



# Are You Interested in Judaism?



## Know something but want to know more?



### Judaism 101

This 18 week course will be held on Wednesdays at Temple Ner Ami from 7:30-9:00 pm.

If you are interested in this class, or would just like to know more about the course,

call the Temple office or email Rabbi Lisa to reserve your spot or ask questions. The cost is \$180 for

the course, and scholarships are available. This course is designed for those new to Judaism, returning to Judaism, or just curious.

All are welcome, and temple membership is not required. Some materials

will be handed out in class but it is strongly recommended that participants supplement the course with additional books and readings.

#### CLASS DATES:

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| 10/9, 10/30 | 1/29/14               |
| 11/6, 11/20 | 2/5, 2/19, 2/26       |
| 12/4, 12/18 | 3/5, 3/19, 3/26       |
|             | 4/2, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 |
|             | 5/7                   |



## Money: Jewish Values & Ethics

**Oct. 1st** - Should a Jewish person work for a tobacco or an alcohol company? If you know your boss cheats customers, what is your obligation? What does Judaism say about how we earn a living?



**Oct. 8th** - Is the minimum wage good for the employee, the employer and society or is it a drag on our economy? What is the obligation of the employer and the employee to each other?

**Oct. 22nd** - Should we care where products are made? Are we obligated to invest and purchase in a socially responsible manner? How can this be done.



**Oct. 29th** - Is it a good idea to give money to beggars and pan handlers in our neighborhood? What is our obligation to the poor?





## Ever Notice?

**Rabbi Lisa Bock**

Ever go out for an evening walk, or drive home, and notice that the moon is full?

Just the other day, I took my dog for an evening walk, and saw a beautiful, full moon.

Our Jewish calendar is connected to the cycles of the moon. Whenever you see a full moon, check the Jewish calendar. You'll usually see that it is the 14th or 15th of the Hebrew month.

And, this is usually when we have festivals – some sort of gathering that we do as Jews. It makes so much sense. Imagine ancient times – no phone, no text, no reminder emails. But, everyone knows when there's a full moon – and we get together at the full moon in the Fall, and again in the Spring, as well as one in the middle of winter.

These dates this year include:

**Sukkot** (first day): 15 Tishri – September 19th

**Tu B'Shevat** (New Year for the Trees): 15 Shevat – January 16th

**Passover:** 15 Nisan – April 15th (note, the 1st seder is Monday evening, April 14th)

**Shavuot:** 6 Sivan – June 4th (calculated as the 50th day after Passover)

The months of the Hebrew calendar are determined by the recurring phases of the moon: the new month, Rosh Chodesh, begins when the new moon appears, and is thus the first

day of each Hebrew month. From the earliest times, the lunar month was far more than a measuring device for Jews. The cycles of Hama-or Hakatan, "the lesser light" (Genesis 1:16), served as a reminder of God's work of creation, and led naturally to the celebration of the new moon as an important festival in Biblical times. The major festivals, with the exception of Shabbat, in turn, were dated by the new moon's occurrence.



Holidays on the New Moon, or dated from/around the New Moon include:  
**Rosh Hashanah:** 1 Tishri – September 4th (in 2013)

**Chanukah:** 25 Kislev-1 Tevet – Nov 28th-Dec 4th (in 2013)

The Mishnah describes in detail the procedure by which the new month was fixed in the days before the destruction of the Temple. That, combined with the development of a scientifically calculated calendar in the Talmudic period, served to diminish the significance of Rosh Chodesh, reducing it to a minor festival. Its observance today is generally limited to its proclamation in certain synagogues on the preceding Shabbat and to some liturgical changes in the

service on the day of Rosh Chodesh.

The one unusual feature of Rosh Chodesh is that, while it remained an ordinary workday for men, an ancient tradition declares it a women's holiday. Jewish women were to refrain from all work, or at least heavy work, on that day. According to legend, God rewarded them with a special day of rest for refusing to join in with the Israelite men in the sin of the Golden Calf. Today, many Jewish women are reviving and reinterpreting this Rosh Chodesh tradition. But Rosh Chodesh stands as a reminder to all Jews – women and men – of a special and distinct rhythm in our lives – the rhythm of Jewish time. (The above information includes excerpts from Gates of the Seasons, A Guide to the Jewish Year, Edited by Peter S. Knobel.)

*Shalom,*  
**Rabbi Lisa**

Interested in learning more about subjects like this?

Interested in learning more about Judaism?

About Jewish holidays, customs, rituals?

**We are starting a class on Basic Judaism, an Introduction to Judaism class, and this class is open to all—temple membership is not required. All are welcome, Jewish or not. If you're interested, see the cover of this issue for more information, or call the Temple office.**



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## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5774

Temple Ner Ami welcomed the new year with prayer, song, music, blessings, contemplation, joy, sadness, and community. It was so meaningful.

There are so many people to thank because success at these services does not just happen. As is our good fortune, the list of names is huge.

Thank you to Rabbi Lisa Bock for inspiring words and thoughts to bring us forward into the new year with motivation to be and do better.

Thank you to all the sisterhood members and board members who served as ushers who welcomed everyone with a sense of friendship and belonging.

This included Naomi Brill, Bobbe and Dale Jacobs, Bev and John Kerwein, Lee Edwards, Bonnie Shubb, Lisa and Mitch Schwartz, Steve Moore, Keith and Robin Elliot, Shari and Howard Brody, Arla and Jay Crane. There are probably more people to acknowledge and I sincerely apologize if I missed you.

Thank you also to sisterhood for setting out beautiful tables following services. There were apples and honey on Rosh Hashana and challah and water to break the fast on Yom Kippur.

Appreciation goes out to all the temple members in attendance who assisted in the services. And behind the scenes and in preparation months in advance, there is

*Thank you for an exceptional High Holy Days!*

*Thank you to all who attended, for the ushers, our Board of Directors, and our Temple President Steve Graff.*

*Thanks to our wonderful choir, choir director Moises Mercado, pianist Charlie Harrison, soloist Marc Bachrach. Thanks to Sharon Spielman for an immense amount of behind the scenes preparation.*

*Thank you to all the teens who led the Yom Kippur afternoon service, and kol hakavod to Shoshana, Rena, and Gil for reading Torah. Thank you to all who participated*

Mark Malloy who does so much for us that we don't recognize everything that needed doing. Thank you, thank you.

The music added so much to each service. There were compliments all around. There is no way to thank musical director Moises Mercado for everything he did to provide a complete music program. It included the training and direction as well as the technical support. Thank you to all the



choir members for such dedication in preparation. And for adding their voices to the liturgy, we thank Sharon Spielman, Arlene Cohen, Kim Honig, Elvira Cabelli, Susan Weinstein and Clara Zive, Avram Kohls, Saul Lessler,

Leonard Lowenshuss, and David Singer.

Special appreciation to Marc Bacharach who served as our cantorial soloist. Marc put in many hours with the choir and accompanists preparing the music. He added his guitar to the music. Thanks to the other instrumental accompaniment from Charlie Harrison on piano, David Singer on clarinet, Moises Mercado on flute, and Aaron Dvoretzky on percussion.

A final thank you to everyone in attendance who completed the community praying together. We are hopeful to be together throughout the coming year in health, happiness, and joy.

*Shana Tova,*  
*Susan Weinstein*

*in aliyot, in readings, and thank you to our Sisterhood for the apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah, and challah and water for breaking the fast. Thank you to Lee Edwards for the most entertaining appeal I've ever heard, and thank you to Julia Newman and those who helped leading the children's services. Thank you to Mark Malloy, for the weeks and months of preparation that goes into making the High Holy Days happen here at Ner Ami.*

*With thanks and blessing to all of you and so many more,*

**Rabbi Lisa**





# Shalom, My Friends!

Steve Graff, President

Like Drew Barrymore in the movie *50 First Dates*, I never know what I am going to write about each month. Some times

I am inspired by recent events in my life, the lives of persons I know, political events, or religious aspects of life (the High Holy Days, bar mitzvahs). This month I wanted to write about a disturbing yet profound experience I just had.

When I am not doing President of the TNA Board stuff, I am a Developmental Psychologist, the clinical director of a regional center (serving thousands of persons with developmental disabilities such as intellectual disability, autism, or cerebral palsy). We got a call last week from a hospital, when I learned that someone we support had suffered a series of terrible medical events (including a heart stoppage) that had left the patient on life support, brain dead and dying, with no chance of regaining consciousness or walking out of the ICU. He had days to live before his body would shut down completely. The patient (let me call him "Mr. John Doe") had no family alive that could give consent for medical treatment, so the hospital's bioethics committee in consultation with Mr. Doe's physician felt that a Do Not Resuscitate order was in order, and that withdrawal of life support was indicated. With no one left alive in Mr. Doe's family, there was no one to be with him except strangers at this final moment.

The chief social worker on my team, "Elliot", had known Mr. Doe for many years. He asked that the hospital please not withdraw support until he could be there and sit with Mr. Doe, so that John would not be alone at this final and overwhelming moment. The hospital agreed, and as my teammate got up to go to Mr. Doe's bedside to be with him, I felt the need to go with him. Not to support John, as I did not know him, but to support Elliot. I knew that he would often go over and above his duties when it came to the more hu-

man side of things. Elliot would take on the suffering of others, and would place himself into painful situations if he thought it would help ease the pain of others less fortunate than himself.

As the physicians and nurses gently turned off various switches and eased Mr. Doe's passing, Elliot held John's hand and gently talked to him, speaking softly to ease any fear should Mr. Doe have any chance of understanding what was happening. [This was extremely unlikely, given Mr. Doe's brain death the previous day]. I was struck by the absolute gravitas of the moment. I thought of my father's passing at his home in the company of my mother and sister. No tubes or machines, no nurses, not strangers but a quiet final moment with loving family. Such a contrast to the passing of Mr. Doe, who would have died surrounded by strangers but for the grace of God, in the form of a social worker who could not abide the thought of a man he knew being disconnected from Life alone.

*...as my teammate got up to go to Mr. Doe's bedside to be with him, I felt the need to go with him.*

At Rosh HaShana one of the TNA Board members said to me "we have no idea who the Messiah will be, what he or she will look like." What my coworker did was God's will, of that I am sure. He was there to offer comfort, ease fear, give lovingkindness to the stranger. Something that any of us can do, yet many of us do not realize that we can. Are we too afraid, too ignorant of the moment? So hard to know, and I am not sure what the answer is to the question "what can I do to be [part of] a holy people?" But if I can emulate my friend Elliot, and be present, be there in the moment for others, those I love as well as those I don't, perhaps I can start to answer that question. As we have observed these High Holy Days together in prayer, it was never my expectation that along with the various HHD services a very holy moment of my life was going to occur in an ICU. I'd like to thank you, the members of Temple Ner Ami, because you are giving me a chance to be there for strangers as well as those I love. May this new year be a sweet one for you.



# Rosh Hashanah Children's Service led by Julia Newman (with assistance from Mazel Dov the Bear)



## Honorable Menschen



A.J. Williams started 3rd grade this fall with a smile even bigger than usual. He and his Mom Allyson (our primary Megillah photographer) are very pleased to report that A.J.'s Dad Jim has regained his strength and stamina after a 2.5-year struggle to recover from acute myelogenous leukemia, diagnosed in the spring of 2011. Jim received a bone marrow transplant from his brother (a "perfect match") on May 4, 2011 at City of Hope but suffered from multiple complications that led to extensive hospitalizations and six surgeries following the transplant.

The whole happy Williams family can be seen together this year!



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# Sisterhood Holds Gala Event for Julia Newman

by Shari Brody

When you arrived at the Temple on the evening of Julia Newman's Shabbat Dinner Service and Retirement Party, the new, large Sisterhood sign welcomed you. Sitting at a table in the shade of the canopy provided by Arla and Jay Crane was Lee Edwards cheerfully checking the guests in. As you entered the lobby of the Temple, you saw a lovely array of hors d'oeuvres on the tables inside the door. Harriet Lit greeted you and handed each guest a glass of champagne. After filling your plate with the tempting selection of canapes, there were plenty of people with whom you could chat and visit. When you entered the sanctuary to find a seat, you were taken by surprise as the many rows of chairs had transformed into twenty-four beautifully decorated tables with lovely centerpieces created by Bobbe Jacobs. All of the tables were set with cloth napkins, tablecloths, real silverware, a bottle of red and a bottle of white wines, along with chocolates and little glittery "Julia" name pieces. Aaron Dvoretzky, Sharon Spielman and their daughters, Ayla and Rena, were serving the guests with trays of tasty noshes.

At the front of the room was a very long table that was set for Julia and her guests that included her husband, Saul, and son, Danny, Fran and Mel Kuznets, Sandi Pierce, Terry Scott, Beth and Kirby Yale, Anne Bennett, niece Stacey, Grandnieces Fallon and Kianah, and three young ladies who are exchange students from China living with the Newman-Lesslers. More than 130 adults and children were there to show their love and support for our retiring Torah School Principal.

Prior to the start of the buffet dinner, all the guests were treated to a Powerpoint presentation masterfully done by our Temple Administrator, Mark Malloy. This was a collection of pictures showing Julia, her family and some of the many Torah School Students with whom she has worked. During the dinner, Danny Newman-Lessler, the very talented son of Julia and Saul, performed at the piano. Just prior to the start of the Shabbat Service, Cantor Karen Dworsky sang a song

with her beautiful voice that she had written especially for Julia.

Allyson Williams was snapping pictures as the evening unfolded. Many thanks for her time and talent. The pictures shown here were taken by Allyson.

Serving the Italian Buffet were volunteers whom we gratefully acknowledge: Howard Brody, Sharron Parker, Bev Kerwien, Naomi Brill and our new Torah School Principal and new Dad, Gil Ramot. There was an abundance of food and wine for all.



What happened next seemed like a whirlwind when a small army of people led by Mark Malloy and Ken Bock transformed the Sanctuary back to its regular appearance. Tables and chairs were moved to get ready for the Shabbat Service and to make room for more people who came to the Service. In about 15 minutes, the room was ready thanks to the many helping hands including Jay Crane and Dale Jacobs.

The Service began when Michaela Posner, who was becoming Bat Mitzvah the following day, was honored to light the Shabbat candles.

Our Rabbi Lisa Bock conducted the Service along with Cantor Karen and guitarist Alan Crane. After Rabbi Lisa shared a story, the presentation part of the evening began. The always entertaining master of ceremonies was Shlomo Kreitzer who gave his thoughts about Julia's success in building the Torah School. He then introduced the Board of Directors'

President, Dr. Steve Graff, who spoke and presented Julia and Saul with a token of his esteem. The Sisterhood Board of Directors led by Bobbe Jacobs presented Julia with a gift thanking her for the time that she has given for many years to the school. Sisterhood next called up Gil Ramot, the new Torah School Principal, and gave him a check from the Sisterhood for the school in Julia's honor. This presentation of funds came from the people attending and those who made donations and were not able to attend.

The next presenter was Cheri Dekofsky, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Ventura County. Cheri shared a story of Julia's early days in asking for help in writing a grant and how many dollars TNA has received as a result of her efforts and the generosity of the Federation. Cheri made a presentation to Julia as well. Sharon Spielman with her daughters told Julia what would be set up on the internet for her so that her former students can communicate stories and stay in touch with her.

Julia then had an opportunity to express her feelings to everyone in attendance and thank the Sisterhood and all of the presenters for honoring her.

The service was concluded and there were some words from Arla Crane about the lovely Oneg that was awaiting us and about the most beautiful cake designed for Julia by Bev Kerwien. A final surprise was the appearance of Rabbi Michael Lotker who had written a song to a familiar tune for Julia. The entire audience laughed and enjoyed Rabbi Lotker's creative work as he sang to Julia.

Finally, dessert!!! Everyone loved the cake baked by Bev. And although it was a large sheet cake, it was gone in a short time.

There were others to thank who helped by clearing tables, serving and packing up the food at the end of the evening. Jay Crane assisted in popping and pouring all the champagne, and

one kind man uncorked every bottle of wine that evening. The man with the sore hand was Howard Brody and we thank him for all of his efforts.

The important thing is that our guest of honor had a very good time surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, students, parents and everyone who was there to show her how much we appreciate her years of caring and building a great Torah School for our Temple. Julia Newman - you deserve all of the love and accolades that you received! We wish you well in your retirement and are so glad that you have become Board Member and will continue to be active in the Temple!

The Sisterhood and Julia gratefully acknowledge the following people, most of whom were not able to attend but made a donation to honor Julia:

Robert & Joyce Brown, Elvira & Brad Cabelli, Della Carmona, Richard Erlich, Betty Fink, Katie & Gary Glenn, Andrea & Irwin Granat, Lois Harwood, Diane Honick, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Improta, Larry & Gail Kleinman, Libby Pierce, Jack & Marlene Votion, Ruth Weiss, James & Allyson Williams, Marc & Cynthia Wolfson, Dr. Allen & Marcia Zatkan.





# Todah Rabah Means Thank You

by Allyson Williams

As a Temple member with a child in the Torah School, I knew that Gil Ramot's lovely wife Revital was due to deliver their second child close to high holy days. I had been emailing Gil to see how she was doing and to find out if they needed anything. In fact, the day the baby arrived, Gil signed off of an email exchange with an indication that the baby was coming very soon. Baby boy Ramot arrived on Erev Rosh Hashanah at 8:04 pm. It was then that I saw the chance to do a mitzvah and help organize and coordinate the Sukkot potluck scheduled for the following Sunday. I had experience in event planning and knew I could piece the event together effectively with some help, and allow Gil to focus some of his energy on his new son, his daughter Healey, and Revital.

Melissa Trinidad provided a harvest menu and a meal plan and we sought to sign families up to stock us up with attendees, bringing food. A poster, some emails, and personal calls seemed to do it. Close to 100 people attended the Sukkot celebration event on Sunday, September 15, a mix of "old" Temple families and some very new ones. Members in leadership positions, current and past, as well as new members with just a willingness to help all appeared. It was an electric evening for many reasons. Gil had a concept that we would all come together as a community to do the work of sukkot—from the building of the sukkah, to the creation of the name tags and centerpieces, to the chopping and cooking of the food—we were to all put our hands on some part of the occasion.

I have never executed an event that wasn't finalized before the first guest arrived so it was new (and nerve-racking) for me. Still, with input from Julia (including info on who usually builds the sukkah) and Gil (please fill the propane tanks), and Mark (where do we get the storage key and can you keep the sprinklers off), a few instinctual guesses, and a willingness on the part of all the attendees to help, things came out beautifully. It seemed the event was enhanced by the participation of our Temple families working side by side—everyone had some ownership in the celebration.

Todah Rabah means thank you to all who came and all who helped.

At this event, all who came, helped.

***Mazel Tov to Gil & Revital Ramot and Healey!***



Photos by Jim Williams and Ken Bock.





### 1st Day of Torah School Hike at Hill Canyon Park - August 28th



## Cheder Happenings

by Gil Ramot

*Shalom All,*

High Holidays are behind us. We prayed and asked for Slichot (forgiveness). Let me take this opportunity to ask for Sicha if I have hurt you. Thank you to Rabbi Lisa and the Choir for wonderful services, thank you to Cantor Marc for helping with the family service, and thank you teens for an amazing teen service. Thank you to all board members, Mark Malloy, and volunteers for making High Holidays very special.

As some of you already know, the Erev Rosh Hashanah (Eve of Rosh Hashanah) was extra special for me: during services, at 8:02 p.m., my son Ofree was born, and long-time prayers were answered. Both mother and child are doing well and we would like to invite the entire congregation to join Revital, Healey, and I for a baby naming celebration on the Eve of Simchat Torah - Friday, September 27th, 6:30pm.

A very big thank you is owed to Allyson Williams, Melissa

Trinidad, Elizabeth Abergel and all the amazing builders, BBQ chefs, Sukkah decorators, cleaning crew, and all of you who came to the Sukkah Building Harvest BBQ. I need to say something personal: my mother and mother-in-law came from Israel and participated at the Sukkot celebration. They were so impressed by the sense of community, by the fact that everyone worked together to make this day special. When they are describing the events of that day to friends and family in Israel, I truly understand what an amazing COMMUNITY we are.

And now we need to do something else together: we need to sit together, plan and create two Torah school baskets to be auctioned at Oy Veygas. Oy Veygas Casino Night on Saturday, October 12th is Temple's and Torah School's biggest fundraiser, and we need to step up to the plate. What do we need to do? First, tell all our friends about this night,

and invite them to buy tickets and join us. Second, we need to come up with two beautiful baskets to be auctioned. After Oy Veygas we have the Sisterhood Holiday Boutique fundraiser on Sunday Oct. 20th, and what do we need to do? You guessed it right. First, tell all our friends about this event, and invite them to join us and spend money. Second, we need come up with beautiful baskets and baked goods to be auctioned. We have fantastic, creative parents, teachers, and students. Let us rise together to the challenge of these two fundraising events. Expect updating emails from me.

Dear parents, here is another save-the-date: JCA Shalom 4th-8th grade fun, huge fun retreat on October 18-20. Details to follow.

Thank you all (to-dah), and may you all have Shannah Tovah Umetukah- a sweet and good year.

Gil Ramot,  
*Your Ner Ami Torah School Principal*



Photos courtesy of Allyson Williams.



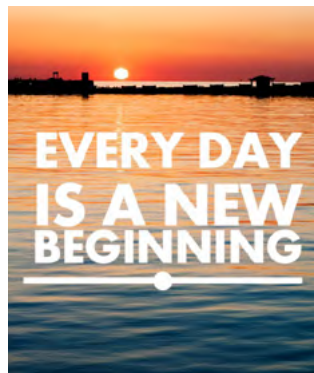


# EVERY DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING

By Diane L. Gough, M.A., MFT

The Days of Awe...our Jewish New Year. As we reflect on the past year and this new year, we think how we can be better people; how to bring more happiness and joy to everyone we encounter.

Perhaps you have suffered loss in the past year and don't know how to pick yourself up. You don't need to be alone. Part of the message of Temple Ner Ami is that we are members of a community.



In our **New Beginnings Support Group**, each can share their feelings and get support from Harriet and me and the other group members.

The coming year is full of hope in that reaching out to others helps us to heal and bring mitzvahs into our world. Please join our group for an AWE-some experience at its next meeting on October 2nd at 1:30 pm to 2:30 p.m.



**JNET - Camarillo** meets Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013 at Temple Ner Ami, 515 Temple Ave, Camarillo, 93010 (The Temple on Temple). Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm and end by 9:00 pm.

JNET is committed to serving the needs of its growing membership and facilitating business relationships throughout all of Southern California and beyond. JNET - Camarillo is here to provide a networking venue for those of you in East and West Ventura

County. Your first two meetings are FREE. The annual dues are \$85 and include two holiday parties / mixers and free attendance at all other JNET chapter meetings and the opportunity to speak at one of these chapter meetings every 6 months.

For info: [www.jnetonline.org](http://www.jnetonline.org) or Dale Jacobs, President at 818-207-4965, or tarzanacpa@yahoo.com.

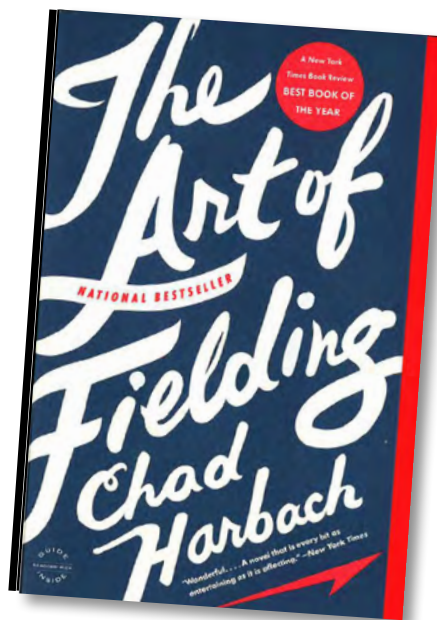
Nosh, Schmooze and Make Business Connections within the ever-growing networking community of Jewish business people, professionals, trades people and corporate executives at **JNET** (a non-profit organization) on the first Thursday of every month.

## Eager Readers Book Club

Meets Tuesday, October 8th, 11am

### September Book: *The Art of Fielding*

At Westish College, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league until a routine throw goes disastrously off course. In the aftermath of his error, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, "*The Art of Fielding*" is mere baseball fiction the way Moby Dick is just a fish story" (Nicholas Dawidoff). It is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment--to oneself and to others. (Summary from Amazon.com)



Each month a member selects a book for all members to read and discuss at the next meeting. Joining the club means you are reading at least one outstanding book every month. What a great idea! Please join us October 8th at 11 am in the Library.



# Daniel Pearl WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 27, 2013, 1:30 pm  
Boys & Girls Club, 1500 Temple Ave., Camarillo

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The Daniel Pearl World Music Festival is inspired by the legacy of journalist and musician Daniel Pearl. Through journalism & music he communicated friendship, understanding and respect for differences wherever his journeys took him. Danny, a *Wall Street Journal* correspondent, was kidnapped and murdered by militants in Pakistan in 2002, but his work bridging cultural gaps continues through the Daniel Pearl Foundation, [www.danielpearl.org](http://www.danielpearl.org)

This **FREE** concert is part of many events in October across the globe promoting tolerance, understanding and global harmony.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS Members & Children

1	Diane Honick	9	Max Freifield	21	Robert Brown
2	Raja Desenberg	10	Bess Cohen	21	Saul Lessler
2	Lindsay Goltz	10	Sharon Spielman	22	Hannah Harris
4	Tim Mascot	12	Della Carmona	23	Phyllis Mandel
5	Hayley Greenblatt	14	Frank Seiden	24	Justin Lieb
5	Lindsey Greenblatt	15	Alyssa Greenblatt	24	Marc Wolfsohn
6	Jessica Budin-Caloroso	15	Fran Titen	26	William Hatton
6	Sue Littua	16	Annabella Mascot	27	Gary Goltz
6	Hunter Yuro	17	Dale Jacobs	31	Brandon, Joshua & Rachel Pritz
7	Garrett Erickson	18	Gerald Rosen		
9	Andrew Felder	18	Steve Sitko		

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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Year
Matthew & Barbara Gollub	Oct. 2nd	9th Anniversary
Jeff & Susan Weinstein	Oct. 3rd	22nd Anniversary
Art & Fran Titen	Oct. 6th	57th Anniversary
Stanley & Loretta Reshes	Oct. 11th	60th Anniversary
Michael & Cassandra Posner	Oct. 12th	22nd Anniversary
Mitch & Lisa Schwartz	Oct. 12th	28th Anniversary
Rene & Kathy D'Inca	Oct. 15th	19th Anniversary
William & Claire Goldstein	Oct. 15th	63rd Anniversary
Darryl Sobleman & Carole Warren	Oct. 17th	9th Anniversary
Gilbert & Rita Cooperman	Oct. 21st	63rd Anniversary
Alex & Alyse Borla	Oct. 26th	33rd Anniversary

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## Happy New Year to all Sisterhood Members & Their Families

Our membership is at "58", which is fabulous. Thank you to all who have joined. Ladies, if you have not joined, please think it over. We would love to go to 60 members!!!

A big thank you for those who helped in setting up on Thursday before Julia's dinner: Naomi Brill, Shari & Howard Brody, Arla & Jay Crane and John Kerwien, who had everything on the tables and ready for Friday evening. The Sisterhood wants to thank the Church for allowing us to borrow their tablecloths, Mark Malloy for the beautiful PowerPoint presentation, and Cantor Karen for the beautiful song just for Julia, our servers, Sharon Spielman and her daughters for serving the food, Shlomo Kreitzer for being our MC, and all those wonderful people who stayed and helped clean up and put everything back where it belonged. More on Julia's evening in another article.

Our Sisterhood Tea was held at Gail Kleinman's lovely home on Sunday, September 29th, 2013, from 2pm to 4 pm. It was a most enjoyable afternoon. All the ladies who attended were able to meet and greet all their Sisters and get to know everyone. Delectable triangular sandwiches were served along with beautifully made sweets. The ladies in attendance received a new Sisterhood Membership List, and some other goodies. We requested from members some ideas on what kind of events they would enjoy coming to. There will be lists available at the Temple or just call me and I will send one out to you.

October 20th is Sisterhood's "Holiday Boutique". The public is welcome from 12:30 to 4 pm. Set-up is from 10 to 11:30am in the parking lot. The Sisterhood will be having two booths this year. Committee chair Arla Crane will have Booth #1, which will be our "White Elephant & Book Sale". If you have anything to donate, please contact Arla at 482-9397. Committee chair Naomi Brill will have Booth #2, which will be the New Grand Opening of our Gift Shop. She can be reached at 388-8511. Both ladies will need volunteers: three for set up from 10 to noon, and then 2 from noon-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, and 3pm to 4:30pm to help clean up. This will give all volunteers plenty of time to do their holiday shopping. Please Sisterhood ladies, members of the Board and all members of Temple Ner Ami, this is our big money maker of the year, and we help out the Torah School during the semester. Bring your families, friends, doctors, teachers, hair dressers, everyone and anyone to come. There are fliers at the Temple for you to help circulate through the community.

Whenever you are at Temple Ner Ami, please feel free to come over to introduce yourself; I do want to meet all of our members and all of our Sisterhood ladies.

Thank you,  
Bobbe Jacobs





# TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You in Hebrew!



Dear Congregants:

Thank you to our members who graciously sponsored an Oneg in the months of August & September. They were:

**CHANA KREITZER** in loving memory of her parents, **JACK** and **SARAH MAUGER**.

**JOHN & BEVERLY KERWIEN** in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The **TNA Sisterhood** in honor of our *Educator Emeritus*, **JULIA NEWMAN**.

**LEE EDWARDS** in loving memory of her husband, Jimmy and by **ELVIRA CABELLI** and **SHARI BRODY**.

**MICHAEL & CASSANDRA POSNER** in honor of their daughter **MICHAELA** becoming Bat Mitzvah.

**DALE JACOBS** in honor of his wife, **BOBBE**'s, birthday.

**NAOMI BRILL**, in loving memory of her dear husband, **RICHARD**.

**GIL** and **REVITAL RAMOT** in honor of their new son, and **RABBI LISA** and **KEN BOCK** in honor of the birth of **GIL** and **REVITAL RAMOT**'s new son and **SIMCHAT TORAH**.

I know all of you look forward to and enjoy our Onegs after services on Friday nights. I urge you to participate by sponsoring one either in honor of someone for a happy occasion, or in the memory of someone who is no longer with us.

To volunteer, please call **ARLA CRANE** at (805) 987-2000. I assure you that your participation is very much appreciated.

*Naomi Brill*



## Josephine & Max Freifield

wish to express our sincere appreciation for all of your caring support and prayers concerning Max's recent medical issues.

We also wish to send our best wishes to everyone for a happy healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year in 5774.

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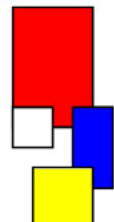
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## Honorariums & Memorials

*Israel Feingold & Phyllis Slade in honor of Julia Newman's retirement*

*Gloria Brodie in loving memory of her aunt, Ann Pollock*

*Allyson & Jim Williams in loving memory of Allyson's maternal grandmother & A.J.'s great grandmother, Rozlyn Stern, and Allyson's mother & A.J.'s beloved "Nana", Donna Gold.*

*John & Beverly Kerwien in memory of our dear friend Evelyn Dittbrenner*

*Lee Edwards to Sonia Lotker with deepest sympathy for the death of her son.*

*Libby Pierce in loving memory of her husband, Charles Pierce*

*Libby Pierce in honor of Rabbi Lisa's birthday*

*Melvin Kuznets in loving memory of his mother, Esther Kuznets*

*Diane Gough in blessed memory of my father, Joseph Poltan*

*Richard & Diane Gough in honor of our daughter, Julie who is bringing new life into the world, Mazel Tov!*

*Phyllis Graff in honor of my son Steven Graff and daughter in law Kim Honig for all they do for the temple.*

*Robert and Carol Goodkin in honor of Harriet Lit*

*Joyce Brown in loving memory of her brother, Morris Becker Adelson*

*Ruth Fridberg in loving memory of her mother, Rosa Gerber*

*Sandra King in loving memory of her husband, Donald King*

*Verna Merrin in loving memory of her Mother in law Blume Merrin, and her Father in law Avrum Merrin*

*Roberta & Danny Sassower in thanks for such spiritual & meaningful High Holiday services.*

## Newman Scholarship Fund

*Max & Josephine Freifield in honor of Julia Newman*

*Naomi Brill in admiration for all that Julia has given to Temple Ner Ami*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*With thanks to Rabbi Lisa from Sarah Brejensky*

*Joyce Benson in loving memory of her husband George Benson*

*Nadine Frankel in loving memory of her daughter*



Sarah Brejensky, Isabel Blau,  
Arlene Cohen,  
Betty Fink, Max Freifield,  
Jennie Roach and Anne Wolfson

*Note: The above listings cover honorarium, tribute, and fund donations received between August 20th and Sept.23rd. High Holy donations will be listed in next month's issue.*

# October Members' Yahrzeits

## Friday, September 27th for Sept. 22nd-28th (18-24 Tishri)

Fanny Reinstein ...Grandmother of Rabbi Michael Lotker

Leonard Levy ...Father of Harriette Heiss

Ruth Levy ...Mother of Arlene Bergman

Charles Pierce ...Husband of Libby Pierce

## Friday, October 4th for Sept. 29th-Oct.5th (25 Tishri-1 Heshvan)

Sarah Bogen ...Mother of Michael Bogen

Edith Schallheim\*\* ...Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

Steve Sitko ...Father of Steve Sitko

Elma Goldberg ...Mother of Mildred Seidler

Jerry Doctrow ...Husband of Flo Doctrow

Amin Marzouk ...Brother of Susan Saleh

## Friday, October 11th for Oct. 6th-Oct.12th (2 Heshvan-8 Heshvan)

Pauline Beg\*\* ...Mother of Fred Beg

Sylvia Lackman ...Sister In Law of Gloria Brodie

Myron Stein ...Husband of Renee Stein

Jennie Tenenbaum ...Mother of Muriel Rosenkranz

Pepi Heiss ...Mother of Seymour Heiss

Paul Cohen ...Brother of Mrs. Bobbe Jacobs

Irving S. Yasney\*\* ...Husband of Ms. Frances Yasney

Edwin Stallman ...Husband of Betty Stallman

Robert Seiden ...Husband of Diane Honick

## Friday, October 18th for Oct. 13th-Oct.19th (9 Heshvan-15 Heshvan)

Dorothy Faber ...Mother of Alyse Borla

Emma Beacher ...Mother of Libby Pierce

Jack Votion ...Father of Jack Votion

Sidney Santer ...Father of Andrew Santer

Joy Kuznets ...Sister of Melvin Kuznets

Morton Wolfson ...Husband of Anne Wolfson

Eileen Sitko ...Mother of Steve Sitko

## Friday, October 25th for Oct. 20th-Oct.26th (16 Heshvan-22 Heshvan)

Rose Jaffe ...Mother In Law of Elaine Jaffe

Dodi Nussbaum ...Grandmother of Danalynn Pritz

James Jacobson ...Father of Shari Brody

Flora Warren ...Mother of Carole Warren

Zlatta Lertzman ...Mother of Della Carmona

Marion Zatkan Dryer ...Mother of Allen Zatkan

## Friday, Nov. 1 for Oct. 20th-Oct.26th (16 Heshvan-22 Heshvan)

Martin Burger\*\* ...Husband of Lucrecia Burger

Estell Kreinik ...Cousin of Frank Seiden

Nana Mary Wildbaum\*\* ...Grandmother of Kevin Harmon

Charles Hochberg ...Father of Betty Fink

Abraham Beacher ...Father of Libby Pierce

Yolanda Cramer\*\* ...Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

Sam Zatkan ...Father of Allen Zatkan

Bertha Shansby ...Aunt of Jean Shev

Cele Weiss ...Mother of Renee Stein

Theodora Rosen ...Mother of Gerald Rosen

Virginia Clark ...Mother of Michael Clark

Edith Medlevine\*\* ...Grandmother of Robert Moskowitz

Edward Pollock ...Uncle of Gloria Brodie

Sylvia Heller\*\* ...Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

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

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## October Outside Organization Meetings

### CITY OF HOPE

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 Regular Meeting 9/9 at United Methodist Church  
 Joan Rines, Co-President - 805-987-2147  
 Al Schwartz, Co-President - 805-482-4299



### ORT

Board Meeting - Thursday, Oct. 3rd - 10 am  
 Game Day, Thursday, Oct. 24th, Noon  
 To RSVP for lunch call Silvia Lippe at 805-987-4477  
 For info call Shirley Law, 805-987-5468 or  
 President, Cynthia Urbach - 805-419-4403

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tues.- Meeting for Men & Women 7-8:15 pm  
 Wed. - Meeting for Men & Women 7-8:15 pm  
 Sat. - Meeting for Men & Women 6:30-7:30 pm  
 Sunday (Men only) 7-8 am

# TEMPLE NER AMI - October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9 (Offsite) NIFTY-LI Weekend 9-12 grader: 2p Sisterhood Afternoon Tea	30 4:15p Torah School 6p Torah School Teen Program	Oct 1 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics:	2 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 1:30p Every Day is New Beginning 4:15p Torah School 7p Board of Directors Meeting	3 10 ORT Board Meeting 6:30p Jewish Family Services Board Meeti	4 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan 6:19p Candle lighting 7:30p Shabbat Service	5 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan 9 Torah Study Class 10 Shabbat Morning Service & Oneg
6	7 4:15p Torah School 6p Torah School Teen Program	8 11 Eager Readers Book Club 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics:	9 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15p Torah School 7:30p Judaism 101	10	11 6:10p Candle lighting 7:30p Birthdays/Anniversary Shabbat	12 6:30pm OY VEGAS CASINO NIGHT 9 Torah Study Class 10 Talmud Study
13	14 12:30p City of Hope Regular Meeting 4:15p Torah School 6p Torah School Teen Program	15	16 1:30p Every Day is New Beginning 4:15p Torah School	17 7p JFS Board Meeting	18 6:01p Candle lighting 7:30p Lay Led Shabbat Service	19 9 Torah Study Class
20	21 4:15p Torah School	22 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Board Meeting #2	23 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15p Torah School 7p Board Meeting #2	24 10:30 ORT Game Day Event	25 5:30p Tot Shabbat Program 5:53p Candle lighting 6p Bring Your Own Dinner 7p Family Shabbat Service	26 9 Torah Study Class 10 Talmud Study
27	28 9:30 City of Hope Board Mtg. 4:15p Torah School 6p Jr Youth Group and 8th Grade Program	29 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics: 7p Adult Ed-Money, Jewish Values & Ethics:	30 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 1:30p Every Day is New Beginning 4:15p Torah School 7:30p Judaism 101	31 HALLOWEEN	Nov 1 5:46p Candle lighting 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 9 Torah Study Class 10 Shabbat Morning Service & Oneg

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