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Congregational Meeting Summary

by Steve Graff, President

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the over 90 people who attend the congregational meeting on January 22nd. This represented approximately 60 member units. Introductions were followed by a brief report on the financial situation which necessitates a survival budget in order for the temple to remain solvent through June. It was reported that the rabbi's resignation was still in effect, but the Board had reached out to Rabbi Lisa asking if she was interested in providing rabbinic services at some level on a part-time basis.

A treasurer's report noted that only two thirds of the congregation paid significant dues, and a demographics report was given. It was announced that the **MEGILLAH** will be sent out electronically to those with email, and still will be mailed to those who do not have email. A new member said she would help pay for the costs of providing hard copies for those without email.

The next 2 1/2 hours were turned over to the congregation. Many congregants expressed strong opinions and concerns regarding the state of the temple. Rabbi Jan Offel of the URJ attended and gave input, noting that most temples the size of TNA had

part-time rabbis yet thrived, and that Tempe Ner Ami is not the only temple facing financial hardship and membership issues. She said the URJ would offer training support to the Strategic Planning group and the Board.

Many people said they wanted to volunteer talent, time and effort to keep TNA alive and thriving. If you are one of those who volunteered, or wish to join them, please contact the

temple office and you will be contacted by the Board.

One Congregant came up after the meeting to give a check to help keep TNA afloat; we thank him for his generosity on an evening of great stress.

Russell Kamola spoke about the Strategic Planning "Group of Folks" and their hopes to define TNA's mission, and he (along with other members of the "Group") listened closely to the ideas voiced by the members.

Anyone wanting a copy of our financial statements should send an email request to accounting@templenerami.org, or call the temple office if you do not have email. You will then receive a prompt reply with an attached copy.





Jewish Holidays Represent Jewish Ethics

by Gil Ramot, Torah School Principal

Dear Families,

Our Jewish holidays represent Jewish ethics that our tradition and our teachers intended to promote: Shabbat is the day of rest. Passover and Hanukkah are about freedom from oppression. Yom Kippur is the day of atonement, and forgiveness. I am writing you this article right after celebrating with your kid/s the holiday of Tu B'shvat: the earth and trees' New Year. We have celebrated a beautiful Tu B'shvat Seder (note to self - always take pics in the future of such beautiful events), and stressed the importance of caring for our world. Yes, as we embrace the Hebrew and the prayers, the history, art and culture, the ethics, and our traditions, we also teach our kids to take a closer look around them and to promote Tsedek (Justice) for all people, the animals, and for our planet. We are teaching our children to care and to give and I know that the best way of teaching is through personal example. Our kids look up to us and they imitate us.

We cannot just talk the talk and not follow up with specific action. "If only we had an opportunity to do something for others, something greater than our daily routine". Well there is a very special organization in our Jewish community, that not only takes great care of our Jewish education, social needs, temples, and family services. This special organization is at

the forefront and gives imminent assistance whenever a catastrophic event occurs anywhere in the world, and whenever there is a need. You know that the Jewish Federation of Ventura County is helping our school and summer camps, but the Jewish Federation of Ventura County is also our arm that promotes justice around the world. On Sunday, Feb 9th is the Jewish Federation Super Sunday. This is our chance to to promote justice in our community, across America, and around the world. I want to encourage you all to come and bring your kids with you to participate in this important event.



As I visit the classrooms I see how knowledgeable our teachers are, how much time and effort they invest in our students, thank you dear teachers. Thank you parents for all your help with snack, driving, volunteering, and giving. Your children are reading Hebrew better, they learn the prayers, they have discussions about Jewish history and art, and they play together with Jewish friends. I enjoy so much watching them as they create meaningful friendships. I see how our teens care for each other, how much they love being together.

We will do our best to give your kids more meaningful experiences, both educational and social.



Aleph Bet Potluck Dinner & Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday - January 31, 2014 Dinner @ 6pm - Shabbat Service @ 7 pm

Dishes are "Aleph-Bet-ical" based on the first letter of your last name.

If your last name begins with:

A-G please bring a main dish to share (for 8)

H-P please bring a side dish (for 8)

Q-Z please bring a dessert (for 8)

Please call the Temple office to RSVP (805) 388-3824.

The View from the Kitchen...



January 3rd: Muriel Rosenkranz in honor of husband Calman of blessed memory Sharon Green, in honor of mother, Florence Koenig of blessed memory Sandra Goodwin, in honor of Mother-In-Law Lida Goodwin of blessed memory and Grandmother, Sarah Copeland of blessed memory

January 10th: Naomi Brill in honor of friend Max Heller of blessed memory Bobbe Jacobs in honor of Father, Seymore Cohen of blessed memory

January 17th Michael and Pam Bogen, in honor of Michael's Father, Irving of blessed memory Elinore (Elie) Felder in honor of Father Abe Siegel

January 24th: Naomi Brill in honor of her father, Charles Marcus Marc & Alison Grossman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Evan.

January 31st: Jay and Arla Crane in honor of Sam Crane of blessed memory

Blessings,

Arla Crane, Oneg Chair



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Join us for a Recipe Exchange!



The Menorah is put away for another day; the smell of latkes frying has disappeared, and now is the time to look forward to preparing for another feast, the Passover Seder.

Please join the Sisterhood of Temple Ner Ami for a

Pot-Luck Dinner Recipe Exchange
Thursday, February 27th, 6:30pm
Temple Ner Ami - 515 Temple Ave., Camarillo

Be sure to bring your favorite dish and copies of the recipe so others can enjoy a new dish during Passover. Enjoy meeting new friends and spending time with old.

For reservations email sisterhood@templenerami.org or call Arla Crane, 805-482-9397. See you on the 27th!!



Sheila Bachelis, Sarah Brejensky, Isabel Blau,
Arlene Cohen, Betty Fink, Judy Foxman,
Max Freifield, Steve Moore, Harriet Lit,
Jean Shev and Anne Wolfson.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Members & Children

Brandon Lewis	Feb. 1	Naomi Brill	Feb. 9	Teri Milner	Feb. 23
Rita Cooperman	Feb. 2	Shoshana Graff	Feb. 10	Jack Milner	Feb. 23
Jordan Hartman	Feb. 5	Sophie Elliott	Feb. 11	Becky Kamola	Feb. 24
Daniel Hartman	Feb. 5	Mr. Michael Posner	Feb. 13	Ken Bock	Feb. 25
Allen Zatzkin	Feb. 7	Cathye Clark	Feb. 14	Sandra King	Feb. 26
Richard Erlich	Feb. 7	Jillian Crown-Yuro	Feb. 17	Ariel Saleh	Feb. 26
Larry Sassower	Feb. 9	Harriette Heiss	Feb. 18	Rafael Littaua	Feb. 28
Arla Crane	Feb. 9	Jennifer Brown	Feb. 22		

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



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Day	Day	Year
Marc & Alison Grossmann	Saturday	February 2 nd	16th anniversary
Howard & Shari Brody	Sunday	February 10 th	22nd anniversary

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Camarillo Chamber of Commerce to Honor Dale Jacobs as "Volunteer of the Year" at 47th Annual Awards Dinner



Each year the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce recognizes ten outstanding individuals and organizations whose deeds and actions have contributed to the betterment of the Camarillo Community. Nominations are received from the community and a special committee selects the recipients of the Camarillo Top Ten Awards.

On Wednesday night, January 22, Chamber CEO Jennifer Wells and Camarillo Mayor Kevin Kildee "opened the envelopes" and announced the winners at the Camarillo City Council meeting. This year winners includes former Temple Ner Amir board member, **Dale Jacobs** at their "Volunteer of the Year".

In addition to Dale's work on the Chamber's board, he served on the Temple's Board of Directors for several years, and is also on the Board and volunteers as a referee for our local AYSO Region.

Dale will be honored March 28, 2014, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the annual Top Ten Awards Gala, presented by Union Bank and held at Spanish Hills Country Club, 999 Crestview Drive, Camarillo 93010.

For more information about the Top Ten Community Awards or to attend the gala and ceremony, call the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce, 805-484-4383 or visit www.CamarilloChamber.org.



EVERY DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING

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

One thing I have learned from leading this support group for the past year is that each person grieves in their own unique way. Some people like to process their grief alone, and/or with close family members. Others find it helpful to be in a group in which they can share their feelings with others who are



grieving. There is no right way to grieve. I firmly believe that support groups can be very useful in the healing process.

We are happy to welcome new members to our group. Please remember that it is open to all members of the community, in addition to people who are associated with Temple Ner Ami. Our February meetings are

Wednesday, Feb. 5th and 19th from 1:30 pm to 2:30 p.m.
If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 279-7160.

Eager Readers Book Club

Meets Tuesday, February 11th, 11am

February Book: *My Beloved World*

Amazon Best Books of the Month

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.

Here is the story of a precarious childhood, with an alcoholic father (who would die when she was nine) and a devoted but overburdened mother, and of the refuge a little girl took from the turmoil at home with her passionately spirited paternal grandmother. But it was when she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes that the precocious Sonia recognized she must ultimately depend on herself. She would learn to give herself the insulin shots she needed to survive and soon imagined a path to a different life. With only television characters for her professional role models, and little understanding of what was involved, she determined to become a lawyer, a dream that would sustain her on an unlikely course, from valedictorian of her high school class to the highest honors at Princeton, Yale Law School, the New York County District Attorney's office, private practice, and appointment to the Federal District Court before the age of forty. Along the way we see how she was shaped by her invaluable mentors, a failed marriage, and the modern version of extended family she has created from cherished friends and their children. Through her still-astonished eyes, America's infinite possibilities are envisioned anew in this warm and honest book, destined to become a classic of self-invention and self-discovery.

(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 Tuesday, February 11th at 11 am in the Library.

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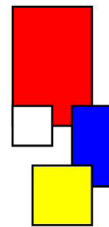
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Honorariums & Memorials

Naomi Brill, in loving memory of Max Heller.

Lee Edwards, with gratitude to my many friends who made donations to the Temple in honor of my 90th birthday.

Bill & Claire Goldstein in loving memory of their son, David.

Naomi Brill in loving memory of her father, Charles Marcus.

Seymour & Myrna Zimmerman in loving memory of Myrna's mother, Doris Lauer.

February Members' Yahrzeits

Friday, Jan 31st. for Jan.26-Feb. 1 (25 Shevat - 1 Adar)

Stuart Leventhal ...Son of Sylvia Leventhal
Frieda Feinberg ...Mother of Joan Taubman
Irv Merrin** ...Husband of Verna Merrin
Doris Lauer ...Mother of Myrna Zimmerman
Isador Gerber ...Father of Ruth Fridberg
Deena Wolfsohn ...Mother of Marc Wolfsohn
Paul Wolfsohn ...Father of Marc Wolfsohn
Sam Crane** ...Father of Jay Crane
Seweryn Piasecki ...Brother-In-Law of Libby Pierce

Friday, Feb. 7th for Feb. 2-8 (1 Adar, 2 to 1 Adar 8)

Bessie Kadish... Grandmother of Barbara Michaels
Michael Heller**... Father of Max Heller
Daniel Bloom... Brother of Doris Weinberg
Rami Yoffe... Cousin of Judith Krieger

Friday, Feb. 14th for Feb. 9-15(1 Adar, 9 to 1 Adar 15)

Elias Shapiro ...Father of Mike Shapiro
Carol Lotker** ...Late wife for Rabbi Michael Lotker
Zoltan Borla ...Father of Alex Borla
Emil Goldstein ...Father of Bill Goldstein
Shirley Sussman ...Friend of Temple Ner Ami
Isadore Brodie ...Father-In-Law of Gloria Brodie
Jenny Brodie ... Mother-In-Law of Gloria Brodie
Sylvia Dick ...Mother of Mel Dick
Pearl Bailess ...Grandmother of Stacy Lowenschuss
Louise Freifield ...Late wife of Max Freifield
Louis Kuznets ...Father of Melvin Kuznets

Friday, Feb. 21st for Feb. 16-22 (1 Adar, 16 to 1 Adar 22)

Robert Shubb ...Late husband of Bonnie Shubb
Robert Silverman ...Son of Frances Yasney
Sam Borovoy ...Father of Verna Merrin
Morton Lit** ...Husband of Harriet Lit
Jean Graeber ...Mother of Arla Crane
David Blum ...Husband of Deborah Blum

Friday, Feb. 28th for Feb. 23 - Mar 1 (1 Adar, 23 to 1 Adar 29)

Sophia Shapiro ...Mother of Mike Shapiro
Pearl Nadler ...Stepmother of Clarice Shapiro
Mignon Schneiderman ...Mother of Natalie Rosen
Anne Sokolow ...Mother of Mrs. Diane Hirsch
Louis Miller ...Father of Isabel Blau
Ida Varah ...Mother of Bernice Epstein
Mary Wallace ...Mother of Ron Wallace

Note: The above listings cover honorarium, tribute, and fund donations received and posted into our system between December 22nd and January 23rd.



Donation puts hand rails on our Bima

Thanks to a generous donation made by **Naomi Brill**, the Temple now has a pair of matching wooden hand rails on both sides of the Bima. These sturdy structures make for more stable access to and exit from the Bima. They were designed by Leonard Lowenschuss, and built and installed by Ken Ellsworth of Woodwork by Cherubim. Lenny added the final touch, matching coats of wood stain and varnish.

The Jewish Federation of Ventura County appropriately honored Naomi as a Woman of Valor on July 24th, and she has supported our Temple in so many ways. Please make sure to thank Naomi personally for noticing the need, and then stepping up to make it possible, when you see her at any of the many Temple services and activities she attends.

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

z"l 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 \$360.00 per plaque.

TEMPLE NER AMI - February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 4:15p Torah School 6p Jr Youth Group and 8th Grade Program	28 1:30p Jewish Literacy II	29 4:15p Torah School	30	31 Rosh Chodesh Adar I 5:07p Candle Lighting 6p Aleph Bet Potluck 7p Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Feb 1 Rosh Chodesh Adar I 9 Torah Study Class 10 Shabbat Morning Service & Oneg
2	3 4:15p Torah School	4 1:30p Jewish Literacy II	5 1:30p Every Day is New Beginning 4:15p Torah School	6 10 ORT Board Meeting 7p JNET Meeting	7 5:14p Candle Lighting 7:30p Shabbat Service	8 9 Torah Study Class
9	10 2p Super Sunday with Federation 4:15p Torah School	11 11 Eager Readers Book Club 1:30p Jewish Literacy II	12 4:15p Torah School 7p Board of Directors Meeting	13	14 Purim Katan 5:20p Candle Lighting 7:30p Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat	15 9 Torah Study Class
16	17	18 1:30p Jewish Literacy II	19 1:30p Every Day is New Beginning 4:15p Torah School	20	21 5:27p Candle lighting 7:30p 8th Grade Shabbat	22 9 Torah Study Class
23	24 4:15p Torah School 6p Jr Youth Group and 8th Grade Program	25 1:30p Jewish Literacy II	26 4:15p Torah School	27 12p ORT General Meeting 7p Sisterhood Meeting	28 NFTY Social Justice Kallah 5:30p Tot Shabbat Program 5:33p Candle lighting 6p Bring Your Own Dinner	Mar 1 NFTY Social Justice Kallah Shabbat SheKallim 9 Torah Study Class 10 Shabbat Morning Service & Oneg

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