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Prayer and Talking With God

Message from Rabbi Mike Lotker

You may find it hard to believe, but I attended the first High Holy Days of my life less than 30 years ago (I grew up in a very *Yiddishkeit* or culturally Jewish but completely non-observant home). I remember thinking then as the congregation dutifully read the liturgy, “What kind of a God would appreciate praise read unquestioningly from a book?” It was as though I might have lined up my children and written a bunch of praises to me that they would read on my birthday! In short, I wondered “what’s going on with prayer?”

One Hebrew word for prayer is *l’hitpalel*, meaning to examine one’s self. I believe that prayer is more important for us than it is for God. I’m pretty sure that God doesn’t need our prayers but I am sure that we need to be the kind of people that turn to God in prayer, that believe that there is more to the world than what can be created by our own two hands. We need to have someone to whom we can ask comfort and to whom we can give thanks. We need to pray. We need to pray at home as well as in the synagogue.

I invite you to try prayer at home in two easy steps. First try simply reciting the Shema (“*Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad*” “Hear O Israel, Adonai is

our God, Adonai is One”) at home when (as it says in the Torah) you rise up and when you lie down. You can and should do this with your children. If you want more once you master this, chant the *v’ah-baf-ta* (ask any Bar/Bat Mitzvah child for help). If you still want more, we have a wonderful daily liturgy at your fingertips in the prayer book.

I also invite you to simply talk to God, routinely, at least once a day. Find a quiet time when you will not be interrupted. Simply start talking to God

– out loud. It may seem very strange and awkward at first. You may be inundated with doubts about your sanity and whether you can really talk to God when you are not sure that you truly believe in God. Gently push all these thoughts aside. Don’t let your doubts about God interfere with your relationship with the Holy One. Simply pour out your heart. Ask for the big things and the little things. Thank God for all the blessings in your life and ask for the strength to endure the challenges. And (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT) don’t forget to be still long enough for God to answer you. So many of us pray for things and then just as God is about to respond, we hang up! May God enrich our lives through the spiritual discipline of daily prayer!





Volunteers Appear Like Magic from Shari Brody

Rabbi Mike, Julia, our Torah School Director, Katie, our retiring Temple Administrator, Mark, our new Temple Administrator and Kaila, our new Accountant, had a huge task ahead of them after

the move! There was settling in, setting up and so much to transition between our retiring Katie and our new Mark. POOF: almost like magic, people signed up to help and an "Official" Volunteer program was started. It is a wonderful thing to be involved and feel part of our new home. Just ask these volunteers who came forward in May & June: **Naomi Brill, Howard Brody, Shari Brody, Sharon Green, Beverly Kerwien, Sonia Lotker, Irene Olsen, Annelies Regan, Muriel Rosenkrantz, Art Slade, Phyllis Slade, Darryl Sobelman, Joan Stone, Marlene Votion, and Carole Warren.**

In early June, a Shabby Chic Garage Sale benefiting the Torah School, was held at the home of Arla and Jay Crane. Thanks to these volunteers who were there to help: **Naomi**

Brill, Marlene Votion, Raja Desenberg, Pam Bogen and Arlene Cohen.

We would love to include you in this group of wonderful volunteers! Please consider contacting me at bothbrodys@aol.com or 805-492-2129, if you have time on Fridays from 9:00- 11:30 or 11:30 - 2:00, which are the June and July hours at the Temple. Just like the Uncle Sam poster said, "We Need You."



Teens: This is a great opportunity to earn some community service hours during the summer.

In August, things will begin to get busy again with Torah School and High Holidays preparations starting. Our need may increase to three or four days a week, two shifts a day. You can volunteer for one shift a month, every other week, once a week--whatever time you have to share will be a *mitzvah*. This will be on going and fills a tremendous need. It is a great way to feel at home in our new Temple as well as to meet new people!

You can help the magic continue...



Sisterhood News from Arla Crane

This has been a wonderful year. We have had great programs, lots of laughs, and many memories. I need to thank my coordinating

committee who worked so hard putting together our Luncheon/Concert for Katie Glenn. Sonia Lotker and Shari Brody were remarkable. The program would not have been the success that it was without these two amazing ladies. Thanks too to Joan and Lou Stone for ticket taking and raffle selling. And Gina Burstein was a great behind the scenes person, as well as our chief buyer of goodies at the silent auction. The event was a financial success: netting around \$6000. More importantly, it was an emotional success...saying good bye to our dear Katie.

I am now stepping down as Sisterhood President. New people will be coming on board and the best is yet to come. Thank you to the Sisters in the Hood for launching our first (and probably last) Shabby Chic/Garage sale. Naomi Brill was such a help, pricing all the items. Reja Desenberg, Annie Regen, Arlene Cohen, Marlene Votion, Pam Bogan, Naomi Brill and (our honorary Sister in the Hood, J. Lee Steinberg) manned the booth. We did earn just under \$600 to kick off our Torah School Support Fund. All of our Sisters were awesome collecting so many goodies for the sale. Wow...what treasures we all have. We could open our own Thrift Shop. The Sisters in the Hood rock...thank you for the great memories and wonderful support for the last three years! May the Sisterhood continue to grow to the magical 100 members. *Shalom, Arla Crane*



Shalom Haverim! Hello Friends, from Julia Newman

In past years we have chosen a single word as a theme for the school year. These have included “Energy”, “Connection”, and “Growth.” Last year our word was “Hope” and it reflected the message that even with the challenges and struggles that much of the world was experiencing and that had touched our own Congregation, even then we are a people and a community of hope. It was a good word to get us through some tough times, as hope has been what’s gotten us to this year’s word “Opportunity.”

We’ve opened a new chapter in Temple Ner Ami’s history. It is one that offers us great Opportunity to put into place all of the themes of past years: Energy. Connection. Growth. Hope. It is a very exciting time and a wonderful Opportunity for you and your family to be a part of both the traditions and the changes that make Ner Ami an exceptional Congregation.

We’re often referred to as The Little School With The Big Heart. With an incredible faculty, the most supportive of families and the most wonderful students—Ner Ami Torah School has thrived. Our numbers continue to grow. Our curriculum and programs are updated and change to meet the needs of our students. Your children bring their unique gifts and challenges—and we work with each child as an individual. We will continue to move beyond our walls to be an example and to help our community. We have a thriving, active Havurah program.

There is a strong social component to our school. Activities such as games at recess, monthly Camp

Kadima, and Junior Youth Group events, encourage our students to have a Jewish connection.

A weekend Shabbaton is planned for 4th through 8th graders for this October—which will provide yet another way to connect through informal education and the fabulous benefit of a camp experience.

Here are some highlights of our curriculum and programs:

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- Hebrew, Prayer and Ritual
- Holidays & Traditions
- Torah (Bible stories & History)
- Holocaust Education
- Life Cycle/Jewish Literacy
- Israel
- Ethics/Philosophy
- Social activities (Youth Groups)
- B’nai Mitzvah Family Education
- Mitzvot Field/Tikkun Olam Field Trips

Torah School and Teen Connection will begin the week of August 30, 2010.

Registration has begun. The teachers and I are very excited about seeing all of our returning students and meeting new students.

What can you do? Please help us continue to grow. Tell your family and friends about our wonderful school. Your word is our best advertisement.

If you have any questions or just want to chat—please feel free to give me a call.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

*B’shalom,
Julia*

Who rise from prayer better persons, their prayer is answered.



Plan for Celebration

by Lisa Bock

We tend to lead very busy lives. Much of the time we're just trying to make it through each week, and handle the every day things. As we look from summer toward fall, we can already feel ourselves 'gearing up' for what we know is coming, the onslaught

of work after the pause we tend to take in the much needed calm of the summer months. Often we are caught by a sudden realization that it is someone's birthday or anniversary, and we rush out to buy a card or send a gift – the card companies know this too, as evidenced by the category of 'late' birthday cards they offer. We can learn something about planning ahead, planning for celebration from a *midrash*, a story, about Miriam and the women at the shores of the Red Sea:

After the families of Israel crossed the sea, two song leaders led them in song. One was Moses and the other was Miriam. Miriam was Moses' older sister, the one who watched over him when he was just a baby, in the basket floating in the water. Miriam was a prophetess, the one who predicted that Moses would lead Israel out of slavery, out of Egypt.

When the families of Israel had safely crossed the Red Sea in leaving Egypt, Miriam started to sing, and all the women picked up their drums and began to sing

and dance with her. The midrash asks an interesting question: Where did the drums come from? The midrash answers its own question by saying, "The women had faith. They believed that God would indeed liberate them from Egypt. They also knew that when God liberated them, they would have to thank and praise God. The women brought the drums as an act of faith. They had already planned that celebration." – Midrash

The women had faith, they brought their drums in anticipation of celebration. Getting through each day is something they worked toward, and with their faith, they knew that God would liberate them from Egypt, and they would want to say thank you to God, acknowledge the miracle.

When we reach milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, the end of a school year, retirement, sometimes simply just to complete the work week, it is indeed a time for celebration, acknowledgment, and to thank God.

The women had faith and gratitude, two traits that we can take on just in one phrase: *Plan to Celebrate!*

How will you celebrate?!

Shalom,
Student Rabbi Lisa Bock

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We wish to acknowledge generous contributions from: Founding Family members Dr. and Mrs. Marc Wolfsohn, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Crane, and an anonymous founding family donor. We also want to thank The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Ami and Karen Rosenstein of Nevada for their contributions to our effort! Help us fulfill our goal...every penny counts.

Make your check out to Temple Ner Ami. In the memo portion of the check write: Principal's Fund.

With your help we will meet our goal!



Committees Forming at Temple Ner Ami

by Gina Burstein

An active membership is key to the health of our Temple community. Committee membership is a way to give a little back and become more involved while making new friends. We are now forming the following committees:

- 1) **Religious Practices Committee:** work with others in helping to plan High Holiday Services, and help to make decisions on ritual practices of our Congregation.
- 2) **Programming Committee:** Come up with stimulating ideas for special programs or speakers, to supplement our regular Shabbat Services.
- 3) **Membership Committee:** work to increase and retain membership and make new members feel welcome.
- 4) **Tikkum Olam Committee:** what it's all about, making the world a better place.
- 5) **Fundraising Committee:** because dues alone don't fund our Temple. Be part of our financial security.
- 6) **Education Committee:** Oversee the Torah School, help Julia Newman, our educator, when needed and plan the Purim Carnival.

Some of you may remember signing up for some of these committees when we met to discuss our Temple move. Now that we are in our new home, let's get started. Please choose a committee that fits for you, and then eMail walterandgina@verizon.net with your preference. I will put you in touch with the other committee members.

Thanks for your interest and involvement.



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Library News

by Phylis Mandel

Before I moved to California 42 years ago, I was a librarian at the College of Jewish Studies and the Cleveland Hebrew Schools in Cleveland Heights, Ohio from 1955 - 1968.

I classified and catalogued the library materials in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. Even typed the cards on a Hebrew typewriter.

I was the Corporate Librarian and Supervisor of Corporate Records at Occidental Petroleum Corporation on Wilshire Blvd. in Westwood from 1968 to 1985 when I retired to beautiful Camarillo.

I joined Temple Ner Ami the year Rabbi Lotker was ordained and the Library was in the very capable hands of Ruth Nathan. As you know Ruth and Robert are moving to Santa Barbara and I asked Rabbi Mike if I could set up the Library after our move from the Tesoro Avenue facility to Temple Avenue.



The Library is used as a meeting and conference room throughout the week. We had to empty all those piles of boxes filled with books very quickly. Shlomo and Charlotte Kreitzer and I just shoved the books on every available shelf, even double shelved the books just to clear the floor of the Library of all the boxes.

I am now classifying and cataloging the books under the Dewey system and it is very slow going, making sure that each book is stamped with our identifying Temple Ner Ami stamp and cards are typed and identifying subject labels are put on the spine of each book for easy viewing.

If a book or video was borrowed before our move, please return it to the Book Cart in the Library, so that it can be classified and catalogued. Thank you.

I am in the Library Monday through Thursday from 11 :00 to 3 :30 if there are any questions. (except when I have other commitments).

*Our **Accounting Dept.** thanks everyone who has promptly sent their dues for the upcoming new Fiscal Year. Your dues and contributions keep our Temple alive. If you have questions or wish to pay your dues or Torah School tuition via credit card, contact Kaila Kaden*

at accounting@templenerami.org or in the Temple Offices Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at (805) 388-3824. Thank you for the Mitzvah of supporting Temple Ner Ami and keeping the Jewish community a thriving entity in Camarillo!

Do you have eMail?

If the answer is no, then you are one of the last people to get Temple news!

This annoys me, so I would like to get the names and phone numbers of the people without eMail. With cooperation from you, we could have a telephone group to forward important news and not have to wait for the next issue of the Megillah.

Please call me, **Beverly Kerwein**, with your name and phone number at (805) 482-4388.



Are You On Our e-Mail List?

Do you get your weekly eMail notice about coming events for Shabbat? If you're not and

you'd like to be, the way to get on the list is simply to e-mail the Rabbi at rabbi@templenerami.org and just say "add me to the list."

You may be on our list even if you are not a member. Just ask!

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If you have any questions, contact the Temple Administrator, Mark Malloy at 805-388-3824.

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

Come to the June 27, 2010 meeting of the JGSCV

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. There will be two lectures- with a break in between:

Genealogical Resources in Latin America

The lecture will present a brief history about the countries, their origin, government and community institutions, cemeteries, organizations and records, how to do research in these countries, what to look for and how to ask for information in: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and the Caribbean islands.

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Speaker: Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy and translation manager, MyHeritage.com.

Daniel was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela, has a BS.C in computer engineering. Daniel was a

founding member and lecturer of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Venezuela - AGJUVE (2001-2005). He has lived in Israel since 2005, is a member and webmaster of the Israel Genealogical Society (IGS) and the Horowitz Families Association. Daniel serves on the board of directors of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) since 2008 .

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.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

For more info please eMail:
information@jgscv.org

or call Jan Meisels Allen at 818-889-6616

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Rhea Schallheim.....mother of Paul Schallheim
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Abe Epstein.....father-in-law of Bernice Epstein
May Meyers.....wife of Jack Meyers
Max Ross.....brother of Mae Mendelson
Celia Hurwitz.....aunt of Jean Shev

Friday, July 9, 2010

Albert Milton Brooks..father of Gloria Jean Brodie
Norman Nussbaum..grandfather of Danalynn Pritz
Maurice Dektor..... grandfather of Dalya Dektor
Bernard Graham.....uncle of Deborah Blum
Owen Desenberg.....husband of Raja Desenberg
Mindl Kirschenbaum..grandmother of Alec Kurman
Anita Allan.....mother of Dr. Jeff Allan
Tillie Goldring.....grandmother of Andrea Donahoo
Rae Hochberg.....Mother of Betty Fink
Alvin Green.....husband of Sharon Green
Jacob Stone.....father of Anne Burke
Paul Ciria.....father of Nancy Phillips

Friday, July 16, 2010

Alex Wechsler.....father of Kenneth Wechsler
Irwin Red Greentree.....husband of Zelda
Greentree
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Lefkovits
Harry Varah.....father of Bernice Epstein
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Dektor
Rachel Kreitzer.....mother of Shlomo Kreitzer
Frank Epstein.....Father of Phyllis Wechsler
Jennie Stolman.....mother of Betty Stallman
Rudolf Regen.....husband of Annelies Regen
Ruth Karpe.....aunt of Phyllis Slade

Friday, July 23, 2010

Aaron Beckerman...grandfather of Sandra Goodwin
Mildred Brownstein..... aunt of Dalya Dektor
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Zelmon
Rudolf Heinemann.....father of Hilde Block
Irving Johnson..late husband of Dorothy Rosenfeld
Rosalyn Kaufman.....grandmother of Karen Keys
Albert Carmona.....husband of Della Carmona
Jimmy Edwards.....husband of Lee Edwards
David Gershater**son of Howard & Lihi Gershater
Fred Saleh.....father of Joe Saleh
Abraham H. Geffner..brother-in-law of Julian Weiss
Nathan Weintraub..... grandfather of Dalya Dektor
& great grandfather of Elizabeth Jacobs
Alex Taubman.....father of Paul Taubman

Friday, July 30, 2010

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Sy & Isabel Blau - 53 years	Wednesday	July 14
Walter & Gina Burstein - 21 years	Thursday	July 15
Lawrence & Gail Kleinman - 43 years	Sunday	July 18
Alec & Cheri Kurman - 19 years	Tuesday	July 27
Daniel & Mary Harris - 15 years	Thursday	July 29

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Allan Sadowsky	Monday	July 5	Harriet Lit	Wednesday	July 14
Aaron Weiss	Tuesday	July 6	Marilyn Seiden	Monday	July 19
Kim Honig	Wednesday	July 7	Ruth Fridberg	Thursday	July 22
Keith Elliott	Thursday	July 8	Marlene Votion	Thursday	July 22
Elva Levine	Thursday	July 8	Arlene Needham	Friday	July 23
Joseph Saleh	Thursday	July 8	Charlotte Markus	Saturday	July 24
Lewis Stone	Thursday	July 8	Dr. Maynard Belzer	Sunday	July 25
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Joyce Lieberman	Wednesday	July 14	Shlomo Kreitzer	Thursday	July 29

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A Taste of Judaism is a three session mini-course designed to give anyone interested an overview of the world of Judaism from an adult perspective. The course is designed for interested Jews, who may have never studied Judaism past their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* experience, potential Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* candidates, potential converts to Judaism, or just interested parties. The schedule of classes are as follows: (all classes are on Thursday, last for two hours and begin at 7PM):

August 19th – God (What do we mean by God, Barriers to Belief, Jewish Approaches)

August 26th - Torah (Jewish Sacred Texts, Jewish Way of Life)

September 6th –Israel (The Land, People and Modern State)

Please call the office and watch your eMail for more details.



Movie Nights at the Temple

The response to our recent movie night was amazing. We had a great turnout and a spirited discussion of what was a very interesting and thought provoking film. This has inspired us to declare the 4th Saturday night of every month to be “**Movie Night at Temple Ner Ami.**”

We could use your help & participation!

Are there any major movie buffs out there that would like to help us pick the flick to be shown and prepare some discussion questions?

Call the office and let us know of your interest. Also, of course, please come!

The programs will start at 6:30PM on the 4th Saturday of each month and we hope to have a coffee and dessert nosh after the film along with a discussion. The programs are open to your friends and neighbors, so please spread the word.

Next Showing: July 24th, film to be announced.



Shabbat Under the Stars

One of the wonderful things about our new Temple on Temple is our beautiful yard just outside the kitchen area. So as to further enjoy this space and to celebrate Shabbat closer to God's creation on one night in the months of July and August, we will hold our Shabbat services outdoors, under the stars. We will send out eMail reminders. You might want to bring a light sweater, as the temperature can drop a bit on these evenings.

Annual Meeting of Temple Ner Ami

The hustle and bustle of moving has forced us to delay our annual meeting date.

The new date is Wednesday evening, July 14th, at 7:00PM. The program will include a report to the congregation from the rabbi and board on finances and activities.

Most important for the governance of the Temple is the vote to elect Temple Directors. *We need at least one third of the Temple membership to vote to enable us to have the new board.*

So please, Please, **PLEASE**, respond to the letter that you will have received before the meeting, and come to the meeting **and or** fill out and return the proxy form (either manually or by email).

Once the Temple Board has been selected, it will meet to elect the Temple's officers.

Fun & Tikkun Olam!

Teen Haverim is a summer outing and mitzvah program for Jewish teens entering grades 7-12. The program meets after summer school is over for the day, approximately 2 or 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Two afternoons a week are devoted to just going out and having fun together and one afternoon a week is planned as a community service/tikkun olam project. Two adult advisors will join the teens every afternoon.



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TEEN HAVERIM Summer, 2010

Teen Haverim is a summer program designed for self-identified Jewish teens entering grades 7-12 to get together over the summer to hang-out, have some fun and do some mitzvah work around Ventura County.

Advisors **Talia Savran** and **Jeffrey Lee Steinberg** will host three afternoon activities a week, 2 social and one social action, all beginning after 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is designed to allow students in summer school to still take part in some fun with other Jewish teens.

The program is being strongly subsidized by the **Jewish Federation of Ventura County**, who wish to support our teens as they grow, learn and have fun together.



teens kayaking summer, 2009

Calendar

Week One--6/29-7/1

T=Tikkun Olam, W=Movie & ice cream social
Th=ME2 Raceway

Week Two--7/6-7/8

T=Skating Hus, W=Oak Park Water Park,
Th=Tikkun Olam

Week Three--7/13-7/15

T=Firefly Ceramics, W=Bowling, Th=Tikkun Olam

Week Four--7/20-7/22

T=Kayaking, W=Lazer Tag, Th=Tikkun Olam

Week Five--7/27-7/29

T=Ice Skating, W=Golf&Stuff, Th=Tikkun Olam

Week Six--8/3-8/5

T=Verc. Comm. Pool, W=Tikkun Olam,
Th=County Fair * (extra \$\$ for wrist band)

How, Where, When, How much?

Each week costs \$75 for all three activities. There is a little flexibility if you have a prior commitment one week, but we expect each teen to commit to the plan of 2 social afternoons and one tikkun olam site. Please register by June 15th. You may add additional weeks the Thursday BEFORE the week begins.

Some sites will have transportation included, but we are depending on carpooling and parent support.

Specific drop off and pick up sites and times will be emailed to every participant the Friday before the session begins.

Teen Haverim Summer 2010

Sign up for:	Days	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1	6/29-7/1	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2	7/6-7/8	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3	7/13-7/15	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4	7/20-7/22	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5	7/27-7/29	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6	8/3-8/5	\$75+
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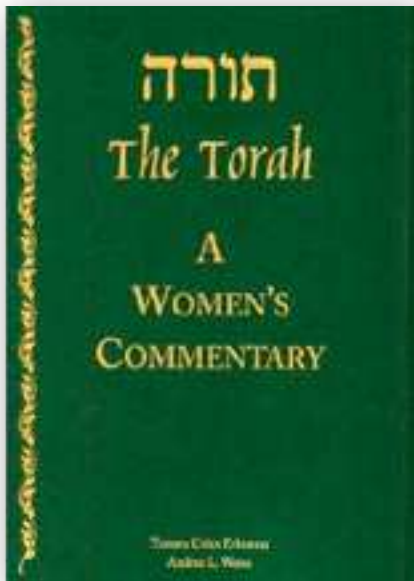
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- Check
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 - American Express

Drop off at: _____ No. of teens: _____

RSVP by June 15th

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Torah Study The Women's Perspective

Join us from Noon to 1:00 pm on Wednesdays – bring your lunch, and we'll shine light on Torah from the women's perspective!

Using Torah: A Women's Commentary by Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Andrea L. Weiss, we'll study the text together. Ner Ami has a just a few copies of this book, so if you have your own copy, feel free to bring it.

Our discussions will be led by Student Rabbi Lisa Bock. All are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you!

For generations, the task of interpreting the texts of Torah has been almost exclusively the province of men. In our generation, this has changed and the voices of women and their understandings of the Torah have enriched our people. This commentary will be a valuable addition to every synagogue, Torah study group, and Jewish home.” -- Rabbi David Ellenson, President Hebrew Union College.

Tikkun Olam - “Whoever Saves a Life Saved the World Entire”

By Joan Stone, Tikkun Olam Committee Chair

Next month on July 31st there will be a group of Temple Ner Ami members who will help to serve the meal at the Rescue Mission in Oxnard. I am frequently asked by people when we go, how often and questions about being there, and when I answer them that we will be serving the meal, I assure them that it is not difficult. In conjunction with staff members and sometimes other groups, we serve in various ways. We deliver meals to the table where many hungry people will appear. We reset the tables for the next of 2 groups and serve them too.

Food can be also served from hot tables and others

serve salads and desserts. It is a busy time but very fulfilling to help provide food to these people. There are staff people around to guide us and help to assure that it peaceful in the room.



If you are interested in joining us on the fifth Saturday of the month, please call me at 805-987-0740 or eMail me at jss55@cornell.edu. There are about 8 - 10 people each month from our Temple and that often includes young people.

There are many ways we can fulfill Tikkun Olam, which can be discussed in the future.



Sisterhood Activities for 2010
Sisterhood Meeting
July 14, 2010



6.45 P.M. – Election of Officers for 2010–2011

We will have a brief meeting, pass out awards, and join the Temple-wide meeting at 7:00 P.M.

See Everyone there!



Let's Celebrate!

Want to hear about a unique way to celebrate a special occasion in your life?

Here it is: Offer to sponsor an Oneg at one of our Friday night services. All that is required is that you bring the refreshments (homemade or purchased) for the evening and help with the set-up and clean-up.

If you are unable to bring refreshments, the Sisterhood will do it for you and you can do your part by donating to the Temple.

This is a meaningful way to celebrate and event in your life and help your Temple at the same time. Please call **Naomi Brill** at 388-8511 for more information and/or to offer your services.

Charlie Tuna & the Camarillo Church of Christ would like to thank the members of Temple Ner Ami that contributed cans of tuna to the tuna drive the church had during May on behalf of Project Understanding. The Temple received a nice thank you card from the church Benevolence Committee for our contributions to the almost 200 cans of tuna the church was able to provide to needy families in Ventura County.

**THANK
YOU!**



July Outside Organizational Meetings



CITY OF HOPE - BOARD MEETING
 Monday, July 26, 2010 - 9:30 am
 Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 - President

ORT BOARD MEETING
 Thursday, July 1, 2010 - 10am
 Annelies Regen - 805-445-9722

CITY OF HOPE - GENERAL MEETING
 July 12, 2010 - Noon
 Donald Seidler - 805-987-0917 President

ORT GENERAL MEETING
 Thursday, July 22, 2010 - 12:00 pm
 Annelies Regen -805-445-9722

HADASSAH BOARD MEETING
 Monday, July 19, 2010 - Noon
 Natalie Rosen - Co-President 805-484-3523
 Judy Meisels - Co-President 805-482-9222

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
 Tues-Wed 7-8:15 pm,
 Sat. 6:30-7:30 pm,
 Sunday 7-8 am
 (Contact Mark Malloy at the
 Temple office for details)

HADASSAH GENERAL MEETING
 Now meeting at "The Center for Spiritual Living"
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