### **HESHVAN-KISLEV 5772**

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## Holiday Boutique Just Weeks Away!

Beat the holiday shopping rush! Come join us for our Annual Holiday Boutique featuring over 20 vendors on Sunday, November 13th from 10 am to 3 pm. Your admission is FREE at the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo.

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Vendors include those selling various objects de art, designer clothing, custom soaps, jewelry, gifts for your pet, teas & jams, sweet treats, cactus plants, gifts that can be personalized for that someone special and more. All will be for sale at reasonable prices. We all purchase Chanukah gifts. Why not do it all in one place at our Holiday Boutique? This is a fund raiser and accordingly, a <u>substantial</u> portion of the money you spend will be going back to the Temple.

This is the perfect opportunity to purchase that special gift for a loved one. Invite your neighbors, family, and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bobbe Jacobs, Chairperson

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### MOVIE NIGHT Saturday October 29 – 6:30 PM

The Longing: The Forgotten Jews of South America A documentary by Gabriela Böhm

This movie illustrates a very current issue in the wider Jewish community: Who can join "the tribe', and who can "return". The issues are surprising and far-reaching. Student Rabbi Lisa Bock invites you to find out more by attending this movie night. This movie illustrates themes she is discussing in her thesis. She will share with us how these issues affect us today, and answer the questions that you are sure to have!



### Message from the Executive Leadership Team by Nadine Frankel, VP

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my daughter, Shoshannah, who is away at college in Chicago, told me how the temple there where she attended High Holidays fell far short of Temple Ner Ami. She told me they had a beautifully appointed, spacious building and they had a lot of lovely things that we don't have, stained glass windows and all kinds of gorgeous Judaica, items that she had never seen before, such as an ornate stand to hold the crowns and breastplate when they were removed from the Torah. But she said, "Mom, it wasn't nearly as nice as Temple Ner Ami." She told me our cantor sings with more feeling, our Rabbi gives a more interesting sermon, and people sing along more with the prayers and songs. Mostly she said that our temple is friendlier, that Julia had taught the young people to be on the lookout for other young people and make them feel welcome. It's nice to see that a richer, more prosperous temple can't compare with us, at least in our kids' eyes

I really felt proud of Temple Ner Ami when

The High Holidays at Temple Ner Ami were wonderful. I was especially struck by the warmth of our congregation. Many people participated as volunteers and that not only helped get the work done but added to our sense of community. Many thanks to Naomi **Brill**, for arranging our food for *Rosh Hashana* and Yom Kippur, and to her helpers Arla Crane, Verna Merrin, Sonia Lotker, Annelies Regen, and Muriel Rosenkrantz. Saul Lessler and **Steve Moore** took care of flowers and security, respectively. Our ushers and ticket takers were essential in setting the mood of friendliness: Bobbe and Dale Jacobs, Harriet Lit, Shari Brody, Gary Lieb and Kathy Kim, Marcia and Allen Zatkin, Bonnie Shubb, Raja Desenberg, Mark Grossman, Sarene Wallace and myself.

Pam Bogen stayed to help with clean up. Julia Newman spoke from her heart to us about the importance of supporting our temple. Rabbi Mike and Student Rabbi Lisa led us through our annual spiritual journey from Slichot through *Yom Kippur* in such a way that we all had the opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. Cantor Karen Dworsky sang from deep in her heart and her music truly transported us. Our choir, under the direction of Sharon Spielman, was really lovely. It was clear that they had put a lot of time in rehearsing and that was a gift to all of us. The choir members were Saul Lessler, Lenny Lowenschuss, Sonia Lotker, Arlene Cohen, Elvira Cabelli, and Kim Honig. Special thanks too, to our staff, Mark Malloy and Kaila Kadin, for their behind the scenes help with all the extra work High Holidays require.

A real highlight for me is *Taslich*, casting our sins out to the water. It's a joy to watch the young children marching around the beach with their toy Torahs and singing, "I'm So Glad Rosh Hashana is Here." Rabbi Mike had them fully engaged and they listened in rapt attention to a story he told. At *Yom Kippur*, **Danny Lessler** outdid himself with an incredible one and a half minute blowing of the Shofar. Surely, Temple Ner Ami has been written down in the Book of Life for a good year!

Reminder!! November 17 is our next Town Hall Meeting. Come and bring your ideas, insights, and questions. One of your Board's major goals for this year is to increase our communication with the congregation. Let us share with you our vision, the goals we're working on now, and hear your thoughts, too, so we can work together to build unity and trust and a working partnership between the congregation and the Board.





### Left handed or Right Handed? by Student Rabbi Lisa Bock

I am normally a right handed person. I was taught though, to eat with my left, and use the right

hand for my napkin or to use a knife. For the most part, I don't think about it much. Until lately. I recently needed to have some work done on my right shoulder, and part of the recovery process included not raising my elbow at all. I now appreciate the already bagged apples and pre-packaged bagels at the store (try picking up groceries and bagging your items in those little plastic bags and putting them in your cart with one hand)! I'm not looking for sympathy - I'm just amazed one, at how one can adapt, and two, how much I never thought about how much I use both hands, arms, and shoulders! Though I'm not ambidextrous, I can now use a computer mouse with my left hand, I can turn on my car ignition with my left hand, and even fold clothes, all with my left hand. I'm noticing, though, how much is designed for those who are right handed. That got me wondering about left and right handedness. Where did I go? Yes: Wikipedia.

I found wikipedia's entry on the origins of the words associated with handedness most interesting: "Historically, the left side, and subsequently left-handedness, was considered negative in many cultures. The Latin word sinistra originally meant "left" but took on meanings of "evil" or "unlucky" by the Classical Latin era, and this double meaning survives in European derivatives of Latin, and in the English word "sinister". Alternatively, sinister comes from the Latin word sinus meaning "pocket": a traditional Roman toga had only one pocket, located on the left side. The right hand has historically been associated with skill: the Latin word for right-handed is dexter, as in "dexterity", meaning manual skill. Even the word "ambidexterity" reflects the bias. Its intended meaning is "skillful on both sides". However, since it keeps the Latin root dexter, which means "right", it ends up conveying the idea of being "right-handed at both sides"." (Wikipedia.org) It's fascinating and strange to see how much meaning gets carried in words - and that long after the original meaning has been forgotten, how it lingers in the essence of the word.



That got me curious - does our Jewish tradition have views on left or right-handedness?

One Biblical story is in Judges chapter 3, where Ehud assassinates Eglon. Ehud is left-handed, and as such, was uniquely able to carry out his plan for the assassination of Eglon. The guards would have noticed that he had no dagger on his left hip (the usual place). He, being left-handed, had it at his right side, easily concealed. This reminds me of the Roman toga with only a right handed pocket - no one would think of checking the right hip for a dagger, as a right handed person would reach across to his left to pull out the dagger!

In numerous cases the expression, "to the right hand or to the left," appears in the Torah, describing a straying from the straight path. We see this in the words of Moses, when leading the children of Israel into the promised land, promises the King of Heshbon that Israel will stay on the highway and "will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left" (Deut 2:27) - he is saying essentially, "we'll be good - we won't bother you!". Additionally, in Deut 17:20, a warning is given against turning aside from God's commandments "to the right hand or to the left." Sometimes the right side is portrayed as the good altemative, and the left side as the evil one. Ecclesiastes

10:2 reads, "A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left."

The left side, in some cases, however, merely refers to another alternative: The Hebrew word for left also refers to "the north" (Genesis 48:14; Job 23:9), as the Arabic root, shamal, means north, and yamîn, "right hand, " means south, and "before" and "behind" mean "east" and "west" to a person facing east.

Many thanks and blessings to those who have called, sent cards, meals, and wished a 'refuah shlemah', a complete healing. May all in our community be blessed with health, comfort, compassion, strength, and healing.

Todah Rabbah, & many thanks, Student Rabbi Lisa



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Thank you to everyone for your generous Yom Kippur donations to the Somis Pantry. This month's food request is BEANS...canned, packaged, raw...a serious form of protein. I am still advocating eating less/ no meat. The Animal Rights movement is about love. Despite current suffering of animals, love is still at the center of things. Love unifies and expands our sense of self. Animal Rights is about relationships.

So, here's an opportunity to begin a new relationship: The Ventura County Animal Shelter. The shelter is open M/W 11 - 7, Th/F 3 - 7, and Sat/Sun 9 - 4. You may check them out online at: www. VCAS.US or call them at: (805) 388-4341.

Their volunteer coordinator requests help with: taking pictures of the animals, socializing with animals, helping the public fill out adoption forms, cleaning the kennels and watering the animals. Sounds like a fun family activity. Unfortunately, we lost our spot at the Mission. They no longer have a place for us, at the moment. Watch for further opportunities to put light back into the world.

Please call me with your ideas. Thanks to all our volunteers - past, present, and future!

Harriet Lit - 805-484-9119





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### HAPPY NEW YEAR from a grateful Williams family: A.J. & his Mom Allyson and Dad Jim

### **New Address/Phone Directory** of Temple Members

The Directory Committee will begin work on putting together a new Directory. It will only include: name, address, and phone number (no email addresses or children's names).

If you do not want to be listed in the directory you MUST opt out by a) sending an email to:

Directory@templenerami.org, or

b) writing to: **Directory Committee** 1617 East Rowland Avenue, Camarillo, CA 93010

If we do not hear from you in writing we will assume it is okay to include the above information in the directory.

Deadline to opt out will be December 1st.

Thank you, Directory Committee



### **Cheder Chappenings - Curriculum Hebrew** by Julia Newman

Shalom Haverim,

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



One of our Torah School Madrahim (helpers), Erica Hartman, sorts through the over 100 bags of food donated by TNA members during High Holidays.

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 word, i.e. shofar for shin, Torah for tay.

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 Praver

Hineni is our primary program for the teaching of prayerbased 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 Haftorah 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.

#### <u>T'filah (Praver in the Sanctuary)</u>

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 led 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.

### **Our Torah School is Back in Session!** (Most of these awesome photos, courtesy of Allyson Williams)











































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### **Temple Ner Ami Runners/Walkers**

Come join the **Temple Ner Ami Runners/ Walkers Group** training for the 1/2 marathon and the LA Marathon. You can come join as a group - participating as a team relay for upcoming marathon events, as an individual, or as a couch potato (who wants to walk/run with friends occasionally). We will walk/run together, talk together, and have a great exercise activity. We have a weekly schedule and



It was with great sadness that the Torah School learned of the passing of **Eugene Foxman**. Mr. Foxman was a gentle soul, who cared for children and devoted himsel to their Jewish education. He especially worked with the B'nai Mitzvah students, reviewing and practicing what they were learning in their classrooms and with the Rabbi.

For many years, Mr. Foxman's "classroom" was the ent hall at the Calle Tesoro Temple. It was not unusual to











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## Beloved Teacher and Friend

d	walk by and hear him quietly talking to a student about math or something else that occurred in their
lf he	life that day. He just seemed to know what a kid needed.
	Mr. Foxman touched many Ner Ami lives—both teachers and students. His passing is a loss for us and his memory is a blessing.
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	Julia

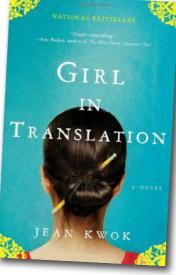
### EAGER READERS BOOK CLUB

Meets Tuesday, November 8th, 10:30 AM

### November Selection for Discussion: *Girl in Translation, by Jean Kwok*

Girl in Translation is a coming of age story that intertwines what it means to be an immigrant with the values of family, a sense of duty, and hope for the future. Kimberly and her mother find themselves in New York looking for a better future than the life they'd known in Hong Kong. They are, unfortunately, at the mercy of Kimberly's aunt and uncle as they are quite indebted to them for arranging green cards and for taking care of medical bills for Kimberly's mom (who has had TB) as well as paying for their accommodations to New York.

When the story starts Kimberly is a middle school age girl who speaks and reads some English but not enough to create any real level of understanding of her surroundings. Her mother speaks almost no English. They've just arrived and their mother's sister (herself with a story that I won't spoil) has arranged an apartment and a job. The apartment is a heat-less, roach and rodent infested slum tenancy, and the job working at a sweatshop making pennies for long hours. The Chinese culture is front and center here and it is interesting to understand why Kimberly and her mom would agree to these conditions. The sense of duty, of obligation, runs strong - and they have very

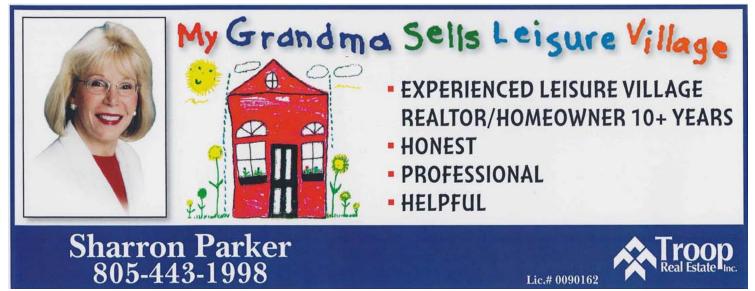


little other options and no choices. It certainly brought me back to stories my grandparents talked about as immigrants themselves and how they arrived in America and the struggles they faced. I think many of us have lost this sense of our past, of the struggles of our ancestors and how it really was when you arrived at Ellis Island (or how it could be).

As time passes they manage by making noises to frighten the various other non human tenants of their apartment and tape garbage bags to the broken window panes.

Various people enter their life but they keep very much to themselves, afraid of what others would think if they knew the true situation. At first Kimberly struggles in school with her limited English skills but she soon picks things up and shows herself to be the star student she was back in Hong Kong for science and math.

Girl in Translation flows smoothly and Kimberly ages as you press on, waiting to see what will happen, where she will end up, and if she can escape her situation and have a bright future. As bright as she is was my hope for her. An enlightening story with an interesting cast. Highly recommended! (*Reprinted review by Amazon.com*)





Amy Jamieson	Tuesday	November 1
Bernice Epstein	Wednesday	November 2
Bruce Hochstadter	Wednesday	November 2
Alyse Borla	Thursday	November 3
Sheryl Rudie	Thursday	November 3
Melvin Kuznets	Saturday	November 5
Lyn Mesirov	Sunday	November 6
Jonathan (Yoni) Dov Kurman	Monday	November 7
Garet Cole Needham	Monday	November 7
Abigail Harris	Tuesday	November 8
David Henderson	Wednesday	November 9
Romy Henderson	Wednesday	November 9
Patricia Improta	Thursday	November 10
Loretta Reshes	Friday	November 11
Jeff Weinstein	Friday	November 11
Tina Wyenn	Friday	November 11
Flo Doctrow	Saturday	November 12
Eleanor Odenberg	Saturday	November 12

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



### Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair

Now that the High Holidays are over, I assume you were

inspired by the beautiful services our Rabbi Lotker presided over and are ready to do your part to help our Temple present Onegs after our Friday night services. Sponsoring an Oneg by honoring someone who has

passed away or someone who is celebrating a landmark occasion in their lives such as an anniversary, birthday, Bat or Bar Mitzvah is a meaningful and beautiful way to mark such an event. Please call me and I'll give you all the particulars about how you can volunteer for this service.

The generous members who participated in sponsoring an Oneg during the month of October were: Naomi Brill in memory of her beloved husband, Richard Brill.



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS** Members & Children

	Selma Weiss	Saturday	November 12
2	Chris Richards	Sunday	November 13
2	Michelle Bogen	Tuesday	November 15
3	Carole Westwood	Tuesday	November 15
3	Joshua Kyle Burstein	Thursday	November 17
5	Sara Erickson	Thursday	November 17
5	Dr. Israel Feingold	Thursday	November 17
•	Daniel Harris	Friday	November 18
•	Dr. Cary Alberstone	Saturday	November 19
3	Charlotte Brandes	Sunday	November 20
)	Joel Wyenn	Sunday	November 20
)	Erica Hartman	Monday	November 21
0	Celia Teitell	Monday	November 21
1	Raye Gabriel	Tuesday	November 22
1	Jennifer Moore	Wednesday	November 23
1	Elvira Cabelli	Thursday	November 24
2	Daniel Martin Perr	Sunday	November 27
2	Tobi Schneider	Monday	November 28

### **TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!**



Flo Doctrow in memory of her beloved husband, Jerry Doctrow.

**Sonia Lotker** honored her cousin's wedding by sponsoring an Oneg.

**Phyllis Mandel** celebrated her 91st birthday by sponsoring an Oneg. HAPPY BIRTHDAY PHYLLIS!

Joseph and Susan Saleh honored their daughter, Ariel, by sponsoring an Oneg in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah on October 22.

Bobbe and Dale Jacobs in memory of Bobbe's brother. Paul Cohen.

Thank you to these caring and generous people who did their part to make our Friday night Onegs a pleasurable experience. Your efforts are certainly appreciated by all.

Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair, 388-8511



## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	Day	Date	Year
Allen & Marcia Zatkin	Monday	Nov. 14	41st anniversary
Ron & Sarene Wallace	Monday	Nov. 21	23rd anniversary
Seymour & Myrna Zimmerman	Monday	Nov. 21	60th anniversary
P. Larry & Celia Teitell	Tuesday	Nov. 22	31st anniversary
Michael & Cathye Clark	Wednesday	Nov. 23	26th anniversary
Mark & Barbara Finsten	Wednesday	Nov. 23	33rd anniversary
Jim & Karen Keys	Thursday	Nov. 24	21st anniversary
Brian & Lisa Sadowsky	Sunday	Nov. 27	14th anniversary
Saul Lessler & Julia Newman	Wednesday	Nov. 30	21st anniversary

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by Phyllis Mandel, Librarian

The dictionary defines the 1 word "MYSTERY" as: "Something that cannot be explained or fully understood. A work of

fiction or drama dealing with a puzzling crime."

You may not realize it, but the Irv Dubin Library has a wealth of exciting Jewish mystery novels including these:

Abigail Browning, ed. - Murder Is No Mitzvah Short mysteries about Jewish occasions.

Michael Chabon - The Yiddish Policemen's Union Homicide Detective Meyer Landsman of the District Police in Sitka, Alaska mystery.

Batya Gur - Series of six books. Michael Ohayan, Chief Superintendent in Israel mysteries.

## Got your 5772 Calendar Yet?

If not, we've got 'em at the Temple courtesy of Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary

### Stop by the Temple and pick up yours!



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# Library "Who Done It" Books of Interest

Sharon Kahan - Series of five books. Ruby the Rabbi's widow in Eternal, Texas mysteries.

Harry Kemelman - Series of eleven books. Rabbi David Small and Police Chief Lanigan in Barnard's Crossing mysteries.

Lawrence W. Raphael, ed. - Criminal *Kabbalah*, an intriguing anthology of Jewish mystery and detective fiction. Mystery Midrash; also an anthology of Jewish mystery and detective fiction.

Dorothy and Sidney Rosen - Death and Blintzes. Just a fun read mystery.

Joseph Telushkin - Series of three books. The Rabbi Daniel Winter mysteries.

These "Who Done it" books can be found in our library sorted by the author's name.





### Welcome Girl Scout Troop 60817

Melisa Siela, big sister of recent Bar Mitzvah Daniel Siela, has just formed a new "Brownie Troop" that is meeting at the Temple building on alternate Thursday afternoons at 5:30 PM. We are proud to jointly sponsor this outstanding program along with the Camarillo Church of Christ.

Have a girl interested in joining the Brownies? Contact Melisa via eMail at: Misams@gmail.com

# Alphabet Soup Puppeteers

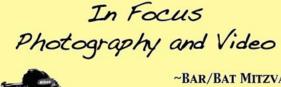


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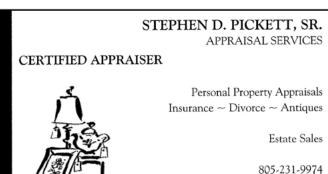


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### Sisterhood News... **Women for Women Event a Great Success!**

What do women like doing? shopping? chatting? discussing

**CD's**: Joan Frank, who played background music on the important topics? noshing? touring a beautiful home? piano for us, just released her first vocal and instrumental listening to a quality music performance on the piano? music CD. Her CD, ECLECTICALLY YOURS, Vol.1 GEONY, was enjoying a relaxing afternoon together? Yes! This is available for purchase. It's in the Temple Gift shop for a very exactly what we did at the Women for Women Event that affordable \$5 with one half donated back to Sisterhood. was held at the Lotkers' new home on Sunday afternoon!

We also organized a **brainstorming** activity in order to identify our members interests.

The 23 women attending were divided into smaller groups in order to generate new activities and events for Sisterhood. We discovered that our members are interested in the following: knitting and crocheting; jewelry making, re-stringing & repair; cooking and holiday food preparation; Israeli dancing; walking groups; yoga classes; monthly card/board games such as bridge, rummy tile, mah jongg; and forming a Yiddish speaking group.

**Get Togethers**: progressive dinners at private homes; high tea and fashion shows at the Temple; picnics at local parks; visits to restaurants, wineries, museums; and attending local plays, shows and concerts.

Topics suggested for guest speakers: women's health issues, yoga, landscaping, finance, local government, and current events including updates about Israel.

Temple fund raising ideas: entertainment such as Jewish comedians, Klezmer Bands, concerts, and dinner dances.

In order to increase participation, the implementatio of car pools and phone trees was suggested.

In regard to meetings: quite a few women preferred Please email or call either of us if you know of any Sundays while others liked Tuesday or Thursday evenings. speakers or entertainers we can contact. Let's get those events moving!

With regard to expenses: A range of \$15 to \$35 was preferred for small gatherings and activities. There was some indication that members are willing to pay a greater amount for bigger Temple fundraisers and events.



### The "shopping" part involved two items:







**COOKBOOKS:** We had our Sisterhood cookbooks available and asked for a modest donation of your choice.

Both the CD and COOK-BOOK make lovely holiday gifts. We will have them at the upcoming Holiday Boutique, Nov. 13th, at our Sisterhood Table.

This delightful afternoon resulted in some of the women realizing that they came from the same cities and graduated from the same high schools. In addition, seven women joined our Women to Women Sisterhood Group that afternoon!

**Our next gathering** will be a requested Craft Afternoon! Sonia Lotker will hold a class on jewelry making, repairing, & re-stringing. Raja Desenberg will teach knitting

& crocheting. This will be held at the Temple on Sunday, Nov. 6th from 2-4 o'clock.

	An introduction to <i>Gentle Yoga</i> will be presented by
n	my favorite Yoga instructor on Thursday evening, at Dec.
	15th, at 7:30.

Ľshalom,

Sonia Lotker & Shari Brody, Co-Presidents 805-437-6667 & 805-492-2129

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## **TEMPLE NER AMI HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

Sunday, November 13, 2011 **Camarillo Boys & Girls Club** 

10 am - 3 pm

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## **Global Day of Jewish Learning** Sunday, November 13th, 2011

Last year, the Global Day of Jewish Learning celebrated the completion of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's monumental translation on the Talmud. This year's Global Day will focus on the unity of the Jewish people as we study the "Shema." The Global brings Jews of all denominations, nationalities, and beliefs together to celebrate Jewish texts through community-based learning. We hope that you will continue to be a part of this exciting day!

### Because you asked us, we have expanded our day of study this year!

9 a.m. Registration, coffee 9:30 a.m. Session 1- choice of rabbis with whom to study 10:30 am..- Session 2- choice of rabbis with whom to study 11:30 a.m. Kosher Lunch (by pre-registration) Rabbi Panel 12:30 p.m. Session 3- choice of rabbis with whom to study 1:15 p.m. Closing songs, rituals, celebration!

### Come study, celebrate and learn with:

Rabbi Jan Offel, Union for Reform Judaism, West Region Rabbi Michael Lotker, Ner Ami Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller, Temple Beth Torah Rabbi Jordana Chernow-Reader, Temple Beth Torah Student Rabbi, Lisa Bock- Ner Ami Rabbi Gershon Winkler, Walking Stick Rabbi John M. Sherwood, emeritus, Temple Beth Emet

This program is FREE; if you would like to join us for lunch, \$10 Kosher Italian!

Temple Beth Torah-----7620 Foothill Rd., Ventura 805/647-4181; for more information contact volunteer@templebethtorah.com

This program is being sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Western Ventura County, and the congregations of Western Ventura County!

## 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

### ....and most importantly, each other!

### The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

#### Honorariums/Memorials

Gregg & Sharon Hartman purchased a Yahrzeit Plague in loving memory of Sharon's mother, Sybil Cooper Levey, and Tree of Life leaves in honor of the Bar Mitzvahs of her sons, Daniel and Jordan, and the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter Erica. Harvey & Jessica Harris sending their best wishes for a successful Oy Veygas Fundraiser Verna Merrin in loving memory of Avrum and Blume Merrin Stanley & Loretta Reshes in loving memory of Loretta's beloved father, Lou Levinson Lois Harwood in loving memory of her dear husband, David Harwood Kenneth Wilson & Eleanor Odenberg in honor of Eleanor's granddaughter's wedding Allen & Marcia Zatkin giving best wishes for a successful Oy Veygas fundraiser Naomi Brill in loving memory of her friend Leila Newman's dear son, John Newman Naomi Brill in loving memory of her dear husband, Richard Brill Phyllis Mandel in gratitude for my Aliyah on Yom Kippur to dress the Torah Selma Weiss in loving memory of Aaron H. Weiss Irving & Arlene S. Bergman in loving memory of Irving's Mother, Celia Bergman Flow Doctrow, Oneg Shabbat sponsor in loving memory of her husband Jerry Doctrow Gloria Brodie in loving memory of her dear Aunt, Ann Pollock Bernard & Helene Scherer in loving memory of Helene's Aunt, Roslyn Chaitow Cohen Carolyn S. Berenson in loving memory of Jerome H. Berenson Irving & Arlene S. Bergman in loving memory of Arlene's Mother, Ruth Levy

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Howard & Shari Brody in honor of Sonny Feingold's granddaughter. Chava Feingold's' 1st Birthday

#### **Newman Scholarship Fund**

Edith Kuznitz	Paul & Tobie Treitman	Alan Levy in honor of our Torah School

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### **TEMPLE NER AMI** Yahrzeits - November 2011

#### Friday, November 4, 2011

Ida Benjamin.....mother-in-law of Lorraine Weingardt Kitty Copeland.....mother of Sandra Goodwin Rose Jaffe.....mother-in-law of Elaine Jaffe Phil Goodman....father of Ellen Brand Maria Ettenberg.....mother of Joseph Ettenberg Sylvia Lackman....sister-in-law of Gloria Brodie Zhanna Aller.....mother of Mariana Krastein Harry Babich.....father of Jim Babich Dodi Nussbaum.....grandmother of Danalynn Pritz Pauline Beg\*\*.....mother of Fred Beg James J. Jacobson....father of Shari Brody Myron Stein....husband of Renee Stein Sam Adler.....husband of Ruth Adler Natalie Brody.....mother of Irene Olson Meyer Schultz....father of Leo A. Schultz Dr. Hugh Frank.....husband of Barbara Frank Flora Warren....mother of Carole Warren Lou Gompers.....father of Frieda Davenport Louise Zusman.....grandmother of Louise Zusman Pepi Heiss.....mother of Seymour Heiss Tillie Shack Teck.....mother of Leatrice Posner Milton Krieger....father of Judy Krieger Henry Copeland.....father of Sandra Goodwin Anne Hellerman.....grandmother of Gary Burke Beatrice Gottfurcht.....mother of Marilyn Seiden Gottleib Schowenwald.....father of Ira Schowenwald Gerald Goldman....brother of Bernard Goldman Walter Simpson....father of Karen Weiss Marion Zatkin-Dryer.....mother of Allen Zatkin Jennie Tenenbaum mother of Muriel Rosenkranz Friday, November 25, 2011 Joseph Burke.....father of Gary Burke Gordon Kennedy.....friend of Mary Burton Martin Burger\*\*....husband of Lucrecia Burger Eda Herszkorn.....mother of Dr. Ed Hawthorne Herb Glass.....partner of Freda Weiss Edwin Stallman.....husband of Betty Stallman Cindy Russell.....aunt of M/M Collins Harry Gan.....father-in-law of Ida Gan Rose Marcus.....mother of Naomi Brill Joseph Horowitz.....grandfather of Cheri Kurman Harry Hersko.....father of Evelyn Selbert Manuel Spector....father of Melanie Klein

### Friday, November 11, 2011

Bella Dektor....grandmother of Dalya Dektor Eva Levene.....mother of Helen Gardner Dorothy Faber....mother of Alyse Borla Emma Beacher.....mother of Libby Pierce Paul Friedman....father of Vicki Sharp Ben Kovach.....father of Fred Kovach Hank Perlman.....husband of Sheryl Rudie Sidney Santer.....father of Andrew Santer

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

donation for memorial plaques on the Yahrzeit Board is \$350.00 per plaque.

### Friday, November 18, 2011

Alfred Amerikaner.....husband of Gudula Amerikaner 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 Zatkin.....father of Dr. Allen Zatkin 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

# I WANT TO KNOW...

by Sarene Wallace. Executive Leadership Team

#### During Julia Newman's High Holiday appeal, she said that people should get involved, but everyone I know is too busy to volunteer. How can I help the temple with the few minutes I do have?

Volunteering doesn't have to take a great deal of time. And the time you put in is repaid exponentially in feeling great about what you're doing for yourself, your family and our temple family. As the rabbi says, Judaism isn't about what you believe it's about what you do. So just do it.

#### Here are some volunteering ideas for busy people:

1. Be an usher: Every Friday night Shabbat service we need ushers who greet people and help set up and clean up the oneg and the sanctuary. Start with one Shabbat service and then build from there. If you have kids, bring them. It's be a great family activity.

2. Like to write? Help our publicity committee submit articles to the local newspapers. Articles are free and help us publicize our activities to the community.

3. Welcome new members: Join the membership committee and welcome new members to our temple family with a phone call.

4. Like Facebooking? Post temple news to our Facebook page.

5. Shabbat welcome: Invite a new family to come to services with you and your family. You could even do a Shabbat dinner together beforehand.

6. Ask Julia. She always has tasks that volunteers can do to help the Torah School and its teachers.

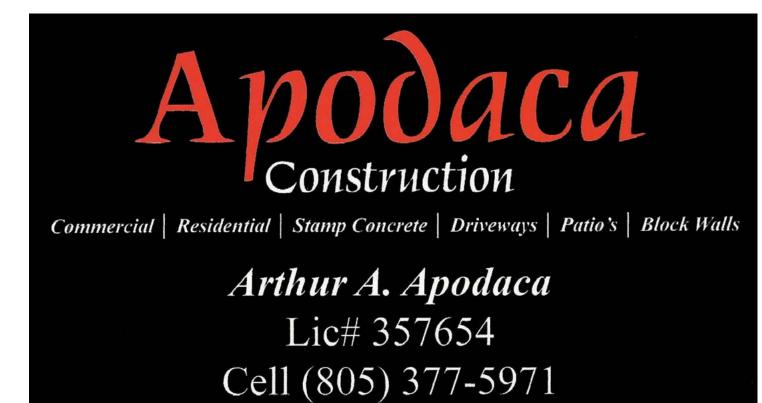
7. Join the Caring Committee: Send cards or make calls to people who are ill.

8. Get on the volunteer list: Shari Brody has a list of volunteers whom she calls when a volunteer opportunity comes up.

9. Give us your ideas. If there's something you'd like to help with, let us know.

It's easy. All you have to do is contact the temple at 388-3824 or send an e-mail to tresidents@ templenerami.org. You'll be glad you did.

Remember: November 17 is our next Town Hall meeting. Come to hear about what the board is working on now. Bring your questions; we'll answer them all.





# Journey Into the Heart of Judaism: Through the Stomach!

# Jewish Food: For the Cook and the Consumer

Do you ever wonder: What makes food Jewish? What can we learn from our Jewish foods?

### Join Student Rabbi Lisa Bock for 8 Wednesday Night Classes!

- 1. October 19: More than Sustenance: Relating to Food
- 2. October 26: Conscious Eating
- 3. November 2: Shabbat & Holidays: The Sacred & the Symbolic
- 4. November 16: Have Food Will Travel
- 5. **\*November 30**: Crazy for Crazy Fruit (Cooking Lesson & Eating)
- 6. \*December 7: Cuckoo for Cocoa (Cooking Lesson & Eating)
- 7. January 18: Foods of the Land of Israel
- 8. January 25: My Signature Dish (Banquet & Eating)

Each class will last approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours and will begin at 7 pm. \* Classes 5 & 6 will involve cooking on-site.

Cost: \$10/class suggested; no student will be turned away. For more info and to register, please call the office: 805/388-3824.

# How may I reflect my own values & heritage thru food?



### Calendar of Upcoming Torah School Sessions & Special Events Torah School meets Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15

### NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Regular session
Fr-Su	4-6	4th-8th Grade Shabbaton (weekend retreat, Camp JCA Shalom, Malibu)
Mon-Wed	7/9	Regular session
Fri	11	Family Shabbat Service led by the 7th Grade (Dinner)
Sun	13	Jewish Global Day of Learning (Sunday)
Mon-Wed	14/16	Regular session
Fri	18	JYG Sleepover
Mon-Wed	21/23	NO TORAH SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri	25	Tot Shabbat Dinner and Family Program (5:45-7:15)
		College Students Shabbat
Mon	28	Regular session
		Junior Youth Group 6:15 -8:00 – Outing (tba)
Wed	30	Regular session
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### DECEMBER

Mon-Wed	5/7	Regular session
Fri	9	Family Shabbat Service led by the 6th Grade (Dinner)
Sat	10	B'nai Mitzvah Family Education (9:30-12:30)
Sat	10	Parents Night Out – Movie Night for Kids
Mon/Wed	12/14	Regular session + Camp Kadimah Hanukah
Mon/Wed	19/21	WINTER VACATION
Fri	23	Hanukah Shabbat
Fri	23	Tot Shabbat Dinner and Family Program (5:45-7:15)
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### **NOVEMBER Outside Organization Meetings**





### **CITY OF HOPE - GENERAL MEETING**

No Regular Meeting This Month Board Meeting - Monday Nov. 28, 2011 - 9:30 AM Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

### **ORT MEETINGS**

Board - Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 - 10am Regular Mtg. Thursday, November 17th - Noon Speaker: Andrew Greenberg on understanding your Medicare options Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722





### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

### **GIRL SCOUT/BROWNIE TROOP 60817**

Meets alternate Thursdays. Next meeting, Thursday, Nov. 10 & 24th, 5:30 pm



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