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Should we inadvertently omit an important date of yours, please contact the editor of the Messenger. A correction will be published in the next issue of the letter.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



With Passover now behind us, it certainly feels like spring is here. As you read this newsletter, I will be preparing for my rather unexpected but exciting trip to Israel. Given that I lived there in 1985 – 1986 and traveled back and forth 3 – 4x a year from 1986 – 1990, it is just crazy for me to think that I haven’t been back in 23 years! No doubt, I’ll hardly recognize the country!

Sure, the Wall will still be in the same spot, but the super highways, cell phones, cars, trendy fashions, etc...will all be foreign! Ironically, I will be there for Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day. What an incredible day....I can’t wait to tell you all about my trip and experiences when I return.

Unfortunately, I won’t be with you at all in the month of April. As of three weeks ago, my daughter’s high school changed the Prom date. Why? Can you guess? The teachers’ union is still threatening to take furlough days and there was concern that if they didn’t move it up, this year’s graduating class would not have a prom. While this may seem trivial to you, my daughter did not want me absent from her prom preparations. As I write

this, I am still hopeful that I will find a wonderful substitute to be with you for Havdalah on April 6th and Shabbat Services April 19th (I return from Israel that morning).

I look forward to celebrating Havdalah with you on Saturday May 4th, when we will celebrate the Mothers among us, the Mothers who came before us, and those who will follow us. Until then, wishing you all health and wellness.

B'Shalom,
Cathy

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I was sorry to hear that Judy Rosen is back in the hospital. Hopefully, by this printing, she will be recovered and resting comfortably at home. I understand that Elliott Satz, a former member, is under the weather. We wish him well. Please let us know of any members who are ill, having surgery, etc., so we may send them get well cards.



Don't forget our **Tribute Cards!** As of today, no one has contacted Doreen Levin to send a Tribute Card to celebrate ones birthday/anniversary/milestone; or any other reason to honor someone. The donation is at your discretion and the tribute (without a dollar amount) will be announced in the next issue of the *Messenger*. This is just another method of fundraising for our Temple.

What Do I Get for My Dues? Our Membership committee is occasionally confronted with this blunt question. Well, for your dues, you get membership at Temple—an opportunity to work and to contribute.

Now, what do members do here? They attend Services; or maybe they don't attend—mailings (or maybe sometimes they don't get mailings!) or maybe they get mailings but don't read the mailings. They come to social events for fundraising purposes or maybe they come to fundraising events

for social purposes; maybe they plan to come but they can't come or maybe they really don't want to come at all. They organize things or maybe they help those who organize things; maybe they help those who are not so organized or maybe they have no idea what's going on.

They come to gain insight or maybe they come to share. They come to learn about doing good deeds or they come to perform good deeds. They come to remember, to laugh and to join others in joy or maybe they come to forget, to cry or to forget their crying. They come to complain, to cooperate, discuss, decide; they come to connect to others or to connect to their own past; they come to exchange pleasantries, exchange histories; they come to fill a need or divulge a need, to be part of a community or to be apart from the secular community, to partake of delicious challah and pastries or maybe to take no part at all. They give and maybe they help others to give; maybe they discover what they can give (time, money, knowledge, inspiration, music, clothes, food, kind words). They come to be in a special place or maybe to be with special people. They don't always know why they come; and maybe they don't come at all but they're members just the same.

Maybe they are members simply because they are Jews—simply because they know that whatever they need or want from their heritage, at whatever moment in their lives, or whatever hope there is for our future as Jews, it will be met with the strength of congregations if they will ensure that strength through their membership. So, for your dues, Temple simply supplies membership. All the rest is up to us, the members.

Hannah

HAVDALAH SERVICE

Our next Havdalah Service will be held at 5:30 pm on **Saturday April 6th** 2013.

It will be a catered meal, prepared by El Pollo Loco. (YUM! YUM!)

The cost is - **Members \$10.00, Guests \$15.00.** To insure that we order enough food to satisfy everyone, reservations are a must. Send your cheque to: **Carol Sherman, 505 Sandpiper Street, Banning, CA 92220** or call Carol at **(951)769-7514** no later than **April 3rd** to reserve your place at the table.

SISTERHOOD

As usual, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Sun Lakes Atrium on the Tuesday following our Shabbat service. The April date is Tuesday, 23th. It's always a good time of relaxing, catching up, and enjoying each other's company.

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Here is the Shabbat services calendar for April through June as selected by our spiritual leader, Cathy Gordon:-

April: Yom Hashoah, Israel Independence Day - May: Mothers Day - June: Fathers Day.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE ONEG SPONSORS THROUGH DECEMBER, 2013.

*April - Cathy Colt, Jeff Silver, Paul Goldstein - May: Martha & Steve Benoff, Sara Rubin - June: Ken Krupsaw, Carol Sherman - July: Marty & Sandy Hoffman, Bill & Sandy Zwick - August: Laurie Feigenbaum - September Hannah Riceberg, Adelle Keifer - **October: Open** - November: Sandra Shulkin & mabelle gasper- December: Jay & Leslie Diamond.*

Please call Carol Sherman 769-7514 if you want to honor someone by being one of the sponsors for an Oneg.



HAVDALAH SPONSORS

The Temple needs volunteers to help defray the cost of our spiritual leader for Havdalahs, it is still possible (and welcome) for you to sponsor a Havdalah with a donation. The donation can be any amount you want to give. If you wish, you will be honoured by being called up during the Havdalah Service to be a part of the ritual. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Shabbat and at the Havdalah Services.

Right now ALL months are open except for October. The Hoffmans and Zwicks are sponsoring that Havdalah.

Please volunteer as a Havdalah sponsor. The Temple needs volunteers desperately.

WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, April 11, 2013 is a special day for our temple, at **Wendy's** Restaurant. On that date, from **4:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm**, 10% of *all* sales will be donated to Congregation Shalom Bayit. So it behoves us to gather all of our friends, neighbours and relatives and bring or send them to our local Wendy's.



Our “Day at Chili’s” fund raiser will be repeated on Thursday, June 20, 2013. Bring your friends, relatives, neighbours and anyone else you can. It is important to support these fun raisers. Our treasury is sorely in need of funds. A big THANK YOU to those who save plastic bottles and aluminum and cans for the Temple. Please continue to do so. Give them to, or call, Ilene Kaplan (951-845-0830) when you have some to donate. You may also bring them to the Friday night or the Havdalah services.

While each donation may be small, they add up to money in our treasury. Another big thank you to the temple members and their friends who participate in the 50-50 drawings at the havdalah services. The temple really appreciates the donations.

Ilene

TRIBUTE CARD DONATIONS

If you wish to send a Tribute Card to family, friends, congregants, etc., and at the same time make a donation to Shalom Bayit, simply call Doreen Levin at (951)845-9288. Let her know if you are celebrating someone's birthday, anniversary, other special occasion or milestone, or sending condolences to someone, and she will send out a Tribute Card to them. You should then send a check with "Tribute Card" in the 'For' (or whatever your check shows for a notation on the bottom left) to: Congregation Shalom Bayit, 1320 W. Williams Street, Banning, California 92220. Everyone benefits!



SAVE THIS DATE: Palm Springs Follies outing will be on **Thursday, May 2, 2013.**

The headliner will be the smash hit singer, **Lesley Gore**. We are going to the matinee performance and need to be in our seats by 1:00 p.m. The price will be \$57.00 pp. Enjoy the street fair following the show if you wish.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.

Remember to bring whatever non-perishable food items you can spare for the church. The church is in need of food items for the needy families of our area. Please bring these items to the Havdalah or Shabbat services. Ask any board member where to place them.

FINDING NEW MEMBERS

Our temple is always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who might want to join our friendly congregation, please bring them to a Shabbat service, or call Ed Newman, (951)769-8850) and let him know.

HELPING OUR MILITARY.

Save the used postage stamps from letters you receive. Cut them off of the envelopes, leaving about ½” border around the stamp. They are used as therapy by our military hospitals. Give them to Ilene Kaplan. She will see that they get to where they are needed.



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