



You Noticed.

by Steve Graff, President

Often people say “in the black” for flush times; “in the red” for times of financial struggle. We’re reversing that for this **MEGILLAH**. Color ink is more expensive than black and white to print. So from now on the Megillah will be in black and white. Plus we’re going to make it a leaner publication. Large documents need more paper and cost more in postage, and they take more time to lay out for publication.

So, starting in January, the Board of Directors is considering sending the **MEGILLAH** to you *only via E-mail* and posted on line at our temple website. So read your E-Mail; look at our website. Temple Ner Ami may not be mailing you the **MEGILLAH** anymore. If you need a printed copy because you do NOT have E-Mail, we will still print B/W copies and perhaps mail them, deliver them to you, or make them available at the temple for you to pick up. But if you have a valid E-mail address we are seriously considering not printing it, and instead, E-mailing it to you. So do open the **MEGILLAH** E-mail or read it online at our website, so you know what is going on at the temple!

This action (still under consideration-there are pros and cons both fiscally and communicatively) will happen if we determine that it will save the temple significant money. We need to cut some costs as economic times are tough. **Oy Vegas** was a wonderful event, and fundraiser, and we still need to do more.

The temple is going to be open fewer hours during the week. We will be “dark” on Mondays and will not have a full day on Fridays. This means the office will be closed at those times, and no staff will be available to talk with people who drop by or call the office. You can still call and leave messages. There is good news as well. We’ve hired a part-time bookkeeper so our accounts receivable and membership financials will be more timely.

We will be scheduling a Temple-wide meeting to talk about these changes in coming weeks. We want to know what you think; we encourage you to be part of the solution to these problems we face. Meeting only once a year to discuss the temple’s business as a congregation isn’t enough. Please come to that meeting. Further details will be forthcoming.





A Question

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of listening to women speaking about their respective religions. I was one of the speakers as well. Upon hearing each of their descriptions, I was impressed with not only who these amazing women are, but also at their description of clearly defined expectations and beliefs that their respective religions require.

Hmm. If someone asked you, **"What does Judaism require of you?"**, what would your answer be?

As liberal Jews, our answer may just take some effort to formulate. You see, we don't have a particular dogma. We might answer, we believe in God, we're supposed to circumcise our sons on the eighth day, we're supposed to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age 13, we're supposed to go to synagogue on the High Holy Days, and fast on Yom Kippur. And so on.

So what is a good answer to this - that is, as liberal Jews, how do we answer this question?

One, we believe in God, and, we also struggle with God. We may struggle with just what God is, whether God is, as we do know that God is intangible, and that leaves us with a whole lot of questions. Our search for God is beautifully illustrated in the book, "Finding God" by Soncino and Syme, and is a book that has been studied more than once at Ner Ami!



Two, we are made "b'tzelem Elohim," in the image of God (though we don't quite know what that is!). What we can make of this is that human life is precious, we are each God's children, as a matter of fact, one of the highest values in Jewish life is the saving of a life.

Three, we are a people, the Jewish People. Jews may be "born into the 'tribe'," and they may also convert to Judaism. At some level, though, we all, today, choose to be Jewish.

Fourth, as Jews, we are connected to other Jews here and around the world. We may speak different languages, even look different, but we are Jews and we are connected.

But so far, does that really answer: What does Judaism require of us?

There are some answers to this question, Jewish answers.

But rather than list them here, I'd rather begin a discussion, I'd rather hear what you think.

Let me know what your answer is - by email (I'm at rabbi@templenerami.org), in person at Torah study (Saturdays at 9 am, TNA Library, and Wednesdays at noon), on Shabbat, and even in the hall at Temple.

In our next Megillah, I'll put some of your answers.

Warmly, and with blessing for a very Happy Chanukah,

Rabbi Lisa Bock



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YOU ARE INVITED!

"CLUB 90"

SHABBAT CELEBRATION

WHERE: TEMPLE NER AMI SANCTUARY

WHEN: DEC. 6, 2013 - 7:30 PM

BRING: YOU!

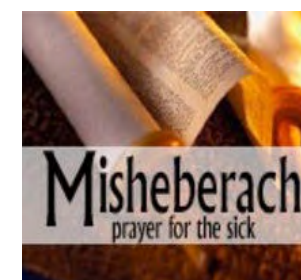
Temple Ner Ami will have a special "Club 90" Shabbat in honor of all our members who have reached the age of 90 and above, and those turning 90 in the next few months.

This "Club 90" Shabbat Celebration will be at 7:30 pm, on December 6, 2013, in our Sanctuary.

The Sisterhood will be providing a very special Oneg for this occasion. We look forward to seeing your family, friends, and you at this very special Shabbat.



Can you guess which one of the amazing ladies is turning 90?



Sheila Bachelis, Sarah Brejensky, Isabel Blau,
Arlene Cohen, Betty Fink, Judy Foxman,
Max Freifield, Jennie Roach, Jean Shev & Anne

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Temple Membership Dinner

On November 22 the board of directors at Temple Ner Ami welcomed new members with a Shabbat dinner and presented the families with their own personalized member name badge.

We wish to welcome the following families to our congregation **Matthew & Barbara Gollub, Julius & Diane Hirsch, Alan & Wendy Hoffman, Robyn Hynes, Rafael & Sue**

Littaua, Jean Shev, David & Barbara Singer, Paul & Joan Taubman, Hunter Yuro & Sarah Crown, and Clara Zive .

As always, please feel comfortable in joining us for our weekly Friday night Shabbat services, Saturday morning Torah study, Wednesday women's Torah study, as well as various educational, holiday and social events

throughout the year.

Please contact TNA if you were overlooked as a new member or are in need of a personalized member name badge for your entire family.

Wishing every member a Happy Chanukah and a Healthy New Year.

Lisa Schwartz
Membership chair

Mitzvah Circle Donor Thank You



Honoring
**Julia Newman
&
Saul Lessler**
recipients of the 2013
“Chai Award”
for a lifetime of service
to the Jewish community
both locally & in Israel

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Tuesday ... Dec. 17 ... 5:30 PM
*corrected date

The Herzog Winery
Minimum Donation \$500 per person

A Jewish Federation of Ventura County Event honoring Saul & Julia.
For ticket information call the Federation at (805) 647-7800,
or via email to federation@JewishVenturaCounty.org
The evening includes a solo violin performance by Yevgeny Kutnik



Sisterhood News!



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Sisterhood@templenerami.org

Now that we are all full of Turkey, stuffing and cranberries I want to let you all know that the Holiday Boutique made \$1535. Thank you to all those who helped and those who came out to start their Chanukah shopping. We are looking for a committee to do the boutique next year on Sunday, November 2 of about 5 or 6 ladies. The more people on the committee the easier and more fun it will be.

We are so excited about our **Gift Shop**, please stop by to see all the new items displayed. We will be purchasing more once we start selling what we have. Any suggestions on items, please feel free to contact Sisterhood. If there is anything you wish to purchase just call me at 818-207-4885 cell, home 805-389-4320 and we can arrange to meet at the Temple.

Our Sisterhood **Board meetings** are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 10 am at the Temple. If anyone wishes to sit in on a meeting, you are welcome to come, just call us to verify date and time.

Upcoming events will be held on the 4th Thursday of every month and you will get a telephone call from our "Phone Tree" as a reminder, and to see if you will be able to come.

Sisterhood Events

Dec. 19th, Pot Luck/Game Night-6:30 pm

Jan. 23rd, 2 pm - Find the Artist Within

Feb. 27, @7 pm – Movie & Popcorn

Mar. 16, TNA's Purim Carnival

We'll have our Sisterhood booth as usual at the carnival and come in costume. In **April**, we'll possibly have a day trip to the Huntington Library and gardens. We are checking on the cost of a bus and will get back to all members of Sisterhood for sign ups. **May** – if anyone has an idea, please let us know. **June** - the 20th is the Sisterhood Oneg, installation of the new Sisterhood Board, and we'll be honoring ladies/women in the congregation and the "Woman of Valor".

Dec. 6, 2013 will be the "**Club 90**" **Shabbat Service** and the Sisterhood is sponsoring that evening. We will need for you to put on your aprons and do some baking or just donating finger desserts. Phone Tree will be contacting you.

So please mark your calendars to attend the many Sisterhood events, come by to shop in our Gift Shop and please leave us suggestions on events you would like to see for 2014. I look forward to seeing you all at Friday night Shabbat services.

Bobbe Jacobs

Sisterhood Pot Luck/Game Night



December 19, 6:30 pm

Mah Jong, Bridge, hand and foot and more.

Entree provided, please bring a side dish. All are welcome, including husbands!

Car pools available for those needing a ride.
For info call Arla at 482-9397 or eMail sisterhood@templenerami.org.

Find the Artist Within

with master artist, Wendy Leftkowitz.

January 23rd -2:00 p.m.



Wendy will guide us through the fine art of water color. It is free BUT you MUST call me and make a reservation. We need to make sure each person has an artist kit to work with. Sharing won't work if you are to enjoy the experience.

A DAY OF DIVERSITY

by Saul Lessler

On October 27th at the Camarillo Boys & Girls Club approximately 230 attendees were treated to a music festival celebrating cultural diversity and the legacy of Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter who was assassinated by the Taliban in Pakistan.

The breadth of music ranged from Klezmer to Gospel. There were Mariachis, Taiko Drummers, beautiful songs by the cantor for the Temple of the Arts, a Mendelssohn sonata for clarinet and piano, a haunting Nigun by clarinet, and the first movement of a dramatic Schubert sonata.

The artists donated their time and talent to make the festival a day that will be remembered by all who

attended. They were, in order of appearance: the Ventura Klezmer Band, Togen Daiko Drummers, Ilysia Pierce, David Singer, Daniel Newman Lessler, Greater Hope Gospel Band and Mariachi Costa de Oro. Also donating their time behind the scenes were Bill Locker, Julie Pope, Jeff Foss, Dennis Beck, Mark Malloy and Moises Mercado. The sponsors were the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo, the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, the Anti-Defamation League, Keyboard Concepts, Guitar Center, and Julia Newman and Saul Lessler.

The Daniel Pearl World Music Festival proved that music has the power to communicate with people and celebrate their diversity.



Shlomo Kreitzer has this to add....

If you were there, you were lucky. If you weren't there, you missed a great multi-cultural, musical afternoon!

Standing room only. And part of the time, the people with seats were standing.

I saw a woman come in using a stroller and later she was standing and moving during two of the acts!

There was quiet, sonorous music, rocking music, exquisite music, humor and more.

The entertainers had varied and wonderful costumes; truly an international music festival!

For me there were many messages: "We're all different AND we're all the same." "There's a wide range of ways for each of us to share our cultures -- harmonizing, drumming, dancing, rhapsodizing." That was the focus, how we're alike.

Saul Lessler and Julia Newman made this Ventura County version of the Daniel Pearl Festival happen in order to honor and learn from the life of Daniel Pearl. He was a sweet man, a reporter; he loved music and he traveled all over promoting peace.

One of the highlights for me was when the internationally known clarinetist, David Singer, was so moved he spoke spontaneously. "Yes, we all want peace. We can each start with small actions that take just a moment's effort. Help your neighbor, reach out to the burdened mother, offer help to a bewildered stranger, offer assistance to anyone who may be struggling."

See you next year at the Daniel Pearl Festival!



TEMPLE NER AMI

Weekly eNEWS - Nov. 15, 2013 - 12 Kislev 5774



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Shabbat Service
7:30 pm Tonight

Tonight's Shabbat Service with Rabbi Lisa will be held in our sanctuary at the usual time, 7:30 pm. Tonight's reading from the Torah is *Viyashlach*, the 8th weekly reading.

Join us after the service for our Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood.

We look forward to seeing you!

Jewish Views and Voices:
Sex & Intimacy

Session Two - Tues., 11/19 in the Library, 7:00 PM



Just 13 more days until Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is November 28th. It is the extraordinarily rare coincidence of Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday of November on the civil calendar, as designated by a 1941 act of Congress) and the first day of Hanukkah (25 Kislev on the Jewish calendar).



Click the graphic above to download and read the just mailed NOVEMBER issue of the MEGILLAH.

Know something but want to know more?

Judaism 101

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

If you are interested in this class, or would just like to know more about the course, call the Temple office or email Rabbi Lisa to reserve your spot or ask questions. The cost is \$180 for the course, and scholarships are available. This course is designed for those new to Judaism, returning to Judaism, or just curious.

All are welcome, and temple membership is not required. Some materials will be handed out in class but it is strongly recommended that participants supplement the course with additional books and readings.



Do You Receive Our Weekly eNEWS?

While many TNA members find out what is going on via the **MEGILLAH**, by far the fastest way to get the latest information on Temple events, classes, and activities is our weekly **eNEWS** delivered to your computer or phone via eMail.

Each issue has links to many other valuable resources including the ability to download a full-color electronic version of the **MEGILLAH**, a listing of our staff and their eMail addresses, and links to the Temple's online calendar. You can even download and listen to this week's Torah reading!

The TNA **eNEWS** goes out to your PC or Mac computer or smartphone via eMail very early every Friday morning. It costs you nothing to receive, and you don't have to be a Temple member to get it. All you have to do to get subscribed is to click on the subscriber link at the bottom of each week's issue, or just send an eMail to **admin@templenerami.org**, and we will set you up to get it will be sent to your eMail address.

If you previously received the TNA **eNEWS**, and suddenly stopped getting it, there is probably a glitch in the software that controls the mailing list. If so, give Mark a call in the Temple office, and he will figure out how to get your "subscription" renewed!



JNET - Camarillo meets Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 at Temple Ner Ami. Doors open 6:30 pm, meeting is from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

For info contact Dale Jacobs, President at (818) 207-4965, or via e-mail at tarzanacpa@yahoo.com.



Hannukah is Here—Hooray!

by Gil Ramot

As we get ready with buying candles and presents, it is important also

to make sure we educate the children about our fathers - the Makabees. They fought for freedom and their Jewish beliefs, and advocated for the weak and the oppressed. What I am trying to say is that they had a cause bigger than them and they acted upon it. I think that as a Jewish school, we need to find that too. What do we stand for? what is our Hanukkah (dedication) aimed towards? And, do we stand for something bigger than us? No. We are not going to fight a war like the Makabees, and I do not have the answers. I do think that we should find some answers together: teachers, parents, and students. I would like to offer a challenge, as we light the Hanukkah candles this year. Let's talk about a cause that our school could undertake, a cause that will affect the larger community. As I have said before, we are small, but it does not limit us from thinking big, and doing big. On the contrary, small in numbers is many times an advantage to doing big things. In order to find our "bigger than us" idea together, I will create a discussion group for us to talk and share ideas.

Some changes are going to occur with our Torah School faculty: our wonderful teacher Iris is moving with her family to Austin Texas, in December. I would like to wish her all the best (*kol toov*) from all of us. Iris, Guy, and Ellah, we will miss you very much, good luck on your new adventure in life. I am in the process of hiring new faculty to teach Iris's classes.

Also, our teens are working hard planing their big Lox in the Box weekend in December 20th- 21st (attached Megilah flyer). Lox in the Box is our teens' biggest fundraiser event where we take orders from you temple members, and the teens prepare and deliver the best breakfast directly to your house on December 21st. You can buy breakfast for your family, your co-workers, or your friends in the area. The funds raised go directly to support our teens programs. By the way, the teens start the weekend with a beautiful Shabbat Service on Friday, December 20th; you are invited.

Mark your calendar: **No Torah School** on these days: **December 23rd, 25th, and 30th; January 1st, and 20th.**

I wanted to finish my article with wishing you all Happy Hanukkah (Chanukkah Sa-meh-ach) to you, your family, and loved ones. Parents and Ner Ami members, please join our Torah School for Lighting Hanukkah candles: December 2nd: six candles, and December 4th: eight candles. Join us at 5:45 pm.

kol toov (all the best),

Gil Ramot
Your Torah School Principal




Teen Connection Fund-Raiser

Saturday- Dec. 21st

Get Breakfast delivered to you by 10 a.m.

Breakfast includes: Lox, bagels, cream cheese, onions, tomato, danish or sweet roll, and fruit.

\$15 for a small box - Feeds two
\$30 for a large box - Feeds 4 or 5

Please call the Temple 388-3824 by Monday 12/16 to order your food.

A tasty way to support our teens!






EVERY DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING

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

Our group was blessed to hear our dear Rabbi Lisa share her interpretation of Psalm 23 on November 13th. She gave those grieving the comfort that God is with them and shelters and protects them through this difficult time.

We welcome new members to our support group. There is a sense of caring and peace in



our room at the Temple. All members are supported and encouraged to discuss their deepest feelings and concerns in a non-judgmental format. We are each connected soul to soul and heart to heart.

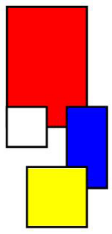
Please join us for a beautiful experience at our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 4th** from 1:30 pm to 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call me (Diane) at (805) 279-7160.


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Eager Readers Book Club

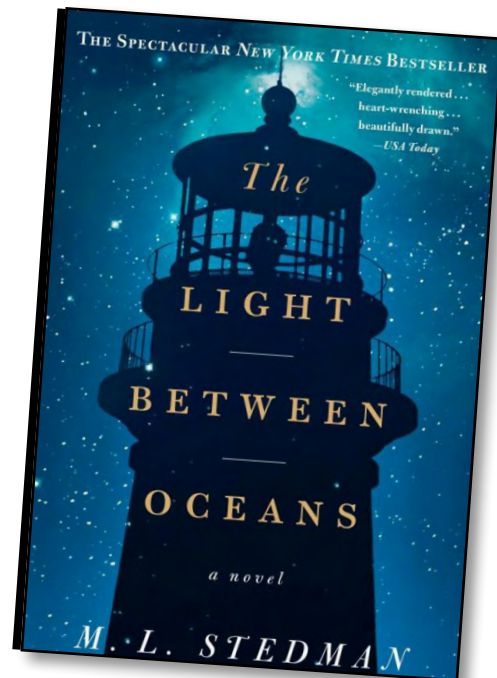
Meets Tuesday, December 10th, 11am

December Book: *The Light Between Oceans*

Amazon Best Books of the Month,

Tom Sherbourne is a lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, a tiny island a half day's boat journey from the coast of Western Australia. When a baby washes up in a rowboat, he and his young wife Isabel decide to raise the child as their own. The baby seems like a gift from God, and the couple's reasoning for keeping her seduces the reader into entering the waters of treacherous morality even as Tom--whose moral code withstood the horrors of World War I--begins to waver. M. L. Stedman's vivid characters and gorgeous descriptions of the solitude of Janus Rock and of the unpredictable Australian frontier create a perfect backdrop for the tale of longing, loss, and the overwhelming love for a child that is *The Light Between Oceans*.

--Malissa Kent (Summary from Amazon.com)



Each month a member selects a book for all members to read and discuss at the next meeting. Joining the club means you are reading at least one outstanding book every month. What a great idea! Please join us Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 11 am in the Library.

The Brotherhood is Back!

Join us for Poker, Dominoes, Scrabble, etc. Game Night

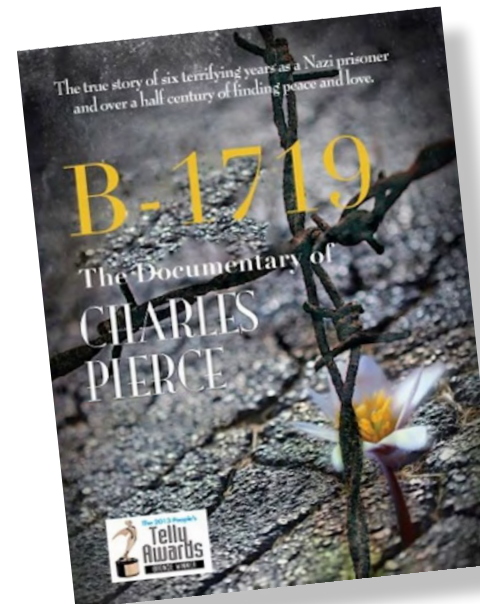
Wednesday, Dec. 4th - 7:30 PM

Yes, we're back and better than ever! Future events include a trip to the Mullen Car Museum, a Habitat for Humanity Event, Dodger games, horse races, and more game nights.

For more info send an eMail to: Brotherhood@templenerami.org



TEMPLE NER AMI BROTHERHOOD



B-1719"

THE DOCUMENTARY OF CHARLES PIERCE

Now Available on DVD!

B-1719 is now available for purchase. This is the documentary of Charles Pierce, a holocaust survivor of Nazi Germany. A one-hour documentary that will open your eyes to tolerance, forgiveness and love. A most incredible story of human triumph told by a survivor of World War II's Holocaust, Charles Pierce, a man that spent six truly horrifying and torturous years (1939-1945) as a Nazi prisoner. What makes this story so unique, however, is that after those hellish experiences were over; even after the murder of his own parents, you will witness Charles' devotion and determination to rebuild his life free from regret, anger

or revenge. He traveled to schools and other venues sharing his story of the Holocaust, tolerance and love. This is what makes our documentary most memorable to the viewer; it's an experience touching the heart and mind. Charles passed away on October 10, 2012 but his story will live forever.

The DVD also has special features with beautiful original music. There is a slide show of Charles' family, past and present. There is an interview with Mark, his son, and John Baillie which tells more about Charles' experiences during the war. There are a few maps showing the locations of the concentration camps and the route of the Nazis during the war. Finally, there is a most moving story,

told by a young 13 year old girl of how Charles touched her life during one of his visits to her school. We are proud to say, our documentary is the winner of a **2013 Telly Award**.

The last 6 years of Charles' life was spent talking to high schools and other venues, telling his story of survival, forgiveness and love. This documentary will move you in ways you never thought possible.

You can view a few clips from the documentary by going to our website at: www.TheSurvivalStation.com.

You can purchase this documentary on our website at www.TheSurvivalStation.com or on Amazon.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS Members & Children

1 Dr. Robert Improta	12 Dr. Walter Burstein	26 Gloria Brodie
2 Rene D'Inca	13 Lee Edwards	26 Renee Stein
3 Elinore Felder	14 Sylvia Leventhal	27 Ron Wallace
6 Allyson Williams	14 Marcia Zarkin	28 Stanley Baratta
7 Robin Lefkovits	15 Dr. Gina Burstein	28 Gail Kleinman
7 Dorothy Rosenfeld	15 Lisa Schwartz	28 Mitchell Schwartz
10 Stanley Reshes	16 Brian Sadowsky	29 Vicki Dick
10 Robert Scheerger	19 Dr. Judith Krieger	29 Jennifer Greenblatt
11 Joyce Brown	24 Russell Kamola	29 Susan Weinstein
	25 Marty Schneider	

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Year
Shlomo & Charlotte Kreitzer	Dec. 1	28th Anniversary
Jack & Marlene Votion	Dec. 19	49th Anniversary
Paul & Joan Taubman	Dec. 20	61st Anniversary
David & Sandra Fischler	Dec. 27	27th Anniversary

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Religion: From the Perspective of Women-AAUW Oaktwig Dec 2013

The November 6 branch program was part of AAUW's educational mission about women and what affects them. Jeanette Hosek was the moderator for the packed house of 75. Handouts were available for many of the religions along with a helpful sheet on *Ground Rules for Dialogue* between people with differing views.

Hosek cited the PEW Research Center study that found that 83% of the U.S. population is affiliated with or connected to a religion and 51% of those are women. Only 16% of the U.S. population is not affiliated with a particular religion. And worldwide 8 in 10 identify with a religious group. Six major religions – Jewish (Rabbi Lisa Bock), Muslim, (Nooshie Motaref), Unitarian-Universalist (Rev. Betty Stapleford), Christian/Catholic (Barbara Durand), Hindu (Nitika

Parmar) and Buddhist (Lily Sugino) – were represented at this program.

In the first segment, each woman was given ten minutes to speak about her religion. All had a devotion to their religious preference - and many a sense of humor about certain aspects. For the audience there was an opportunity for enlightenment when stereotypes were either dispelled or placed in context of the historical development of that religion.

The women then discussed the various roles women play in their religion. Barbara Durand spoke of the historical role of nuns in the Catholic faith; Rabbi Bock commented that historically woman have been an important part of Judaism; Nooshie Motaref mentioned that many of the customs regarding women were part of the middle east prior to the ar-

rival of Mohammed; Betty Stapleford listed many famous American women e.g. Susan B. Anthony who were Unitarians and also that over half of all current clergy are female. All were concerned about a woman's direct involvement in each religion and how it was evolving.

It seems most religions have a common thread perhaps beginning with a cultural overtone, connecting members to community and bringing members to a belief, or respect and a love of God while teaching the importance of conducting an ethical/moral life. One might wonder why AAUWTO chose this program but seeing women from many different religions sitting shoulder to shoulder in the audience demonstrated the power of women to accept differences and create community.



Rabbi Lisa Bock tells the audience about the role of women in Judaism.



Lily Sugino, AAUW

Dr. Nikita Parmar

Rabbi Lisa Bock



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View from the Kitchen



We want to thank the following families who sponsored Onegs in November:

Gail and Larry Kleinman - in memory of Gail's parents and brother, Ruth, Morrie, & Genie Mitchell, Nov. 1st.

The **students of Avram Kohls and Karen Dworsky** to honor their teachers & parents, Nov. 8th.

Josephine and Max Freifield in loving memory of Louise Pierantoni, mother of Josephine Freifield, Nov. 17th.

Wendy Lieb in honor of her wonderful grandson Justin Lieb's Bar Mitzvah, and Sandra Goodwin in loving memory of her Mother Kitty Copeland, and Father Henry Copeland, Nov. 22nd.

The families of Temple Ner Ami at their Home shabbat celebration - November 29th

Our family Oneg volunteers are inviting you into their Jewish Temple Home. Each sponsor is helping to make Temple Ner Ami a friendly place to call home. If you enjoy the flowers and table decorations, goodies, and joy they share please go up to them and give them a big hug!

December is soon upon us. You too can have this wonderful experience. Let December be your **"Once a Year Sponsorship"** time. Call me, Arla at 482-9397 and offer to sponsor the Oneg. It is easy - I'll show you how and you will be glad you did this. Honor a friend, an event, a loved one, a person of blessed memory, or just for fun! Temple Ner Ami is a friendly place to call home! And as they say in Star Trek - *Make it so!*

Blessings,
Arla Crane, Oneg Chair

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Isabel Blau, in loving memory of her husband Sy Blau, mother Betty Miller, and mother-in-law Bertha Blau.

Naomi Brill in loving memory of her mother, Rose Marcus.

Lee Edwards in celebration of Leah Harris's special Birthday.

Betty Fink in loving memory of her late husband Hyman Fink and her Father Charles Hochberg.

Sandra Goodwin in loving memory of her Parents, Kitty & Henry Copeland

Diane Honick, in loving memory of her husband Gus Honick, and her Father Jack Gorelick.

Dr. Robert Improta in loving memory of his Grandmother Fannie Smith, and in thanks for Rabbi Lisa.

David Kaplan in loving memory of his mother, Lorraine Kaplan.

Beverly Kerwien in loving memory of her Father, Samuel A. Friedman.

Stan and Loretta Reshes in loving memory of their good friend Marty Simons, and Stan's father, Sidney Reshes.

Gerald Rosen in loving memory of his parents, Sol I. Rosen and Theodora Rosen.

Betty Stallman, in loving memory of her Father Morris Stolman.

Cynthia Urbach, in loving memory of her Mother Josephine Berman.

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Jack Votion in loving memory of his father, Jack Votion.

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Irv Dubin Teen Scholarship Fund

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Jean Shev, in loving memory of her dearly departed family members.

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Andrea and Irwin Granat, in celebration of their son Jessie's business success.

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Fran & Barbara Hawthorne in honor of their parents, Edward and Lillian Hawthorne

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Cassandra & Michael Posner, in honor of Michaela Ziva Posner's Bat Mitzvah.

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December Members' Yahrzeits

Friday, December 6th for Dec 1-7 (28 Kislev - 4 Tevet)

Liane Kamola...Mother of Russell Kamola

Michael Metz ...Brother of Cathye Clark

Sy Blau** ...Husband of Isabel Blau

Jack Stolman...Brother of Betty Stallman

Norman Graff ...Father of Steven Graff

Isaac Shev ...Father-In-Law of Jean Shev

Morris Jaffe ...Father-In-Law of Elaine Jaffe

Anne Mesirov** ...Mother of Fred Mesirov

Natalie Krantz** ... Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

Friday, Dec. 13 for Dec. 8-14 (5-11 Tevet)

Rose Weinstock** ...Mother of Michael Veselak

Bernice Persky** ...Mother of Marlene Votion

Doris Herschberg ...Sister of Frank Seiden

Frank Spiegel** ...Husband of Stefania Spiegel

Friday, Dec. 20 for Dec. 15-21 (12-18 Tevet)

Anne D. Borovoy ...Mother of Verna Merrin

Ben Dick ...Uncle of Mel Dick

Betty Miller ...Mother of Isabel Blau

Abraham Hirsch ...Brother of Julius Hirsch

Eugene Borelli ...Father of Lawrence Borelli

Friday, Dec. 27 for Dec. 22-28 (19-25 Tevet)

Theda Frank ...Mother of Wendy Hoffman

Hyman Fink ...Husband of Betty Fink

Marily Rosenthal ...Mother of Sarene Wallace

Bertha Blau ...Mother-In-Law of Isabel Blau

Oscar Feinberg ...Father of Joan Taubman

Terry Sterling ...Sister of Alan Crane

Sigmund Jaffe ...Husband of Elaine Jaffe

Margie Bonderman** ...Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

Minnie Lewing** ...Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

Calman Rosenkrantz ...Husband of Muriel Rosenkrantz

Edna Miller ...Mother of Sharron Parker

Sidney Matorin ...Husband of Sharon Matorin

Friday, Jan 3. for Dec. 26-Jan. 4 (26 Tevet - 3 Shevat)

Gary Bergman ...Son of Irving and Arlene Bergman

Melvin Shapiro ...Brother of Mike Shapiro

Dorothy Hoffman ...Mother of Alan Hoffman

Selma Grossberg ...Mother of Susan Weinstein

Debora Brooks ...Mother of Gloria Brodie

David Goldstein ...Son of Bill and Claire Goldstein

Otto Goldberg ...Father of Mildred Seidler

Jack Rosenberg ...Brother of Sheila Bachelis

Florence Koenig ...Mother of Sharon Green

Max Heller** ...Remembered by Temple Ner Ami

Note: The above listings cover honorarium, tribute, fund and High Holy Day donations received and posted into our system between October 19th and November 25th.

** Name on the Yolanda Cramer Memorial Yahrzeit Board.

z"l In blessed memory.

The Temple's Yahrzeit Board has spaces available for remembering loved ones who have passed away. The requested donation for memorial plaques on the Yahrzeit Board is \$360.00 per plaque.

Fall Prevention Safety for the Elderly


Living a safe, healthy, and independent life is important for older adults. Falls, however, rob them of this life. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 3 adults age 65 years and older fall every year. These falls result in moderate to severe injuries, which include: hip fractures, lacerations, and head traumas. Increased age, lack of exercise, and a poor diet are personal risk factors for falling. Medical conditions that

contribute to falls include, but are not limited to: side effects of medications, impaired musculoskeletal function, arthritis, and vision and/or hearing loss. Falls are easily prevented. The following are proven interventions that can decrease falls and help older adults live better, and longer.

By Quynhvi Vu, RN student of CSUCI
Presented by Livingston Memorial VNA & Hospice

Fall Prevention Safety for the Elderly:

- Exercise regularly- Improves leg strength and balance
- Review medications, both over-the-counter and prescription, with your physician or pharmacist. Medications may cause side effects (e.g., dizziness, drowsiness) and use of multiple medications may result in drug interactions.
- Annual vision checks
- Home modifications- improving lighting in the home, add grab bars in the shower, add railing on both sides of stairways, and remove any tripping hazards (e.g., wire or cords, clutter on the floor, loose or torn carpet)
- Wear well-fitting shoes. Avoid going barefoot or wearing slippers.

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December Outside Organization Meetings

CITY OF HOPE

Board Meeting, Mon. 12/23, 9:30am
Joan Rines, Co-President - 805-987-2147
Al Schwartz, Co-President - 805-482-4299



JNET

Regular Meeting, Thurs. 12/5, 7-9 pm
Contact Dale Jacobs, Pres., (818) 207-4965



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

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Board Meeting - Thursday, Dec. 5th - 10 am
Monthly Meeting, Dec. 26th, Noon
To RSVP for lunch call Silvia Lippe at 805-987-4477
For info call Shirley Law, 805-987-5468 or
President, Cynthia Urbach - 805-419-4403

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 1 Chanukah 5 Candles	2 Chanukah 6 Candles 4:15p Torah School	3 Chanukah 7 Candles 7p Sec. Jewish Values & Ethics	4 Chanukah 8 Candles 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 1:30p Every Day is New Beginning 4:15p Torah School 7p Judaism 101 7:30p Brotherhood Game Night	5 Chanukah 8th Day 10 ORT Board Meeting 7p JNET Meeting	6 4:28p Candle lighting 7:30p Shabbat Service honoring Club 90	7 9 Torah Study Class 10 Shabbat Morning Service & Oneg
8 8 Habitat for Humanity Build Day - Tikun C.	9 4:15p Torah School	10 11 Eager Readers Book Club 7p Sec. Jewish Values & Ethics	11 12p Torah - Women's Perspective 4:15p Torah School 7p Board of Directors Meeting	12 7p Sisterhood Chanukah Evening	13 Asara ETeret 4:29p Candle lighting 7:30p 6th Grade Shabbat & B'Day/Annivers.	14 9 Torah Study Class 10 Talmud Study
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22	23 9:30 City of Hope Board Mtg.	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas - Temple Closed	26 12p ORT General Meeting 5p Rehearsal Baraita	27 4:36p Candle lighting 5:30p Tot Shabbat Program 6p Bring Your Own Dinner 7p Family Shabbat Service	28 9 Torah Study Class 10 Bar Mitzvah Grayson Baraita
29	30 Rescue Mission Service	31	Jan 1	2 Rosh Chodesh Shvat 10 ORT Board Meeting 7p JNET Meeting	3 4:41p Candle lighting 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 9 Torah Study Class 10 Shabbat Morning Service & Oneg

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