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New Year - New Life!

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The High Holidays begin with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It is observed for two days. In Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of the creation of the world as described in the Torah. It is also the day on which God inscribes the fate of each person in the "Book of Life" or the "Book of Death," determining both if they will have a good or bad year and whether we will live or die.

Rosh Hashanah also marks the beginning of a ten-day period on the Jewish calendar that focuses on repentance or teshuvah. We mark the holiday with festive meals and prayer services, and will wish each other "I'shanah tovah," meaning a "good new year."

The ten-day period known as the "Days of Awe" (Yamim Nora'im) or the "Ten Days of Repentance" (Aseret Yamei T'shuvah) begins with Rosh Hashanah and ends with Yom Kippur. The time between these two main holidays is special in the Jewish calendar. We are required to focus on repentance and atonement during this period. While God passes judgment on Rosh Hashanah, the books of life and death remain open during the Days of Awe so that Jews have the opportunity to change which book they are in before they are sealed on Yom Kippur. We spend these days working to amend our behavior and seeking forgiveness for wrongs done during the past year.



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The New Year's News!

by **Sarene Wallace, VP**

Elvis! Oy Veygas!

I hope to see everyone
at **Oy Veygas! Casino**

Night and Silent Auction at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo. Steve and Jennifer Moore, chairs of the event, are putting together a fabulous evening that you won't want to miss. There are lots of great silent auction items, a delicious dinner and, of course, the casino games. And did you hear that Elvis will be there? Really! You can't miss Elvis. He'll perform a couple of songs and will be available for photos.

Meet Steve Graff

We are delighted to have former TNA president Steve Graff back on the board! Steve has been an active temple member for 17 years, joining right after his son, Danny, now a senior at Camarillo High, was born. Steve and his wife, Kim, also have a daughter, Shana, a junior at Cornell University.

As a long-time congregant, Steve likes that TNA is “embracing and eclectic, not closed or too conservative.” As a board member, Steve's goal is that we “don't give up what we want more of for what we want most at the moment.”

Steve was active in the Hillel at Pomona College and at Stanford University when he worked there. Steve was the president of the Stanford Hillel, interesting because he wasn't enrolled. “I was the only guy who showed for the meetings regularly,” he explained.

His hobbies include astronomy, history, flying and California desert tortoises.

Town Hall Meeting

The board is listening. In response to requests for more and better communication between the congregation and the board, we've scheduled another **Town Hall meeting for 7 p.m., November 17** at the temple. The meeting will cover what's happened since the Town Hall meeting in July and our short-range plans. We'll also open the floor to questions.

Book of Memory

The financial contributions for listings in the Book of Memory have increased by over one third this year, but there is still time to get yours in if you haven't already. Call Mark at the Temple office by October 3rd and we will get your family members included in this year's book.

A message from our Membership Chair Keith Elliot:

In addition to our hope that all of you will contact us on the board with your questions, ideas and suggestions, we are also expanding the duties of our new Membership Chair to include member relations. Our existing members are the most valued asset and source of expertise we have. I will be trying to reach each member personally in the next few weeks, and will also be at the Temple every Thursday from noon until 4:00 p.m. So please drop by for a chat. I can also be reached at KeithElliott@templenerami.org.



TODAH RABBAH - Means Thank You!

Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair

It's a pleasure to thank the generous members who helped with the Onegs in the month of September.

They were: **Amy and Gary**

Goltz in honor of their daughter

Lindsay's Bat Mitzvah; Jay

and Arla Crane in honor of the marriage of their nephew, **Ross**

Wallace; Jeff and Susan Weinstein in honor of their

new grandson, **Turin Peter Soldat;** and **Jay and Arla**

Crane again in honor of their grandson **Elijah's Bar Mitzvah.**



There are several dates in the Fall when we need sponsors for the Oneg. Please call me or the office to sign up for this honor. It's an easy and painless way to help your Temple survive. You can either bring the pastries for the evening or send the Temple a check and I'll do the shopping or baking for you. Remember that this is a wonderful way to celebrate a happy occasion or remember a loved one who is no longer with us.

Please call me for more information and/or to sign up to help the Temple in this meaningful manner.

Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair, 388-8511.

I WANT TO KNOW...

At the Town Hall meeting in July, the board was asked to better communicate with the congregation. In response, we've created the column "I Want to Know." Send us your questions about Temple Ner Ami, our Board of Directors or Judaism and one of our board members or clergy will answer it.

To get things rolling, here's a question from the last Town Hall meeting.

Why didn't the temple's Board of Directors act in ways to avoid a crisis that has been coming for years?

The board has been struggling with financial challenges for the past three years, trying to corral our expenses amid decreasing donations. We've had some things working against us—some external to the temple (like the recession) and some internal (fundraisers that didn't bring in as much as we had planned.)

Plus, we have never been a "fat" organization that spent money frivolously, so there wasn't a lot that we could cut without feeling the impact. We have reduced costs where we could, examined every expenditure and streamlined spending where possible. Our move to the Temple on Temple was a huge step in righting our financial ship. It has saved us thousands a month in rent and overhead since our move.

Our administrator, Mark Malloy, has been supportive in helping us watch and cut expenses. When Mark negotiated our copier lease he got us the best copier at a rock-bottom price, with lower printing costs and more features. He beautified our *MEGILLAH*, which has attracted new advertisers so our newsletter is now self-sustaining.

And every day, we are looking for ways to bring in more dollars. One of the most ambitious fundraisers is the ***Oy Veygas! Casino Night and Silent Auction*** on Oct. 22. We are projecting that this fundraiser will bring in \$20,000, but will need your help to reach this goal. Please come! You'll be helping the temple, and having a great evening of entertainment, fun and friendship.

All questions printed in the MEGILLAH will remain anonymous.

Please send your questions to tresidents@templenerami.org.

MOVIE NIGHT

*Saturday Night
October 29 – 6:30 PM*

The Longing: The Forgotten Jews of South America

A documentary by Gabriela Böhm

A small group of South Americans are eager to affirm their Jewish faith. Their ancestors — Spanish Jews — were forced to convert during the Inquisition. Even after centuries of living in the New World as Catholics and intermarrying, their families still managed to secretly pass down some Jewish traditions from generation to generation. These practices have convinced them that they were originally Jews and fuel their desire to convert.

The Longing, set in Ecuador, tells the story of a group of "conversos" attempting to regain their birthright. Among those featured are three women who traveled 36 hours roundtrip, by bus, from Colombia and a couple from a small Ecuadorian town. On the Internet, they have found an American rabbi from Kansas City committed to helping "lost Jews" throughout the world reclaim their identities. For two years they have studied online, following the rabbi's conversion course to Judaism. Now they are meeting the rabbi in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

When the rabbi arrives, he finds the local established Jewish community uncooperative. The congregation is suspicious of the group's claim to their Jewish roots, even locking the Temple doors against these outsiders. Ultimately, the rabbi is able to get several local Jews to reluctantly participate in the conversion.

Lost no more, the new converts' dreams are fulfilled. Yet they face an uncertain future. They are isolated in their Catholic towns and receive little support from the Jewish community, which questions the religious authenticity of the rabbi's conversions.

The movie is just 75 minutes long. Commentary and discussion after the movie will be led by Student Rabbi Lisa Bock.



*The above movie review was
provided by filmmakers.com*

Tikkun Olam: תקון העולם

Thank you to everyone who accepted my challenge, last month, to eat less meat. I found it really easy. I put a negative feeling toward meat when ordering at restaurants and shopping for food to cook. I had support from friends and family who are vegetarians and vegans. So, I have been a vegetarian for over a month. I don't feel any differently physically, but emotionally...well....that's a different story. Speaking of stories, I read a fabulous book: *Animals and the Afterlife* by Kim Sheridan. Check out this website: www.KinshipCircle.org. I also attended a workshop on vegetarianism in the Bible and in the Jewish Tradition.

Rabbi Arthur Green said a number of years ago, "The Bible has a provegetarian bias." This sounds like a contradiction, in view of the Temple tradition. Also, Jewish mystical time rests on a vegetarian concept. The sacred foods of Israel do not include meat. They are: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and fig honey. No prayer asks for the continued eating of meat. Finally, the Talmud reflects the idea of eating meat as an uneasy compromise with lust for flesh: "Man shall not eat meat unless he has a special craving for it..." This last quote gives you permission to eat as much meat as your conscience, and health, will permit. As for me, I

will try to remember that animals are sentient beings and only consume foods that couldn't love me back.

*I'm currently working on volunteer opportunities at the Ventura County Animal Shelter. Check out next month's article.

*We will be serving food at the Rescue Mission on Saturday, October 29th and in all months that have a fifth Saturday. Please call me the week before to double check.

*Our hospital visitation committee will now be making telephone calls to congregants instead of hospital visits. We are in need of on-going information regarding illness, hospital stays and returns of congregants to their homes.

*The food request for Somis Pantry is: **RICE** - especially whole grain with protein.

***A very special thank you to all of our volunteers for your donations of time, food, energy, and enthusiasm.

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S'lichot Service & Movie Saturday, Sept. 24th, 7:30 PM

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It will be followed by a brief S'lichot service. The word S'lichot means forgiveness and the service is the traditional beginning of the High Holy Days season. The service concludes with the sounding of the long Tekiah G'dolah blast of the shofar!



Cheder Chappenings - New Teachers Join Ner Ami Staff

Shalom Haverim,

Hello Friends,

Welcome back to all of our returning students and their families and a hearty welcome to our many new students and their families. In addition to our regular sessions & curriculum, here are just a few highlights of some of our special programming:

- **Parent & Me** Class for infants to 2 year olds.
- **Confirmation Class**
- **Girl Talk and For Guys Only**—a gender-separate “teen talk” program.
- **JOLT** (Jews Out Learning Together) with trips to the Zimmer Museum in L.A., the Observatory in Santa Barbara, and a Matzah Factory.
- **Weekend Retreat** for 4th-8th graders

Ner Ami has gained a very fine reputation for Jewish education. You can be a part of helping us grow. If you know of families who might be interested— please have them contact me. You are our best ambassadors.

A special invitation for you to join us on Friday, October 21st as we welcome all of our new students in a Consecration service during the celebration of Simchat Torah.

We have 2 new teachers on our faculty who we are featuring in this month’s column. I know you join me in welcoming Iris Daniel and Eleanor Richman.

B’shalom,
Julia Newman



ELEANOR RICHMAN

joins our faculty as the 1st Grade teacher. Mrs. Richman has been involved in early childhood and Jewish education since 1979. She has been a teacher at Temple Beth Torah, Children’s World Nursery School and La Famiglia Preschool in Ventura.

Eleanor is a proud graduate of U.C.L.A with a BA in Sociology/Psychology. She holds credentials in elementary and special education. Eleanor is married to Mark Richman and has three grown children.

IRIS DANIEL

(pronounced “ear-is”) moved to Ventura County from Israel in 2002. Before moving to the U.S, Iris was a student at the Ben Gurion University in Beer-Sheba, studying geography and environmental development. Even then she knew she wanted to work with children, and volunteered for the Israeli Big Brothers & Sisters program, “Project Chonchut,” where she helped mentor disadvantaged girls.

Iris has taken childhood development classes and is pursuing a credential in early childhood education. She has been a teacher at Chabad preschool and is the proud mother of her daughter, Ellah.



Calendar of Upcoming Torah School Sessions & Special Events

Torah School meets Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15

OCTOBER

Mon/Wed	3,5,10,12	Regular session
Sat	15	B'nai Mitzvah Family Education (Saturday – 9:30-12:30)
Mon	17	Regular session + Camp Kadimah – Sukkot
Wed	19	Regular session + Camp Kadimah - Sukkot
Fri	21	Consecration of New Students/Simchat Torah Celebration (Friday)
Mon	24	Regular session, Junior Youth Group 6:15 -7:30
Wed	26	Regular session
Fri	28	Tot Shabbat Dinner and Family Program (5:45-7:15)
Mon	31	Regular session

NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Regular session
Fr-Su	4-6	4th-8th Grade Shabbaton (weekend retreat at Camp JCA Shalom- Malibu)
Mon/Wed	7, 9	Regular session
Fri	11	Family Shabbat Service led by the 7th Grade (Dinner)
Sun	13	Jewish Global Day of Learning (Sunday)
Mon/Wed	14,16	Regular session
Mon/Wed	21,23	NO TORAH SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri	25	Tot Shabbat Dinner and Family Program (5:45-7:15) College Students Shabbat
Mon	28	Regular session, Junior Youth Group 6:15 -7:30
Wed	30	Regular session

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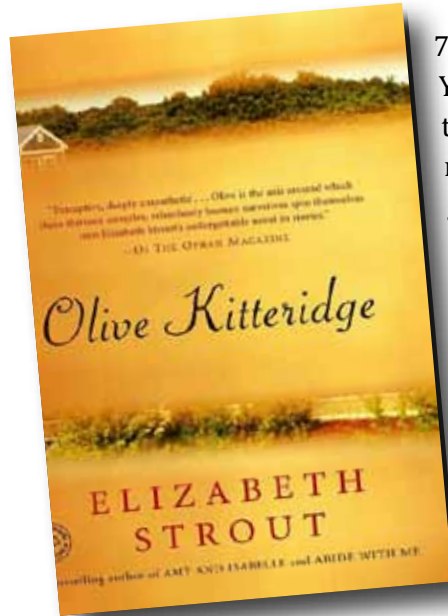
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EAGER READERS BOOK CLUB

Meets Tuesday, October 10th, 10:30 AM

October Selection for Discussion: *Oliver Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout

Thirteen linked tales from Strout (*Abide with Me*, etc.) present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. The opening Pharmacy focuses on terse, dry junior high-school teacher Olive Kitteridge and her gregarious pharmacist husband, Henry, both of whom have survived the loss of a psychologically damaged parent, and both of whom suffer painful attractions to co-workers. Their son, Christopher, takes center stage in *A Little Burst*, which describes his wedding in humorous, somewhat disturbing detail, and in *Security*, where Olive, in her



70s, visits Christopher and his family in New York. Strout's fiction showcases her ability to reveal through familiar details—the mother-of-the-groom's wedding dress, a grandmother's disapproving observations of how her grandchildren are raised—the seeds of tragedy. Themes of suicide, depression, bad communication, aging and love, run through these stories, none more vivid or touching than *Incoming Tide*, where Olive chats with former student Kevin Coulson as they watch waitress Patty Howe by the seashore, all three struggling with their own misgivings about life. Like this story, the collection is easy to read and impossible to forget.

Its literary craft and emotional power will surprise readers unfamiliar with Strout.

(Reprinted view from amazon.com was published by Publishers Weekly).

Elizabeth Strout's most recent work, Olive Kitteridge, a novel in stories, won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize, was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and was a New York Times Bestseller. She is the author of two previous novels, Abide With Me, a national bestseller, and Amy and Isabelle, also a New York Times Bestseller.



My Grandma Sells Leisure Village

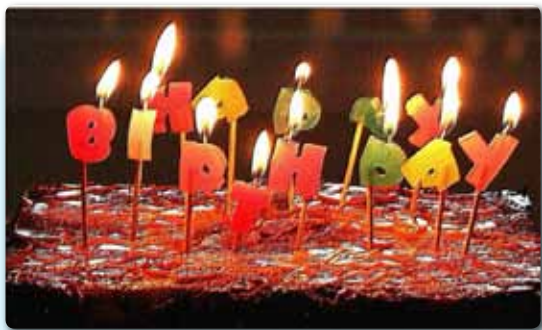


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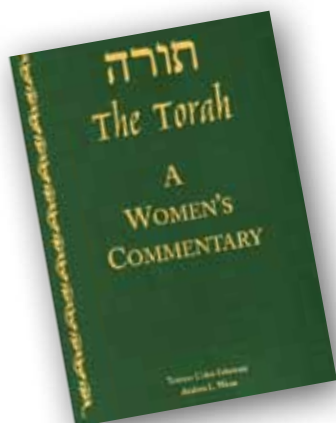


OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Members & Children

Flo Doctrow	Saturday	Oct. 1	Annabella Mascot	Sunday	Oct. 16
Diane Honick	Saturday	Oct. 1	Dale Jacobs	Monday	Oct. 17
Raja Desenberg	Sunday	Oct. 2	Gerald Rosen	Tuesday	Oct. 18
Lindsay Goltz	Sunday	Oct. 2	Steve Sitko	Tuesday	Oct. 18
Peter Jamieson	Sunday	Oct. 2	Charles Pierce	Wednesday	Oct. 19
Samantha Rachel Shapiro	Sunday	Oct. 2	Robert M. Brown	Friday	Oct. 21
Tim Mascot	Tuesday	Oct. 4	Gregory Krastein	Friday	Oct. 21
Sheila Richards	Tuesday	Oct. 4	Saul Lessler	Friday	Oct. 21
Hayley Greenblatt	Wednesday	Oct. 5	Pamela Weinstock	Friday	Oct. 21
Lindsay Greenblatt	Wednesday	Oct. 5	Hannah Harris	Saturday	Oct. 22
Jessica Budin-Caloroso	Thursday	Oct. 6	Phyllis Mandel	Sunday	Oct. 23
Sol Brejensky	Friday	Oct. 7	Justin Taylor Lieb	Monday	Oct. 24
Garrett Erickson	Friday	Oct. 7	Jaida Moch	Monday	Oct. 24
Max Freifield	Sunday	Oct. 9	Allison Sacks	Monday	Oct. 24
Danielle Gaynor	Sunday	Oct. 9	Marc Wolfsohn	Monday	Oct. 24
Kyle Gaynor	Sunday	Oct. 9	William Hatton	Wednesday	Oct. 26
Bess Cohen	Monday	Oct. 10	Gary Goltz	Thursday	Oct. 27
Sharon Spielman	Monday	Oct. 10	Robert Moskowitz	Thursday	Oct. 27
Lynne West	Monday	Oct. 10	Dr. Gary Burke	Saturday	Oct. 29
Della Carmona	Wednesday	Oct. 12	Robert Weinstock	Sunday	Oct. 30
Frank Seiden	Friday	Oct. 14	William Branden Burstein	Monday	Oct. 31
Alyssa Greenblatt	Saturday	Oct. 15	Anne Levin-Sookikian	Monday	Oct. 31
Karina Sammi Krastein	Saturday	Oct. 15	Brandon William Pritz	Monday	Oct. 31
Fran Titen	Saturday	Oct. 15	Joshua Michael Pritz	Monday	Oct. 31
Julie Gurovich	Sunday	Oct. 16	Rachel Ann Pritz	Monday	Oct. 31

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Torah Study:
The
Women's
Perspective

Join Us Wednesdays!

Noon - 1 pm

Note: No Class 9/28

Bring your lunch, and join Student Rabbi Lisa Bock as we shine light on the Torah from the women's perspective!


OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Name	Day	Date	Year
Richard Levine & Anita Carswell Levine	Sunday	October 2	9th anniversary
Howard & Janice Wise	Sunday	October 2	17th anniversary
Jeff & Susan Weinstein	Monday	October 3	20th anniversary
Andrew & Karin Greenberg	Thursday	October 6	9th anniversary
Stanley & Loretta Reshes	Tuesday	October 11	58th anniversary
Michael & Cassandra Posner	Wednesday	October 12	20th anniversary
Rene & Kathy D'Inca	Saturday	October 15	17th anniversary
William & Claire Goldstein	Saturday	October 15	61st anniversary
Darryl Sobelman & Carole Warren	Monday	October 17	7th anniversary
Gilbert R. & Rita D. Cooperman	Friday	October 21	61st anniversary
Alex & Alyse Borla	Wednesday	October 26	31st anniversary

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by Phyllis Mandel, Librarian

NOVELS

DAY AFTER NIGHT - Based on a true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than 200 prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for "illegal" immigrants run by the British military north of Haifa.

GOOD HARBOR - Emotional insight into the lives of modern women, considering the precarious balance of marriage and career, motherhood and friendship.

THE RED TENT - The novel reveals the tradition and turmoil of ancient womanhood - the world of the Red Tent. In Dina's voice the novel tells of her father, Jacob and her mothers Leah, Rachel, Zilpah and Bilhah and her gift to sustain her life as a midwife.



Anita Diamant

NON FICTION

THE NEW JEWISH BABY BOOK - Names, ceremonies, customs. A guide for today's families.

BIBLE BABY NAMES - Spiritual choices from Judeo-Christian tradition. A one-of-a-kind resource for parents searching for a perfect name for their child.

HOW TO RAISE A JEWISH CHILD - Combines insights from Jewish traditions with contemporary thinking about how children learn and grow.

THE NEW JEWISH WEDDING - Step by step guidance to planning the ceremony and the party that follows.

SAYING KADDISH - How to comfort the dying, bury the dead and mourn as a Jew.

LIVING A JEWISH LIFE - Jewish traditions, customs and values for today's families. Updated and revised, 2007.

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2. **October 26:** Conscious Eating
3. **November 2:** Shabbat & Holidays: The Sacred & the Symbolic
4. **November 16:** Have Food Will Travel
5. ***November 30:** Crazy for Crazy Fruit (Cooking Lesson & Eating)
6. ***December 7:** Cuckoo for Cocoa (Cooking Lesson & Eating)
7. **January 18:** Foods of the Land of Israel
8. **January 25:** My Signature Dish (Banquet & Eating)

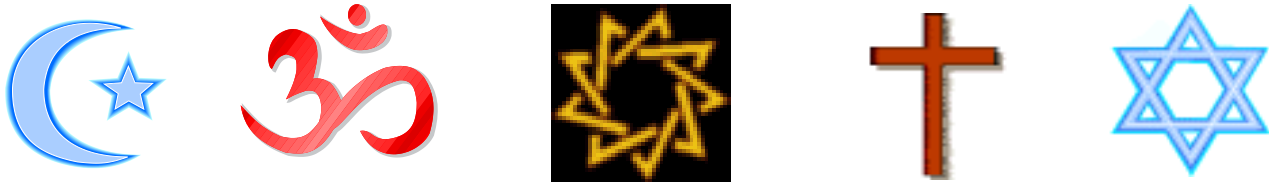


Each class will last approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours and will begin at 7 pm.

* Classes 5 & 6 will involve cooking on-site.

Registration by Oct 12th Required!

Cost: \$10/class suggested; no student will be turned away. For more info and to register, please call the office: 805/388-3824.



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Sunday, October 9, 2011

4 to 6 PM



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Do You Remember What You Had for Breakfast Today?

by Student Rabbi Lisa Bock

Do you remember what you had for breakfast today? Do you remember what you did last Sunday?

I can personally answer the first question – I usually have cereal and a cup of coffee. And I'd probably have to check my calendar for the second question.

Now if I ask you, what is the first prayer you learned by heart, what would that be?

For me, it is the Shema. Six words. Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad. Translating that to English seems like it should be pretty simple to do, but even in our prayer books, there are variations.

In the Gates of Prayer, the translation is:

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God, the Eternal God alone!

In Mishkan Tefillah, the translation is:

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!

So why the different translations? Because Hebrew is a very succinct language, and can have multiple meanings. Translation of Hebrew, especially translation of our sacred texts, especially Torah, is often referred to as commentary – “all translation is commentary.”

I hope this little bit on the Shema interests you. Temple Ner Ami will be participating in the Global Day of Jewish Learning, which will be hosted at Temple Beth Torah again this year, on Sunday, November 13th.

This year's topic of learning is—yes, you guessed it—The Shema, and we could spend hours, days, weeks and months on this topic. But this year, we're devoting one day in celebration, honor, and observance of the Global Day of Jewish Learning.

The Global Day of Jewish Learning began last year in celebration of the completion of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's work of translation of the Talmud. This year we continue by studying our sacred texts – together in community, and worldwide in scope.

I hope you save the date and join us – there will be opportunities for learning for all ages, and all levels of Jewish learning.

Keep an eye out in our weekly e-mail and foyer for opportunities to sign up and participate in this wonderful event!

I look forward to seeing you there,

Lisa

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1		Overnight flight to Paris
2	Paris	Hotel check-in
3	Paris	City tour
4	Paris	Optional tours available
5	Paris	TGV high-speed train
	Luxembourg	Walking tour
		EMBARKATION
6	Bernkastel	Welcome Dinner
		Walking tour & wine tasting
7	Cochem	OR guided bicycle tour*
		Walking tour
		& Reichsburg Castle
	Koblenz	OR guided bicycle tour*
8	Koblenz	Free evening
9	Mainz	Walking tour
	Rüdesheim	Walking tour
		Wine tasting & Siegfried's Music Museum
		OR full day Heidelberg excursion
10	Cologne	Walking tour & Cathedral visit
		OR guided bicycle tour*
		Floriade Expo
11	Amsterdam	Canal cruise & city tour
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Yahrzeits - October 2011

Friday, October 7, 2011

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Stanley Mandel.....brother of Jean Shev
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Bernard Schless..... brother of Charlotte Markus
Bella Dubinsky.....aunt of Greg Krastein
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Charlotte Lewine.....mother of Jerry Lewine
Sylvia Keys.....mother of Paul Keys
Paul Charton.....father of Adam Charton
Ben Weininger.....father of Carole Leboff
Joseph Bachelisfather-in-law of Sheila Bachelis
Avrum Merrinfather-in-law of Verna Merrin

Friday, October 14, 2011

Irving Yasney**husband of Frances Yasney
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Friday, October 21, 2011

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Fanny Reinstein.....grandmother of Rabbi Michael
Lotker
Jerry Doctrow.....husband of Flo Doctrow
Leonard Levy.....father of Harriette Heiss
Ruth Levy.....mother of Arlene Bergman
Jack Votion, Sr.father of Jack W. Votion

Friday, October 28, 2011

Claire Reisner.....sister of Flo Budoff
Annette Rubinson..... sister of Charlotte Markus
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The Jewish Genealogical Society of
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The JGSCV General Meeting,
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Temple Adat Elohim
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Speaker: Crista Cowan, Community Alliance Manager for the Ancestry World Archives Project. Ancestry.com. Previous positions at Ancestry.com include European Content Acquisition Manager and Document Preservation Indexing Manager. She has been employed at Ancestry.com since 2004, and has completed her second term as president of the Utah Valley Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Crista has been involved with family history research for over 20 years and is the owner of Legacy Family History Services, specializing in descendency research, Jewish immigration, and sharing family history with the genealogically challenged.

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SEPTEMBER Outside Organization Meetings



CITY OF HOPE - GENERAL MEETING

No Regular Meeting This Month
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

CITY OF HOPE - BOARD MEETING

Monday Oct. 24, 2011 - 9:30 AM
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

HADASSAH GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 3 - 12:30 PM
Board Mtg 10/17, 10am
Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222
Roberta Weinstein - Co-President 805-383-7573



ORT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 6th, 2011 - 10am
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

ORT General Meeting

Thursday, October 27th, Noon
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:30 City of Hope Board Mtg. 4:15p Torah School 6:15p Junior Youth Group	26 No Torah School Today! 11 Rabbi Office Day 7:30p Erev Rosh Hashanah 5772	27 10 Rosh Hashanah	28 7:30p Shabbat Service	29 10 Yom Kippur Service 1:30p Family Service 2:30p Discussion Group 4:30p Yizkor Service 5:15p Closing (NETILAH) Service	30 10 Ariel Saleh Bat Mitzvah 8:30p CASINO NIGHT	31 10 ORT Board Meeting
1 12:30p Hadassah Regular Mtg. 4:15p Torah School	2 4:15p Torah School	3 10 ORT Board Meeting	4 Rabbi Office Day/B 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15p Torah School	5 10 ORT Board Meeting	6 10 ORT Board Meeting	7 10 ORT Board Meeting
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