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New Rabbi Greets the New Year!



Rabbi Lisa Bock delivers her first Rosh Hashanah Service.



Sukkot, the Lulav, and The Season of Our Rejoicingby Rabbi Lisa Bock

Ever go into your garden to pull out a nice fresh tomato, zucchini, or other vegetable? Have you experienced that feeling of satisfaction that something so wonderful and nourishing grew in your yard?

Now imagine harvesting an entire field of crops – food that would sustain you and your whole family, and if the harvest hadn't turned out well, hmmm...you wouldn't have Ralphs, Vons or Trader Joes to go to...

I imagine that in ancient times, a harvest was a huge reason for celebration.

As Jews, we connect this miracle of sustenance to the Divine, recognizing that we do work hard, but not everything is in our hands. Today we have sprinkler systems and sprays for bugs, but imagine growing crops in ancient times – and thanking the Divine for rain and a good crop.

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the yield of your land, you shall observe the festival of the LORD to last seven days (Leviticus 23:39).

Our Torah captures this remembering to celebrate and thank God for the harvest in our calendar. The 15^{th} day of the 7^{th} month is the 15^{th} of Tishrei, which begins at sundown this year on Sunday, September 30^{th} .

So how do we celebrate this?

You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths (Leviticus 23:42).

Four days after Yom Kippur we begin a week of celebrating in the sukkah. We call this time Sukkot, the festival of booths. You've probably seen the sukkah each year that we put up at the Temple, and we are traditionally each instructed to fulfill the mitzvah of building our own sukkah at home and dwelling in the sukkah at this time of year. And it is a really nice time to dwell in the sukkah as well, since the weather is usually still pretty warm and not yet rainy.

On the first day you shall take the product of hadar trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. (Leviticus 23:40)

The Lulav is "four species" consisting of the lulav (palm), the etrog (the citrus), the hadas (myrtle), and the arava (willow). Though there are many different interpretations of these four species, one that I like is that each of these four species are symbolic of the variety of people, not unlike the mention of the four

sons on Passover, and the four questions. When we hold the lulav, we bring all of these together in our hands, and symbolically they join together as we do the blessing and waving of the lulav.

What is the relevance today, why do we do this now?

The Torah answers:

In order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the LORD your God. (Leviticus 23:43)

Perhaps going out and living in booths, even if just for dinner and visiting, causes us to remember how if it weren't for our temperature controlled homes, we might not be so comfortable. We have the opportunity to learn appreciation.

As our text says, it also connects us back to Passover, and to the time that the newly freed Israelites were wandering in the desert and dwelled in booths.

And one more answer...

This time of year is also called *Z'man Simchateinu*, The Season of Our Rejoicing. We have spent a lot of time in services, we have fasted on Yom Kippur, we have done our best to repent and atone...we now have a clean slate and all new, good intentions and plans for the new year. It is time to celebrate and rejoice together. We can share our stories, our plans, our hopes and our dreams.

Ushpizin - Guests

One final thought...When you dine in your sukkah, it is Jewish tradition to invite guests to dine with you, to dwell in the sukkah with you. What a great time to get together with family and with friends. The relaxed atmosphere of being outside and celebrating-what's not to enjoy?!

• Please join us on September 30th, at 4:00 pm in our side yard garden area, participate in the mitzvah of building/completing our Sukkah, and we will celebrate with shaking the lulav and having dinner together.

We will have lots to do for moms and dads, and lots of decorating to do for kids of all ages, from 2 to 102! The Ner Ami Brotherhood will be hosting the BBQ, so please come and enjoy!

Praise to the Source of Life, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season!

With Blessing Rabbi Lisa



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New Year Celebrated in Style!

by Marc Grossmann

It was absolutely wonderful to share the Rosh Hashanah holiday with our Temple Ner Ami community. It's always great to see everyone's smiling faces, and the excitement of having Rabbi Lisa Bock lead the services this year for the first time added to the anticipation. Whether you attended the Sunday evening service or Monday's events, you couldn't help but leave feeling inspired. Many people participated as volunteers and that not only helped get the work done but added to our sense of community. Many thanks to Bobbe and Dale Jacobs and Steve Moore for arranging the beautiful display of apples and honey. Nadine Frankel and **Arlene Cohen** took care of selecting and arranging the beautiful flowers.

Our ushers and ticket takers were essential in setting the mood of friendliness and included Bobbe Jacobs, Gary and Kathy Lieb, Bonnie Shubb, Barbara Davis, and Richard Ehrlich.

Arla Crane spoke from her heart in a very moving and thoughtful appeal about the importance of supporting our temple and **Keith Elliott** took on

the difficult but fun task of blowing the *Shofar*. **Rabbi Lisa** also found a very creative way to avoid the annual *schlep* to the beach, enabling many people to attend the *S'lichot* service in the Temple garden for the first time.

The joy of our High Holy
Day services also would
not be the same without
the beautiful voice of
Cantor Karen Dworsky
who sang from deep in
her heart. As you know,
she accompanied by a

terrific choir, led this year by the very talented Moises Mercado. It was clear that they had devoted a lot of time in rehearsing and that was a gift to all of us. The choir members (from left to right below) were Sharon Spielman, Keith Elliott, Susan Weinstein, Lenny Lowenschuss, Kim Honig, Avram Kohls, Elvira Cabelli, and Arlene Cohen.

Special thanks too, to our staff, **Mark Malloy** and **Kaila Kadin**, for their
behind the scenes help with all the extra
work the High Holidays require.

We hope everyone has a sweet, healthy, and Happy New Year.

Moises Mercado & the High Holidays Choir

















Rosh Hashanah Children's Service









All photos courtesy of Allyson Williams.



President's Report Keith Elliott

This month, our Temple President Dan Harris informed us that it was not appropriate for him to continue serving TNA in that capacity, and our primary concern

is that we do everything possible to support Dan and his family as fellow members. The Board of Directors has accepted his resignation, and chosen me to replace him as President. Dan has been President through some extremely challenging times, and we owe him a great deal.

This is a very special time to take on such a challenge, such a responsibility, and such an honor. As we move into our first vear with Rabbi Lisa Bock, we are faced with tremendous potential for our future as a synagogue-as a house of worship, a house of study, and a focal point for our community. I think it's somehow special that this new beginning comes during our 20th anniversary. The very earliest traces of any synagogues anywhere are from roughly 1900 years ago. There were probably others several hundred years earlier, as it is known that Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakai promoted the idea during the Second Temple era of Jews congregating where they lived, not just at the Temple in Jerusalem. Those early houses of study

became far more important after the loss of the Temple, when Judaism was becoming the combination of faith and practice that we know today. Temple Ner Ami's 20-year span is barely more than one percent of that period of time.

It is hard to imagine the challenges Jews faced in those first years and centuries, not only reinterpreting and reevaluating the practices they had followed for so long, but remaining together in Jewish communities throughout the diaspora. For the Rabbis and Sages, there was work aplenty; there was a Talmud to write, after all! For everyone else, the challenge was more difficult in a sense. They needed to remain Jewish in the midst of many "foreign" cultures.

This was done by focusing on their local Jewish community, which was centered around a synagogue, beyt knesset, beyt t'filla, shul, or whatever the building was referred to. Soon, Jewish life itself became definable by this arrangement. Without it, there is little doubt that Judaism would have dwindled to nothing in

a few decades, if not less. How often were leaders faced with decisions and challenges then that would determine the survival of their synagogue and community? Did they know that their decisions would affect lives thousands of years later? The existence of the Talmud proves to me that they understood the nature of the challenge.

In the two thousand years since, how often we have had to rely on the anchor of our synagogues, and the leadership of our Rabbis, in a world that at times was hostile. There have been periods where the hostility was reduced, and we experienced "golden ages", still

led by the same Rabbis, who ensured that prosperity and assimilation did not allow us to disappear from the Earth. It would be easy to argue that three things have allowed us to survive-the Torah, the Rabbis, and the Synagogues; our books, our leaders, and our home. They make a three-legged stool, a thing that cannot stand without every leg present and accounted for.

So here we are, occupying the last one percent of that historical timeline. As small as twenty years may seem in comparison, the history of TNA cannot be viewed on its own. It is a part of that history, a part of that two thousand years, which is in turn a part of our overall

story from Abraham and Sarah to today. I am very much aware of the fact that every decision we make affects not only the next service or special event we are working on-it affects our future, and the future of our children, and their children, and all Jews. What we do today affects the next year; the next five years; and the next thousand. I find it very sobering to reflect on this, but that is our burden AND our blessing-to be a part of a four thousand year history, and to ensure that that history continues.

I have been very lucky to have gotten to know so many members of our community so much better over the last year, and I know I will get to know many more in the months to come. It's a privilege and honor to be allowed to serve my community in this way, and I want everyone to have the chance to share that honor with me. It is a thrill to think that we might share in the legacy of those that preserved our traditions for so many centuries. Remember, what we do here, at our little *shul* in a town that most people in this country will never hear of makes a difference in the future. How far in the future depends on us.





Oy Veygas!

\$\$\$ Big Fun \$\$\$ Big Fundraiser \$\$\$

Temple Ner Ami's Casino Night Saturday, October 13th

Commemorative Air Force Museum, Camarillo Airport Doors Open 6:30 pm, Gaming starts 7 pm!

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This years event is going to be BIGGER and even MORE GRAND than last years. It is at the Aviation Museum at the Camarillo Airport and a venue that I'm sure everyone



LANDING, thanks to Capt. Greg Ewart. You could take out about 40 people on a whale watching trip for the day or invite about 20 of your

will enjoy just from it's own awesomeness. Since the venue is much larger than last years, we will have more tables and chairs along with more gaming tables to help accommodate everyone's fun and comfort.

friends for some of the great fishing around the Channel Islands or the coast.

The party will be right in the middle of all of those nostalgic WWII planes, with all of their own personal history. If you have never been there, it's pretty incredible, which is why we are opening the doors a little earlier than last year so you have some extra time to check out the planes and museum and take pictures if you like. Doors will open at 6:30 and the gaming will start at 7.

We will have lots of other great prizes for you to win as either a silent auction or raffle prize. Keep watching your email for prize updates as we get closer.

This year we will have the addition of a LIVE AUCTION! We were fortunate enough to have received a generous donation from a good friend of mine. She was gracious enough to get us an autographed guitar from the Grammy Award winning, front man and guitarist of MAROON 5 and one of the coaches on the hit tv show "THE VOICE"'s ADAM LEVINE. That is a pretty incredible donation for our auction, THANK YOU JULEE! WE will also auction off a plane ride in one of the WW II planes that you see there, so you can get to feel some of what those brave pilots felt when flying their missions.

We will feed you well as we did last year. We will have some appetizers that will be followed by a buffet style dinner of charbroiled salmon and chicken along with veggies and salad. You will get a complimentary drink ticket for a cocktail at the bar and then the rest are \$4 each. Bottled water and soda are complimentary. For the gaming you get \$1000 of Chutzpah cash as well with your paid admission.

As far as OY VEYGAS casino raffle prizes we have some awesome prizes already and we are not done yet. We have a GENUINE 110 RATTLER SCOOTER which would make for a great, inexpensive(70-90mpg) around town or a college kids mode of transportation. It also comes with a two year warranty and two years of roadside assistance and a brand new helmet. This is a value of \$2,700!!

If you run out of Chutzpah cash while you're gaming, you can by more at \$10 for \$1000 of Chutzpah. At the end of the night you trade in your thousands of dollars(hopefully) of Chutzpah cash for raffle tickets. You get 4 raffle tickets for every \$1000 of Chutzpah. If you are out of Chutzpah cash at the end of the night or you just want to buy more raffle tickets they are 4 tickets for \$10 (real money).

For all you techies out there, we have a new 3rd GENERATION WI-FI 64 GB IPAD. I don't think that I need to explain anything more about this one. That is a \$750 value. Also for the younger crowd or the young at heart, we have a BG BRAND BOSS FLEX LONG BOARD SKATE BOARD with custom graphics. This is also a great mode of transportation for a college kid, it's my son Jacobs favorite way to get around at school.

The gaming tables open at 7pm and close at 10pm at which time you put your raffle tickets in the box for whatever prizes you want to win if you haven't already. We will have the live auction around 10:15 and as soon as that is done, we will start picking the raffle winners.

Rabbi Lisa and Ken have very generously made a few donations, one being a dinner at their home for two to four couples for an evening of great food and even better conversation. They are also donating a women's TREK street bike that is not brand new but has been Blessed by Rabbi Lisa riding it just a couple of times, valued somewhere between \$500 and priceless. How about a basket of Rabbi Lisa's favorite wines an favorite chocolates? It could be yours!!

The silent auction will be open at 6:30pm and will close at 9pm at which time the winners will be notified by our announcer. Please bring your check book, credit card or cash to pay for all live auction and silent auction prizes, all of which must be paid for at event.

Do you love to fish or love the ocean? You could be the winner of a charter boat trip aboard the M/V ISLAND SPIRIT out of Ventura Harbors VENTURA SPORTFISHING

There will also be a couple of raffles with your entry ticket so please fill out the contact info on back so we know who's ticket it is. Please fill that out before you come so that it doesn't slow down the entry process.

This is not only our biggest fundraiser of the year but for you and your friends, it's a great night out that you will fondly remember next year when it happens again. You don't need to be Jewish to have a great time at OY VEYGAS!! Heck, the only Jews that I know are my friends right here at Temple Ner Ami. So, all my friends outside the temple are *goyim*, and they all had such a great time last year that they are inviting friends of theirs. THIS IS THE KEY TO MAKING THIS A GREAT NIGHT FOR YOU AND A PROFITABLE NIGHT FOR OUR TEMPLE.....INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, JEWISH OR NOT, THE MORE THE MERRIER!!!!

I hope to see YOU there!
Steve Moore/ Event Chairperson

EAGER READERS BOOK CLUB

Meets Tuesday, October 9th, 11am

October Selections: When the Killing's Done by T.C. Boyle

T.C. Boyle's most powerful and fully realized work yet-"terrifically exciting and unapologetically relevant" (The Washington Post)

Principally set on the wild Channel Islands off the coast of California, T.C. Boyle's new novel is a gripping adventure with a timely theme. Alma Boyd Takesue is a National Park Service biologist spearheading the efforts



Library News by Phyllis Mandel

Some of the new books the Temple Library has acquired:

CITY OF WOMEN - By David R Gilman

It is 1943 - the height of the second World War-and Berlin has essentially become a city of women. A story of survival. Whom do you trust, whom do you love and who can be saved?

STONES FROM THE RIVER - By Ursula Hegi

Trudi Montag is different. Being different is a secret that all humans share, and we all face the conflict of trying to fit in.

THE LAST EMBER - By Daniel Levin

A fast-paced vivid world where archaeology, legal and religious secrets swirl together in a thrilling climax.

THE LOST WIFE - By Alyson Richman

From the glamorous ease of life in Prague before the occupation to the horrors of Nazi Europe, explore the power of first love, the resilience of the human spirit and our capacity to remember.

THE GOLDEN HOUR - By Margaret Wurtela

A young Italian woman risks her life to defy the injustice surrounding her in a novel of forbidden love in war-torn Italy.



to save the islands' native creatures from invasive species. Her

antagonist, Dave LaJoy, is a local businessman who is fiercely opposed to the killing of any animals whatsoever and will go to any lengths to subvert her plans. As their confrontation plays out in a series of scenes escalating in violence, drama, and danger, *When the Killing's Done* relates a richly humane tale about the dominion we attempt to exert, for better or worse, over the natural world. Combining action-packed adventure with delicous irony and believable characters without one trace of sanctimony, this is one of T.C. Boyle's richest and most engaging novels.



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November Open House Sponsorship

If you attended our last Open House and Kabbalat Shabbat, you know firsthand that it was great to gather with fellow congregants in a fun atmosphere and get to know each other a little better prior to services. We also got to meet some new faces and welcome them into our temple family. It is a time to bring our community together and



Conducting an Open House is no small feat. From publicity and mailings to food to nosh on, we could use your assistance in making our Open Houses and Kabbalat Shabbat a success. Sponsorship of our next open house, which is on Friday, November 30, is now available at a contribution amount of \$750.

Please contact the temple office for more details on sponsorship of this event.

also open our doors to encourage new membership.



TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!

Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair

Dear Members: I am excited and so pleased to

report to you that my

plea for help has been answered!

Please note that JOSEPHINE FREIFELD (she's below the challah) will now be the new Oneg chair with ARLA CRANE and myself (NAOMI BRILL) assisting her. We on this Oneg Committee feel that everyone in the Temple should take at least one turn a year to help with our Onegs. It is the perfect way to honor someone for a happy occasion or to remember a dear one who is no longer with us. If you do not call ARLA CRANE to volunteer to be a sponsor, then please expect a call from her to invite you to do so.

THANK YOU to the following members who were sponsors during the month of August:

- DIANE and JOHN ENSEY in honor of their son, Jack's, Bar Mitzvah.
- MAX and JOSEPHINE FREIFELD in memory of Max's father, JOSHUA FREIFELD.
- MAX and JOSEPHINE FREIFELD in memor of Josephine's former husband, MATHEW ANSELMO.

The sponsors who served on September 7 were:

BOBBE JACOBS, PHYLLIS
ZIMMERMAN and ELAINE JAFFE
all of whom were celebrating their
respective birthdays. As an added
incentive to celebrate your birthday
at our Temple, you will be given a
balloon with your name on it! ONLY
our Temple gives this added perk!

Just to remind you in case you are new to the Temple, the Onegs are the social hour we offer after every Friday night's service - a time to socialize and enjoy some challah and dessert.

Please call ARLA CRANE at 987-2000 to avail yourselves of this opportunity to meet new people and help our Temple at the same time.



Your Oneg Committee:

JOSEPHINE FREIFELD, Oneg Chair, ARLA CRANE, Chair of Volunteer Sponsors, and NAOMI BRILL, Editor. On a recent afternoon, looking up at a beautiful sunny sky, the following poem came to me:

BRIDGES

by Joan Frank

BRIDGES, BUILT
AS CONDUITS TO AND FROM,
CONSTRUCTED SO WE
MAY TRAVEL, COMMUNICATE,
TO JOIN TOGETHER
AT SOME AGREED UPON DESTINATION,
BRIDGES WE BUILD.

BRIDGES OF WOOD AND STEEL,
OR
WORDS!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT,
OR HEARTFELT UNDERSTANDING
AND COMPASSION.

BRIDGES, CREATED BY US,
HAND IN HAND IN HAND,
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TO
SHOULDER,

BRIDGES--PERSON TO PERSON,
INDIVIDUAL TO FAMILIES, TO
GREATER COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND.

BRIDGES OF ME TO YOU, BRIDGES OF YOU TO ME,

BRIDGES OF TEMPLE NER AMI!



Sisterhood News! by Bobbe Jacobs

On Sunday, October 7th, 2012 is our HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE. This year it will be held in the parking lot of the Temple from 12:30pm-4pm. We

will need all of your support to start your HOLIDAY shopping early.

The vendors this year will be selling beautiful candles, holders, Judaica items, soap, Tupperware, aprons,

potato bakers, pot holders, jewelry of all kind, wooden puzzles, dog items, stationery, hand bags, leather items, items from Nepal, yummy fudge, women's clothes, children's clothes, baby clothes, slate vases, blankets and wine bottles that light-up. Torah School will have a bake sale, Sisterhood will be selling Art work and the Brotherhood will be having a BBQ.

Please bring family, friends, and neighbors. Tell your teachers, doctors, everyone and anyone to come out, and enjoy HOLIDAY shopping. Yes it is early, but just think—you will not be rushed in November and December!

Sisterhood Up-Coming Events:

October 25th - Terry Zeiler

November 15 – Health Specialist on Diet & Recipes, Patty Glick RN

December 27- Game Night with a New Years Theme

January 24 – Comedy Night

February 28 – Carole Haverty, who is a Master Gardener

We continue to look forward to seeing more of the "ladies" of Temple Ner Ami join the Sisterhood. If you cannot make all the meetings, that is understandable, but join to support Sisterhood, which supports "our" Temple.

SEE YOU AT THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE!



TEMPLE NER AMI HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Sunday, October 7th, 2012

Temple Ner Ami, 515 Temple Ave., Camarillo 12:30 pm - 4 pm

Vendors with candles, Judaica, soaps, Tupperware, hand made aprons/potato bakers, all kinds of blankets, jewelry, wooden puzzles, dog items, fudge, cards & notes, purses, leather items, vases, items from Nepal, clothing for women/children/infants.

FREE Admission

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Questions? Email HolidayBoutique@templenerami.org



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Members & Children

| 1 Diane Honick | |
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- Raja Desenberg 2
- 2 Lindsay Goltz
- Tim Mascot
- 5 Hayley Greenblatt
- 5 Lindsey Greenblatt
- 7 Sol Brejensky
- 7 Garrett Erickson
- 9 Andrew Felder
- 9 Max Freifield
- 10 Bess Cohen

- 10 Sharon Spielman
- Della Carmona 12
- Frank Seiden 14
- 15 Alyssa Greenblatt
- 15 Fran Titen
- 16 Annabella Mascot
- Dale Jacobs 17
- 18 Gerald Rosen
- 18 Steve Sitko
- 19 Charles Pierce
- 21 Robert Brown

- 21 Saul Lessler
- 22 Hannah Harris
- 23 Phyllis Mandel
- 24 Justin Lieb
- 24 Marc Wolfsohn
- 26 William Hatton
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Got Sukkot?

Sukkot Building & BBQ

Sunday, September 30th, 4 PM

Simchat Torah/Shabbat

Friday, October 12th, 7:30 PM

On Sunday the 30th of September at 4pm join us for a fun afternoon of Sukkah building and decorating. Then stay for dinner and we'll have hot dogs, chips, drinks and of course, cookies! We'll wave the lulay and have a good time.

Don't forget to thank the Brotherhood for our new Sukkah, the meal, and refreshments!





Here's your chance to dance with the Torah! We will complete our reading of the Torah and begin anew on Friday the 12th of October. We make this a big event each year. It is an opportunity for everyone to see the Torah up close. Service starts at the regular time, 7:30 pm.



MOVIE NIGHT

Annie Hall: Best Picture 1977 Saturday - October 27th, 6:30 pm

This *endlessly funny, timeless and charming film* runs the gamut from life in New York, to Jewish family life, to Jewish-gentile relations, to the meaning of love. Woody Allen's cultural references are very New York, very Jewish.

Diane Keaton deservedly won an Academy Award for her performance, Allen took home Oscars for direction and writing, and the film beat out "Star Wars" for Best Picture. Some reviewers have called this *one of the best movies ever made*, partly due to the perfect balance between sheer *entertainment, humor, poignancy and social commentary*.

"What does this movie say to you?" Discussion afterwards led by Shlomo Kreitzer.



Pirke Avot: Chapters of the Fathers

6 Session Series Tuesday evenings, 7:30 PM Begins October 2nd



"If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?" (Avot 1:14)

"One who acquires a good name, has acquired something indeed." (2:8)

"Meet every person with graciousness." (1:15)

If these sound familiar, then you have heard some of the sayings from Pirke Avot. Pirke Avot contains wisdom and ethics that are foundational in Judaism.

Want to learn more?

Discover and explore this timeless wisdom and ethical sayings, as we apply them to our own lives, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Library. Materials will be provided, and if you have your own copy of Pirke Avot, please feel free to bring it.

This class is open to all, and if this is your first class or one of many, you are welcome to attend. All learning levels are welcome. Please call the office at (805)388-3824 or reply to this email and let us know that you plan to attend!

All 6 sessions will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and led by Rabbi Lisa Bock, preceded by a Hebrew letters class at 7:00 pm. The dates for the 6 sessions are: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, (no class on 10/23), 10/30, 11/6, and 11/13.

This class is free to all Temple Ner Ami members. A donation of \$10 per class is requested for those who are non-members.

(Support) Mark Malloy ~ our community leader

by Shari Brody



We know our Temple administrator,
Mark Malloy, as the constant face who seems to spend 12 hours a day, seven days a week at the Temple. In addition to being very capable, friendly, efficient and excellent at his work, he does find the time to do other things!

Mark has served on the Board of Directors of the PleasantValley Park & Recreation Department

for the past six years. In 2006, he was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy and then was elected to a four year term. He is coming up for reelection next month (Nov. 6th) and hopes to continue working on the Board for another four years. Mark's philosophy is one of involvement. When he sees a problem or a need, he can't say" no" when asked to help!

Mark feels that the PVRPD



Mark & Kathleen with the grandkids at the Camarillo Christmas Parade

Board is avoiding making difficult decisions that will affect the district for years to come. This involves changing the fringe benefit program that is offered to the 35 full-time employees of the district. Each receive a fully paid health care package for themselves and their families that can cost over \$19,000 per employee. His thinking is that this was set up years ago when health insurance was inexpensive and more money was coming in. At this time, each employee should share the cost of the health, vision and dental package for the employee and their family. This major expense is limiting the some of the other vital needs in the community such as expansion of the Senior Center and completion of the boys baseball park. No one wants to be a "bad" guy but sharing the costs of the Park & Recreation fringe benefit package would go a provide funding to be used in other important areas in our community.

Mark's interest in youth sports started years ago when his sons were playing AYSO Soccer and continued as a soccer referee. He became involved in the Camarillo Pony Baseball Association from 1985 through 2003. Mark was President of the Association as well as an umpire for many years until health issues dictated that he retire.

Mark was born in Portland, Oregon, is a graduate of California State University at Long Beach, and has been married to "the girl of his dreams", Kathleen for 35 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Cars have been a long time love of Mark's, and he enjoys tinkering with his Mustang Bullitt GT.

He worked in several management positions in the auto industry, but his career changed at the start of the personal computer revolution. He did some innovative work with mail order sales of personal computer enhancement products. He worked in publishing for *PC Magazine* and *Windows Magazine*, followed by a position as Director of Marketing for Airlessco, a local manufacturer of

He has been a member of the Camarillo Church of Christ for years and after volunteering many hours a week at the church, he retired from the business world and became their administrator/gardener/fix-it man, four years ago.

paint spraying equipment.

Mark Malloy is vital to the needs of the church and temple. His workaholic personality and desire to make constant improvement is making each year better than the last, has benefited our Temple greatly! Putting his spare time and effort into helping to improve the Camarillo community by serving on the Board of the Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District is admirable! A huge thank you, Mark for all that you do!

- Shari Brody





A Taste of Judaism - Are You Curious?

If you are curious about Judaism, if you have a friend or loved one who would like to know more about Judaism or if you have a friend or relative who is Jewish and would like to learn more, this is for you!

In a 3 session exploration, A Taste of Judaism offers a modern, Reform Jewish perspective. The topics for each session are:

Jewish Spirituality, Jewish Values, and Jewish People.

Rabbi Michael Lotker will be the instructor.

Classes will be held at Temple Ner Ami (515 Temple Ave, Camarillo) on Tuesdays (Oct. 16, 23 & 30) and at
Temple Beth Torah (7620 Foothill Road, Ventura) on Thursdays (Oct 18, 25 & Nov. 1)

For those interested in more in-depth studies, the "A Taste..." classes will be followed by an additional 15 session class called "Jewish Literacy."

There is no cost for "A Taste...", and refreshments will be served. This program is open to the public; knowledge of Judaism is not required.

Reserve your seat right away!

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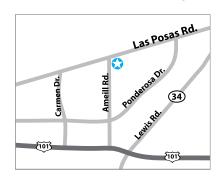
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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

| NAME | Date | Year |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Shane & Barbara Davis | Oct. 3rd | 2nd Anniversary |
| Jeff & Susan Weinstein | Oct. 3rd | 21st Anniversary |
| Art & Fran Titen | Oct. 6th | 56th Anniversary |
| Stanley & Loretta Reshes | Oct. 11th | 59th Anniversary |
| Michael & Cassandra Posner | Oct. 12th | 21st Anniversary |
| Rene & Kathy D'Inca | Oct. 15th | 18th Anniversary |
| William & Claire Goldstein | Oct. 15th | 62nd Anniversary |
| Darryl Sobleman & Carole Warren | Oct. 17th | 8th Anniversary |
| Gilbert & Rita Cooperman | Oct. 21st | 62nd Anniversary |
| Alex & Alyse Borla | Oct. 26th | 32nd Anniversary |

^{*} Listings based on Temple records. If your info is missing or in error, please contact the Temple office so we may correct our database.



Member Spotlight! - Sharron Parker

by Barbara Davis

Some of you may know her as the woman

who sells Leisure Village but there is more to Sharron Parker than being our resident real estate professional. Sharron grew up in Connecticut and New Jersey; in fact, the Garden State is where she went to high school. After graduating, she worked in advertising for CBS in New York City.

Sharron has had three successful businesses in her career including interior decorating, insurance sales and real estate. Enjoying time with her three children and four grandchildren who range in ages from six to eighteen is always a joy for her and it helps that they live closeby - both in Newbury Park and in San Francisco. Her eighteen

year old granddaughter just started college at the University of Southern California and as we would expect from any proud grandparent, Sharron is very excited and happy for her.



In her free time, Sharron participates in a movie group that meets twice a month for viewing and socialization following the show. One of the most important things to Sharron is maintaining good health by enjoying evening walks and nurturing relationships. Additionally, Sharron is a member of ORT, Hadassah and City of Hope; all of which she has served as President. Additionally she service as the Presient of the National Council of Jewish Women before the local section closed its doors.

When asked what she enjoys most about being a member of Temple Ner Ami, Sharron states that it is the warmth and caring of the community that she cherishes the most.

The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

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Steve & Jennifer Moore

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Note: The above listings cover donations recieved between August 22nd and September 18th. It does not include High Holy Days pledge donations which will be detailed in the November issue.



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Upcoming Members' Yahrzeits

September 28, 2012 (Tishri 7-13)

Lottie Frank Felton...Aunt of Joan Frank
Joseph Bachelisfather-in-law of Sheila Bachelis
Avrum Merrinfather-in-law of Verna Merrin
Richard S. Brill**....husband of Naomi Brill
Samuel Heiss....father of Seymour Heiss
Marlene S. Rodbro.....sister of Sheila Bachelis
Eugene Foxman....husband of Judy Foxman

October 5, 2012 (Tishri 14-20)

Celia Bergman.....mother of Irving Bergman
Rosa Gerber...mother of Ruth Fridberg
Ruth W. Brody.....mother of Howard Brody
Ethel Levy....mother of Harriette Heiss
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Jerry Doctrow.....husband of Flo Doctrow Philip Brejensky....brother of Sol Brejensky Julia Biddelman.....mother of Phyllis Slade Arthur Slade.....husband of Phyllis Slade

October 12, 2012 (Tishri 21-27)

Leonard Levy.....father of Harriette Heiss Ruth Levy.....mother of Arlene Bergman Steve Sitko.....father of Steve Sitko Irving Yasney**....husband of Frances Yasney

** Name on the Yolanda Cramer Memorial Yahrzeit Board.

z"I In blessed memory.

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.

October 19, 2012 (Tishri 28-Heshvan 4)

Emma Goldberg.....mother of Mildred Seidler
Paul Cohen.....brother of Roberta Jacobs
Dr. Joseph Herszkorn.....father of Dr. Ed Hawthorne, z"l
Amin Marzouk.....brother of Susan Saleh
Sylvia Lackman.....sister-in-law of Gloria Brodie
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Jennie Tenenbaum mother of Muriel Rosenkranz
Jack Votion, Sr.father of Jack W. Votion

October 26, 2012 (Heshvan 5-11)

Eda Herszkorn.....mother of Dr. Ed Hawthorne, z"l Sidney Lyons.....cousin of Violet Coshever, z"l Edwin Stallman.....husband of Betty Stallman Robert Seiden....husband of Diane Honick Dorothy Faber.....mother of Alyse Borla

November 2, 2012 (Heshvan 12-18)

Emma Beacher....mother of Libby Pierce Hank Perlman.....husband of Sheryl Rudie Sidney Santer.....father of Andrew Santer Kitty Copeland.....mother of Sandra Goodwin Rose Jaffe....mother-in-law of Elaine Jaffe



Sad News

Joan Stone, a former board member and wife of past President Lewis Stone, passed away after an extended illness on August 10th.

The Temple wishes to extend our condolences to Lew and the Stone family.



The Dead Sea Scrolls Demystified

Friday, November 16, 2012





Sharing Our Stories

The Temple Ner Ami Torah School, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation, is launching a project to conduct interviews with Holocaust Survivors and Liberators.

The interviews will be taped and portions shown at the Community Yom Hashoah program on April 7th.

If you are willing to be interviewed, please contact Julia Newman at: Educator@templenerami.org or call 388-3824.



October Outside Organization Meetings









CITY OF HOPE

Regular Meeting - 10/08 - 12:30 PM Board Meeting - Monday 10/22 - 9:30 AM Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

ORT

Board - Thursday, October 4, 2012 - 10am Game Day Event Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012 - 10:30am

For info call Shirley Law, 987-5468 President, Sharron Parker - 805-443-1998

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tues. Mixed Meeting 7-8:15 pm, Tues. Mtg. Pot Luck, 9/25 Wed. Mixed & Ladies Mtgs. 7-8:15 pm Sat. Mixed 6:30-7:30 pm, Pot Luck, 9/8 Sunday (Men only) 7-8 am

HADASSAH

No Meetings in October at the Temple Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222

TEMPLE NER AMI - October 2012

| Sat | 6 | Sutter M (CHTM) | Sukkot | 9 Torah Shuty Class 10 Brai Mitzrah Family Education | 13 9 Torah Study Class 6:30p Cy Vergast | 20 B Totah Study Class 4p Algasa Greenttalf Bat Mittvah | 27 9 Torah Shury Classs 6,30p MOYE MOHT | 9 Toran Study Class 4p Reed Harmon Bar Mizvah |
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| Thu | 4 | Subst IV (CH7II) | Suidot | to DRT Board Meriting | 11 Sp. AALIW Awards Dinner 7p Brotherhood lieeling | 18 Sp Greenblatt Rehearsal 7p JFS Board Meeting | 10:30 ORT Garne Day 7p Sisterthood Meeting | Nov t 10 ORT Board Meeling 5p Harmon Rehearsal |
| Wed | 3 | Suikot III (CH10) | Sukkat | 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15p Normmy, Dadol & Me 4:15p Torah School - PreK, Kinder, 1s | 10 4:15p Mornin, Daddy & Me 4:15p Torah School - Prek, Kinder, 1s 7p Board of Directors Meeling | 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4-15p Normay, Daddy & Ne 4-15p Torah School - Prek, Kinder, 1s | 24 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15p Norman, Diddy & Me 4:15p Torah School - Prefs, Kindet, 1s | S1 Railoween 1.0 Tonn - Women's Perspective 4.15p Mommy, Desby & Me 4.15p Torah School - PreK, Kinder, 1s |
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| Sun | 30 | Erev Suittet | - | 4p Subtan Decorating & Brotherhood 6:23p Candle lighting | Suivot VIII (Hoshana Raba) Suiton 12:30p Honday Bounque 13:30p JGSCV Monthly Meeting 6:14p Candle lighting | 7 | 72 | 58 |

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