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Tresidents Message

by Nadine Frankel

The big news has been the announcement of who would be our next rabbi. By now everyone knows that Lisa Bock will be our new spiritual leader. But does everyone know how she was chosen? Although we know and trust Lisa and love her, that is not the reason she was picked.

Let me explain the process. A committee was formed for the sole purpose of choosing a successor to Rabbi Mike. It consisted of three board members, Steven Graff, Gary Goltz, and Sarene Wallace; one staff member, Julia Newman; and three congregants, Jean Shev, Bonnie Shugg, and Karen Greenberg. The committee was meant to represent a diverse cross section of our congregation. The congregational members were a senior, a baby boomer, and a Torah school mother. Prior to the formation of the committee, all temple members were asked to fill out a survey of what they were seeking in a rabbi and rank each quality by importance. There was approximately a 50% response rate. There were quite a few resumes sent in, and after the initial consideration there were nine candidates.

Finally three very strong candidates remained, and all were interviewed. The committee members took their job very seriously. There was much discussion and soul searching. Each candidate was considered using the paradigm created by the survey. One candidate emerged as the right one for us: Lisa Bock. This was the committee's recommendation to the board and the board voted unanimously to offer the position to Lisa.

Lisa has been our Student Rabbi for some years, and also teaches our B'nai Mitzvah kids. She brings a lot of enthusiasm and dedication to our Temple. Like Rabbi Mike, this is a second career for her. Young people sometimes fall into a career path without much thought. When a mature, successful person decides to go back to school for an arduous course of study, you can be sure that that person is motivated by a strong pull, a "calling," if you will. One goal that she has confided to me, is to foster a culture of open, honest communication at Temple Ner Ami. She will be accessible to all of us as we continue to build a strong community. Let's all join together in joyfully giving Lisa Bock all of our support when she steps up to the Bimah as our Chief Rabbi in July.

And while we will welcome Rabbi Lisa with joy, we can't help but feel some loss at Rabbi Mike's changing role. Michael Lotker has been with Temple Ner Ami from the beginning, first as a Student Rabbi, and later as our Rabbi. He has served us with honor and dedication, been our teacher, conducted our life cycle events, and represented us very well in the community.

Your Board of Directors is very appreciative that he has agreed to stay and continue to be a presence at our temple, as Rabbi Emeritus. He will continue to be a blessing to us with his wisdom and experience.











Be Happy! It's Adar!

by Lisa Bock

The scholars of the Talmud say that our joy and happiness should increase in the month of Adar. After all, we did celebrate Purim in Adar, and our sages say that the month of Adar is filled with hidden blessing.

As we look at the pictures that fill most of this page, we can all see the not-so-hidden joy and happiness of Adar. Let us all *kvell* in the joy and the blessing that fills the faces and smiles of those seen here in our TNA building and parking lot to overflowing with the celebration of Purim.

With joy and blessing, Rabbi Lisa



























Cheder Chappenings at Temple Ner Ami by Julia Newman

Shalom Haverim,

Our monthly class-led Shabbat services continued with the 4th & 5th grade leading the service in February and the 2nd & 3rd graders leading March's family service.

Teachers *Gil Ramot* and *Saul Lessler* helped students *Ziv Carmi, Noah Harris, Annie Mascot, Emily Sadowsky,* and *Ryan Sassower* to prepare for the service. The theme of "Peace" was expressed through the prayers and songs that the students led. Their program featured individual thoughts and drawings about peace and the entire service culminated with a rousing musical video, leading the congregation in an African-American spiritual "Peace Like A River."

Our fun Purim Shabbat was led by 2nd & 3rd graders *Bella Budin Caloroso, Jacob Greenberg, Simon Harris, Chloe Kamola, Talia Lieb, Austin Lowenschuss, Shea Sadowsky, Emily Sassower,* and *Ben Scheerger. Cantor Karen Dworsky* and *madricha Rena Dvoretzky* helped the students to prepare. The Purim spiel "Everybody Wants To Be

Esther" was the program for the night. We tried some new technology for our Megillah reading—an animated video story of Purim—with Esther, Mordecai, and the King. Of course, we used old-time groggers to drown out the name of Haman (boo).

The last couple of months we have tried something new with our family Shabbat nights—and that is to open the dinner to the entire congregation and not just the class that is leading the service. This has proven to be very successful as more and more people seem to be coming to the dinners and attending the service. We are planning to continue this through the remainder of the school year.

I hope that <u>everyone</u> will start to attend. If we run out of room in the Fellowship Hall– we'll eat in the Sanctuary (which is what we did in March)! The family service is a wonderful way to support kids and teachers in the school, and to participate in different kinds of services—with poetry, plays, art, videos.

Show up for dinner. Find out what's cookin' in April. *B'shalom*,

Julia

Calendar of Torah School Sessions, Services & Events

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	Family Shabbat Service led by the 1st
		Grade (Dinner)
Sat	21	Bar Mitzvah – Matthew Treitman
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

MAY

	Wed	2	Regular session
	Sun	6	JOLT - Lag B'Omer Family Hike
	Mon	7	Regular session
	Wed	9	Regular session
	Mon	14	Regular session
	Wed	16	Regular session
	Sun	20	Congregational Picnic
	Mon	21	Regular session
st			Junior Youth Group 6:15 -7:30
	Wed	23	Regular session
	Fri	25	Family Shabbat for Young Families
			Confirmation & Graduating Seniors
			Shabbat (Shavuot)
	Mon	28	NO TORAH SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
	Wed	30	ALL SCHOOL PARTY (Wednesday)
			Teacher Appreciation

Chaverware Synagogue Management Software

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we use for Temple Management, *Rekefet*, closed down. The program was inadequate for our needs when they were around to support it; without them, we needed to replace it. We settled on a program called *Chaverware*. While many of the reasons we chose it would only interest the accountants among us, there are some aspects of Chaverware that the entire membership needs to know about-very soon, *because members will have direct access to their information online*.

Last year the company that provided the software

The biggest feature of interest is that all members will very shortly be able to access, modify, and add to their membership information, as well as make secure online payments of dues, tuition, donations, or tributes. This has the potential to greatly reduce the amount of time spent processing payments.

In addition to allowing members to check for things like correct addresses and spellings, the new system will allow members to add or correct Yahrzeit dates, and to add nicknames, Hebrew names, and other relevant personal information to the database. They can choose which information will be seen or hidden in the Temple Member Directory. Members will be able to see a complete history of their transactions, too. Eventually, we will even be

able to use the system to make reservations for special events like dinners, enroll in classes, and even make selections for Purim baskets (Purim came just before the

software was ready this year-Chaverware is a MUCH nicer system for the basket fundraiser.)

One of my favorite parts of the program is the way it allows us to make Tributes-donations that are made to commemorate a special event in the life of a fellow TNA member, like a birthday or graduation. This is very popular with many members, and this system will remove most of the hassle. It will also simplify the process for sponsoring Onegs or similar events.

Access to the Chaverware data in our system will be through our TNA website

(once we are ready to "go live" with the program, links will be added on the website). By the time everyone is reading this, we hope to have the entire congregation added to the online program, but it may take a few days longer. If you have not already received a letter or email with your login information, keep your eyes open. And while we finish getting the system operational, please have a look at the website itself-more information about TNA activities is being added every day. *Keith Elliott*

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Library News by Phyllis Mandel

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about interesting people in sports and music, heroes, and heroines.

GIANTS OF JUSTICE - By Albert Vorspan

Great American Jews of the 20^{th} century and their contributions to social justice.

AUTOBIOBIOGRAPHIES OF AMERICAN JEWS - by Harold Ribalow

Excerpts from adventurous lives of Jewish women and men exemplifying their adjustment to and participation in American life.

GUESS WHO'S JEWISH IN AMERICAN HISTORY - by Bernard Postal. An American Jewish Hall of Fame.



GREAT JEWS IN MUSIC - By Darryl Lyman

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Food Share volunteers gather and distribute food through a network of charitable agencies. Our own **Somis Pantry** is an agency of Food Share. We go there two-three times each week to get food for our Pantry.

Check out Food Share at: www.foodshare.com to learn how to volunteer, donate, and contribute. One in six people in Ventura County is hungry. When you

plant your vegetable garden plant an extra row to share. Volunteer opportunities at Food Share include: picking produce at local farms, delivering meals, teaching children healthy food choices,

assisting in processing applications for CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps), hosting food drives, and more.

Julia and her dedicated group of volunteers would appreciate your help the second Tuesday of the month at the **Somis Pantry**. Our food of the month for the Somis Pantry includes **jams**, **jellies**, **and preserves**. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

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Religious Practices & Membership

bv Keith Elliott

This month, I would like to talk about *Volunteering*. We have been so fortunate in recent months to see many of our traditional programs coming back, and we have a very

full slate of programs, classes, and other activities planned for the future. This means we are going to need volunteers, of course. Volunteering is not only a mitzvah to the TNA community, it's one of the best ways I know to connect members of our congregation with each other. I have several programs that I need assistance with, but two are at the top of the list right now.

First is for our Passover Seder on April 7th. We are having a Pot Luck service, and it is my honor that I was asked to lead the service. Karin Greenberg is coordinating the food and dishes, and we need a few more people to help us with the setup, cleanup, and just general traffic directing on the evening of the event. There will possible be one meeting beforehand to go over plans. Last year, we had a terrific turnout, and we expect the same this yearand Karin and I can't manage it all alone. 5 to 8 people on our "Passover team" would be wonderful.

I have mentioned before that I would like to start an Ushering program for Friday Night services at TNA. For several reasons, this has become very important. For one, our Oneg Chair Naomi Brill has been doing more than her duty to make our Shabbat Onegs wonderful each and every week, and I want to have people at her disposal to help. Another important reason is that lately we have been having more frequent visits from non-members, coming not only for services but to get a taste of our community.

Here is what a Shabbat Usher would be asked to do-

- Arrive approximately 30 minutes before the service, to assist with setting up the Oneg and arranging the "furniture" for the service-the candlesticks, etc.
- Greet people at the door, offer prayer books, and (when they are ready) help distribute-and retrieve- nametags for our members.
- After the service, give the sanctuary a quick cleanup, to make sure we are leaving the room in appropriate shape for the Church's service Sunday morning.
- Assist with the clean-up after the Oneg.

There will always be a representative from the Board

of Directors there as well, so between the Board Rep and the Usher, we can be assured that everyone, member and non-member alike, is greeted and made to feel welcome. My experience with a program of this type at a much larger temple is that the "work" part of the duties is very minimal, but the rewards of meeting fellow congregants are greater than people expect at first. Give it a try!

I would like to have 8 or more people that I could call on in rotation for this duty-couples ushering together are very welcome as well. I would especially love to have entire families, children as well, all working together on a given evening. This could be a perfect opportunity for B'nai Mitzvah families to take part in a Temple event together, too.

So take the step and try volunteering for one of these teams-a congregation may be led by its Clergy, it may be managed by its Directors, but it really RUNS on its volunteers!

And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all who were kind



enough to sponsor my ride in the Solvang Century bicycle ride! In spite of getting sick the night before, I was able to complete 47 miles, and the pledges received came to nearly \$1000 for TNA. I especially need to

MEMBERSHIP

This month, I am going to talk about something that is always difficult to discuss-reduced dues.

But wait-please don't stop reading yet! I do not mean to just make the usual appeal for money. Instead I'd like to talk about how we decide the way that we rank the important things in our lives. More than that, I just want to talk a little bit about my own experience.

To start with, I should let people know that my family was on reduced dues for several years; we are very familiar with the hardships faced by families in this time. We were always impressed with how the TNA community does not "expose" people in that position, and how trust in our assessment of our situation was always shown to us by the Temple management. I also sincerely hope that our members paying reduced amounts also feel as comfortable.

After the first Town Hall meeting last Spring-the one decided we needed to find other ways in our life to scrimp or save than our Temple Dues. The details are not important-in fact, they wouldn't even be relevantthe bottom line was that we realized the importance of helping preserve a Reform temple for future generations. That was the "leap" we had to make-we had joined TNA for the Torah School, and our needs and expectations were driven by the duty to provide

our daughter a proper Jewish education. Only after that was finished did it start to become apparent to us that our responsibility was greater. We literally felt that the survival of our congregation COULD come down to a single dollar, and we couldn't bear the thought that that dollar might have been ours.

Pray as if everything depended on God; act as if everything depended on you.

I am not the Dues Chairman, and I do not mean to sound as though I am exhorting people to pay more money. What I *am* exhorting people to do is to examine their vision of what the future of Reform Judaism in Camarillo might be. To survive, we need to stop looking at what our Temple can do for us, but look at what we can do for our Temple (thank you, JFK.) I am asking all of us to think of themselves as *members*, not as people who attend one type of event or another. If we all take

personal ownership of our Temple, we can't help but ensure its survival for all generations to come. There are many ways to contribute to TNA; we are very much in need of volunteers, for example (see my other article in this issue.) We are going through some exciting changes and growth in our offeringsdo you know people that are currently unaffiliated? Why not try bringing a guest along one Shabbat service. There are many ways you can assist your

Temple. Did you know that as a Member, you truly are, in a legal sense, a part owner of the organization? It isn't just rhetoric to say it's your Temple.

Once my family made the mental leap from TNA being the Temple we attended to TNA being Our Temple, the ways to increase our

commitment became evident to us. All I am asking is that you take a look at your own view of TNA, and to remember that as a member, you own TNA. It is your Temple.

It's one of the most oft-cited quotes around; we all know it by heart, but it's so well-known because it is such true and good advice:

"Pray as if everything depended on God...act as if everything depends on you."



MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday Night, April 28th, 6:30 PM

This version of "The Jazz Singer" is loaded with drama. music, and romance. It is an update of the classic 1927 movie, "The Jazz Singer" (with ₄⊷ Al Jolson).

In this version, **Neil Diamond** stars as

Yussel in this tale of a young Jewish cantor who strives to make a career in popular music. Against the wishes of his Orthodox father (Sir Lawrence Olivier) and his loving wife, Yussel travels to California (Los Angeles and Venice) to play his music. Swept up by the excitement, he meets a woman who shares his dream. He grows apart from his family, and ultimately becomes confused about what he should do with his life.

Neil Diamond's music and singing are always wonderful. In addition to the music, there is the drama of the struggle within him, and between him and his parents: Follow my dream or respect and *obey my parents?*

Can these people, who basically love each other, find any way to work this out so that the son and his parents can get back together as "family?"

Come and enjoy the movie. Afterwards, Shlomo Kreitzer will lead a discussion, including: How much and when should parents "let go?" What do children "owe" their parents?

EAGER READERS BOOK CLUB

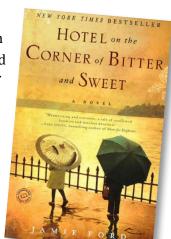
April Selection:

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

An impressive, bitter and sweet novel that explores the age-old conflicts between a Chinese father and son and the depth and longing of the son's deep heart felt love for Keiko, a Japanese girl.

The book also reminds us of shameful episode in American history: the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

The book also cautions us to examine the present and to take heed that the United States doesn't repeat those injustices. (review from amazon.com)



Please join us in the library Tuesday, April 10th at 10:30 am to discuss this fascinating book.



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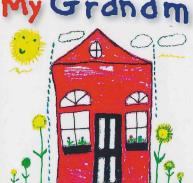
Congratulations are in order to **Rena Dvoretsky**, daughter of Sharon Spielman and Aaron Dvoretsky, for placing second in the Ventura County Spelling Bee. Rena earned a trip to the national spelling bee in Washington, DC as Ventura County's alternate.

Thanks are in order to **Bonnie Shubb** who has been volunteering her time in the Temple office to help Kaila with the year-end file reorganization. Also kudos to **Keith Elliot** for his help with the changeover in our accounting system from Rakefet to our new and much richer and more powerful system software, Chaverware, and the Quickbooks accounting software it works with.

Praises to **Annelies Regen** for faithfully coming to the Temple every Friday morning to help Mark in the office. Her service is both a blessing to those she helps, and an example of how much opportunity there is to serve when we decide to consistently offer all the gifts God has given us.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Members & Children

Rena Rose Dvoretzky	Sunday	April 1	Talia Erin Lieb	Sunday	April 15
Judy Sitko	Sunday	April 1	Irving Bergman	Monday	April 16
William H. Slapin	Sunday	April 1	Stacy Shaul	Tuesday	April 17
Lisa Alberstone	Monday	April 2	Jean Shev	Tuesday	April 17
Madelyn Miller	Wednesday	April 4	David Schneider	Thursday	April 19
Robert Abbott Defazio	Monday	April 9	Sharon Hartman	Friday	April 20
Shea Sadowsky	Monday	April 9	Noah Harris	Saturday	April 21
Mitchel Weinstock	Tuesday	April 10	Robert Kadin	Monday	April 23
John Kerwien	Wednesday	April 11	Muriel Rosenkranz	Tuesday	April 24
Hannah (Anne) Kushner	Wednesday	April 11	Chloe Kamola	Wednesday	April 25
Deborah Blum	Thursday	April 12	Jack Ensey	Saturday	April 28
Michael Clark	Friday	April 13	David Wise	Saturday	April 28
Tari Miriam Kurman	Saturday	April 14	Robert Cohen	Monday	April 30
Matthew Treitman	Saturday	April 14	Edith Kuznitz	Monday	April 30

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April ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Day	Date	Year
Jack & Teri Milner	Thursday	April 12	31st Anniversary
Bonnie Shubb & Moises Mercado	Sunday	April 22	5th Anniversary

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Keeping Up with Sisterhood....

Twenty Sisterhood members and guests gathered last month at the Temple for a Ladies Evening Out which included dinner and a movie...Those

attending were Phyllis Slade, Muriel Rosenkrantz, Naomi Brill, Jean Shev, Arla Crane, Sonia Lotker, Mary Burns, Reja Desenberg, Carole Warren who brought guest Renee Kaplan, Elvira Cabelli and daughter Alicia Cabelli, Shari Brody, Susan Weinstein, Josephine Freifield, Anne Wolfson with daughter Lynne Aune, Annette Schweitzer, Gina Howey Burstein, and Sharon Matorin, who recently became a Temple member and joined Sisterhood that evening.

The March Sisterhood Meeting started with a discussion about two upcoming Sisterhood sponsored events: Mitzvah Day, which is scheduled on Sunday, April 29th from 1-4 PM (volunteers are needed), and our Gala Second Anniversary Celebration on Saturday evening, May 5th , at 7 PM. Tickets for our 2nd Anniversary Celebration ~ An Evening of Music, Comedy and Delicious Desserts~ are available at the Temple. If

you purchase your tickets before April 15, you will get the best price at \$20.00 per ticket for temple members and \$25.00 for non members. After April 15, the price for all tickets will be \$25.00 per ticket. Please read the advertisement in this Megillah for more details on an evening that you won't want to miss!!

After our business meeting, the group played mah jongg and bridge. Those women who participated were: Beverly Kerwien, Bobbe Jacobs, Arla Crane, (who taught her 30 minute bridge lesson), Naomi Brill, Raja Desenberg, Claire Goldstein, Gail Kleinman, Francie Baron, Shari Brody, (who gave some pointers to new *mah jongg* players), Carole Westwood, Karen Rosenstein, and Sharon Green.

The Sisterhood wishes to thank all of those temple members and guests who made our first hamantashen booth at the Purim Carnival such a success! We sold 20 dozen that were made in Brooklyn, New York. Many thanks to those members who baked their own hamantashen for us to try: Arla and Jay Crane, Elvira Cabelli, and Ann Burke. We were able to donate \$100.00 to the Torah School from our Hamantashen booth.

Sisterhood Members: a beautiful new Sisterhood Directory has been created by Arla Crane and Mark Malloy for you to pick up at the Temple!

Remember to buy your Temple Anniversary Tickets now and save money!

A good Passover to you and your family,

Sharí Brody & Sonía Lotker Sisterhood Co-Presidents



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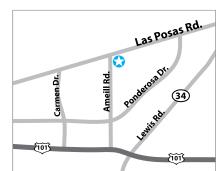




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The Brotherhood is Swinging into Action

The March meeting of the Temple Ner Ami Brotherhood was highlighted by a very positive discussion about **BROTHERHOOD** the brotherhood becoming as active as possible in both

Temple Ner Ami and our community of Camarillo. We encourage as many male temple members as possible to become active in our brotherhood. Even if you can only spare the time to get involved in a few activities or events, we encourage your participation. There is greater success in numbers, and a bonus of doing good things for Temple Ner Ami as well as our surrounding communities. Membership is \$36 per year which amounts to three dollars per month. The next meeting is Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7 P.M. at Temple Ner Ami. There are some very interesting events that we want to promote and to participate in, but in order to make them a success we need your participation.

Many Brotherhood members helped to set-up and man booths for the Purim Carnival, which was held on March 4, 2012 at Temple Ner Ami. From the comments we heard by attendees, it was "a good time had by all".

There are a few other activity items on our agenda as well. Plans call for a Mitzvah Day on Sunday April 29, 2012, which will involve assistance with the Sisterhood project. We will help with projects with the community at care centers, or doing work at Ner Ami, from 1-4 P.M. Why not join us and lend a hand for good

The Brotherhood is also planning to assist and help promote a "Comedy Night" with professional talent and light food to be available at the event. Look for the flyer in this issue with more details about the event.

In addition the Brotherhood is planning programs including speakers, field trips and evenings or days of recreational or informational tours or activities. We also like to sit around after meetings and play cards, chit-chat and have some laughs. We have a great core group of members and we would love to have you join

Why not come to the next meeting and see for yourself? Come on out and join a night with the "boys." Try it! We think you'll like it. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 12, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at Temple Ner Ami.



TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!

Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair

Thank you to our March Oneg Sponsors.

They were:

March 2 - MAX HELLER in memory of his father, Michael Heller, and MURIEL ROSENKRANZ in memory of her father, Abraham Tenenbaum and her mother-in-law, Sarah Rosenhkranz.

March 9 - GLORIA BRODIE sponsored in memory of her husband, J. Steve Brodie, and her fatherin-law, Isadore Burt Brodie. MAX AND JOSEPHINE FREIFELD in memory of Max's former wife, Louise J. Freifeld.

March 16 - BOBBE and DALE JACOBS in memory of Bobbe's mother, MILLIE COHEN, and JEAN SHEV in memory of Marvin Krantz.

As of this writing, I have no sponsors for the rest of the month but I know that will change and it will be my pleasure to give you their names in next month's MEGILLAH.

Please call me to offer your services as a sponsor of an Oneg. This can be done in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important event in your lives. You can either bring some of the food that is served or give the Temple a check to cover our expenses. I look foward to hearing from you.

Shalom,

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Star of David

Today, the Star of David is a ubiquitous Jewish symbol. However, this widespread use is a relatively recent development. In fact, if you asked <u>King David</u> about the star that bears his name, he'd probably have no idea what you were talking about.

In the times of the <u>Temple</u>, rather than a star, the Jewish people were represented by the icon of a <u>menorah</u>, symbolizing Temple worship. The first recorded appearance of the star was on a stone in a 4th-century synagogue in the Galilee region of Israel. It appeared on the famous Leningrad Codex--the oldest complete manuscript of the <u>Hebrew Bible</u>--which dates from around <u>1000 CE</u>. But the star didn't regularly appear in <u>Jewish art</u> until the 17th century, when it spread quickly as a symbol to identify Jewish neighborhoods and synagogues. The six-pointed star wasn't always exclusive to Jews--it's also been used in other cultures--in <u>pagan</u> art, for instance, and as a feature of Satanic rituals.

During the <u>Holocaust</u>, Jews were forced to wear six-pointed stars identifying themselves as Jews. Today, however, the star has been appropriated for several positive meanings--for the Israeli flag, for <u>Magen David Adom</u> (the <u>Israeli</u> version of Red Cross), and simply to signify that something's Jewish. A recent Internet meme illustrates (right) that each letter of the <u>Hebrew alphabet</u> can be traced out in its formative lines. That's probably not what the originators of the star had in mind--whoever they werebut, regardless, it's a cool parlor trick.



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Comedian Keith Barany (Bare-a-knee) has been called, "One of the wittiest comics working today" by the NY Post.

He is a proud graduate of the Ramaz Orthodox Day School, Keith none the less describes it this way:

"I served 14 years in a minimum security yeshiva for a crime that I didn't commit!"

Please join us to enjoy some great music from professional musician Keith Elliott and Joan Frank, and "Bare Boned" adult Jewish comedy from Keith Barany.

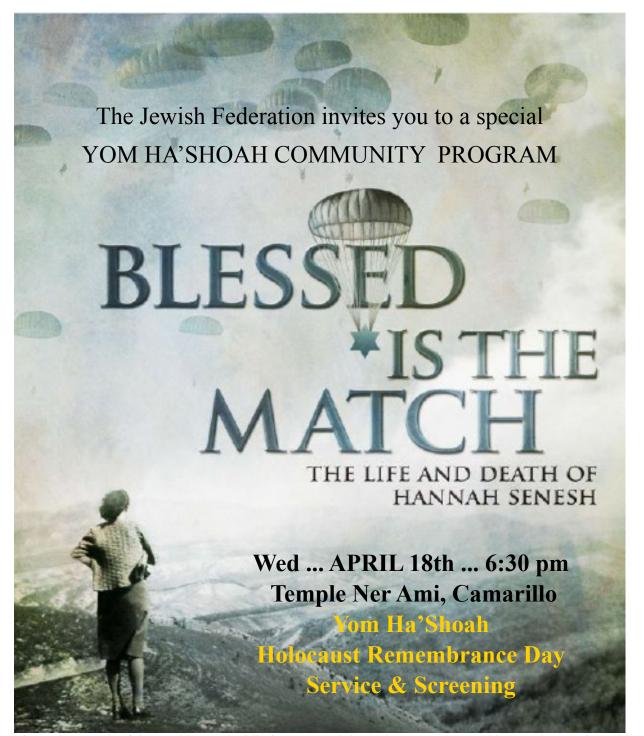
Special Bonus! Delicious desserts will be served after the show!

Saturday Night May 5th, 7 PM

Tickets: Members \$20 by April 15th, Non-Members & After 4/15, \$25

The Sisterhood has a limited number of sponsor packages with preferred seating available. Talk to Co-President Sonia Lotker or call Shari Brody at (805) 492-2129 for details!

TEMPLE NER AMI - 515 Temple Ave., Camarillo - Corner of Temple Ave. & Lewis Rd. *Major Sponsorship for this event provided by the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.*



At a time when much of the world turned a blind eye toward the Holocaust, 23 year old Hannah Senesh could not stand idly by. 'There are times when one is commanded to do something.' Hannah wrote on the eve of her return mission to Hungary. Her last mission. We celebrate Hannah's legacy, courage and writing.

Hannah Senesh

BLESSED is the match consumed in kindling flame. Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart. Blessed is the heart with the strength to stop its beating for honor's sake. Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.







Celebrate the Second Night of Passover Conducted by Keith Elliott & Members of TNA

Saturday, April 7th 2012 6:30 P.M.

515 Temple Ave., Camarillo, CA 93010

Temple Ner Ami is pleased to hold their 2nd Night of Seder Potluck. Last year was a great success, so be sure to reserve a seat early!

Please call Karin Greenberg at 310-245-4426 after 4pm to RSVP (No reservations after Thursday, April 5th).

You will be asked to bring a Kosher-style non-dairy main dish, salad or veggies to eat and share with 10 people.

Non-temple members are welcome!

A \$5 donation is requested to cover costs.

Suggested Dishes

Brisket of Beef, Salmon, Roast Chicken, Fish, etc. Salads, Hot Vegetables, fruit platters, Kosher-for-Passover Desserts.

> Matzah, Coffee, and Tea will be provided by Temple. If you wish to bring a special Seder Plate, please do.

NOTE: Kosher for Passover; Meat or Parve only, no dairy, no pasta, no bread, croutons, noodles, etc.



The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

Dubin Teen Scholarship Fund

Melvin & Frances Kuznets In celebration of Purim!

Honoraria & Memorials

Phylliis Mandel In honor of her wonderful daughter, Louise Seymour & Myrna Zimmerman In loving memory of Myrna's mother, Dori Lauer

Isabel Blau In loving memory of her father, Louis Miller

Naomi Brill Congratulations to Lisa Bock on becoming our new Rabbi.
Gloria Brodie In Loving Memory of Gloria's beloved late husband, Steve Brodie
Gloria Brodie In Loving Memory of Gloria's beloved Father-In-Law, Isadore

Burt Brodie

Max & Josephine Freifield Oneg Sponsorship In Loving Memory of Max Freifield's late

wife, Louise Freifield

Sharon Green In Loving Memory of Sandra Goodwin's son, Marc Goodwin
Sharon Green In Loving Memory of Sharon's beloved Father, Jack Koenig
Max Heller Oneg Shabbat Sponsorship in loving memory of Max Heller's

Father, Michael.

Shlomo & Charlotte Kreitzer In Loving Memory of Charlotte's Father, Jack Mauger, and

Shirley Sussman and Esther Moskowitz

Harriet Lit In Loving Memory of her beloved husband, Morton Lit Verna Merrin In Loving Memory of Verna's Father, Sam Borovoy Bernard & Helene Scherer In loving memory of Bernard's Father, Sam Scherer

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Father, Herman N. Cohen

Donald & Mildred Seidler In Loving Memory of Millie's Father, Otto Goldberg

Jean Shev Contribution and Oneg Shabbat Sponsorship in loving memory

of her good friend, Marvin Krantz

Doris Weinberg In Loving memory of Doris' brother, Daniel Bloom

Newman Scholarship Fund

Jay & Arla Crane In Loving Memory of Jay's Father, Sam Joshua Crane

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Irwin & Andrea Granat Happy Purim!

Kurt & Danalynn Pritz In Honor of the Magnificent Pritz Torah School Kids:

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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In Loving Membory of my Beloved Wife, Clarice Feingold

In Loving Memory of my beloved Father, Harry Klein

Elva Levine

In Loving Memory of my beloved Son-In-Law, Tim Lucas

Muriel Rosenkranz

In Loving Memory of Muriel's Father, Abraham Tenenbau, and

Muriel's Mother-in-Law, Sarah Rosenkranz

(Donations shown are those received from February 19th thru March 19th)

Yahrzeits - April 2012

April 6, 2012 (Nisan 9-15)

Samuel Chriqui.....father of Sonia Chriqui Banon
Roberta Borovoy.....sister of Verna Merrin
Lillian Bein....sister of Sandy Garfield
Bea Sandberg....grandmother of Marc Grossmann
Arthur Goodman.....father of Marlene Votion
Benjamin M. Lessler**....father of Saul Lessler
Melvin Lefkovits.....father of Richard Lefkovits
Ruth Rosenberg....grandmother of Barbara Michaels

April 13, 2012 (Nisan 16-23)

Cecile Gardner....mother of Bill Gardner Allan Louis Kaplan.....father of David Kaplan Ludwig Linz....father of Annelies Regen Rose Lotker....grandmother of Rabbi Michael Lotker Samuel Weisz.....father of Stefania Spiegel Aleksey Aller....grandfather of Mariana Krastein Barbara Louis**....cousin of Joan Taubman Anna Adelson....mother of Joyce Brown Oscar Heller.....husband of Shirley Heller Max Rosansky.....father of Lucille Goldin Burt Rosenthal.....father of Sarene Wallace George Annes.....brother-in-law of Helene & Bernard Scherer Victor Pergament.....father of Harriet Lit William Pomerantz.....father of Steve Pomerantz Jack Koenig.....father of Sharon Green Joseph Ovadia.....father of David Ovadia Samuel Titen.....father of Arthur Titen Simon Mendelson.....father of Edith Schallheim Max Stolman....brother of Bettina Stallman

April 20, 2012 (Nissan 23-29)

Simon Mendelson.....father of Edith Schallheim
Max Stolman.....brother of Bettina Stallman
Eric Scott Wachovsky.....grandson of Muriel Rosenkranz
Emanuel Levy.....father of Arlene Bergman
Toula Pessah**.....mother of Elvira Cabelli
Saul Ballonoff.....grandfather of Jay Collins
Ruth Wagner.....sister of Joan Frank
Martin Saul.....brother of Florence Fingold
Ron Levine....son of Elva Levine

April 20, 2012 (Nissan 23-29 continued)

Harry Jack Solomon.....father of Michael Solomon
Jenny Brejensky.....mother of Sol Brejensky
Gustav Einstein.....father of Gudi Amerikaner
Israel Elson.....grandfather of Cheri Kurman
Fannie Babich.....mother of Jim Babich
Rose Friedman.....mother of Beverly Kerwien
Herman Rosenberg.....grandfather of Barbara Michaels

April 27, 2012 (Nisan 30- Iyar 6)

Khos Lertzman.....father of Della Carmona
Milton Zimmon.....husband of Ann Zimmon
Hy Zusman.....grandfather of Dawn Zusman
Moe Kadish**.....father of Barbara Michaels
Murray Bluestein**.....father of Michael Bluestein
Lisa Chriqui Banon....mother of Sonia Banon
Brandon Jeffrey King**....brother of Jennifer Moore, son
of Sandra King
Daniel Joseph Kerwien....son of M/M Kerwien
Catherine Harriman....mother of Lenore Harriman
Ann Leventhal....mother of Elaine Jaffe
Harvey Shaw.....father of Judi Slapin
Jeno Schwartz.....father of Albert Schwartz
Kenneth Wechsler....husband of Phyllis Wechsler

May 4, 2012 (Iyar 7-13)

Jon David Kerwien.....son of M/M Kerwien
Anna F. Jacobson....grandmother of Shari Brody
Robert Moore**.....father of Steven Moore
Hyman Leboff.....father of Raymond Leboff
Blanche Smith.....mother of Fran Titen
Sam Smith father of Fran Titen
Sidney Zneimer.....father of Joel Zneimer
Ethel Zneimer.....mother of Joel Zneimer
Jenny Blonder.....grandmother of Sandi Banks
Ray Schwartz.....mother of Albert Schwartz

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.

^{**} Name on the Yolanda Cramer Memorial Yahrzeit Board.

CHOICES

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

APRIL

Mon	2	SPRING VACATION
Mon	9	SPRING VACATION
Mon	16	Girl Talk & Man Cave (8th Grade)
Mon	23	Elective (8th Grade)
		(JYG Grades 5,6,7 6:15 – 7:30)
Mon	30	Bamidbar
		Girl Talk – Grades 6 & 7
		Girl Talk – Grades 6 & 7

	Girl Talk – Grades 6 & 7
7	Youth Group (8th Grade)
	Girl Talk – Grades 6 & 7
14	Bamidbar
20	Family Reunion Picnic
21	Girl Talk & Man Cave (8th Grade)
	Junior Youth Group Grades
	5,6,7 6:15 -7:30
25	Confirmation & Graduating
	Seniors Shabbat (Shavuot)
28	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
30	ALL SCHOOL PARTY (Wednesday)
	14 20 21 25 28

Teacher Appreciation

TEEN CONNECTION

(Grades 9-12)

meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30

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	

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Wed	9	NAUTY
Wed	16	The New Confirmation
Fri-Su	n 18-20	NFTY-SoCal Spring Kallah
Sun	20	Family Reunion Picnic
Wed	23	Teen Talk
Fri	25	Confirmation & Graduating
		Seniors Shabbat (Shavuot)
Wed	30	ALL SCHOOL PARTY (Wednesday)

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MARCH Outside Organization Meetings











CITY OF HOPE

Regular Meeting, Monday April 9th, 12:30 PM Board Meeting - Monday April 16th, 2012 - 9:30 AM Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

ORT MEETINGS

Board - Thursday, April 5th, 2012 - 10am Regular Mtg. Thursday, April 26th, 2012 - Noon Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722 Sharron Parker - 805-443-1998

GIRL SCOUT/BROWNIE TROOP 60817

Meets alternate Thursdays: 4/12 & 4/26, 5:30 pm for info contact: Troop60817@templenerami.org

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

Next regular meeting at the Temple, April 2nd Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222

TEMPLE NER AMI - April 2012

Mon Apr 2, 2012

12pm Hadassah Reg. Mtg.4:15pm Torah School - Closed for Spring Break6:30pm Choices 8th Grade - Closed for Spring Brea

Wed Apr 4, 2012

12pm Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me 4:15pm Torah School - Closed for Spring Break

6:30pm Teen Connection - Closed for Spring Break

Thu Apr 5, 2012

10am ORT Board Meeting

Fri Apr 6, 2012

1st Seder - No Shabbat Service Tonight

Sat Apr 7, 2012

6:30pm 2nd Night Community Seder Dinner 9:30am Torah Study Class

Mon Apr 9, 2012

12:30pm City of Hope Regular Meeting

Tue Apr 10, 2012

10:30am Eager Readers Book Club

Wed Apr 11, 2012

12pm Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me 4:15pm Torah School

6:30pm Teen Connection - The New Confirmation 7pm Board of Directors Meeting

Thu Apr 12, 2012

6pm Girl Scout Troop 60817 Mtg. 7:08pm Candle lighting

Fri Apr 13, 2012 - Rabbi Office Day

7:09pm Candle lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Service

Sat Apr 14, 2012

9:30am B'nai Mitzvah Family Education 9:30am Torah Study Class

Mon Apr 16, 2012

9:30am City of Hope Board Mtg.

4:15pm Torah School

6:30pm Choices 8th Grade Program - Girl Talk & Man Cave

Wed Apr 18, 2012 - Rabbi Office Day

12pm Torah - Women's Perspective

4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me

4:15pm Torah School

6:30pm Teen Connection - Yam Hashoal

6:30pm Yom Hashoah Program & Movie

Thu Apr 19, 2012

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) 7pm Brotherhood Meeting

Fri Apr 20, 2012

6pm Family Dinner

7pm 1st Graders Shabbat Service

7:14pm Candle lighting

Sat Apr 21, 2012 9:30am Torah Study Class

4:30pm Matthew Treitman Bar Mitzvah

Mon Apr 23, 2012

4:15pm Torah School-Camp Kadimah 6:15pm Junior Youth Group

6:30pm Choices 8th Grade Program

Wed Apr 25, 2012 - Rabbi Office Day

All day Yom HaZikaron

11am-9pm Johnny Rockets Restaurant Fund-Raiser

12pm Torah - Women's Perspective

4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me

4:15pm Torah School

6:30pm Teen Connection

Thu Apr 26, 2012

Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut)
12pm ORT General Meeting
6pm Girl Scout Troop 60817 Mtg.

Fri Apr 27, 2012

5:45pm Tot Shabbat Service 7:19pm Candle lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Service

Sat Apr 28, 2012

9:30am Torah Study Class 6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT Sun Apr 29, 2012 1pm Mitzvah Day

Mon Apr 30, 2012

4:15pm Torah School

6:30pm Choices 8th Grade Program

Bamidbar

Girl Talk – Grades 6 & 7

Girl Talk – Grades 6 & 7

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Steve & Jennifer Moore

Please RSVP to the Temple office so we prepare enough food. (805) 388-3824.