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The High Holy Days – Greetings! by Rabbi Lisa Bock

The High Holy Days are an exciting time. We often see people we haven't seen in a while...we dress up, we catch up, and we pray together.

When you walk into synagogue, you might just hear the following:

Shana Tovah! L'Shana Tovah Tikateivu!

G'mar tov. G'mar chatimah tovah.

Yom Tov! Gut yuntiff...

If one had never stepped into a synagogue before, it would sound as though we greet one another with some special code – which changes – during the High Holy Days. Indeed, we greet each other with a mix of Hebrew as well as Yiddish.

What are we saying? When do we say which greeting?

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu

This means: "May you be inscribed (in the Book of Life) for a good year." This traditional Rosh HaShanah greeting wishes others a good year and is often shorted to "Shanah Tovah" (Good Year). Some even say the long greeting, Shanah Tovah Tikateivu uMetukah, "May you be inscribed (in the Book of Life) for a good and sweet year."

G'mar Chatimah Tovah

This means: "May your final sealing (in the Book of Life) be good." This greeting is traditionally used *between* Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It wishes others well in the new year. This reflects the Jewish view of Yom Kippur as the day when God seals our fates (determined by our actions) for the upcoming year in the Books of Life or Death. The entire ten days (called Yamim Noraim, or Days of Awe) from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur are viewed as the beginning of the New Year, so you may also still wish your Jewish friends a "Happy New Year" or "L'Shana Tovah" on Yom Kippur.

Yom Tov

This means: "Good Day." This phrase is often used in place of the English word "holiday" during the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We also use the Yiddish greeting "Gut Yuntiff," which means "Good Yom Tov" or "Good Holiday."



שנה טובה

May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

As we approach the new year of 5773, we may feel both the excitement as well as the weight of the High Holy Days approaching. This is the time, built into the Jewish year, in which we individually and collectively search our hearts

and our souls, inspect and reflect, we look back and we look forward, we look inward and we look outward. We have the opportunity to evaluate our lives, our hopes, our dreams, our relationships, and our selves, and see if the yearnings of our truest selves are consistent with the way we walk in the world. We are instructed to do teshuvah, to return, to our truest selves. In doing teshuvah, we mend relationships, with others, with God, and with our selves. We begin the year newly, and we wish for one another a Shanah Tovah!

Indeed, you may have noticed in the greetings above, none of them say, "Happy New Year" – that is not our greeting. Rather, we wish for one another Shanah Tovah, a year of *goodness*. Consider for a moment the nature of happiness, and the nature of goodness. Happiness is a fleeting moment, a feeling. Goodness comes from doing goodness, doing mitzvot, turning one's attention outward, which remarkably, can result in happiness.

May you be blessed with a year of goodness.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu uMetukah,
Rabbi Lisa Bock



Cheder Chappenings at Temple Ner Ami

by *Julia Newman*

Mah Nishma? Wassup?

Opening day of Torah School 2012-2013 is almost upon us. We've got lots of new things in store for you!

- **New curriculum and materials for the Mommy, Daddy, Grandma & Me class
- **New morning class for 2 and 3 year-olds
- **New Education Office
- **New play equipment
- **New theme for the year: Generosity

**New students

**New families

**New Rabbi

**New Shirah session (singing) for PreK – 3rd Grade students (Wednesdays)

This is just a few of the highlights. We hope that all of the “newness” generates a new enthusiasm in you.

Rosh Hashanah is almost here. So Happy NEW Year.

B'shalom,
Julia

EXTREME HAVERIM Summer Camp Action



Extreme Haverim campers perform their weekly Tikkun Olam (community service) with the staff of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks District. Their job this particular week was painting the handball courts at Bob Kildee Community Park, just up the street from the Temple.



Where can you camp out, bar-b-cue hot dogs, make s'mores, take a midnight hike and lounge in the spa under a starlit sky? Flatbush Farms, of course. And that's what our intrepid campers did with leaders, Gil Ramot and Jeffrey Lee Steinberg.



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Our first ever membership fundraiser with Applebee's Restaurant in Camarillo kicks off just prior to High Holy Days on Tuesday September 4th. This is a great way to spread the word about Ner Ami and to help increase our Membership fund for those people who need assistance with dues.

The coupon here or a copy of it is required – that's how Applebee's tracks our proceeds, and there are a few ways to get them. The easiest way is to use the coupon next to this article. Just tear it off this page and take it with you to Applebees! We will also be handing them out at the Temple and at our Open House (August 31), or visit the Temple website and print the coupon that appears under the Events tab. The great thing about this fundraiser is you don't have to be a member of the Temple to participate. Please feel free to give a coupon to your neighbors, friends and co-workers.

We are unable to distribute the coupons at the venue so please make sure to bring one with you!

Member Spotlight!

by Barbara Davis



In keeping with the Ner Ami theme for 5773, we will be

introducing a new feature in the Megillah – Member Spotlight! A great part of Ner Ami's focus this year will be on *community* and we want to highlight our members by showcasing YOU in the Megillah.

Our congregation has so many wonderful people, and while you think you may know them, we have been finding out that most of us really

don't! From a business standpoint, some of our best resources are right here in our Ner Ami family – from doctors and financial planners to babysitting, pest control and house cleaning services. Most importantly, this will be a great way for our members to get to know each other on a personal level. We hope and encourage you to reach out to one another so that the sense of community at Ner Ami thrives.

Now you may be asking yourself "who can be a spotlight and how do you become one?"

For starters, anyone can be a spotlight—yourself as an individual, a couple, a family, whatever works for you! If you are one of our teen members, you can spotlight yourself with parental permission. For the actual material to write the article there is an interview form available on our website that you can fill in and send back with two photos to Membership@TempleNerAmi.org. If you prefer to be "interviewed" over the phone or for more details, please call me, Barbara Davis at (805) 760-3280.

August 31st Open House & Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 Open House; 7:00-7:30 Services

Did you know that Kabbalat Shabbat started in the 16th century by Kabbalists as a welcoming ceremony **prior** to the Sabbath?

This pre-services welcoming is a time for extended family and community to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere and they are encouraged to keep the celebration going after services by enjoying a meal together. Consider inviting your fellow members back to your home for dinner or perhaps take prospective members out for pizza following services. This is exactly why Kabbalat Shabbat is a perfect time for our Open House!

It is so important that we reach into the community to our unaffiliated Jews and show

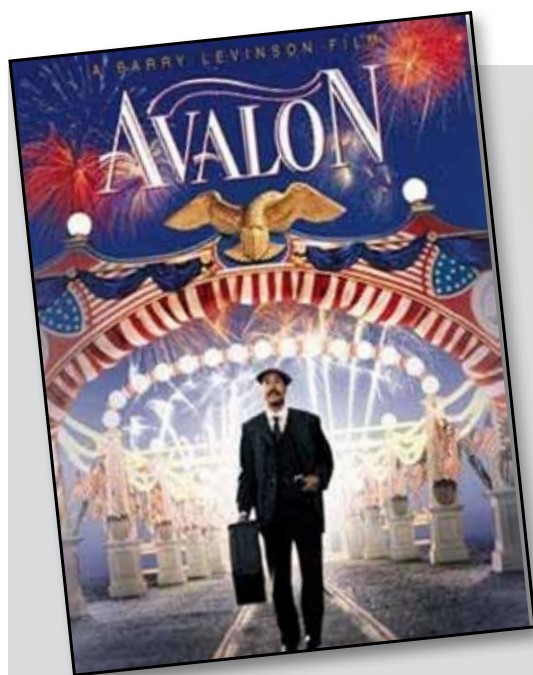
them what Ner Ami has to offer. Starting at 6:00 we will celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat (literally meaning "Welcoming the Sabbath") with a variety of snacks, drinks



and festivities. We encourage all members, including singles and young adult families to attend

and spread the word. Also at the Open House, we will be distributing flyers to attend Temple Ner Ami's *Applebee's Dine to Donate* event which takes place on September 4th.

Do you remember how YOU came to be affiliated with Ner Ami? Chances are someone personally invited you. Consider Kabbalat Shabbat and open house the opportunity to introduce a new face to our community. Our unaffiliated Jews require a connection with a member before they feel compelled to consider being affiliated. Either way, it's about being a community and this year we focus on togetherness. If you know of anyone interested in joining our Temple, wants to know more about Judaism or perhaps they just want to know what you do on Friday nights, please invite them to attend our open house and Kabbalat Shabbat.



MOVIE NIGHT

***Avalon: A Movie for the High Holiday Season
Saturday, September 22nd, 6:30 PM***

Come see your "roots." Why your parents act "that way."

"Avalon" portrays the passions, hopes, conflicts, of the generation that came to America, early in the century, to be free and to get a new start in the so-called "Promised Land."

Some of us went through this challenge, adventure, and opportunity; for most of us, it was the life of our parents or grandparents.

However, these "new immigrant" experiences influence(d) us all, today, even though it took place generations ago. Discussion afterwards with Shlomo Kreitzer.

In Memory of Dr. Edward Hawthorne

by Lee Edwards

Dr. Edward Hawthorne died on July 17th at age 90. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lillian, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Ed & Lillian were both very involved in the Camarillo Jewish community. They were charter members of our temple which was first called "Jewish Families of Camarillo" and later changed to "Temple Ner Ami". They were extremely generous in their support of our temple.

For many years they organized the annual *Yom Hashoa* day where Ed lined up speakers and together they created a very impressive event which drew a very sizeable audience.

Ed & Lillian researched and wrote a very imposing book--it is still at the temple--which chronicled the life of every Holocaust survivor who resided in Leisure Village at that time. Every year on *Yom Hashoa* they called on each one of us to come

to the Bima and assist in lighting the six memorial candles. During these years, Lillian served on the Temple's Board of Directors.

Two years ago, due to ill health, Ed & Lillian moved to a retirement facility in Northridge.

They are both sorely missed by their many friends both at the temple, and in Leisure Village.



Opportunity Knocks

regarding Shabbat Services by Joan Frank, Board of Directors

I enter the sanctuary to the platinum tones of a niggun, and heartfelt prayers and songs by Cantor Karen Dworsky,

As Rabbi Lisa Bock eloquently delves into the Torah Portion and relates with warmth to all, then, the cloak of the mundane world shreds from my being replaced by the mantle of the loftiness of Shabbat.

We stand, pinkies pointed in ancient salutation to Torah!

We pray, we sing; *Mi Chamocha; Shabbat Shalom*, (clap) *Shabbat Shalom* (clap), *Shabbat Shabbat Shabbat Shabbat Shalom!*

I am renewed, My souls rejoice.

Opportunity Knocks

We enter the Oneg for sweetness for body, mind and spirit, prayers and song, raising glasses on high, L'Chaim!!

Listening as Max and Josephine Friefeld tell a scintillating story, and Bonnie Shubb and Susan Weinstein joyfully alternate in playful banter, and Jay Crane relates historic life events with verve.

Shabbat Shalom,

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High Holy Days'
Book of Memory 2012
Yom Kippur 5773

Temple Ner Ami will be publishing a Book of Memory for our Yom Kippur Yizkor Service. Names submitted will be read during the Yizkor Service.

Please complete the following and return to Temple Ner Ami by Wednesday, September 19, 2012 (please print clearly).

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Remembered by: _____

Suggested donation of \$18 per name will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!





High Holy Days Schedule September 2012 Elul-Tishri 5773

SATURDAY, September 8, 2012

S'lichot Program & Service - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, September 16, 2012

Erev Rosh Hashanah - 7:30 PM

MONDAY, September 17, 2012

Rosh Hashanah Service - 10:00 AM (childcare available by reservation)

Children's Service - 10:15-11:00 AM

***Tashlich - 3:00 PM**

TUESDAY, September 25, 2012

Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur - 8:00 PM (Please, no young children)

WEDNESDAY, September 26, 2012

Yom Kippur - 10:00 AM - (childcare available by reservation)

***Family Service - 1:30 PM**

***Discussion Group- 2:30 PM**

***Yizkor Service - 4:30 PM**

***CLOSING (NE'ILAH) Service - 5:15 PM**

*** Indicates no tickets are required for this event.
College students and military are free to all events.**

*If you have your own GATES OF REPENTANCE prayer book,
please bring it, as we have limited copies.*

Member Name Badges

What's in a name and what does that have to do with badges?

Chances are you have probably heard of that old saying parodied in the Mel Brooks film *Blazing Saddles* that goes, "Badges? We don't need no stinkin' badges!" And while the phrase is more about badges that were worn by lawmen, it has often become an ongoing joke whenever someone is asked to wear a badge – even a name badge.

Ask yourself, what's in a name? The answer to that is everything! It often times defines us. It's our heritage (think back to the tribes of Israel); it's who we were named after and where we come from. For some folks, their name is a great patch of pride they wear boldly. For me, it's that very reason that I struggled so much at changing my name from Goldberg to Davis when I got married. I felt like I was letting go of a huge part of me. I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to get it back or even to be identifiable

as a Jew let alone be known as the eldest grandchild of the Goldberg family. It sounds ridiculous to me now because I know that I will always



be a Goldberg first but you can see how important my name is to me. The bottom line is that our names label us.

How many times have you met someone and a moment later, you forgot their name? Perhaps you've been in a study group with them for weeks, but have no idea what their name is. Maybe, you've been a member for years and you can

never remember so-and-so's name and are too embarrassed to ask. Or maybe you just don't remember because you've never been good at remembering names!

At Ner Ami, we now have a solution to the name game. After feedback from members and taking advice from fellow congregations, we are providing name badges! Pretty soon, you will be able to enter the building, head to the drawers (clearly labeled with initials) and retrieve your official Temple name badge. We will be making badges for every member, including children and we ask that you wear the name badge at Temple events and gatherings. There will be a clipboard on the container that houses the badges so if you need a replacement, want to change how your name appears or need a guest badge, please add it to the list and we will get it made. - Barbara Davis



SAVE the DATE

The Dead Sea Scrolls Demystified

Friday, November 16, 2012



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Sisterhood News!

by Bobbe Jacobs

Sisterhood's own Arla Crane did a fantastic job organizing the Mah Jong Tournament that was held in August as you can see from the pictures.



We want to welcome our new members Barbara Hoff, Bonnie Shubb and Phyllis Slade. Glad to see renewals from: Naomi Brill, Shari Brody, Della Carmona, Arla Crane, Raja Desenberg, Joan Frank, Sharon Green, Kaila Kaden, Gail Kleinman, Chana Kreitzer, Phyllis Mandel, Muriel Rosenkranz, Sarene Wallace, Ruth Weiss and Marcia Zatzkin. Welcome back one and all. The Sisterhood would love to see more renewals and many more new members.

Our calendar for the months to come:

September

Rosh Hashanah - we will need some volunteers to cut up apples.
Yom Kippur - Volunteers to cut up honey cakes.

October

October 7 - Sisterhood Holiday Boutique
October 25 - Guest speaker is Master Gardener, Carole Haverty, CSUCI. Topic is Sustainable Gardening- beautiful, bountiful and basically drought resistant.

November

November 15 - Please note change of date, since Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday. Guest speaker, Care Professional Patty Glick is from the Women's Health Center in Thousand Oaks. Topic: Making healthy choices, meals for Thanksgiving that will not alter your waistline, harden the arteries or wreck your diet.

December

December 27 - New Year's Eve Sisterhood Party, dinner and games, more information to come.

We hope to see many more of the Temple Ner Ami ladies joining and supporting the Sisterhood, that would include Torah School Mother's as well, I look forward to meeting you at future Sisterhood events and programs.



Congratulations to Mah Jong players Roberta Weinstein (above) who took third place, and Diane Hirsch (at left), who placed second.




SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Members & Children

- | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Carole Warren | 13 | Shari Brody | 24 | Darryl Sobelman |
| 2 | Richard Levin | 15 | Howard Brody | 25 | Griffin D'Inca |
| 3 | Elaine Jaffe | 17 | Gilbert Cooperman | 27 | Sarene Wallace |
| 5 | Bobbe Jacobs | 20 | Lucas Burstein | 28 | Frances Kuznets |
| 6 | Jeri Belzer | 21 | Susan Saleh | 28 | P. Teitell |
| 9 | Michaela Posner | 24 | Joseph Aaronson | 29 | Reed Harmon |
| 9 | Myrna Zimmerman | 24 | Danalynn Pritz | 30 | Joshua Sacks |
| 11 | Jerry Lewine | 24 | Benjamin Scheerger | | |

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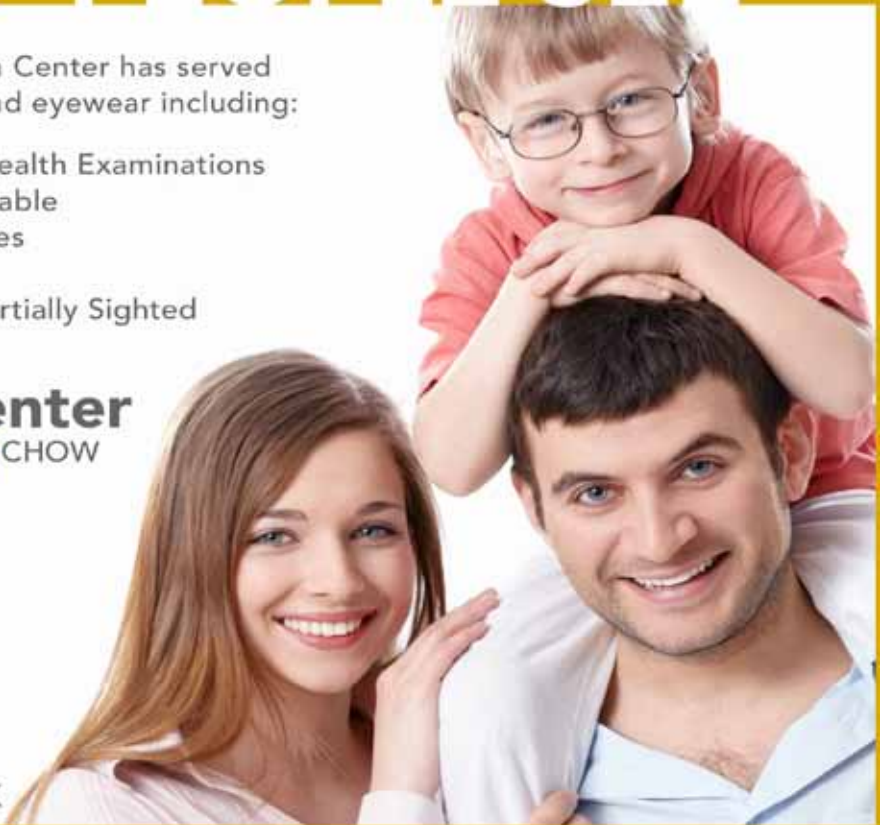
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What Being A Member Means To Me

by Barbara Davis

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself to you. I'm Barbara Davis and I am the new Membership Chairperson on the Board of Directors. I'd also like to tell you how I became involved at Ner Ami because I think you will find it

enlightening, possibly familiar and optimistic.

I had been frustrated with my Jewish experience or lack thereof. As a child, I studied for a year, had my Bat Mitzvah and that was the extent of my Jewish experiences. As a young professional in my early twenties I wanted to belong to a Temple and sadly, never found a place that felt right and the ones that came close, had outrageous membership fees and I couldn't justify spending my new career income on dues. I gave up.

It wasn't until my early thirties that I got engaged to a gentile and knew that I must be married by a Rabbi. I had been introduced to Rabbi Lotker at the naming ceremony of my niece and felt instantly comfortable. During my two year engagement, we would talk at length about Judaism and he encouraged me to join Ner Ami but I never did. I guess you can say that I was hesitant because I thought I would find disappointment in my religion. Nearly two years after Rabbi Lotker officiated at my wedding ceremony, I finally got the nerve to join and realized it was at the height of the transition between Rabbi Lotker and Rabbi Bock. I felt like I had developed a relationship with Rabbi Lotker and was bummed I missed out on those four years. Yet I had no idea what was in store for me...

I was a few months, and maybe three Shabbat services

in, when out of curiosity my husband and I decided to attend a board meeting. Long story short, I gave a few ideas and next thing I know, I was being asked to fill the role of membership chairperson. My husband, knowing that I was longing for involvement and wanting a sense of community (no joke, that is what I told him before I even knew it was our theme this year), encouraged me to jump in feet first. And so I did.

In the very short time I have been involved with Ner Ami; I have come to see how much growth we are on the verge of. My encounters with Rabbi Bock have been inspiring and brilliant. In every conversation, she teaches me something new and I'm confident her outlook, combined with the direction of the Board

means great things are on the horizon. I believe she's got the "it" that our congregation needs to take Ner Ami into our next chapter.

Belonging to a Temple that is community driven means believing in your congregations decisions and direction. Leadership is not something you only experience on Friday nights, it's the day to day encounters we have with our Rabbi and fellow members. No doubt we will face challenges like all congregations do. We are a small Temple yet there is strength in the people I have interacted with and I see the desire to forge ahead. I encourage

you to be proactive in helping shape Ner Ami into the Temple you want it to be.

In the next month, you will receive an email survey about membership and we look forward to your anonymous feedback. I have been doing a lot of research on Temple membership, congregational statistics, etc. and I assure you that as the lay leader of membership, I want to help make Ner Ami all that it can be.



TEMPLE NER AMI HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Sunday, October 7th, 12:30 PM
Temple Parking Lot

Vendors Needed! - Please call Bobbe Jacobs for details

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on

Sunday, September 9, 2012 1:30: p.m. - 3:30 p.m

at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362



The Program:

Ethics, Sensitivities, Sensibilities, & Property Rights Part II

Last January's panel of the same topic was so popular we promised to do a Part II with some different panelists and different issues. How do ethics relate to family history and genealogy? The list ranges from ensuring the integrity of our research, acknowledging the intellectual property of others, not publishing false or misleading information, respecting the privacy of others and being aware of sensitive issues that may cause others distress. However, the lines are not always clearly drawn. For example, we live in the 21st century, and have become accustomed to a media environment where family scandals are commonplace and not particularly noteworthy. With our current sensibilities, it is often difficult to appreciate the shame and stigma that surrounded family secrets that we unearth, and may, among older relatives, still be keenly felt. How do we tell our families' stories while maintaining an appropriate level of sensitivity? What is our responsibility to the "truth"? Newer issues such as DNA testing also present ethical issues, not the least of which is privacy.

Have you had the challenge of how to address family history with such issues, as adoption, conversion, an "early" birth or baby born outside of marriage, do not know family is Jewish or denial of being Jewish, intermarriage, previous marriage, or sexual preference? What about family information used without citation of sources or permission, incorrect family information changed and publicized by someone else, consequences of encouraging people to take DNA testing, people copyrighting other people's information and photographs? Come prepared to ask questions on how to address your ethical issues.

Panelists:

Hal Bookbinder, founding member of JGSCV, past president of IAJGS and JGSLA, author of IAJGS Ethics Statement. Hal received the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award for his various contributions to Jewish genealogy. Hal was recently elected to the JewishGen Board of Governors.

Sandra Malek, president of JGSLA and attorney for over 30 years concentrating on employment law, Sandy has been active in genealogy for nearly a decade, has grown her tree to nearly 4200 individuals.

Rabbi Richard Spiegel, spiritual leader Temple Etz Chaim, Thousand Oaks since June 2000. He is an active participant and leader in the Rabbinical Assembly. Served as past president of the Pacific Southwest Region of the Rabbinical Assembly and is a member of the Board of Jewish World Watch.

Adam Wills, Senior Editor, Jewish Journal.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. (www.jgscv.org). There is no charge to attend the meeting.

Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Dues paid good through December 2012.

For more information contact: information@jgscv.org or Jan Meisels Allen@ 818-889-6616



A Taste of Judaism - Are You Curious?

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

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

Jewish Spirituality, Jewish Values, and Jewish People.

Rabbi Michael Lotker will be the instructor.

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

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

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

This program is made possible by the Jewish Federation of Ventura County. For more information or to reserve your seat, please e-mail us at federation@jewishventuracounty.org or call the Federation at (805) 647-7800.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	Date	Year
Gary & Amy Goltz	Sept. 1st	16th Anniversary
Gary Lieb & Kathy Kim	Sept. 1st	16th Anniversary
Keith & Robin Elliott	Sept. 3rd	23rd Anniversary
Mark & Jennifer Greenblatt	Sept. 5th	19th Anniversary
Tim & Dana Mascot	Sept. 8th	27th Anniversary
Steve & Jennifer Moore	Sept. 9th	22nd Anniversary
Mel & Fran Kuznets	Sept. 14th	15th Anniversary
Larry & Beth Sassower	Sept. 16th	12th Anniversary
Mike & Clarice Shapiro	Sept 30th.	56th Anniversary

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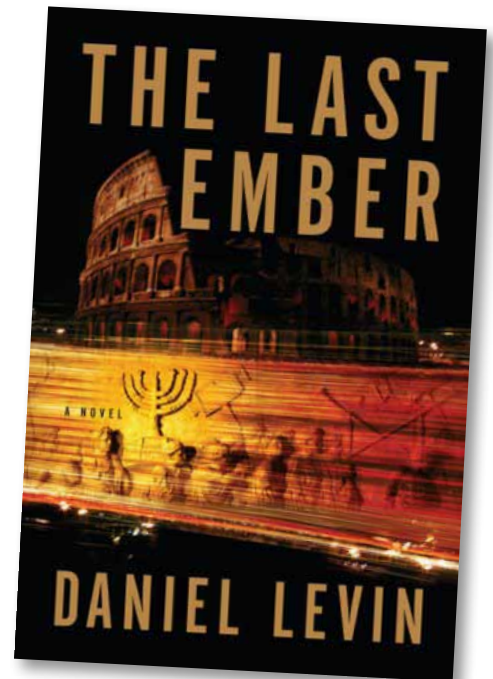
September Selection:

The Last Ember

by Daniel Levin

Jonathan Marcus, a young American lawyer and former doctoral student in classics, is summoned to Rome for a case and stumbles across a message hidden inside an ancient stone fragment. The discovery propels him and UN preservationist Dr. Emili Travia into a coldblooded modern plot to erase every remnant of Jewish and Christian presence from Jerusalem's Temple Mount, in the process redefining history itself.

Join the book club in the Temple Library to discuss this exciting novel!



New Topics Added!

Next time you come into the foyer, glance at the table to the right...

On this table we have our LifeLights pamphlets, on a variety of topics relevant to our lives, no matter where we are in life. Take a look – several new topics have been recently added – one or two may be something you are interested in. *Browse!*

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Yahrzeit Board

Judy Foxman - *Purchase of a Yahrzeit plaque in loving memory of her husband, Eugene Foxman*

Note: The above listings cover donations recieved between July 20th and August 21st.

Members Yahrzeits - August/September

August 31, 2012 (Elul 8-14)

Mollie Spahn.....mother of Lillian Hawthorne
Archie Joseph Levin.....father of Richard Levin
Moniek Piasecki.....brother of Charles Pierce
Alfred Coshever.....husband of Violet Coshever, z"l
Grace Lotker.....mother of Rabbi Michael Lotker
Esther Piasecki..... mother of Charles Pierce
Herschel Piasecki..... father of Charles Pierce
Shymon Piasecki.....brother of Charles Pierce
Joseph Bloom.....father of Doris Weinberg
Charles Klein.....brother of Elva Levine
Jack Leventhal.....father of Elaine Jaffe
Sidney Pollitz.....father of Fayrose Gordon
Eleanor Reshes.....mother of Stanley Reshes
Richard Silverman.....son of Frances Yasney
Esther Kuznets...mother of Melvin Kuznets

September 7, 2012 (Elul 15-21)

Robert Budin.....father of Jessica Budin-Calorso
Don King**father of Jennifer Moore, husband of
Sandra King
Susan Corcoran.....sister of Stephen Miller
Sarah Krivoshayv.....grandmother of Alec Kurman
Sarah Mauger.....mother of Charlotte Kreitzer
Maurice Sterin.....uncle of Arlene Cohen
Augusto Calderon.....father of Carmen Keys

September 14, 2012 (Elul 22-28)

Diane Felder.....mother of Jeffrey Felder
Edward Sadowsky.....father of Allan Sadowsky
Ben Frank.....father of Joan Frank
Agnes Borla.....mother of Alex Borla
Albert Improta.....father of Robert Improta
Lou Levinson.....father of Loretta Reshes
Celia Scherer.....mother of Bernard Scherer
David Harwood.....father of Randee Charton; husband of
Lois Harwood
Alex Scheerger.....son of Robert & Sarah Scheerger
Aaron Weiss.....husband of Selma Weiss
Harry Seiden.....father of Frank Seiden
Alex Weltsch....father of Frances Yasney
Margaret Weltsch.....mother of Frances Yasney
Harry Rosenfeld....husband of Dorothy Rosenfeld
Larry Greenblatt.....father of Mark Greenblatt
Mae Rosenberg.....mother of Sheila Bachelis

September 21, 2012 (Elul 29-Tishri 6)

Blume Merrin mother-in-law of Verna Merrin
Robert Silvertrust.....husband of Harriet Silvertrust
Joseph Odenberg.....late husband of Eleanor Odenberg
Harry Erlich.....father of Richard Erlich
Bernard Lewine.....father of Jerry Lewine
Morris Rosen.....father of Violet Coshever, z"l
Frances Bluestein**.....mother of Michael Bluestein
Stanley Mandel.....brother of Jean Shev
William Blau....father-in-law of Isabel Blau
Masha Rhine....grandmother of Kaila Kaden
Rozyln Stern....grandmother of Allyson Williams, great
grandmother of AJ Williams
Isaac Klempner.....father of Sarah Brejensky
Albert Saleh.....brother of Joe Saleh
Hannah Improta.....mother of Dr. Robert Improta
Charlotte Lewine.....mother of Jerry Lewine
Sylvia Keys.....mother of Paul Keys

September 28, 2012 (Tishri 7-13)

Paul Charton.....father of Adam Charton
Lottie Frank Felton...Aunt of Joan Frank
Joseph Bachelisfather-in-law of Sheila Bachelis
Avrum Merrinfather-in-law of Verna Merrin
Frank Treitman.....father of Dr. Paul Treitman
Richard S. Brill**.....husband of Naomi Brill
Marlene S. Rodbro.....sister of Sheila Bachelis
Peter Wise.....brother of Howard Wise
Eugene Foxman....husband of Judy Foxman

** 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 \$350.00 per plaque.

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR TORAH SCHOOL START DATES

- Mon., Sept.10 4:15-6:15 Torah School Grades 4,5,6,7
- Mon., Sept.10 6:30-8:30 Choices, 8th Grade program
- Mon. Sept.10 6:30-8:30 Teen Connection (9th-12th grade)
- Tues., Sept. 11 9-Noon New program for 2 & 3 year olds
- Wed., Sept. 12 4:15-6:15 Torah School Grades PreK, Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th
Mommy, Daddy & Me
- Thurs., Sept. 13 9-Noon New program for 2 & 3 year olds

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No Regular Meeting in September
Board Meeting - Monday 9/24 - 9:30 AM
Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

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Board - Thursday, September 6, 2012 - 10am
Regular Mtg. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 - Noon

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

HADASSAH

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

TEMPLE NER AMI - September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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