a Nazi death camp.

Shlomo Kreitzer will lead a discussion after the movie: Can love, family, imagination conquer reality? Should it? Is there a place for humor in a Holocaust movie?

## OLAM KATAN Small World

New program for 2 and 3 year olds

We are very excited and happy to announce that Temple Ner Ami Torah School is expanding to include classes for 2 and 3 year olds.

The classes will be taught by teachers who are very experienced in early childhood education.

The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:45.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Ventura County the cost for the program will be very reasonable.

Although we encourage membership at Temple Ner Ami, a family does not need to be a member in order to enroll their child.

For information, please contact Julia Newman at 388-3824 or [educator@templenerami.org](mailto:educator@templenerami.org)



# Religious Practices Committee



To me, nothing makes the High Holiday services feel as special or

important as the music does. Every familiar prayer is sung to a new and special melody used only at those services. We usually aspire to be as familiar as possible with our liturgy and music, which is why (for me at least) a Shabbat service is as comforting as a favorite blanket in front of the fire after a long day. But for High Holidays, the music is meant to make the *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* stand out; to be different; separate; *holy*.

It is not just the melodies; for many congregations, the addition of a choir is essential. Even those congregations that have year-round choirs have to raise the bar for High Holidays. In the past few years, we have been fortunate to have had a choir of our own to help lend import to the holiday. Sharon Spielman has been such a help, acting as choir director as well as the primary source of harmony to embellish Cantor Karen's voice.

This year, directing our choir will be **Moises Mercado**, the husband of Bonnie Shubb, one of our incoming board members. This is no small commitment! We are hoping that all of you who have sung with the choir in the past will do so again, and that many many more will decide to try for the first time! If you're thinking about it or already have your mind made up, please contact me at [keithelliott@templenerami.org](mailto:keithelliott@templenerami.org), or contact Moises at [mnm1955@gmail.com](mailto:mnm1955@gmail.com). Call me via the Temple if you can't email. In addition to the voices, we will be adding more instrumental accompaniment as well, and I really get the feeling we will create a wonderful musical addition to the High Holiday services.



## Adult Education

At last-Temple Ner Ami is back in the Adult Education business! Beginning on July 17<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Lisa will start a class called **Women in the Bible**, which will run for six weeks, every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

On the same nights, we will be offering an introduction to reading Hebrew from 7:00 until 7:30, which I will be teaching. There will be a small fee for non-Temple members, but members will not have to pay a fee.

Come for both classes! Call the temple office or email me or Rabbi Lisa to reserve a spot. This is only the beginning-we have plans for so many classes and events in the next year that I couldn't list them all here.



## Oneg Chairperson

Naomi Brill has been indescribably important to us as our Oneg Chair for so long that I can't remember anyone else ever hosting the Onegs on Friday nights. She very much deserves to have someone who can give her some relief from those duties, and possibly even assume the chair at some point. If you think you can help us with the Onegs (and in turn, help keep our Temple a welcoming haven for anyone and everyone after a long week!) please talk to me or Naomi about helping out.

Shalom,  
Keith Elliott



# Mah Jong Tournament

## Sisterhood Kick Off - Come and Enjoy

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Catered Dinner 5:30 (reservations by July 21st)  
\$9.00 for Sisterhood Members, \$18.00 non-members

Tournament will begin at 7:00+ following a brief Sisterhood Kick-Off Business Meeting

**Tournament Entrance fee is \$10.00**

(All are welcome - men and women)  
(We must have 3 tables to hold the tournament)



Prizes:

**1st Prize - \$300 gift    2nd Place - \$150 gift pack    3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50 gift pack**

Don't Play? - Not to worry - You can back one of our players for \$3.00 and receive a wonderful gift if that person does win!

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## Sisterhood.

What does it mean to me? It has meant **everything** to me... For the past two years, I have loved getting to know and working with some ambitious and dependable women whom I greatly respect and appreciate.

Two years ago when **Sonia Lotker** and I decided to become co-presidents of the Sisterhood, she joked that it would take two of us to have the energy, ideas and organization that **Arla Crane** had in her previous three years as President! Fortunately, Arla, a natural leader and motivator of people, stuck around and continued her work with publicity, planning and organizing things at the Temple and was a great guide to us with the Sisterhood. Arla can never be thanked enough as she is a pillar of strength, and continually works in many areas to support Ner Ami.

**Sonia Banon-Lotker** is one of those amazing women with many talents (speaks three languages) who does a lot of behind the scenes things for the Temple and for Sisterhood. If she is not leading the teens in a discussion group, having a girl talk meeting, teaching the girls how to do a special dance, sewing the tallits or making the hanging signs for the sanctuary, then you can find her helping Julia with activities for the Torah School or cleaning the refrigerator or doing an Oneg when Naomi isn't available. Sonia has ideas, enthusiasm, energy and a generosity of spirit for helping others. It has been my pleasure to meet with Sonia as we did many times, to plan events and activities for Sisterhood (in between her zumba and belly dancing classes). Sonia's idea to host a Mimouna with a Belly dancer, was one of our most popular Sisterhood events here at the Temple!

**Naomi Brill** is my role model. I hope to have her drive, ambition and enthusiasm when I reach her age. Naomi, our Oneg Chairwoman, has baked so many beautiful and delicious cakes for the Onegs and other Temple events, and she continues to impress us with her skills as a hostess. Did you know that she wore out her old Mix Master so her daughters gave her a new one for her last birthday? What a devoted Sisterhood and Temple member she is! As Corresponding Secretary, Naomi attended all of our Board meetings and sent out cards and notes to the Temple members from the Sisterhood.

**Elvira Cabelli**, our Recording Secretary, has kept us updated and on track with the information of running the Sisterhood. She took minutes at Board meetings and regular Sisterhood meetings and bakes delicious hamentaschen and baklava. We can always count on Elvira to lead us in Israeli dancing and keep the Board smiling with her sunny disposition and the good snacks that she brings with her.

**Ann Burke**, our VP and Program Chairwoman, has her focus on helping children and teens in the community. She leads our Mitzvah Day sewing and knitting program. She was instrumental in our first Antique Appraisal Event last year at the Temple.

For years **Annelies Regen** was our Sisterhood Treasurer. She was very efficient and kept a watchful eye on the Sisterhood money. We loved her sweet nature and sensible way of thinking about things. She was honored as a Temple Woman of Valour shortly before she passed away.

**Bev Kerwien and Bobbe Jacobs** have been part of the Board during the planning and carrying out of the 2nd Anniversary Event and the Rabbi's Farewell dinner. As a matter of fact, **Bobbe Jacobs** has been chosen as the new President of Sisterhood beginning July 1st! She has excellent skills and ideas to lead us forward!

We have had a variety of events and activities in these past two years. Do you remember the Qi Gong and Yoga classes? Israeli dancing and jewelry repair? Sex and Chocolate event? Pot lucks and movie nights? Fashion show and luncheon? Holiday Boutique chaired by Bobbe Jacobs? Who could forget our kickoff event for this year? (the Sunday afternoon meeting/tour of the beautiful new Lotker home!). Rabbi Lisa conducting two Rosh Chodesh services and of course our mah jong, bridge and knitting lessons, Klezmer Band and the laugh a minute Jewish comedian, Keith Barany? I forgot to mention mitzvah day!

There are a lot of people to thank for their time, support and attendance at our events: at the top of our list are Rabbi Lotker, Rabbi Lisa, Mark Malloy, Julia Newman, Kaila Kaden, along with Joan Frank, Keith Elliott, Allyson Williams, Steve Moore, Jennifer Moore, Saul Lessler, Dale Jacobs, Arlene Cohen, Nadine Frankel, Sarene Wallace, Dan Harris, Gary Goltz, Harriet Lit, Gary Lieb, Verna Merrin, Marc Grossman, Cantor Karen Dworsky, Jay Crane, Raja Desenberg, Karin Greenberg, Max Heller, Gail Kleinman, Larry Kleinman, Shlomo Kreitzer, Phyllis Mandel, Phyllis Slade, Sonny Feingold, Jean Shev, Alan Treitman, Sharon Spielman, Aaron Dvoretzky, Allen Zatkin, Marcia Zatkin, Josephine Freifield, Max Freifield, Marlene Votion, Claire Goldstein, Richard Erlich, Steve Graff, Susan Weinstein, Karen Keys, Sharon Green, Bonnie Shubb, Cathy Lieb, Gina Burstein, Robin Elliott, Lillian Hawthorne, Chana Kreitzer and Howard Brody. We appreciate all of the members of the Sisterhood, Brotherhood and **everyone** who has attended any and all of our activities and events!!!

We can plan them, but, it is up to you to attend these events to make them a success!

With warmest good wishes to all,  
Shari Brody, Sisterhood Co-President

## Tikkun Olam: תְּקוּן הָעוֹלָם

Reminders: Somis Food Pantry's food of the month - Crackers  
There is an ongoing need for canned fruits and vegetables.  
I hope students will be available to help bag donations during the summer.

**June 30th - We are preparing and serving dinner at the Rescue Mission!**

Please call me if you are available from 4-6pm.

Rabbi Lisa's Ordination was June 4th from the Academy for Jewish Religion at Stephen S. Wise Temple. It was a joyous celebration. Rabbi Mike was there to kvell at his student Rabbi's success. It was amazing to see so many of our T.N.A. family in attendance. Let's continue to honor our new spiritual leader by increasing our numbers at Shabbat Services.

Tikkun Olam is all about putting light into the world. We were given a glimpse of this from the unmistakable glow on Rabbi Lisa's face. Since Ner Ami means light of our people, it is apparent that our Temple is well *lit*.

**Please call me...and as always...thank you for all you do! Harriet Lit, 484-9119**



## Welcome to Temple Ner Ami Sisterhood! From Your New Sisterhood President

Your participation in Sisterhood is important to our synagogue and community. I promise that not only will your work in Sisterhood further enrich Temple Ner Ami; it will also enrich your life. Participation in our Synagogue and the Jewish Community is so very important, and Sisterhood demonstrates this by supporting our Synagogue, promoting Jewish education and programming, and strengthening our Jewish community with social and fundraising activities.

We have many exciting programs and events planned, and it is only with your continued help and participation that these events and programs continue to grow more successful each year.

Your TNA Sisterhood has been busy planning for the upcoming year. We will be contacting members about our programs and activities, as well as to invite new members to join and

participate in areas of interest. If you have not been contacted, please feel free to call me and I will be happy to help you get involved!

We hope you will attend the July 6th Shabbat Service where the new Officers of Sisterhood will be installed along with the new Temple Board of Directors. The Sisterhood Board will be the host of the Oneg Shabbat. It will be fun night for all.

Sisterhood offers General Meetings, usually the third Tuesday of every month. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm. The meeting is open to all Sisterhood members, as well as those interested in joining Sisterhood. Light refreshments are served, and we try to keep the meeting to one half hour. Announcements and updates will keep you informed of everything going on in our busy Sisterhood. Meetings will be followed by a program. We look forward

to welcoming you at future Sisterhood events and programs!

*Bobbe Jacobs*







## Membership Director's Report

Keith Elliott

Remember those T-shirts that said things like "My friend went to San Francisco, and all I got was the lousy T-shirt"? I have a new one.

"My Friend went to an ordination, and all I got was this lousy lay service".

Monday night, many of us had the honor to see Rabbi Lisa's ordination at Steven S. Wise temple. It was a fabulous experience; a fabulous service, a fabulous facility, and what must have been one of their most exciting moments of their lives for the six people being ordained as rabbis and cantors.

The following Friday, I had the task of leading a lay service without the support of a Rabbi-or even of a cantor. (Cantor Karen has been unavailable due to an injury-*refuah sh'lemah, Karen!*) Sorry about the lousy T-Shirt...

One of the most striking things I noticed was that to create half a dozen clergy people took the efforts of many times that number of educators, mentors, sponsors, and supporters. In addition, every candidate was being

supported by a large group from their own community (TNA was represented by over 30 members!). The staff outnumbered the students several to one. This was no minor title being bestowed on a few hobbyists, I can assure you. Steven S. Wise Temple was nearly full to the rafters with supporters of those six amazing people receiving their degrees and ordination that night.

The first part of the ceremony involved the giving of the Master's Degrees they had all earned, but the real moment, the one that gave me chills, was when the Beit Din accepted each candidate as a leader-a leader of our people. In our reform world, we don't have much actual contact with a Beit Din. Indeed, for many of us, the very name conjures up distasteful (and largely inaccurate) images of ultra-conservative groups. However, the Beit din still exists in our world, to the surprise of many.

Generally in America, we only think about such courts in terms of conversions and divorce, but in reality, a large part-possibly the main part-of what a Rabbi does for his

or her congregation is to serve as their authority on law.

So back to my story-it was striking to see the *Beit din* from Lisa's seminary, the Academy for Jewish Religion, in action. There were many members-perhaps ten, including rabbis who had sponsored those being ordained that night. (Each candidate had a sponsor, who served a role like the advisor does for a graduate college student. They have helped shepherd each candidate through their five years of instruction and learning.) The rabbi in a local congregation like ours is, then, the leader of our *Beit Din*. Their role is not only to lead us in service, which is clearly something we can do on our own in a pinch (and did for some time in our early history.)

It was the first time I ever witnessed students

transforming into Rabbis, and it was moving. This was not simply the earning of a degree; it was the transformation of a life. The sheer scale and import of the event was almost overwhelming, especially when I realized that the sole purpose for it all was to ensure that even the smallest congregations, like ours, could have a rabbi-someone to lead us from the pulpit AND lead us in nearly any other part of our lives. For every candidate, the journey from lay

person to Rabbi was profound-it really did seem that that moment was one of the defining moments of their entire lives. And most remarkably, for the second time, our tiny little congregation has had the honor of helping someone make that transition, and that is something we ought to be extremely proud of. Indeed, when I think of the people we have who served us and help guide our spiritual lives at Temple Ner Ami, I am nearly embarrassed by our wealth.

It is curious that in the last month of our Temple's year, we should have a couple of lay services, in the face of that wealth. But that is not only the irony, but a lesson itself-even with the blessing of a clergy to lead us, it is still we who must lead ourselves at all times. In the final consideration, *we don't congregate as followers of a leader, but as members of a community.* Without a community, what could a Rabbi do? Over the last year, I have tried to talk about the importance of developing the sense that each and every one of us "owns" this congregation, and is responsible for it.



How much more plain it became to me that night, when I realized that we need to live up to the life-changing commitment our Rabbis have made to us.

So in spite of all of us going to Lisa's ordination, all everyone got that next Friday was a lousy lay service-not that it's that bad (I can dare to hope!). While we truly need our clergy to lead us, not only at services, but at all times in our life, we can't ask them to lead us unless we are willing to do our own part, and make sure that our community exists as a vibrant whole. It's up to us to live up to the gifts we receive. Let's all try and remember that our Temple isn't there for us to go to at need, to pick and choose benefits like we're walking down the aisle at Walmart, but that it requires our hearts to be devoted completely to it for it to survive at all.

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Mike will be leading his last Shabbat Service as Temple Ner Ami's head Rabbi, and there will be a Farewell Dinner beforehand that I not only want to ask all of you to attend, but I'd ask that you contact any and all members of our community and invite them as well (call the temple office for details). The following week will be Rabbi Lisa's first Shabbat Service as our head Rabbi, and we need to be there in strength as well. We have been doubly blessed by being part of the process whereby Mike and Lisa both reached one of their lives' highest honors, and we should be there both nights to thank them for allowing us to have been a part of it.

## e-Scrip & Ralph's Rewards: Easy Ways to Raise Money for Torah School and the Temple!!

Nadine Frankel, Executive Leadership Team

**E-Scrip** is a program that makes fundraising simple, painless, and effective. Here's how it works. You register your existing grocery loyalty, debit, and credit cards for use in the program. Participating merchants will make contributions to our Torah school, based on purchases you've made, just by using the cards you've registered. You're purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see how much money you're earning for our Torah school.

To get started go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), a secure site, and follow the instructions to become a supporter of Temple Ner Ami Torah School. Register your grocery cards for Von's, Safeway, and Pavillions and existing credit and debit cards. It's easy. Ask your friends and extended family members to sign on, too.

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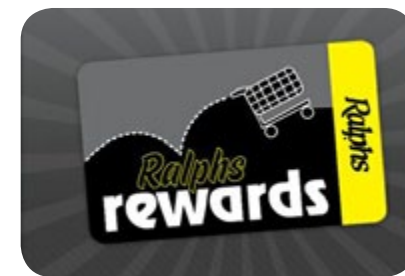
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It only takes a few minutes to enroll in these programs. It's an easy way to earn money for our Torah School and temple. **Please take a moment to sign up.** Members who

do not sign-up for these programs, will automatically be signed up for the dunking tank at the next Purim Carnival.







## JULY BIRTHDAYS Members & Children

1 Daniel Shaul	20 Marilyn Seiden
3 Daniel Siela (Kerwien)	22 Judi Slapin
5 Allan Sadowsky	22 Ruth Fridberg
7 Alex Goltz	22 Noah Steinberg
7 Kim Honig	24 Marlene Votion
8 Keith Elliott	25 Jordan Sookikian
8 Elva Levine	26 Dr. Maynard Belzer
8 Joseph Saleh	27 Jim Babich
8 Kenneth Wilson	28 Victoria Rosenthal
10 Lawrence Borelli	28 Kate Baratta
13 Jacob Scheerger	29 Gabrielle Ensey
13 John Ensey	29 Arlene Bergman
14 Adriann Santer	29 Mark Finsten
19 Harriet Lit	29 Shlomo Kreitzer

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## SAVE the DATE

**The Dead Sea Scrolls Demystified**  
Friday, October 26, 2012



Dr. Sam Thomas of Cal Lutheran University will present a talk titled, "The Dead Sea Scrolls Demystified" after our regular Shabbat Service which will start at 7 pm.

## Join us to Do a Mitzvah!

Spend 4 hours to help build a house in Ventura County!

Habitat for Humanity: Sunday, [July 8th, 2012 from 8-12 noon](#)

We are invited to join in with the Brotherhood of Temple Adat Elohim to work on a building site.

**No cost to participate – just your time.**

Working on Habitat projects is a lot of fun, and good old-fashioned hard work all at the same time.

Youngsters 15 and up may participate with a parent.

Watch for more location and RSVP info coming soon!



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Year
Diane & John Ensey	July 3rd	18th Anniversary
Dale & Bobbe Jacobs	July 9th	40th Anniversary
Walter & Gina Burstein	July 15th	33rd Anniversary
Lawrence & Gail Kleinman	July 18th	45th Anniversary
Dan & Mary Harris	July 29th	27th Anniversary

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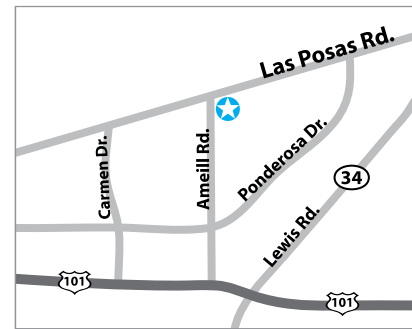
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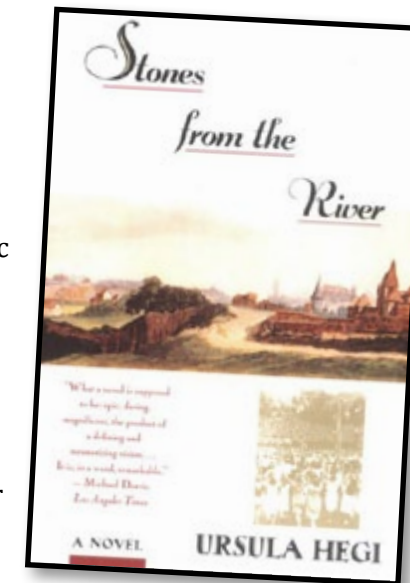
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Meets Tuesday, July 10, 11am  
June Selection:

***Stones from the River*  
by Ursula Hegi**

Stones from the River is a daring, dramatic and complex novel of life in Germany. It is set in Burgdorf, a small fictional German town, between 1915 and 1951. The protagonist is Trudi Montag, a Zwerg -- the German word for dwarf woman. As a dwarf she is set apart, the outsider whose physical "otherness" has a corollary in her refusal to be a part of Burgdorf's silent complicity during and after World War II. Trudi establishes her status and power, not through beauty, marriage, or motherhood, but rather as the town's librarian and relentless collector of stories.

Through Trudi's unblinking eyes, we witness the growing impact of Nazism on the ordinary townsfolk of Burgdorf as they are thrust on to a larger moral stage and forced to make choices that will forever mark their lives. Stones from the River is a story of secrets, parceled out masterfully by Trudi -- and by Ursula Hegi -- as they reveal the truth about living through unspeakable times.



**Yahrzeit Board**

The Temple's Yahrzeit Board has spaces available for remembering loved ones who have passed away. Jay Crane has built us a new panel that holds thirty new plaques, so we will have space available if you would like to purchase multiple yahrzeit plaques to keep family member memorials together.

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**Annual Meeting - Wednesday, July 25th, 2011 at 7pm**

Temple Ner Ami Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am advising the membership of Temple Ner Ami of the Annual Meeting, taking place at 515 Temple Avenue, Camarillo, on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 7pm. Election of new members to the Board of Directors will take place, plus year-end reports and the budget for fiscal year 2011/2012 will be presented.

All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

The next page is your household's individual Ballot and Proxy Statement. The top half is the ballot. If you prefer not to vote, you have the right to assign either the President of the Temple or another member to vote for you by proxy.

**Please mail your Ballot and Proxy Statement to Temple Ner Ami so that it is received on or before July 24, 2012.**

If you are a member and regularly receive eMail messages from the Temple, you will also be given the option to vote online. Watch the eNEWS for instructions.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Temple office, or contact the Temple Executive Leadership Team via email at [tresidents@templenerami.org](mailto:tresidents@templenerami.org), or Dan Harris, President of the Board, via phone at (805) 504-5976.

L'Shalom,

Dan Harris

Dan Harris  
President, Board of Directors

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**Annual Meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday – July 25, 2012**

**Directors Ballot & Proxy – 2012/13**

Directors Gary Goltz, Marc Grossman, Steve Moore, Steve Graff, Dan Harris, Keith Elliott, Joan Frank, Nadine Frankel and Verna Merrin will return for the second year of their two year term. The Nominating Committee of Temple Ner Ami has proposed the following candidates for addition to the Board or Directors. Each director shall serve for a period of two (2) years. Place an X next to each name you approve of.

\_\_\_ Bonnie Shubb \_\_\_ Susan Weinstein \_\_\_ Ann Burke \_\_\_ Larry Kleinman \_\_\_ Cathy Lieb

OR write-in candidate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

***IMPORTANT: If you do not cast your ballot via eMail, please vote by cutting out, completing, and returning this ballot/proxy statment to Temple Ner Ami by July 24th, 2012.***

**If you do not wish to vote, please complete the proxy below.**

The undersigned member of the above-named organization hereby revokes all previous proxies, acknowledges receipt of the notice of the upcoming annual meeting and appoints:

CHECK ONE ONLY:  The President of this organization

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
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as proxy of the member. By this proxy, the proxyholder shall have the power of substitution and revocation and the power to use this proxy and otherwise represent the member at said meeting and any adjournment thereof in the same manner set out below. Any act the proxyholder shall take pursuant to this proxy shall have the same effect as if the member were present and so acting.

This proxy shall be used for the purpose of establishing a quorum. In addition, with regard to voting on matters set forth below, or on other matters which may come before the meeting the proxyholder is hereby instructed to use this proxy as follows:

\_\_\_ This proxy is to be used for quorum purposes only and may not be voted.

\_\_\_ This member chooses to abstain from voting for new board members, but instructs the proxyholder to vote as she/he deems advisable on other business that may come before the meeting.

\_\_\_ This proxy will be voted, as the proxyholder deems advisable on each matter, and on other business that may come before the meeting. The primary purpose of this proxy is to elect new board members.

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_





# TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!

*Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair*

We members owe a big "Thank You" to the following people who so graciously stepped up to sponsor an Oneg during the previous three months:

### APRIL

**ELVA LEVINE** in memory of her son, **RON LEVINE** and **DELLA CARMONA** in memory of her father, **KOS LERTZMAN**.

### MAY

**JULIA NEWMAN AND SAUL LESSLER** in memory of Julia's father, **NORMAN NEWMAN**.

### JUNE

**JOSEPH & SUSAN SALEH** in honor of their son, **ERIC'S**, Bar Mitzvah. **NAOMI BRILL** in honor of her grandson, **JUDD BURTON's**, marriage to **SARA MALKA OLIVE** on June 10. **SUSAN**



**WEINSTEIN** in honor of her father's 85th birthday.

Please join this special group of people by becoming a Sponsor of an Oneg. We request that you either bring some of the goodies served or make a contribution to the Temple for this honor.

Remember that you can either honor someone for an event in their lives or remember a loved one who has passed. I await your call to answer your questions.

Shalom,

NAOMI BRILL, Oneg Chair, 388-8511

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- Present the play at the end of class
- Take home all puppets created

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Joan Frank - *In Honor of Steve Moore and his entire family*

Harriet Lit - *Oneg Shabbat Sponsorship for 7/13/12 in honor of my Birthday!*

## Honoraria & Memorials

Maynard & Jeri Belzer - *In loving memory of Maynard's Father, Marvin Belzer, and his mother Frieda Belzer*

Saul & Sarah Brejensky, Irving & Arlene Bergman, Lisa & Ken Bock Naomi Brill, Howard & Shari Brody, Della Carmona, Jay & Arla Crane, Louise Houser, Anne Kushner, Saul Lessler & Julia Newman, Gary Lieb & Kathy Kim-Lieb, Harriet Lit, Martha Mandel, Max Heller and Verna Merrin *In honor of Steve Moore's Temple Ner Ami Family Reunion 5/20/12*

Naomi Brill - *To Shari & Howard Brody - Congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter Blake. May she have a long, happy and healthy life!*

*Sincerest condolence to Betty Stallman on the passing of her dear grandson, Michael de St. Jean.*

*To Rabbi Lisa - Mazel Tov on your ordination! I wish you much fulfillment and joy at this very important occasion in your life.*

Gloria Brodie - *in loving memory of Gloria's Aunt, Florence Weiss*

Robert & Joyce Brown, Mike & Clarice Shapiro, Jena Shev, Joel Zneimer & Betty Fink - *In honor of Steve Moore's Temple Ner Ami Family Reunion event*

Florence & Al Budoff - *In loving memory of Florence's dear mother, Golda Feldman*

Della Carmona *In loving memory of Annelies Regen*

Gilbert & Rita Cooperman - *In loving memory of Rita's mother, Sophie Morris*

Lee Edwards - *In loving memory of my good friend, Annelies Regen*

Richard Erlich - *In loving memory of Richard's Mother, Bea Schwartz Erlich*

Stephanie Goldie - *In loving memory of her husband, W. Scott Goldie*

Fayrose Gordon - *In loving memory of Fayrose's beloved husband, Harold Gordon, on the 17th anniversary of his death*

Zelda Greentree - *In loving memory of Annelies Regen*

John & Beverly Kerwien - *In loving memory of Rose's parents, Samuel and Rose Friedman, and in loving memory of John's parents, John and Viola Kerwien*

Sylvia Leventhal - *In Loving Memory of Sylvia's beloved Mother, Celia Valentine, and her beloved father, Sidney Valentine*

Elva Levine - *In loving memory of Elva's husband, Allen Levine*

Charles & Libby Pierce - *In loving memory of Libby's brother, Lester Beacher*

Stanley & Loretta Reshes - *In loving memory of Annelies Regen*

Bernard & Helene Scherer - *In loving memory of Helene's father, Sam Bookbinder*

Frank & Marilyn Seiden - *In honor of Steve Moore's Temple Ner Ami Family Reunion*

Judith Siegel - *In loving memory of Annelies Regen*

Doris Weinberg - *in loving memory of Doris' beloved brother, William Bloom*

Steve & Jennifer Moore - *Congratulations to Keith Elliott on his awesome bike ride!*

Alex & Alyse Borla - *Mazel tov on the wedding of our son Danny to his beloved Lisa, in loving memory of our dear Uncle Andy, and Mazel Tov to the Temple on the Synagogue's 20th Anniversary.*

Diane Honick - *In loving memory of Diane's mother, Florence Gorelick*

Gilbert & Rita Cooperman - *In loving memory of Pearl Zimmerman*

Howard & Shari Brody - *Mazel Tov to Naomi Brill on the marriage of her grandson*

Moises Mercado & Bonnie Shubb - *In loving memory of Terri Childs' dear father, Paul Gray*

Richard Levin - *In loving memory of Richard's dear wife, Cecelia T. Levin*

## Jaffe Library Fund

Crandall & Louise Jones - *In honor of Phyllis Mandel - "The Best Mom Ever!"*

Phyllis Mandel - *In loving memory of her brother, Joseph L. Schechtmanher mother Clara Schectman, and in honor of her sister-in-law, Alberta Schechtman*

## Music Fund

Karen Dworsky - *In honor of Steve Moore's Temple Ner Ami Family Reunion*

## Newman Scholarship Fund

Mary Burton - *In honor of Steve Moore's Temple Ner Ami Family Reunion*

Israel Feingold & Phyllis Slade - *With Love to Shari & Howard Brody - Mazel Tov on the birth of your grand daughter Blake. She is a cutie!*

Edith Kuznitz - *in loving memory of Annelies Regen*

Mark & Eleanor Richman - *In gratitude for Rabbi Mike who did such a wonderful*

*blessing for us*

Verna Merrin - *In loving memory of Annelies Regen*

Phyllis Slade & Israel Feingold - *With Love to Rabbi Mike - wishing you a lifetime of good health, fun, and fulfillment*

Aviram & Aura Carmi - *In celebration of our life*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joyce & Robert Brown, Heywood Friedman, Beth Kovacs, Elizabeth Mallen, Len & Jill Polan, P & R Roth, Seth & Karen Stephens, Dave & Lorna White, Joel Zneimer & Betty Fink, Drs. Walter & Gina Burstein, Howard & Shari Brody - *Mazel Tov Rabbi Lisa on your ordination, and welcome as our new Rabbi!*

Lori Crane - *To Rabbi Lisa - May your journey continue with strength, inspiration, challenges & passion, love and laughter*

Rosemary Litoff - *You are a true Woman of Valor and now a Rabbi! So proud of your accomplishment*

Moises Mercado & Bonnie Shubb - *with love to Rabbi Lisa from the Women's Torah Study Group*

## Yahrzeit Board & Tree of Life

Board of Directors - *A Tree of Life leaf in loving memory of Kyra McCarty, beloved daughter of Nadine Frankel*

ORT - *Purchased a Tree of Life leaf in honor of Annelies Regen*



## Yahrzeits - July 2012

### July 6, 2012 (Tammuz 11-17)

John Woolf....Father of Claire Goldstein  
Frieda Belzer....Mother of Dr. Maynard Belzer  
Nettie Zimmerman....Mother of Seymour Zimmerman  
Frances Crane....Mother of Jay Crane  
David Chorna\*\*....Father-In-Law of Max Heller  
Ron Frankel....Brother of Nadine Frankel  
Bessie Woolf....Mother of Claire Goldstein  
George Schneiderman....Father of Natalie Rosen  
Midge Dektor....Mother of Dayla Dektor

### July 13, 2012 (Tammuz 18-24)

David Pollock....Uncle of Gloria Brodie  
Abe Epstein....Father-In-Law of Bernice Epstein  
Celia Hurwitz....Aunt of Jean Shev  
Albert Milton Brooks....Father of Gloria Brodie  
Norman Nussbaum....Grandfather of Danalynn Pritz  
Maurice Dektor....Grandfather of Dayla Dektor  
Bernard Graham....Uncle of Deborah Blum  
Owen L. "Dez" Desenberg....Husband of Raja Desenberg

### July 20, 2012 (Tammuz 25- Av 2)

Rae Hochberg....Mother of Betty Fink  
Jacob Stone....Father of Ann Burke  
Alvin Green....Husband of Sharon Green

### July 27, 2012 (Av 3-9)

Harry Varah....Father of Bernice Epstein  
Henrietta Meyer....grandmother of Richard Lefkovits  
Irwin "Red" Greentree....Husband of Zelda Greentree  
Rachel Kreitzer....Mother of Shlomo Kreitzer  
Betty Dektor Rivkin....Grandmother of Dayla Dektor  
Jennie Stolman....Mother of Betty Stallman  
Irving Johnson....Husband of Dorothy Rosenfeld  
Albert Carmona....Husband of Della Carmona  
Jimmy Edwards....Husband of Lee Edwards

### August 3, 2012 (Av 10-16)

Fred Saleh....Father of Joseph Saleh  
Nathan Weintraub....Grandfather of Dayla Dektor  
Midge Dektor....Mother of Dayla Dektor  
Albert Goren....Father of Sharon Goren  
Clara Schectman....Mother of Phyllis Mandel  
Morris Mandel....Father of Jean Shev  
Lena Beckerman....Grandmother of Sandra Goodwin

\*\* Name on the Yolanda Cramer Memorial Yahrzeit Board.  
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### Dear Members of Temple Ner Ami,

Thank you for your sympathy and kindness. It is of great comfort to know that you are thinking of us as we grieve Annelies Regen's death.

Annelies was a caring, loving mother and Nana. Your kind words will help us in the difficult time ahead, as will the knowledge that Annelies touched so many lives.

Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness,

The Galante Family  
Nancy, Toni, Antonia & Caralin

# TEMPLE NER AMI - July 2012

### Fri June 29

5:00pm - 7:00pm Rabbi Mike Farewell Dinner  
7:30 pm - 8:30pm Shabbat with Rabbi Mike

### Sat Jun 30

9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class  
4:00pm - 6:00pm Rescue Mission Service

### Wed July 4 - Independence Day

Holiday, office closed. No classes today.

### Thu Jul 5

10:00am - 11:00am ORT Board Meeting  
6:00pm - 8:00pm Girl Scout Troop 60817 Mtg

### Fri Jul 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm Shabbat & Sisterhood Installation

### Sat Jul 7

9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class

### Sun Jul 8

8:00am - 12:00pm Habitat for Humanity Event

### Mon Jul 13

9:00am - Noon Puppetry Workshop

### Tue Jul 10

9:00am - Noon Puppetry Workshop  
11:00am - 12:30pm Eager Readers Book Club  
7:00pm - 9:00pm Adult Ed. Night

### Wed Jul 11

9:00am - Noon Puppetry Workshop  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Torah - Women's Perspective

### Thu Jul 12

9:00am - Noon Puppetry Workshop  
7:00pm - 9:30pm Brotherhood Meeting

### Fri Jul 13

9:00am - Noon Puppetry Workshop  
8:00am - 4:00pm Lifeline Screening Event  
7:30pm - 8:30pm Shabbat & Volunteer Recognition Service

### Sat Jul 14

9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class

### Mon Jul 16

9:00 - Noon Traveling Camp

### Tue Jul 17

9:00 - Noon Traveling Camp  
End of Life Movie-Tentative  
7:00pm - 9:00pm Adult Ed. Night

### Wed Jul 18

9:00 - Noon Traveling Camp  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
6:00pm - 7:00pm New Board Member Orientation  
7:00pm - 9:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

### Thu Jul 19

9:00 - Noon Traveling Camp  
6:00pm - 8:00pm Girl Scout Troop 60817 Mtg  
7:00pm - 9:00pm JFS Board Meeting

### Fri Jul 20

9:00 - Noon All day Rosh Chodesh Av  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Traveling Camp  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Sat Jul 21

9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class

### Mon Jul 23

9:30am - 10:30am City of Hope Board Mtg.

### Tue Jul 24

7:00pm - 8:30pm Sisterhood Meeting & Mah Jong Tournament  
7:00pm - 9:00pm Adult Ed. Night

### Wed Jul 25

12:00pm - 1:00pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting

### Thu Jul 26

12:00pm - 1:00pm ORT General Meeting

### Fri Jul 27

5:45pm - 6:45pm Tot Shabbat Service  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Garden Shabbat Service

### Sat Jul 28 - Erev Tish'a B'Av

9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class  
6:30pm - 9:00pm MOVIE NIGHT "Life is Beautiful"

### Tue Jul 31

7:00pm - 9:00pm Adult Ed. Night

## July Outside Organization Meetings



### CITY OF HOPE

No Regular Meeting in July  
Board Meeting - Monday 7/23 - 9:30 AM  
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

### ORT MEETINGS

Board - Thursday, July 5th, 2012 - 10am  
Regular Mtg. Thursday, July 26th, 2012 - Noon  
This month's peaker will be Patrick Stilson, a retired fireman talking about his volunteer disaster relief work in Haiti and other countries  
For info call Shirley Law, 987-5468  
President, Sharron Parker - 805-443-1998

### GIRL SCOUT/BROWNIE TROOP 60817

Meets alternate Thursdays: 7/5 & 7/19, 6 pm  
for info contact: Troop60817@templenerami.org

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tues. Mixed Meeting 7-8:15 pm,  
Tues. Mtg. Pot Luck, 7/31  
Wed. Mixed & Ladies Mtgs. 7-8:15 pm  
Sat. Mixed 6:30-7:30 pm, Pot Luck, 7/14  
Sunday (Men only) 7-8 am

### HADASSAH

No Meetings in July  
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