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MEET OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

When asked by the writer of this Newsletter to pull together a “Bio” for this months Messenger, I thought to myself.....”How boring! What is there to say about me?”

With further thought, I wondered if I should just stick to the facts, embellish, or try to come up with something interesting and humorous! I then remembered a few of the biographies I enjoyed reading over the years: Martha Graham, JFK, MLK, John Adams, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Golda Meir, Eleanor Roosevelt and many more. They were lucky, I thought. They had amazing lives and someone to write their biographies for them!

For the purpose of this newsletter, let me be clear. Everything I tell you is truthful. Like the Presidents listed above, I too have been President! So, read on and learn more about me. Born in the early 1960’s, the third of four children (and the only girl), I was destined to become a “Valley Girl!” Raised in Encino and Northridge, California, I attended public schools and later studied as an



Our own Cathy Gordon

undergraduate at UC Santa Cruz & UCLA. I earned my Master's degree in Social Work in 1989 at UCLA as well.

My connection to Judaism came from home, where both of my parents were lay leaders in my synagogue. However, more significant to my connection to Judaism were my years as a camper and song leader at Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu and Camp Swig in Saratoga, California.

Between undergraduate and graduate school, I spent a year living in Israel and seriously considered making Aliyah – but for all the wrong reasons. I loved my time living and working in Israel but knew that it would be a place I loved, supported and visited, rather than settled in.

Upon completion from graduate school, I had an amazing job as Director of the Cult Clinic in Los Angeles. Perhaps one day I will speak with all of you about cults and mind control. This was an inspiring and challenging job and one that came with great risks. When the risks started to outweigh the benefits, I decided to move on in my career.

It was then that I became the director of Camp Kinneret Summer Day Camp and during those years, started my family. My daughter Hannah will soon be 18, Emma is 14, and Will is 12. From early in high school until today, I always had one foot in the door of Contemporary Jewish music. Through college and graduate school, my song leading and cantorial work supported my studies and paid my bills. Later on, I was often asked to work as a substitute cantor for friends on leave.

Wondering when I was president? I was President of my elementary school and my middle school! Oh, and President of way too many volunteer, fund raising organizations to name here! I love to bake, dislike cooking, love to exercise, strongly dislike reality T.V., and love the movies! One final thought and something you should know about me. I am honored to be sharing this year with all of you and while I am working many different jobs in several different cities, I am always open to hearing from you and can be reached at cag123@me.com.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Cathy



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

It's hard to believe that this calendar year is coming to an end soon. Our new slate of officers is hard at work in an attempt to increase membership and satisfy the needs of our congregants. We've had a few months now with our new spiritual leader, Cathy Gordon, and hope that everyone is enjoying the services she provides as much as I am. Please be sure to let Lauree or me know if you have any comments or needs not being met at these services and we will bring them to her attention. Conversely, let us know what you like about the services. Again, I ask that you all think of the less fortunate and remember to bring non-perishable items to the food pantry at the church. Every little bit helps. I'm looking forward to our Hanukkah Havdalah which is being catered. See you all soon.

Hannah

Ladies. If a man says that he'll fix something, there's no reason for you to remind him every couple of months to do it. My sex life is like a Ferrari. I don't have a Ferrari.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.

Remember to bring whatever non-perishable food items you can spare for the church. With Thanksgiving coming up soon, the church is in need of a lot 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.

I just heard a man complaining about how expensive his wedding was. He's really in for a surprise when he finds out how much his divorce will cost him.

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.

I'm writing a book about reverse psychology. Please don't buy it.

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 occupational therapy by our military hospitals. Give them to Ilene Kaplan. She will see that they get to where they are needed.

I tried exercising once, but had to quit. I seem to be allergic to it. My skin flushed, my heart raced and I got all sweaty and short of breath.

2013 MAH JONGG CARDS

The new 2013 **Mah Jongg** cards are available this year through the temple. Once again they are **\$7.00** for the standard sized card and **\$8.00** for the large print version. Call Carol Sherman ((951)769-7514) to place your order. The deadline to order is January 30, 2013.

FROM RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Thank you to each person who has helped with setting up and clean up after services and onegs and havdallahs. It takes a lot of people pitching in to make everything happen and all your work is truly appreciated.

There is going to be a small change to the havdallahs. Havdallah will start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 sharp. People who go to the trouble of making wonderful hot dishes will not see them sit there getting cold. In addition, when you arrive, the oven will be on for anyone who wishes to keep their dish warm. In January we are going to have a "super-havdallah". For the January havdallah we are asking that everyone who possibly can, make a homemade recipe. Remember when there used to be a kugel, Chinese chicken salad, homemade casseroles, fresh vegetables etc.? January is the designated month to each bring our best dish and

make a great havdallah. For those who do not cook, please consider making a salad or similar simple dish. For those who no longer use their kitchen, a store bought item will still be much appreciated. There are still many people who have not picked a month to help sponsor the oneg. Please choose a month and either tell Carol Sherman or me. Thank you.

Lauree Feigenbaum, Religious Practices

My ex is living proof as to how stupid I can be.

SISTERHOOD

The October Sisterhood meeting was a great success. There were 13 women present. We held a brief meeting to elect officers for the new year, then adjourned to the dining room to eat, visit, and relax enjoying each other's company. Newly-elected officers are President- Joan Frost, Vice-President- Marge Amstadter, Secretary- Hannah Riceberg, and Treasurer- Cathy Colt. We also voted to **forgo a December meeting** since our regular meeting date falls on Christmas Day. We'll **resume** our regular schedule in **January 2013**. Let's keep up the great attendance!

Joan Frost

President

DECEMBER HAVDALAH

Let's all meet 'n eat



Our December Hanukkah Havdalah will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 5:30 pm. It will be catered by our favorite caterer - Thomas' Catering of Hemet. The meal will consist of a salad, brisket, potato latkes (with sour cream & applesauce) and veggies. And, there will be jelly donut holes for desert.



Make your reservation NOW! **Cut off date** to reserve is **November 27, 2012**

Cost for members \$20.00. Guests \$22.00. Complete the tear-off form on the enclosed flyer and send it and your cheque to:-

Carol Sherman, 505 Sandpiper Street, Banning, CA 92220.



Havdalah November 3, 2012