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We hope you had a very blessed Pesach, and continue to prosper with us in the years ahead as the Temple celebrates our 20th Anniversary.





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# 2nd Seder Dinner at Temple Ner Ami

The Family Seder at Temple Ner Ami was a grand success. Keith Elliott, Religious Practices Chair, created a service that was truly spiritual, kid-friendly, and thought-provoking. Keith's program included both traditional readings and songs and beautiful creative readings as well.

Shlomo Kreitzer was masterful at leading a poignant discussion highlighting key aspects of Pesach. His keen sense of people's feelings was so valuable. He was able to harness the energy in the room

and moved our service to a thoughtful conclusion.

Of course, Karin Greenberg, along with many helping hands, made the whole affair possible. Her organizational skills are awesome! The whole evening flowed, as smooth as silk! Not an easy undertaking with a "packed" house. Robin Elliott and the entire Elliott Family were amazing in how they created such a wonderful evening for all of us to enjoy. Todah Rabah! -Arla Crane



Event photos courtesy of Keith Elliott and Jay Crane.

# Neuroscience and Remembering Our Past to Preserve Our Future

by Dan Harris, President



Like many others in our congregation, on Yom Hashoah, I lit a yellow candle and recited a prayer in remembrance of the genocidal murder of millions of Jews. Part of the prayer included the words, “May we recall their memory throughout the

year, so that they will not suffer a double death. May the memory of their lives inspire us to live meaningful Jewish lives so that we may help to insure that part of who they were shall always endure.”

We’ve all heard that “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it” (George Santayana). In a different context, the latest neuroscience research helps us understand that we cannot have a meaningful future unless we remember our past.

Noted science writer Carl Zimmer tells of a young woman who was brought to the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, sleepy and confused. Fani Andelman, a neuropsychologist, gave the woman a battery of psychological tests to judge her state of mind. At first the woman seemed fine. She could see and speak clearly. She could understand the meaning of words and recall the faces of famous people. She could even solve logic puzzles, including a complex test that required her to plan several steps ahead. But her memory had holes. She could still remember recent events outside her own life, and she could tell Andelman details of her life up to 2004. Beyond that point, however, her autobiography was in tatters. The more doctors probed her “episodic memory”—the sequential recollection of personal events from the past—the more upset she became. As for envisioning her personal future, that was a lost cause. Asked what she thought she might be doing anytime beyond the next day, she couldn’t tell them anything at all.

The patient, Andelman realized, hadn’t just lost her past; she had lost her future as well. It was impossible for her to imagine traveling forward in time. During her examination, the woman offered an explanation for her absence of foresight. “I barely know where I am,” she said. “I don’t picture myself in the future. I don’t know what I’ll do when I get home. You need a base to build the future.”

I am struck by the stark message of this report. My take away is that in our individual desires to “just live life in the present” many of these efforts lack a certain, basic humanity. If we all lived merely in the present, then we wouldn’t have a meaningful

picture of the future, both individually and collectively. “It’s like being in a room with nothing there and having a guy tell you to go find a chair,” as one brain-injured patient described his state of mind looking forward.

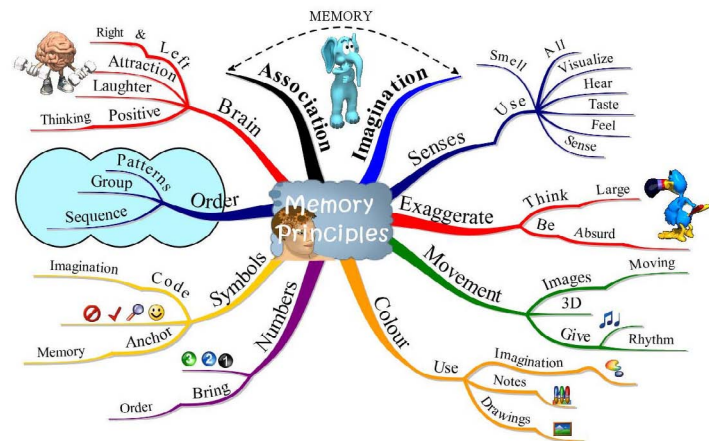
As Zimmer indicates, “The past and future may seem like different

worlds, yet the two are intimately intertwined in our minds.”

As your Jewish community’s home, Temple Ner Ami is committed to honoring our individual and collective pasts. Like all of our excellent staff and teachers, your Board of Directors works hard to provide our community crucial programs and support services, because without them, we quite literally would run the risk of having no future. They are indeed “a base to build the future.” And together, our consciousness of past and future are critical to our success as a Jewish community today. I hope you consider this article, at least in part, as your renewed invitation to help. All you need to do right now is call, and ask me how.

Dan Harris (805) 504-5976

[Portions of this entry by Carl Zimmer]



# Are We There Yet?

by Lisa Bock

Take a plane flight, car ride, long walk or hike, and the inevitable question at some point is, “Are we there yet?” or “How much farther-longer--when will we get there!?”

A plane flight I took a couple of years ago showed on the screens before us just exactly where the plane was, the altitude, speed, and approximate time left until landing.

We have something like this in Jewish life too.

We count exactly 50 days between Passover and Shavuot (the holiday commemorating when the Torah was given). The Israelites, only 50 days from Egypt, stood at the base of Mt. Sinai on Shavuot. We count these same 50 days today. To make it simple, we begin counting the second day of Passover and count a “week of weeks” – 49 days. Thus we begin counting the Omer, the number of days until Shavuot. By the way, the Omer is a measure of barley, which was part of a festival offering about this time of year in ancient times when the Temple stood.

After the destruction of the Temple, we no longer brought this barley offering. So, a way eventually evolved that allows us to keep this previously agricultural ‘counting of the Omer’ relevant. A spiritual way to approach each of these 7 weeks between Passover and Shavuot includes treating this as an inner journey that we embark on individually. We take and examine in ourselves a different inner

character trait each week. For example, the basic journey for each of the weeks is as follows:

## Week One: Love and Kindness

*How do I manifest love and kindness in my life?*

## Week Two: Strength and Discipline

*Am I using my strength in a balanced way? Do I have discipline in what I do?*

## Week Three: Beauty and Balance

*Do I recognize the harmony and beauty in life? Where do I want more balance?*

## Week Four: Endurance

*Do I have endurance, or too much endurance?*

## Week Five: Humility

*Do I step into my role in life appropriately?*

## Week Six: Bonding

*Do I use the above traits in a way that enable my bonding with others in my life?*

## Week Seven: Leadership, Belonging

*Notice how unique and amazing you are. Are you taking those special qualities that you have in life and being a leader with them? Your contribution in life is unique to you. What actions would you like to take to manifest your contribution in the world? Validate the actions you have taken.*

So, are we there yet? A pretty good question after all. When we count our days and weeks in such a manner we have the opportunity to not only count the days but make the days we do have count. May we be blessed and be a blessing. *Have fun counting!*



# MOVIE NIGHT

This Saturday Night at the Temple

April 28th, 6:30 PM



## Library News - Great New Titles!

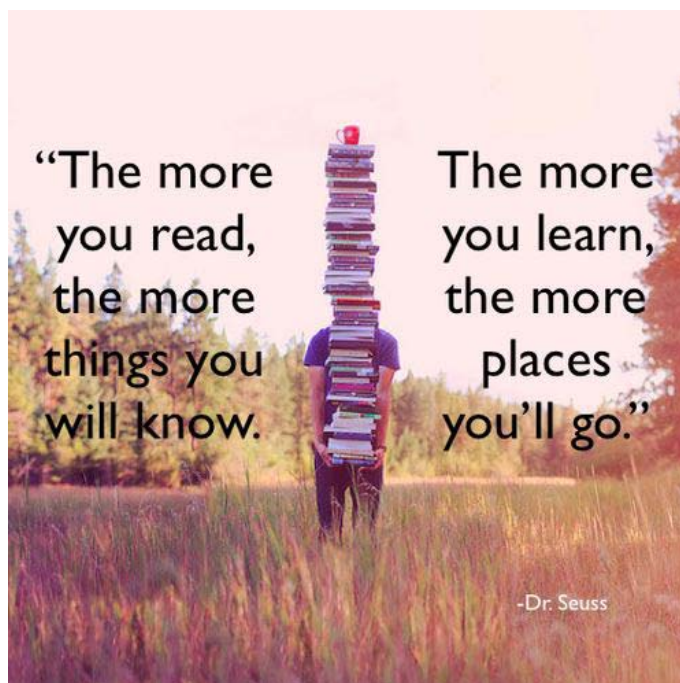
by Phyllis Mandel

**THE PRIME MINISTERS** - By Yehuda Avner. An intimate narrative of Israeli leadership under Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin.

**EINSTEIN; THE LIFE OF A GENIUS** - By Walter Isaacson  
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## Keeping Up with Sisterhood 3 Events Take Us to the End of June



**Mitzvah Day** on Sunday, April 29, from 1 to 4 at the Temple. The Sisterhood will be joined by the Brotherhood, and any members who are available, to work on needs around the Temple as well as some projects for the community. More details will be available in the eNews.

The Board of Directors of the Sisterhood is planning a grand evening for our Second Year Celebration as the Temple on Temple. This Gala evening includes music, comedy and delicious desserts. The date is Saturday, May 5, 7 PM, at the Temple. Tickets are on sale now at \$25 per person. Since we will have a large crowd (85 tickets already sold), please buy your tickets ahead as we need to plan seating and refreshments.

The Sisterhood is planning a catered dinner party to honor **Rabbi Michael Lotker** for his 12 years of service on the evening of his final Shabbat as Rabbi of Temple Ner Ami. This special event will be held at the Temple, on Friday, June 29, starting at 5:00 with wine and hors d'oeuvre. The cost will be \$18 per person 13 and over, \$36 per couple, and \$9 for children under 13.

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Steve & Jennifer Moore

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

**Tikkun Olam:** תְּקוּן הָעוֹלָם

Thank you to: *Sharon Green, Maxine Mennen, and Jim and Alice Babich* for joining me at the **Rescue Mission** on Saturday, March 31. These dedicated volunteers endured pouring rain and road closures in order to prepare and serve food and also socialize with some wonderful people. Our next opportunity to volunteer will be Saturday, June 30. Please join us.

**Food Share** asks that we always keep the issues of hunger in mind and share our compassion with those in need. They provide food to over 74,000 hungry neighbors each month. Please call 983-7100 to volunteer.

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## Membership Director's Report

Keith Elliott

### What does it mean to you to have a reform synagogue in our community?

I have written several times recently in the *MEGILLAH* about our collective commitment to, and personal responsibility toward Temple Ner Ami. We have endured a great deal of difficulty and stress over the last year, due to what really boils down to one thing. That thing is something that is extremely difficult to talk about openly, but it is no longer possible to be subtle or excessively polite about it-**as a community, our collective commitment to Temple Ner Ami is not sufficient for TNA to survive.**

This year, in spite of drastic cuts in virtually every part of the budget, many of which were extremely painful, we are going to run short of operating funds a full month before the end of the year (our financial year starts and ends on July 1<sup>st</sup>.) Things like payroll, rent, utilities...there will not be any money to pay those things. It is hard to see how any organization can continue to exist in those conditions.

It is a given that membership in a Temple is not a trivial expense in our lives. Last month I wrote about the sacrifices my own family is making just to pay our dues. What is important to realize is that if all members were able to commit fully to membership, our income would exceed our costs by a huge amount. Where the reality lies is that many of us, if not most of us, simply do not seem to put having a Temple in their community high enough on their personal priority list. Our actual collection of dues is roughly half of what the full dues amount would be.

We have a tendency to assume that certain things will always be there for us, whether we pay much attention or not. There will always be a fire department; if there is a budget crisis, they'll figure it out. There will always be police protection, or public libraries-they'll work it out; they'll never cut anything THAT important. If I get sick, there will always be a hospital there to take care of me. If I feel like attending a Shabbat service, the Temple will always be there. If I have a crisis in my life, it will be there.

It will not always be there. Hundreds of houses of worship closed their doors in 2011. This happens, and frequently. There is no one that will "work it out"; there is no "they". There is only US, the community that TNA serves. We OWN that Temple, and there is no way to avoid the responsibility that comes with that. Let me repeat that-the survival of TNA rests on the shoulders of the community. Not on the Board, not on the Clergy, not on the staff, not on the URJ or Jewish Federation. It's US. That's all there is.

I have tried to communicate this message in past articles with a friendly spin or feel; now I am being blunt. **As a community, our collective commitment to Temple Ner Ami is not sufficient for TNA to survive.** I hope and pray that all of us will re-examine our commitment to the existence of a Reform Temple in our community. We need to examine that quickly. We need to ask ourselves if that dues reduction reflects true financial need, or just a greater commitment to other things in our lives. We need to make good on the commitments we have already made. We need to finally realize that if we do not accept the responsibility for our survival, we will not survive.

Most importantly, we need to ask ourselves just how important it is to have a spiritual home in our community. A solution IS within view; the amount by which we are falling short is one month in twelve. We CAN do this, and make sure there is a place for us to worship, to teach our children, and continue to show respect for our loved ones who have passed from us. That solution is for us to commit ourselves-each and every one of us-to making sure there will always be a Temple Ner Ami. To accept that there is no "they" to work it out, only US. Our people has survived millennia by taking our survival in our own hands, not by waiting for things to be worked out for us by someone else. And now, today, is the time to look at the survival of our community.

## Nominations for Our 2012-2013 Board of Directors

The Temple's Nominating Committee is very excited to report that the following Temple Ner Ami members have agreed to serve on the 2012-13 Board of Directors.

Members commit to a two-year term when joining and have the opportunity to be on the board for successive terms. The congregation will vote on the slate as presented.

If you have write-in candidates, questions or concerns, e-mail the Executive Leadership Team at [tresidents@templenerami.org](mailto:tresidents@templenerami.org).

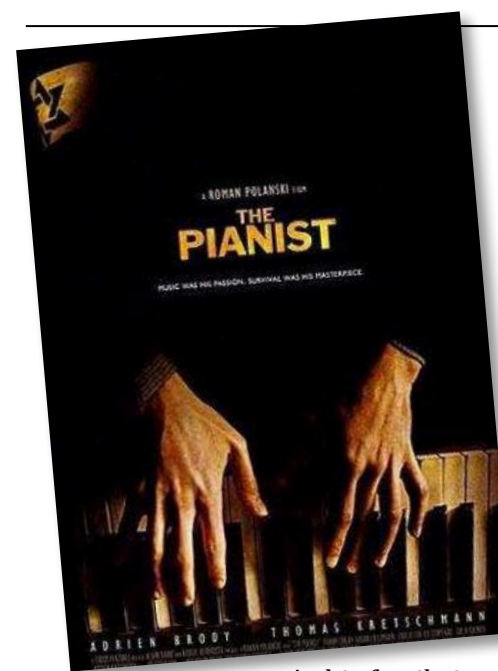


### New Board Members:

Bonnie Shubb  
Susan Weinstein  
Ann Burke  
Larry Kleinman  
Cathy Lieb

### Returning Members:

Gary Goltz  
Marc Grossmann  
Steve Moore  
Steve Graff  
Dan Harris  
Keith Elliott  
Joan Frank  
Nadine Frankel  
Verna Merrin



## MOVIE NIGHT

### Saturday Night, May 26th, 6:30 PM

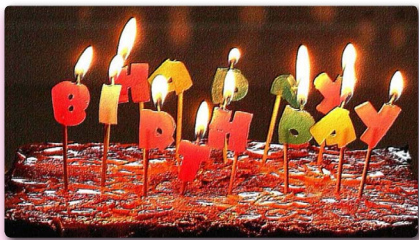
This film was an Oscar contender in 2002. A brilliant pianist, a Polish Jew, witnesses the restrictions Nazis place on Jews in the Polish capital, from restricted access to the building of the Warsaw ghetto.

As his family is rounded up to be shipped off to the Nazi labor camps, he escapes deportation and eludes capture by living in the ruins of Warsaw.

The "hero" is both a witness and a victim of this phase of the Holocaust. To survive, he has to make excruciating choices.

Why do people (Jews and non-Jews) watch such painful movies as this? Catharsis? To see the unbelievable? To learn?

Introduction and discussion afterwards with Shlomo Kreitzer.



## May BIRTHDAYS Members & Children

1	Jonathan Bogen	12	Kaitlyn Sadowsky	24	Eric Saleh
1	Blake Weinstein	12	Beth Sassower	25	Mike Shapiro
2	Kathy Sacks	16	Alex Borla	26	Sarah Brejensky
3	Fallon Highfill	17	Mildred Seidler	26	Erin Ensey
3	Moises Mercado	20	Sharon Matorin	26	Karin Greenberg
3	Betty Stallman	21	Grayson Baratta	27	Isabel Blau
5	Max Heller	21	Sharon Green	27	Libby Pierce
6	Zelda Greentree	21	Verna Merrin	28	Mary Harris
7	Marsha Richardson	21	Jules Posner	30	Nicole Sadowsky
7	Lisa Sadowsky	22	David Fischler	31	Cooper D'Inca
8	Julia Newman	22	Michael Fischler	31	Francine Erickson
8	Kurt Pritz	24	Sheila Bachelis	31	Emily Sadowsky
11	Amy Goltz	24	Nancy Borelli		

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



## May ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Year
Stan & Karen Baratta	May 1st	18th Anniversary
Steven Graff & Kim Honig	May 6th	28th Anniversary
Michael & Pamela Bogen	May 11th	26th Anniversary
Jennifer & Christopher Brown	May 12th	7th Anniversary
Steve & Judy Sitko	May 24th	31st Anniversary
Joseph & Susan Saleh	May 27th	22nd Anniversary
Dennis Sookikian & Anne Levin-Sookikian	May 30th	25th Anniversary
Kurt & Danalynn Pritz	May 31st	26th Anniversary

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## Honorable Menschen



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**Evan Grossmann**, son of **Marc & Alison**, plays on a AYSO Boys Under 11 team that won the California State Championship in Cathedral City. After beating two-time defending champions Costa Mesa in the semifinals 2-1, Camarillo beat local rival Thousand Oaks in the finals 1-0.

**Justin & Talia Lieb**, children of Gary and Cathy, and students in our Torah School, played in Bakersfield in an Open Tennis Tournament that ran from March 3rd to April 2nd. Talia beat the #2 seed and Justin played very well against the #5 seed. They rose to the challenge of their competition and played their best tennis ever!

Congrats to **Eli Moore** for passing his drivers test and getting a California drivers license!

A big bag of thanks to **Bob Cohen** for dropping off four large bags of groceries for the Somis Pantry.

The Thousand Oaks branch of the American Association of University Women held an awareness event on Equal Pay Day at Cal Lutheran University. Temple member **Bonnie Shubb** spent a part of Tuesday morning handing out literature, PayDay candy bars and 77-cent dollar bills. An article on the event in the Ventura County STAR quoted Bonnie as saying the candy bars represent the fact that "Women earn 77 cents for every dollar a man earns." Thank you Bonnie for helping to maintain public awareness of this equality issue.

Please send your "Honorable Menschen" items to Mark Malloy via eMail at [admin@templenerami.org](mailto:admin@templenerami.org).

## Cheder Chappenings at Temple Ner Ami

by **Julia Newman**



Dear Friends,

I wasn't going to write a column this month because frankly, I just ran out of time and couldn't meet the deadline. Mark Malloy is very generous every month with me-as I seem to get later and later in turning in my articles.

But something occurred on Wednesday in my personal life that made me want to pause and reflect-- and share some brief thoughts with you.

Many of you know that my son, Daniel, is a musician. A pianist. He has studied and worked and practiced and practiced since he was a little boy. His teacher, as a young child and through high school, was Peter Yazbeck. In the music world, especially in the world of teaching, there are few who don't know Mr. Yazbeck. They have taken lessons from him, they have gone on to be fine musicians in their own right, they have become teachers and professors at universities.

Mr. Yazbeck died yesterday (April 18th). He was not a young man

and he had been ill for awhile but until the day of his death he continued to teach.

What Mr. Yazbeck was to our family is almost indescribable. The impact he had on our family's life is immeasurable. He opened an entire new world to us. He was our son's mentor, his guide, his advisor, his friend. It wasn't always easy—but Mr. Yazbeck was reassuring and patient. He was a great teacher and friend for me and for Saul.

Next month, on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Torah School will have its end-of-year party. That is also Teacher Appreciation Day at the Temple—*Yom ha Moreh*.

Some of our teachers have only been with us for a year and others have worked with me for 16 years.

Week in and week out, year-after-year, these teachers help your kids. They teach them Hebrew, prayer, history, tradition, ethics. They push them, they prod them, they joke and tease (they probably yell at them a little bit, too). They make them think and feel. They teach them what it is to be a Jew.

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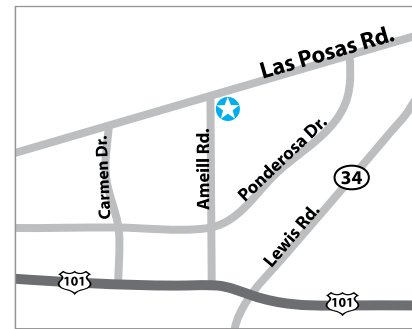
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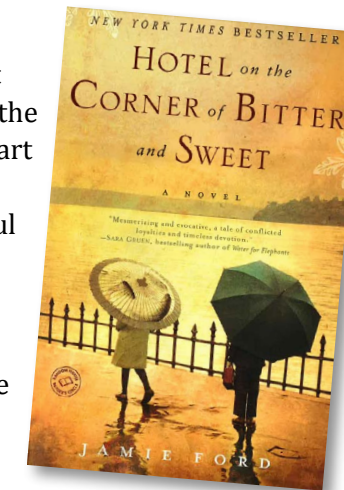
***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*  
by Jamie Ford**

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

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

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

Please join us in the library Tuesday, May 8th at 10:30 am to discuss this fascinating book.



## Tree of Life

Our Tree of Life continues to grow. Additional branches have been added to the beautiful tree that adorns our front entry-way. Did you know that leaves could be inscribed to honor or memorialize a loved one? Or maybe a family member is celebrating a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary. Leaves make a thoughtful and long-lasting gift. Look in the brochure rack in the foyer or contact Mark in the office to request a "Tree of Life" information form. The requested donation is \$150.00 per leaf.

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Melisa Siela's Brownie Troop 60817 meets here at the Temple every other Thursday evening. This band of just eight girls sold over \$2500 of Girl Scout cookies, with \$300 worth of those donated to Casa Pacifica!

Here's a few pictures of the girls selling cookies at local shopping centers. That's Melisa's daughter Ayanna with the two ladies who accepted the cookies at Casa Pacifica.



## Religious Practices Committee by Keith Elliott

Passover was a wonderful success-I can only thank people for allowing me to take part in the service. It was a thrill to see so many of us together at the Temple, including so many faces I did not know! It's proof to me that our community is strong and vibrant; we just need to pull it together more often, and we have some great opportunities for that in May, especially the Sisterhood's Comedy Night on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Moore "Family Reunion" on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

I want to extend some special thanks for the Passover seder. The entire event was only possible because of Karin Greenberg's planning-amazing job, Karin! Also, the Seder Committee including Bobbe & Dale Jacobs and Nadine Frankel was superb. We all thank you for the hard work that went into the evening.

But the greatest thanks need to go to those who attended the event, and not just for all the cooking, cleaning, and other work that went on (and not only was the food unbelievable, the cleanup effort afterward was a sight to behold!) Just by being there and taking part in the seder, everyone was affirming their commitment to the community, the Temple, and our people, by telling this story again. While the seder itself may feel routine at times, the annual retelling of our journey to

redemption has been one of the keys to our survival for so many thousands of years, a survival that ranks among the wonders of human history. I was honored and humbled to have been allowed to be a part of that process this year.

This June, the first three weeks we will be having lay-led Shabbat services, then Rabbi Mike will finish out the month. Would you like to be a part of that? The lay services have always been some of my favorite to attend, and the feeling is very close and intimate. Cantor Karen has prepared a simple-to-follow service, so the task is actually not difficult at all (Karen is excellent at guiding the leader through the service, by the way.) Even complete novices are welcome. If you would like to help your fellow members celebrate Shabbat on one of those days, call or email me or the Temple. You don't need to do anything alone if you don't wish; couples or groups together are also good.

Is a lay-led service as good as one led by a Rabbi? Well, it's different, and probably not fair to compare them. Personally, I enjoy them every bit as much. If you don't wish to help with leading a service, I still encourage you to attend one; it's a wonderful evening.



## Brotherhood News by Jay Crane

The April 12th meeting of the TNA Brotherhood was chaired by Jay Crane. Everyone in attendance agreed that a rotating chairman for each meeting would be a good idea, infusing new and different ideas into the Brotherhood activities.

It was unanimous that the Brotherhood should be in charge of erecting the Succah in the future.

The Sisterhood requested that we assist them as ushers at the Night of Comedy on May 5. It was agreed unanimously to serve as ushers. Wear a white shirt and your Brotherhood name tag. Of course you've got to have a ticket to get in, so contact the Temple about this. Please let me know if you will help usher so I can advise the Sisterhood.

We discussed a great idea for a fun activity on the evening June 16, the day before Fathers' Day. Jay Berger and Rich Erlich will be preparing a description and a flyer for the proposed activity, and Gary Schein offered to supervise the activity. The concept is "Winning with the Brotherhood" and will be discussed at the next meeting, so don't miss it! Gary Schein offered to supervise the June 16 activity, so it is logical to have him chair the 17 May meeting to firm up some of the planning. We can decide on who will chair each of the meetings over the summer months at that time.

Don't miss the next meeting. It will be an important and fun one for all. And of course, we plan to play cards too.

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*Message from Naomi Brill, Oneg Chair*

Dear Members: I want to thank the following people who became Sponsors during the month of March after the

publication deadline for our April issue:

**MURIEL ROSENKRANZ** in memory of her father, Abraham Tenenbaum and her mother-in-law, Sarah Rosenkranz.

**JEAN SHEV** in memory of her dear friend, **MARVIN KRANTZ**.

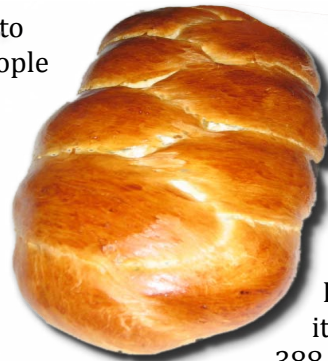
**SONIA LOTKER**, who took over on March 23 when I could not be present.

**MAX & JOSEPHINE FREIFELD** in memory of Max's mother, Dora Freifeld.

And in April, the following were Sponsors:

**SHARON GREEN** in memory of her father, **JACK KOENIG**.

**JACK & MARLENE VOTION** in memory of Marlene's father, **ARTHUR GOODMAN**.



**ELVA LEVINE** in memory of her son, **RON LEVINE**.

We owe these generous people a big "Thank You" for offering their help in making our Onegs not only possible but attractive and delicious. I urge you to join this special group.

If you would like to become a Sponsor, it is very simple. Just call me at (805) 388-8511 and tell me which Friday night you wish to serve. You are asked to either bring some pastries or fruit or to send a check to the Temple to cover same. This is a most thoughtful way for you to do your part in helping our Friday night experience be a very pleasant one. You can either remember a loved one who has passed away or honor someone who is having a special day in their lives such as a birthday, graduation or anniversary. I look forward to hearing from you!

Shalom,

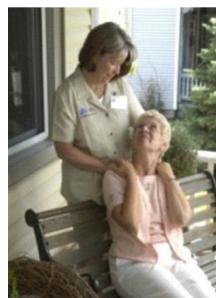
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# TEMPLE NER AMI Celebrates their 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary at "The Temple on Temple"



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

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

## Saturday Night May 5th, 7 PM

**Tickets: \$25**

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

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

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

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

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

## The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

### In Support of Keith Elliott's Bike Ride

Naomi Brill, Howard & Shari Brody, Brad & Elivira Cabelli, Arlene Cohen, Max & Josephine Freifield, Kaila Kaden, Saul Lessler & Julia Newman, Mary Levy, Verna Merrin, Jay & Miriam Spencer, Guy & Audrey Elliott, Joan Frank, Dr. Paul & Cynthia Idell, Moises Mercado & Bonnie Shubb, Natalie Spencer, Haley Stahl, Ron & Sarene Wallace

### Honoraria & Memorials

Irving and Arlene Bergman	In loving memory of Arlene's Father, Emanuel Levy
Richard and Ellen Brand	In Loving Memory of Richard's parents, Michael and Anna Brand
Robert & Joyce Brown	In Loving Memory of Joyce's Mother, Annie Adelson and her Brother, Morris Adelson
Della Carmona	In Loving Memory of my nephew, Rabbi Alan Krause
Gilbert & Rita Cooperman	In loving memory of Gilbert's mother, Miriam Cooperman
Max & Josephine Freifield	In Loving Memory of Max's Mother, Dora Freifield
Max & Josephine Freifield	In Honor of Arlene Cohen's Birthday, Happy Birthday and Mazel Tov!
Robert & Carol Goodkin	In Honor of Harriet Lit
Sandra Goodwin	In Loving Memory of her son, Marc Stephen Goodwin
Elva Levine	In Loving Memory of her beloved son, Ron Levine
Harriet Lit	In Loving Memory of Victor Pergament, Husband of Hilda Pergament and Father of Harriet Lit
Gerald & Inge Malenbaum	Yom Hashoah Donation in loving memory of Gerald's entire family, who were killed in the holocaust in 1941 & 1942: Father-Moses Malenbaum, Mother - Rachel Malenbaum, Sister - Faye Malenbaum, Brother - Michael Malenbaum, Brother - Myer Malenbaum. May they all rest in peace.
Phyllis Mandel	In Honor of Louise and Crandall's 25th Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!
Verna Merrin	In Loving Memory of Verna's sister, Roberta Borovoy
Gerald & Natalie Rosen	In Loving Memory of Natalie's Mother, Mignon Schneiderman
Bernard & Helene Scherer	In Loving Memory of their Brother In Law, George Annes
Frank & Marilyn Seiden	In Loving Memory of Herman M. Cohen and Rebecca Seiden
Sandra Shapiro & Barbara McInturff	In Loving Memory of Simon Blau from Sandra Shapiro and Barbara McInturff
William & Judy Slapin	In Loving Memory of Judy's Mother, Annette Shaw
Paul & Joan Taubman	In Loving Memory of Joan's Cousin, Barbara Louis
Jack & Marlene Votion	In Loving Memory of Marlene's Father, Arthur Goodman

### Sisterhood

Naomi Brill, Howard & Shari Brody, Jay & Arla Crane, Karen Dworsky, Lawrence & Gail Kleinman

*Mazel Tov* to the Temple on 2 great years at "The Temple on Temple Avenue"

### Newman Scholarship Fund

Gloria Brodie, Shirley Elsie Banchik, Robin Banchik, Betty Trubo, Bruce Trubo, Noah Trubo, Casey Trubo, Madelyn Glickfeld, Bruce Glickfeld, Lindsey Glickfeld

In honor of our wonderful friend, Julia Newman, who has always been a part of our family and was there, with gentle strength and love, when we recently mourned the loss of Jerry Banchik.

*(Donations shown are those received from March 20th thru April 19th)*

## Yahrzeits - May 2012

### May 4, 2012 (Iyar 7-13)

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

### May 11, 2012 (Iyar 14-20)

Morton Leventhal.....husband of Sylvia Leventhal  
Jechiel Feingold.....father of Israel Feingold  
Harlan Felder.....father of Jeff Felder  
Sophie Morris.....aunt of Rita Cooperman  
Carol Sobelman.....late wife of Darryl Sobelman  
Rose Baranoff.....mother of Elsie Lichtbach  
Esther Zeitz.....mother of Judy Sitko  
Marian Siegel.....mother of Ellie Felder  
Irene Palumbo.....mother of Nancy Glickman

### May 18, 2012 (Iyar 21-27)

Ruth Rosenthal.....grandmother of Sarene Wallace  
Louis J. Perlmutter.....father of Barbara Perlmutter  
Sam Aaron Milner.....father of Dr. Jack Milner  
Michael Bennett\*\*.....father of Joel Bennett  
Mazie Pomerantz.....mother of Karen Rosenstein  
Irene Newman\*\*.....mother of Julia Newman  
Hyman Zaid.....Father of Sadita Ovadia  
William Kreitzer.....father of Shlomo Kreitzer  
Abraham I Mandel.....husband of Phyllis Mandel  
Sarah Ovadia.....Mother of David Ovadia  
Michael Short.....son of Marvin & Carol Short  
Semyon Shvarts.....grandfather of Greg Krastein  
Alice Taylor Struhl.....sister of Ethel Ellenbogen  
Sara Uran.....mother of Raye Gabriel

### May 25, 2012 (Iyar 28 - Sivan 5)

Beatrice Fichtelberg.....sister of Lillian Hawthorne  
Ben Schless..... father of Charlotte Markus  
Saul Gan.....husband of Ida Gan  
John H. Kerwein.....father of John Kerwein  
Golda Feldman.....mother of Flo Budoff  
Irwin Kushner.....husband of Anne Kushner  
Mollie Samuels Rubin.....grandmother of Claudia Yorke  
David Weire.....father of Renee Stein  
Sam Bookbinder.....father of Helene Scherer  
Marie Mandel.....mother of Jean Shev  
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John H. Kerwien.....father of John Kerwien  
Aaron Bonderman\*\*.....husband of Margie Bonderman  
Jacob Lotker.....grandfather of Rabbi Michael Lotker  
Herbert Pritz.....grandfather of Danalynn Pritz

### June 1, 2012 (Sivan 6-12)

Ida Sylvia Stein.....mother-in-law of Renee Stein  
Elizabeth Wechsler.....mother of Kenneth Wechsler  
Morris Gardner.....father of Bill Gardner  
Jonas Spiegel.....father of Frank Spiegel  
Fanny Selekovic.....mother of Frank Spiegel  
Klara Aller.....grandmother of Mariana Krastein  
William Smith.....father of Jill Brody  
Jane Kaden.....mother of James Kadin  
Lena Klempner.....mother of Sarah Brejensky  
Mary Clarke.....mother of Susan Miller  
Celia Valentine.....mother of Sylvia Leventhal

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

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.

# TEMPLE NER AMI - May 2012

## Torah School Calendar

<b>MAY</b>		
Wed 2	Regular session	
<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>JOLT - Lag B'Omer Family Hike</b>	
Mon 7	Regular session	
Wed 9	Regular session	
Mon 14	Regular session	
Wed 16	Regular session	
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>Family Reunion Picnic</b>	
Mon 21	Regular session <i>Junior Youth Group 6:15 -7:30</i>	
Wed 23	Regular session	
<b>Fri 25</b>	<b>Tots, Pre-K &amp; Kinder Shabbat service.</b>  <b>Confirmation &amp; Graduating Seniors Shabbat (Shavuot)</b>	
<b>Mon 28</b>	<b>NO TORAH SCHOOL (Memorial Day)</b>	
<b>Wed 30</b>	<b>ALL SCHOOL PARTY (Wednesday) Teacher Appreciation</b>	

## CHOICES

### 8th Graders- Mondays from 6:30-8:30

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

## TEEN CONNECTION

### (Grades 9-12) Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30

Wed 5/2 & 9	NAUTY
Wed 16	The New Confirmation
Fri-Sun 18-20	NFTY-SoCal Spring Kallah
Sun 20	<b>Family Reunion Picnic</b>
Wed 23	Teen Talk
Fri 25	Confirmation & Graduating Seniors Shabbat (Shavuot)
Wed 30	ALL SCHOOL PARTY (Wednesday)

### Wed May 2, 2012

Rabbi Mike Office Day  
12pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me  
4:15pm Torah School  
6:30pm Teen Connection

### Thu May 3, 2012

10am ORT Board Meeting

### Fri May 4, 2012

7:30pm Shabbat Service

### Sat May 5, 2012

9:30am Torah Study Class  
7pm 2nd Anniversary Celebration

### Sun May 6, 2012

All day Pesach Sheni  
11am JOLT Lag B'Omer Hike

### Mon May 7, 2012

4:15pm Torah School  
6:15pm Girl Talk - Grades 6 & 7  
6:30pm Choices 8th Grade Program

### Tue May 8, 2012

11:00 am Eager Readers Book Club

### Wed May 9, 2012

12pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me  
4:15pm Torah School  
6:30pm Teen Connection  
7pm Board of Directors Meeting

### Thu May 10, 2012

Lag B'Omer  
12pm Sisterhood Fashion Show  
6pm Girl Scout Troop 60817 Mtg.

### Fri May 11, 2012

7:30pm Pre-K & K Shabbat Service

### Sat May 12, 2012

9:30am Torah Study Class  
10am Board of Directors Retreat

### Sun May 13, 2012

Mother's Day

### Mon May 14, 2012

12:30pm City of Hope Regular Meeting  
4:15pm Torah School  
6:30pm Choices 8th Grade Program

### Wed May 16, 2012

Rabbi Mike Office Day  
12pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me  
4:15pm Torah School  
6:30pm Teen Connection

### Thu May 17, 2012

7pm Brotherhood Meeting  
7pm JFS Board Meeting

### Fri May 18, 2012

7:30pm Shabbat Service

### Sat May 19, 2012

9:30am Torah Study Class

### Sun May 20, 2012

2pm Family Reunion Picnic

### Mon May 21, 2012

4:15pm Torah School  
6:15pm Junior Youth Group  
6:30pm Choices 8th Grade Program

### Wed May 23, 2012

Rabbi Mike Office Day  
12pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me  
4:15pm Torah School  
6:30pm Teen Connection

### Thu May 24, 2012

12pm ORT General Meeting  
6pm Girl Scout Troop 60817 Mtg.

### Fri May 25, 2012

7:30pm Confirmation/Graduating Seniors Shabbat Service

### Sat May 26, 2012

9:30am Torah Study Class  
6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT

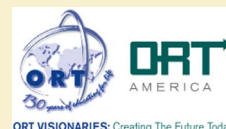
### Mon May 28, 2012

Memorial Day  
9:30am City of Hope Board Mtg.  
4:15pm Torah School-CANCELLED

### Wed May 30, 2012

12pm Torah - Women's Perspective  
4:15pm Mommy, Daddy & Me  
4:15pm Torah School BBQ - Year end Picnic  
6:30pm Teen Connection

## MAY Outside Organization Meetings



### CITY OF HOPE

Regular Meeting, Monday May 14th, 12:30 PM  
Board Meeting - Memorial Day, 5/28/12 - 9:30 AM  
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

### ORT MEETINGS

Board - Thursday, May 3rd, 2012 - 10am  
Regular Mtg. Thursday, May 24th, 2012 - Noon  
Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722  
Sharron Parker - 805-443-1998

### GIRL SCOUT/BROWNIE TROOP 60817

Meets alternate Thursdays: 5/10 & 5/24, 6 pm  
for info contact: Troop60817@templenerami.org

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tues. Mixed Meeting 7-8:15 pm,  
Tues. Mtg. Pot Luck, 3/27  
Wed. Mixed Mtg. 7-8:15 pm  
Wed. Ladies Mtg. 7-8:15 pm  
Sat. Mixed 6:30-7:30 pm  
Saturday Mtg. Pot Luck, 3/10  
Sunday (Men only) 7-8 am

### HADASSAH

No meetings at the Temple in May  
Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222

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**Our amazing 1st grade Torah School students with their teacher Eleanor Richman, Cantor Karen Dworsky, and Joan Frank. They presented our Shabbat Service with Rabbi Mike and Julia Newman on April 20th.**



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