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Purim

TEMPLE NER AMI

המגילת אסתר
Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4th 2012, 1-4 PM

The illustration depicts a festive Purim scene. At the top, a banner reads 'Purim' with the Temple Ner Ami logo below it. In the center, a table is laden with traditional Purim foods: a large hamantaschen (Oznei Haman) cake, a bowl of hamantaschen, a bowl of fruit, and a bowl of nuts. Several people are gathered around the table, dressed in colorful, elaborate costumes. A woman in a purple and red dress is holding a green Hamantaschen. A man in a red and white costume is holding a green Hamantaschen. A man in a blue and white costume is holding a green Hamantaschen. A woman in a pink and blue costume is holding a green Hamantaschen. A man in a blue and white costume is holding a green Hamantaschen. The background is a patterned blue and white. At the bottom, a large, colorful archway contains the Hebrew text 'המגילת אסתר' and the English text 'Purim Carnival'. Below the archway, the date and time 'Sunday, March 4th 2012, 1-4 PM' are written in a large, bold font.

As you receive this issue we are just a week away from a terrific March 4th afternoon filled with games, prizes, food and fun! There will be several new booths this year including a photo booth, provided by Conejo Photobooth, balloons, a ring toss, as well as some old favorites like the Cake Walk and Giant Jolly Jump Slide.

This event is **the** major annual fund-raising event to support our Torah School. The game booths will be run by the students, and your participation is a very important encouragement to each of them.

So grab a favorite costume and come on out with your family and friends for some great fun supporting the Torah School Sunday, March 4th from 1 to 4 PM.

You're Invited...

Please join us for the introduction of our **New Rabbi** to the congregation at the Temple during a **TOWN HALL MEETING**, on **Wednesday, February 29th, from 6-6:30 PM.**

Special Guests will also be in attendance.

New Temple Ner Ami Web Site!

by Keith Elliott

We're proud to announce Temple Ner Ami's new website at: www.templenerami.org

Featuring stained glass made by TNA member (and Torah School madrach) Sophie Elliott, it has been designed to be easy to use and see, and I hope it can serve as a home away from the Temple for many of us.

It includes links for all of the weekly Shabbat Sheets, plus the monthly Megillah, both in PDF format for online reading, plus sections for our Torah School, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and much more. We will be adding new information all the time, so please take a look!

I have one other announcement to make-I am riding my bicycle in the **2012 Solvang Century**, a 100 mile organized ride through the Central California hills. I am asking people to sponsor my ride, with all the pledges going directly to TNA.

For more information, I have a website set up at <http://oldwhitebelly.com>, or call me at (805) 376-2651 or email me at keithelliott@templenerami.org.

Please consider making a pledge to benefit our Temple!



PURIM Basket Fundraiser

by Keith Elliott

Our second annual Purim Basket fundraiser is in full swing-we already have most of the materials, and it's going to be a doozy this year. Especially during lean years, events like this are very important for our community; not just because of the financial benefit,

but because they offer us another way to acknowledge our friends and fellow congregants. It's a traditional *mitzvah* to provide *Mishloach Manot* for others during Purim, so they may celebrate as well.

Here is how it works-for an \$18 donation, you can select up to four names or families, each of whom will receive a basket with goodies to help celebrate Purim. You can include a greeting to each recipient as well. Additional names can be chosen for an additional \$6 donation each. If a person is

selected by more than one person, they still receive a single basket, with all the greetings for everyone who selected them. The baskets will be available for pickup at the Purim Carnival on March 4th.

To order the baskets, we have a website set up at the Purim Project at:

<http://www.purimproject.com/purim/index.asp>

Everyone received an email and a letter with their own personal login and password-just visit the site and follow the simple instructions. If you don't have a computer available, don't worry; just talk to Kaila Kaden or Keith Elliott and let us know what you would like, and we'll take care of the rest for you.

The deadline is February 28th, so HURRY! The baskets will all be assembled on March 1st by our Teen Group, and I think they are going to look wonderful.



Purim: Costumes, Games, Fun and Celebration

by Lisa Bock

Purim is a fun, almost rowdy holiday. And it should be – so I hope that you plan to join us at our Purim Carnival on March 4th, and I hope you've signed up for activities and perhaps even to help! Most of all, I hope that you bring you, and your friends and family and have fun and celebrate, Ner Ami style.

There are a few required mitzvot for Purim. I bet you know them:

1. Read the Megillah of Esther,
2. Have a festive meal and rejoicing,
3. Send gifts of food (*Mishloach manot*), and
4. Give gifts to the poor.

There are also some opportunities here that we can fulfill today as we celebrate, dress up, and have Purim fun. First, we get together as a community to hear the reading of the Scroll of Esther. We Jews gather, and that we can do this is such a blessing, one that we might even attribute to Esther herself! In the story of Esther, set in the time of 5th century BCE Persia, it is Mordecai and Esther's actions that save the Jews of Shushan from the slanderous words of Haman to the King Ahasuerus, who decrees that all the Jews are to be killed. Instead, Esther, with precise timing and strategy, manages to speak to the king, at the risk of her life, and well...come to the Megillah reading and you can hear the rest of the story!

In the story of Esther, the story begins with King Ahasuerus throwing an extensive party with drinking and feasting, and women from the king's harem. In contrast, we have made it our custom at this time to give gifts of food to friends, and to give gifts to the poor. I hope you're participating in the *Mishloach Manot* program – and, it supports Ner Ami!

May you have a wonderful Purim, and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes!

With blessing,

Lisa Bock



The Jewish Cooking Class was an amazing Jewish journey all through the diaspora and culminated in the Food of the Land of Israel, including the impact that modern immigrants to Israel are having on the evolving Israeli cuisine! We took a number of photos during the course of the class; the above is just one of them. Participants included: **Marcia Zatzkin, Shari Brody, Gail Kleinman, Pam Bogen, Arla Crane, Claire Goldstein, Susan Weinstein, Bonnie Shubb, Elaine Smith, Max and Josephine Freifeld, Cantor Karen Dworsky, Joan Frank, Harriet Lit, Beverly Kerwien and Lisa Bock.**

In Remembrance: Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, (1912-2012)

The following is brought to you from the URJ website: Rabbi Wolf Gunther Plaut z"l was born in Germany on November 1, 1912. He received his Doctor of Laws degree in Germany but was prohibited from practicing law under the Nazi regime. He fled to the U.S. and was ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1939. After receiving his U.S. citizenship in 1943, he enlisted as a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II and was present at the capture of the first concentration camp in Germany.

Rabbi Plaut served as rabbi in Chicago, Ill. and St. Paul, Minn. prior to joining Holy Blossom Temple as senior rabbi in 1961. He retired in 1977, but continued on as senior scholar until his passing on February 9, 2012.



Cheder Chappenings at Temple Ner Ami

by Julia Newman

Shalom Haverim,

When Kaila took the photo and Mark added the caption of the “Principal-Teacher Conference,” I thought it was hysterical and wanted it placed on the bulletin board and in the

MEGILLAH. But as the days passed, I started thinking more about the photo and what it represented: all of the chats, the telephone conversations, the e-mail notes—the “conferences” that go on in our Torah School. Our faculty does more than teach Hebrew, history and holidays. They look at the whole child, and when they have a question or see a problem they come to me and we talk about it.

Parents and grandparents stop by the school to chat—sometimes to tell me the latest funny story about their kid, or their child’s recent accomplishment or their challenges.

We have time at Ner Ami. We make time, because your child’s well-being is what’s important to us.

So, keep in touch. E-mail is a great way to communicate and I’ve even learned to “text.” You don’t need an

Teacher Conference with Principal



Look, I don't care if it's your favorite Kippah. You have to wear more than it and a tie to teach at Ner Ami!

appointment for a “conference.” Stop by, call, write—we are always here for you.

B’shalom, Julia

P.S. And if I’m not available, you can always talk to Mazal Dov, the Bear.

Teen Shabbat

The teens led a fabulous Shabbat service. They were well-prepared by their teachers, Daniel Veselak and Student Rabbi Lisa. The service was filled with music and personal readings from the teens, who included: Daniel Perr, Alex Littaua, Michael Fischler, Shani Levi, Nica Bard, Garret Erickson, Tari Kurman and Sarah Charton. Helping us that night were 8th grade students Sophie Elliott and Ariel Saleh. Tari, Daniel and Alan Crane on guitar accompanied Cantor Karen and the congregation. The remarkable end to the service was a beautiful dance performed by the girls, set to the music of “Miriam’s Song,” written by Debbie Friedman. The girls were taught the dance by Sonia Banon who also supplied all of the exquisite caftans and jeweled belts.



Zimmer Museum

A group of Temple Moms and their children took a trip to the **Zimmer Children’s Museum** as part of JOLT (Jews Out Learning Together). This museum features some very creative and educational activities.

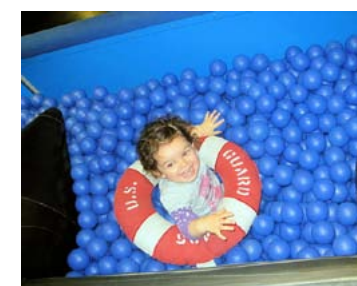


Johnny Rockets Fund-Raiser

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Calendar of Torah School Sessions, Services & Events

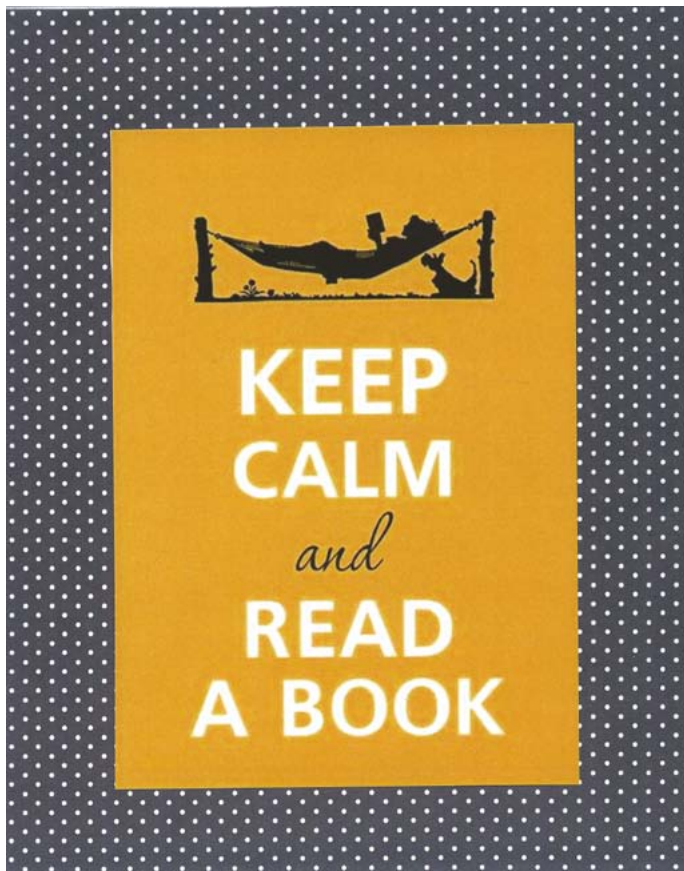
Torah School is Monday & Wednesday, 4:15-6:15

MARCH

Sun	4	PURIM CARNIVAL
Mon	5	Regular session - Camp Kadimah Purim
Wed	7	Regular session - Camp Kadimah Purim
Fri	9	Purim Shabbat Family Shabbat Service led by the 2nd/3rd Grade
Mon	12	Regular session
Wed	14	Regular session
Sun	18	Museum of Tolerance (7th Grade)
Mon	19	Regular session
Wed	21	Regular session
Fri	23	Tot Shabbat Dinner & Family Program (5:45-7:15)
Sun	25	JOLT – Matzah Factory (L.A.)
Mon	26	Regular session + Camp Kadimah - Passover Junior Youth Group 6:15 – 7:30
Wed	28	Regular session + Camp Kadimah - Passover

APRIL

Mon	2	SPRING VACATION
Wed	4	SPRING VACATION
Mon	9	SPRING VACATION
Wed	11	Regular session
Sat	14	B’nai Mitzvah Family Education (9:30-12:30)
Mon	16	Regular session – Yom Hashoah
Wed	18	Regular session
Fri	20	Dinner/Family Shabbat Service led by the 1st Grade class
Mon	23	Regular session + Camp Kadimah – Yom Ha’atzmaut & Yom Ha-Zikaron
Wed	25	Regular session + Camp Kadimah – Yom Ha’atzmaut & Yom Ha-Zikaron Junior Youth Group 6:15 – 7:30)
Fri	27	Tot Shabbat Dinner & Family Program (5:45-7:15)
Mon	30	Regular session



Calling Lost Books!

by Phyllis Mandel



A few of the Temple's library books seem to have lost their way home. Please check to see if any of these wayward titles are amongst your collection:

AN HOUR IN PARADISE - by Joan Leegant

IN THE IMAGE - by Dara Horn

BORN TO KVETCH - by Michael Wex

CALIFORNIA KOSHER COOK BOOK

17 BEN GURION - by Jack Hoffenberg

MAUS I and II - by Art Spiegelman

If you have any of these books, just return them to my cart in the Library, so I can log their return and put them back into their proper spot on the bookshelves.

Tikkun Olam:

תְּקוּן הָעוֹלָם

Mark your calendars: We will be volunteering to serve dinner at the **Rescue Mission on Saturday, March 31 from 4 - 6:30pm**. Please contact Sharon Green: 987-4163 or Marc & Alison Grossmann: 987-9627 to set up carpools so we can advise the Mission coordinator as to the number of volunteers we are providing. Future dates are: June 30 and September 29.

Grandparent/Grandchildren opportunities: Many in our congregation have family members living in other parts of the world. Do the seniors know what interests their own grandchildren? Do the grandchildren know anything about the lives their parents' parents have led? I'd like to make a connection between the generations. We could call it a Havurah. "Meetings" could take place by phone, letter, email, or skype. If you have a desire to make an intergenerational connection, please call me and I'll put together a list of other interested people.

Somis Pantry: The food for the month of March is **peanut butter**. Don't forget to bring your donations to Temple.

Here's a wonderful quote from Martin Luther King Jr.: "Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way." A group wants our Camarillo Animal Shelter to become a "no-kill" facility and to stop euthanizing animals as a means for population control. Are you ready to take a stand? Are you trying to eat less meat? Do you have any other suggestions for our Tikkun Olam committee? Would you like to become more active?

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



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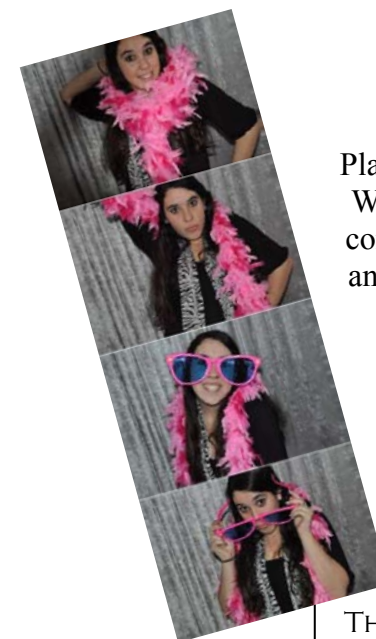
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Friday - March 9th

Dinner-6pm Shabbat-7pm

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Megillah Reading

Purim Songs with Cantor Karen

Hamentaschen Contest - Dress in Costume

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We need to know how much food to prepare so reservations are required! Please email admin@templenerami.org or call 388-3824 by Wednesday, March 7 to make a reservation!



Photo courtesy Sarene Wallace

Group Enjoys Casino Night Prize Dinner!

Larry and Patty Lerner offered to cook a gourmet Moroccan dinner in their home as part of the Casino Night Silent Auction. Three couples took them up on the offer. The dinner was on a Saturday night, and it was beyond magnificent. Larry and Patty have agreed to donate another gourmet dinner for this year's Casino Night. Anyone who loves great food needs to bid on this dinner; it really was amazing. In the photo are (left to right, front row) Julia, Saul, Patty Lerner, (back row) Ron, Rob Weinstock, Pam Weinstock, Larry Lerner.

Dear Temple Ner Ami Friends,

Hello, my name is Matthew Treitman. I'm having my Bar Mitzvah soon and for my Mitzvah project I will be donating art supplies to charities. I would greatly appreciate it if you could bring in any art supplies to Temple Ner Ami. Any supplies that aren't new will be fine, but should be in good, usable condition.

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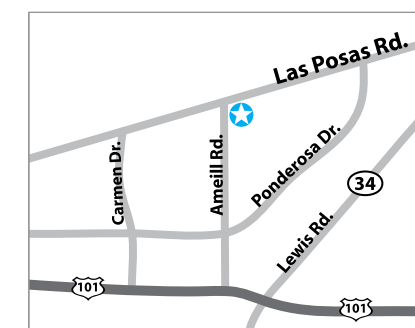
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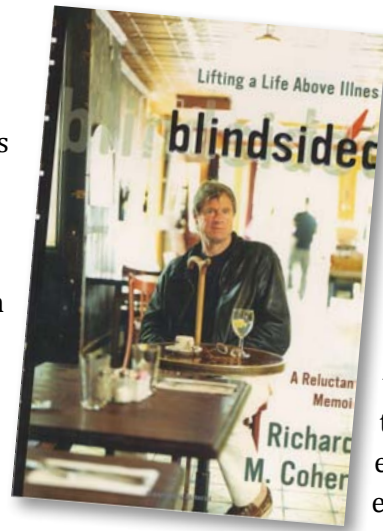
EAGER READERS BOOK CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, March 13th, at 10:30 AM in the Library!

March Selection: "Blindsided" by Richard Cohen

Illness came calling when Richard M. Cohen was twenty-five years old. A young television news producer with expectations of a limitless future, his foreboding that his health was not quite right turned into the harsh reality that something was very wrong when diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. For thirty years Cohen has done battle with MS only to be ambushed by two bouts of colon cancer at the end of the millennium. And yet, he has written a hopeful book about celebrating life and coping with chronic illness.

"Welcome to my world," writes Cohen, "where I carry around dreams, a few diseases, and the determination to live life my way."



chose to live his life, it did choose him.
(Summary from Amazon.com)

Autobiographical at its roots, reportorial, and expansive, *Blindsided* explores the effects of illness on raising three children and on his relationship with wife, Meredith Vieira (host of ABC's *The View* and the syndicated *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*). Cohen tackles the nature of denial and resilience, the ins and outs of the struggle for emotional health, and the redemptive effects of a loving family. And while dealing with illness is not the way he



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Members & Children

Claire Goldstein	Thursday	March 1	Seymour Zimmerman	Saturday	March 17
Joshua Gurovich	Thursday	March 1	Gavin Shafron	Sunday	March 18
Rachel Gurovich	Thursday	March 1	Mark Greenblatt	Monday	March 19
Jackson Kamola	Thursday	March 1	Christy Kadin	Tuesday	March 20
Danielle Saleh	Saturday	March 3	Austin Ray Lowenschuss	Tuesday	March 20
Dalya Dektor	Sunday	March 4	Ann Burke	Wednesday	March 21
Cynthia Wolfsohn	Sunday	March 4	Nolan Grossmann	Saturday	March 24
Beverly Kerwien	Monday	March 5	Lois F. Harwood	Saturday	March 24
Donald Seidler	Tuesday	March 6	Arnold Heirshberg	Saturday	March 24
Anita Carswell Levine	Wednesday	March 7	Ryan Mark Spitzer	Saturday	March 24
Chip Erickson	Wednesday	March 7	Jay Crane	Sunday	March 25
Frances Yasney	Wednesday	March 7	Barbara Swartz	Sunday	March 25
Mr. George Benson	Thursday	March 8	Alec James Williams	Sunday	March 25
Joan Stone	Thursday	March 8	Lillian Hawthorne	Monday	March 26
Steven Graff	Friday	March 9	Diane Ensey	Wednesday	March 28
Ruth Weiss	Saturday	March 10	Irving Goldman	Wednesday	March 28
Imani Zusman	Saturday	March 10	Lawrence Kleinman	Wednesday	March 28
Jack Votion	Sunday	March 11	Elijah Moore	Wednesday	March 28
Jadin Morgan Lowenschuss	Monday	March 12	Dr. Robert Nathan	Thursday	March 29
Naomi Wieselmann	Tuesday	March 13	Gudi Amerikaner	Friday	March 30
Sharron Parker	Wednesday	March 14	William Goldstein	Friday	March 30
Katherine Rosenthal	Wednesday	March 14	Arlene Cohen	Saturday	March 31
Kathy D'Inca	Thursday	March 15	Jacob Greenberg	Saturday	March 31
Kianah Highfill	Thursday	March 15			

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Day	Date	Year
Aaron Dvoretzky & Sharon Spielman	Friday	March 2	15th
Joel & Tina Wyenn	Saturday	March 3	12th
George & Joyce Benson	Wednesday	March 7	56th
Fred & Lyn Mesirov	Sunday	March 11	56th
Claudio & Heather Burstein	Wednesday	March 14	14th
Michael & Vicky Eneberg	Wednesday	March 21	11th
Jules & Leatrice Posner	Sunday	March 25	67th

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Honorable Menschen

Sharon Spielman recently received the San Buenaventura Section of the Society of Woman Engineers' "Engineer of the Year" Award at the National Engineering Week dinner at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, held on February 23rd.

Not to be outdone, **Aaron Dvoretzky** was recently named salesman of the year at his company. Congrats to wife and husband!

Please send your "Honorable Menschen" items to Mark Malloy at admin@templenerami.org.

Who done it?

Rabbi and I very much appreciate the delicious gifts that are occasionally left on his desk. However, we do not know who placed them there. I have gone around time and time again asking: "Did you leave a box of chocolate on the rabbi's desk, did you leave cookies... to no avail". I finally decide to write a note!

We loved the goodies and thank you. However, we would love to make our thanks more personal. Please let us know who you are.

Sonia Lotker



2nd Anniversary Event Planned for Temple Ner Ami!

The Sisterhood has some big plans for our second anniversary celebration at our new Temple home on Temple Ave. You are invited to join Rabbi Lotker, Student Rabbi Lisa, the Board of Directors, Cantor Karen, Torah School Director Julia, Accountant Kaila, Administrator Mark, Sisterhood, Men's Club, congregants and guests, for this **evening of music and laughter**. Please put **Saturday evening, May 5** on your calendar right now so that you can attend a great evening at the Temple!

We will have a very funny Jewish comedian, Keith Barany, ("Bare-a-knee") appearing here for the first time. Keith has appeared on TV comedy shows, has written for Seinfeld and was called "The wittiest comedian working today" by *The New York Post*. He has traveled overseas 5 times to entertain our U.S. troops.

More details will be available in the next few weeks, but meanwhile, **please save the date**.

Bakers Needed! On March 2, our Sisterhood & friends are going to bake *hamantaschen* to be sold at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4. We would love to have you with us to enjoy our baking party! No experience necessary...we will have recipes and ingredients ready for you!

Volunteers Needed for our annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 29. More information will be available in next month's Megillah.

Spring is a month away! Be well and see you at Temple.

Shari Brody & Sonia Lotker
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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TEMPLE NER AMI BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of Temple Ner Ami had another great meeting Thursday night with wine, card games, and conversation. Allen Zarkin was elected President with Jay Crane as Program Chair.

Saul Lessler will serve as Club Treasurer and Max Freifield will be Recording Secretary. Five new members were added to the Brotherhood to include: Jay Berger, Darryl Sobelman, Keith Elliott, Jack Snader, and Joel Zneimer.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** Discussion will center around joining the Sisterhood for Mitzvah Day on April 29th and participating in the Comedy Night, May 5, 2012. The Brotherhood will also plan a family outing on March 31, 2012 for "Dinner and a Movie", supporting the Jewish Film Festival of Ventura. The movie will be "My Best Enemy", a German film with English subtitles about a brash son of a wealthy Jewish Viennese art dealer who outwits the Nazis antagonists.

The Brotherhood will host a pot luck dinner at 5:00 at the Temple, 515 Temple Avenue and then travel to Ventura for the movie. (It is advised to get your tickets in advance. This festival is usually a sell-out. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please make your check payable to Temple Beth Torah and write Jewish Film Festival in the memo section. Fill out the Jewish Film Festival Flyer found in the entry way of Temple Ner Ami and send to Jewish Film Festival, Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Road, Ventura, Ca 93004) Carpools will be available. For info call Jay Crane at 482-9397 or email www.brotherhood@templenerami.org.

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley & Ventura County

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at TAE, from 1:30-3:30 PM
2420 E. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks

The Program:

Here Comes the 1940 Census

For more information contact: information@jgscv.org or call Jan Meisels Allen@ 818-889-6616.

Temple Beth Torah Presents the **9th ANNUAL VENTURA COUNTY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

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March 24 – April 1, 2012

VENTURA Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Rd.

VENTURA Regency Buenaventura 6, 101 Fwy. at Telephone Rd.

THOUSAND OAKS Muvico Theater, 166 W. Hillcrest Dr.

OXNARD Plaza 14 Cinemas, 255 West 5th St.

Saturday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. Regency Buenaventura 6, Ventura
Sponsor: Paula Reach

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. Muvico Theater, Thousand Oaks
Sponsor: Joel Goldenberg, D.D.S. & Andrew Goldenberg, D.D.S.

Kaddish for a Friend (PG-13) GERMANY (German with English subtitles) – A Russian-Jewish WWII veteran and a Palestinian teen form an unlikely friendship in this "tragicomic" film. This warm coming-of-age story, inspired by two real people, is a stirring feature debut by Moscow-born German filmmaker Leo Khasin. Audience Award, Best Feature Film, Boston Jewish Film Festival 2011. Guest Speaker, March 24: Dr. Leah Hochman, Director, Louchheim School for Judaic Studies at USC and Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought at HUC-JIR.

Sunday, March 25, 4:00 p.m. Plaza 14 Cinemas, Oxnard
Sponsorship Available

Starring David (PG-13) THE NETHERLANDS (Dutch with English subtitles) – With a Jewish dad and a Chinese mom, David prepares for his Bar Mitzvah and a chance to become Jewish.

Torn (PG-13) ISRAEL (Hebrew & Polish with English subtitles) – Can one be a Catholic priest and an observant Jew at the same time? With sensitivity and depth, this unusual documentary captures the life of a deeply spiritual person, torn between two identities, and unable to renounce either. At "the kitchen" restaurant, 529 South A Street, directly across from the Plaza 14 Cinemas, after the films, **dynamic discussion** and a **Mediterranean dinner buffet** (\$20 prepaid per person, including tax & gratuity) for our filmgoers. Make your dinner reservations by calling TBT at 805-647-4181. This must be paid in advance. Deadline: March 19. No exceptions!

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. Plaza 14 Cinemas, Oxnard
Sponsor: Joel Aaronson and the Affordable Living Choices Trust

Gei Oni (Valley of Fortitude) (PG-13) ISRAEL (Hebrew with English subtitles) This beautifully crafted film by Israeli producer/director Dan Wolman is an historical epic which interweaves the story of the first wave of Jewish European migration to Palestine at the end of the 19th Century. Film is based on the best selling novel Valley of Strength by Shulamit Lapid. Best Feature Film, Gerhard-Klein prize, Berlin Jewish Film Festival 2011.

Saturday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. Regency Buenaventura 6, Ventura
Sponsor: Barbara Meister

David and Goliath (PG-13) USA – David, a Jewish Resistance fighter, flees for his life as he is being hunted down by Nazis in Czechoslovakia. Best Narrative Short, L.A. Jewish Film Festival. Followed by Guest Speaker: George Zevedas, Director

My Best Enemy (PG-13) AUSTRIA (German with English subtitles) – The brash son of a wealthy Jewish Viennese art dealer turns the tables on Nazi antagonists. Cowritten by Austrian Holocaust survivor Paul Hengge and director Wolfgang Murnberger. This film features Hollywood style storytelling, deftly straddling a fine line between drama and absurdist humor with highly entertaining results!

Sunday, April 1, 12:00 noon Temple Beth Torah, Ventura
Sponsorship Available

Cohen on the Bridge (PG-13) USA – Starts at 1 p.m. Award Winner, Palm Springs Short Festival, Festival Prize, St. Louis International Film Festival. This is an animated story of the 1976 hostage rescue in Entebbe, Uganda. Guest Speaker: Andrew Wainrib, Director.

Beautiful Music (PG-13) USA – Narrated by Brooke Shields. Best Documentary, Hollywood Film Festival. This remarkable, heartwarming, and moving true story of the relationship between an Orthodox Jewish piano teacher and her blind, autistic Palestinian student.

Call today to reserve your seats! (805) 647-4181
\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door (space available)
DEADLINE for advance reservations: Monday, March 19

Tickets will be mailed to you if time permits. All sales are final. No refunds. Seating for films is on a first-come, first-served basis. People with special needs may request preferred seating. Programs begin promptly. All programs subject to change.



TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!

Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair

The *Onegs* (social hour after Friday night services) have been sponsored by so many generous people lately that I even forgot to list a few in last month's *MEGILLAH*. I do apologize for the oversight.

January was the month hosted by the **Votions, Sharon Green, the Jacobs', and the Bergmans.**

Also **Max and Josephine Freifeld** hosted in honor of Josephine's birthday, and **Elaine Jaffe** was a sponsor in memory of her husband, **Sig Jaffe**. **Gloria Brodie** joined the group of sponsors in memory of her mother, **Debora Brooks**. Thank you to all these gracious people for their generosity and help in presenting attractive and delicious *Onegs*.



At this writing, the middle of February, I have only two sponsors to thank: **Julia Newman** in memory of her beloved father, **Norman Newman**, and myself, **Naomi Brill**, in memory of my father, **Charles Marcus** and my own birthday!

Please don't be shy about calling me to offer your services by sponsoring an *Oneg*.

It's a painless and pleasant experience and a great way to help our Temple present attractive *Onegs* to our members. You may either bring some of the goodies or give the Temple a donation. This is a great way to observe a *Yahrzeit* or celebrate a happy occasion in your life.

Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair person: (805) 388-8511.



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John & Beverly Kerwien in honor of Purim at Temple Ner Ami!

Bernard & Helene Scherer, in loving memory of her Mother Harriet Bookbinder

Gilbert R. & Rita D. Cooperman in loving memory of Rita's father, Samuel Zimmerman

Naomi Brill, wishing a Happy Birthday to the magnificent Arla Crane!

Naomi Brill, in loving memory of Naomi's father, Charles Marcus

Verna Merrin, in loving memory of her beloved Late Husband, Irv Merrin

Charles & Libby Pierce in loving memory of Charles' brother, Seweryn Piasecki

Sylvia Leventhal, in thanks for the prayers for my son Jonathan David for a full recovery

Paul & Joan Taubman in loving memory of Joan's Mother, Frieda Feinberg

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Edward & Lillian Hawthorne in appreciation of Temple Ner Ami's accomplishments

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Yahrzeits - March 2012

March 2, 2012 (Adar I & II, 3-9)

Louis Miller.....father of Isabelle Blau

Bessie Kadish.....grandmother of Barbara Michaels

Harry L. Klein.....father of Elva Levine

Michael Heller**father of Max Heller

Yale Lewine**husband of Ella Lewine, z"l

Rami Yoffe.....cousin of Judy Krieger

Emil Goldstein.....father of William Goldstein

Tim Lucas son-in-law of Elva Levine

Irving Kaplan.....brother of Arnold Kaplan

Terrie Schwartz.....wife of Albert Schwartz

Elias Shapiro.....father of Mike Shapiro

Ernestine Spielman.....mother of Sharon Spielman

Darlene Spiro**..mother of Bryant, Kenton & Laurena Spiegler

Terrie Schwartz.....wife of Albert Schwartz

March 9, 2012 (Adar I & II 10-16)

Carol Lotker**late wife of Rabbi Michael Lotker

Thomas Miller.....father of Tobie Treitman

Zoltan Borla.....father of Alex Borla

Lynne Opper.....aunt of Arlene Cohen

Esther Goren.....mother of Sharon Goren

Shirley Sussman.....friend of Temple Ner Ami

Isadore Burt Brodie.....father-in-law of Gloria Brodie

Edward Marcus.....son of Charlotte Markus

Robert Alex Goodwin.....husband of Sandra Goodwin

Louise J. Freifield.....late wife of Max Freifield

Pearl Bailess**grandmother of Stacy Lowenschuss

Irene Einstein.....mother of Gudi Amerikaner

Ella M. Lewine**wife of Yale Lewine, z"l

Goldie Perlmutter.....mother of Barbara Perlmutter

Saul Rosenberg.....father of Barbara Rosenberg, husband of Bernice Goldberg

Robert E. Shubb.....late husband of Bonnie Shubb

Joseph Uran.....brother of Raye Gabriel

Ruth Heller**mother of Max Heller

J. Steve Brodie.....husband of Gloria Brodie

Leo Blonsky.....father of Madelyn Miller

Haskell Faber.....father of Alyse Borla

Licto Marzouk.....father of Susan Saleh

March 16, 2012 (Adar I & II 17-23)

Lou Dektor**father of Dalya Dektor

Ruth Freedland.....aunt of Brian Yorke

Sam Scherer.....father of Bernard Scherer

Frances Simons.....mother of Marty Simons

** Name on the Yolanda Cramer Memorial Yahrzeit Board.

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.

March 16, 2012 (Adar I & II 17-23) continued

Alex Baranoff.....father of Elsie Lichtbach

Benny Baranoff.....brother of Elsie Lichtbach

Sam Borovoy.....father of Verna Merrin

Morton Lit**husband of Harriet Lit

Jean Graeber.....mother of Arla Crane

Ed Sobel.....father of Claudia Yorke

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Marvin Krantz.....friend of Jean Shev

Dora Mendelson.....step mother of Edith Schallheim

Gemma Sanfelice.....grandmother of Linda Schlagel

March 23, 2012 (Adar I & II 24 - Nisan 1)

Irving Weiss.....husband of Ruth Weiss

Sam Minter.....father of Lisa Alberstone

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Sophia Shapiro.....mother of Mike Shapiro

Pearl Nadler.....stepmother of Clarice Shapiro

Mignon Schneiderman.....mother of Natalie Rosen

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Anna Brand.....mother of Richard Brand

Melvin Shapiro.....brother of Mike Shapiro

Harry Freedland.....uncle of Brian Yorke

Ida Varah.....mother of Bernice Epstein

Roy Jacobson.....father of Stuart Jacobson

Isaac Diamond.....father-in-law of Israel Feingold

Sandra Fitzgerald.....mother of Stacy Lowenschuss

March 30, 2012 (Nisan 2-8)

Michael Brandfather of Richard Brand

Dora Freifield.....mother of Max Freifeld

Tillie Treitman.....mother of Dr. Paul Treitman

Bertha Wolinsky.....aunt of Raye Gabriel

Miriam Cooperman.....mother of Gilbert Cooperman

Minnie Goldstein.....mother of William Goldstein

Annette Shaw.....mother of Judy Slapin

Benjamin Schwartz.....father of Lyn Mesirov

Evelyn Berkman**mother of Andrea Granat

Louis Smith..... grandfather of Dr. Robert Improta

Sam Minter.....father of Lisa Alberstone

Donations shown are those received from January 22nd
(February 18th)

CHOICES

The 8th Grade program meets on Mondays from 6:30-8:30

MARCH

Sun 4 PURIM CARNIVAL
 Mon 5 Youth Group
 Mon 12 Bamidbar
 Mon 19 Girl Talk & Man Cave
 Mon 26 Elective
 Jr. Youth Grp. Grade 5,6,7 6:15-7:30

APRIL

Mon 2 SPRING VACATION
 Mon 9 SPRING VACATION
 Mon 16 Girl Talk & Man Cave (8th Grade)
 Mon 23 Elective (8th Grade)
 Jr. Youth Grp. Grades 5,6,7 6:15-7:30
 Mon 30 Bamidbar

TEEN CONNECTION

(Grades 9-12) meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30

MARCH

Fri-Sun 2-4 NFTY SoCal Social Justice Kallah
 Sun 4 PURIM CARNIVAL
 Wed 7 NAUTY
 Wed 14 The New Confirmation
 Wed 21 NAUTY-Israeli Dance
 Wed 28 Teen Talk

APRIL

Wed 4 SPRING VACATION
 Wed 11 The New Confirmation
 Wed 18 Teen Talk – Yom Hashoah
 Fri-Sun 20-22 **NFTY-SoCal Elections Kallah**
 Wed 25 NAUTY – Johnny Rockets

MARCH Outside Organization Meetings



CITY OF HOPE

Regular Meeting, Monday March 12th, 12:30 PM
 Board Meeting - Monday March 26, 2012 - 9:30 AM
 Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

ORT MEETINGS

Board - Thursday, March 1, 2012 - 10am
 Regular Mtg. Thursday, March 22, 2012 - Noon
 Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722
 Sharron Parker - 805-443-1998

GIRL SCOUT/BROWNIE TROOP 60817

Meets alternate Thursdays: 3/1, 3/15, & 3/29, 5:30 pm
 for info contact: troop60817@templenerami.org
 (Mark Malloy has info on ordering Girl Scout Cookies!)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tues. Mixed Meeting 7-8:15 pm,
 Tues. Mtg. Pot Luck, 3/27
 Wed. Mixed Mtg. 7-8:15 pm
 Wed. Ladies Mtg. 7-8:15 pm
 Sat. Mixed 6:30-7:30 pm
 Saturday Mtg. Pot Luck, 3/10
 Sunday (Men only) 7-8 am

HADASSAH

No meetings at the Temple in March
 Next regular meeting at the Temple, April 2nd
 Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222

TEMPLE NER AMI - March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
9:30am - City of Hope Board 4:15pm - Torah School 6:15pm - Junior Youth Group @ 6:30pm - Choices 8th Grade	4:15pm - Torah School-Camp 6:15pm - Girl Talk - Grades 6 & 7 6:30pm - Choices 8th Grade	Fast of Esther 12pm - Torah - Women's 4:15pm - Mommy, Daddy & Me @ 4:15pm - Torah School 6:30pm - Teen Connection @	Rabbi Office Day 12pm - Torah - Women's 4:15pm - Mommy, Daddy & Me @ 4:15pm - Torah School 6:30pm - Teen Connection @	10am - ORT Board Meeting @ Irv 6pm - Girl Scout Troop 60817 Purim 7pm - Brotherhood Meeting @	6pm - Social Justice Kallah @ Malibu 12pm - Hamentaschen Baking @ 7:30pm - Shabbat Service @ Shushan Purim 6pm - Family Dinner 7pm - 2nd/3rd Grade Shabbat	9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv 9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv St. Patrick's Day 9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv
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Daylight Saving Time Begins 10am - Teen Connection Zoo Trip	12:30pm - City of Hope Regular 4:15pm - Torah School 6:30pm - Choices 8th Grade	10:30am - Eager Readers Book	12pm - Torah - Women's 4:15pm - Mommy, Daddy & Me @ 4:15pm - Torah School 6:30pm - Teen Connection @ 7pm - Board of Directors	6pm - Girl Scout Troop 60817 Purim 7pm - Brotherhood Meeting @	6pm - Social Justice Kallah @ Malibu 12pm - Hamentaschen Baking @ 7:30pm - Shabbat Service @ Shushan Purim 6pm - Family Dinner 7pm - 2nd/3rd Grade Shabbat	9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv 9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv St. Patrick's Day 9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
11am - JOLT Trip to Matzah	9:30am - City of Hope Board 4:15pm - Torah School-Camp 6:15pm - Junior Youth Group @ 6:30pm - Choices 8th Grade	12pm - ORT General Meeting @	Rabbi Office Day 12pm - Torah - Women's 4:15pm - Mommy, Daddy & Me @ 4:15pm - Torah School 6:30pm - Teen Connection @	6pm - Girl Scout Troop 60817	7:30pm - Shabbat Service @	9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv 9:30am - Torah Study Class @ Irv



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