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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

I do hope that 2013 is off to a wonderful start for all of you. I again want to thank everyone who contributed to making our January Havdallah meal so delicious. Who will share the first recipe? Also, to those who continuously show up early and/or stay late to set up, decorate, clean up, shlep tables, etc...(and you know who you are!), a VERY BIG THANK YOU! Another thank you to those of you who worry about my drive home! A few of you have asked me to call or email to let you know I arrived home safely. Your caring and concern are truly appreciated.

Several of you have asked me to talk about my experiences as Director of the Cult Clinic 1989-1992. I have decided to share my knowledge of cults, mind control, “deprogramming” and the like at our next Havdallah on February 2nd. I hope you will be able to join us and that you’ll find the discussion interesting, insightful and



Cathy Gordon

educational. Bring your questions, friends, neighbors (but remember to RSVP!) If you have the opportunity to pick up a copy of Steve Hasson's Combating Cult Mind Control, I encourage you to do so. It's a very easy read and amazing story about a "nice Jewish boy" from the East Coast who became deeply entrenched in the Moonies in the late 1970's – 1980's.

Please also join us for the Shabbat service on Friday evening 2/15, 2013. Find out the truth about Purim! The whole Megillah!

Until we meet again, B'Shalom

Cathy

Religious Practices

HERE IS THE SHABBAT SERVICES CALENDAR FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE AS SELECTED BY OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, CATHY GORDON:-

February : Purim - March: Passover - April: Yom Hashoah, Israel Independence Day - May: Mothers Day - June: Fathers Day.

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

February: Hannah Riceberg, Nancy Darling - March: Adele Kiefer, Kay Ross, Ilene Kaplan, Carol Sherman
April: Cathy Colt, Paul Goldstein - May: Paul Goldstein, Martha & Steve Benoff – June Ken Krupsaw, Carol Sherman, Sandy & Bill Zwick – July: Marty & Sandy Hoffman – August Laurie Feigenbaum - September Hannah Riceberg.

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.



If you are a member here at Shalom Bayit, you have joined because something inside called you to seek out a community of like-minded Jews. But, have you found your niche? Have you found friends? Have you found meaningful encounters in prayer or tzedakah projects? Your personal involvement makes the difference in how well Shalom Bayit functions for you. Think about lending your expertise to one of our many committees.

We're always looking for ways to improve community relations. Can YOU think of some projects we might undertake which would only involve our time (and not our money)? Could we perhaps take on a mentoring project as a congregation, etc? What about a group putting their heads together to come up with a way to involve the neighboring Christian community in our Passover Seder? Think about it and let me know where your interests lie.

Please get in touch with Cathy Gordon in times of joy, sadness or illness in your

life. She greatly appreciates your help in staying informed of the health needs of our congregation, and we don't always hear about it until after the fact. Cathy can be reached at 818-314-9737.

Along the lines of community, we have been remiss in contributing to the Food Pantry at the Church. Since we are not personally out there feeding the hungry, this is one way in which we can participate. I'm sure many of you have extra cans of vegetables, soups, etc., even if it's just a few cans, that you may have purchased on a whim, and which have not yet expired, that you can bring to Shabbat or Havdalah Services.

Hannah Riceberg

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 1/2" 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.

SISTERHOOD



The November Sisterhood meeting was a success with 11 members present. There was no Sisterhood meeting in December.

Please join us at our next Sisterhood meeting. Our meeting is always followed by a relaxing time enjoying lunch and each other's company.

The next meetings will be on Tuesday, January 22, and Tuesday February 19, 2013. It is held in the Sun Lakes Atrium in the main club house at 11:30 am. See you all there!

Joan Frost - Sisterhood President

2013 MAH JONGG CARDS

This fund raiser is now closed. Thanx to all who ordered the cards. The list has been sent in for processing. The temple will get some money to bolster our beleaguered treasury because of your participation.

WAYS AND MEANS

Our day at Chili's fund raiser netted the temple \$70.00. While that isn't exactly a "bonanza", it helps us. The event will be repeated in June. Perhaps we can do better then. Watch The Messenger for exact dates.

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 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

TEMPLE WEB PAGE

We have a Temple web page. If you have not seen it yet, go there. The latest Messenger and calendar of events, as well as other information, are there for you to look through, at your leisure.

The web address is "WWW.congregationshalombayit.com".

PASSOVER 2013

The Temple Shalom Bayit Passover Service will be held at the Calimessa Country club, as it was last year.

For the first time we will have Cathy Gordon, our new Spiritual Leader perform the service.

As usual it will be held on the second night of Passover. The date is

Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

The cost is \$30.00 per person for both members and guests.

Watch for more information in next month's Messenger publication.

Points to ponder

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Do illiterate people get the full benefit of alphabet soup?



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.

It used to be just death and taxes. Now there's shipping and handling as well.

HAVDALLAH SERVICE

The Havdallah service is on **Saturday, February 2nd at 5:30 pm**. It is a "catered" dinner. Be sure to complete the enclosed reservation form and send it in to:

SEND FORM AND CHEQUE TO:
CONGREGATION SHALOM BAYIT
C/O CAROL SHERMAN
505 SANDPIPER ST
BANNING, CA.92220

Or **call Carol Sherman (951-769-7514)** and let her know that you will be coming, so that sufficient food will be ordered. The cost for the Havdalah is \$14.00 for members and \$19.00 for non-members.

TRIBUTE CARD DONATIONS

All contributions received are placed in our Congregation's General Fund. Checks made out to Congregation Shalom Bayit, with "Tribute Card" in the memo portion, should be sent to:- **Congregation Shalom Bayit, 1320 W. Williams St., Banning, CA 92220** - and will result in a Tribute Card being sent by Doreen Levin to the recipient. A notice in the Tribute Card column of the *Messenger* will appear in the next available issue.

Tribute cards may be sent out for many reasons. For example :-

Honorarium Tributes - In Appreciation For: Thank someone for an evening out or at their home, for having you over for cards/mahjong, etc.; send someone your wishes for a happy birthday, anniversary, etc; congratulations for a happy event and so on.

Refuah Shleimah - Get Well Wishes to: Wish someone a speedy recovery, etc.

Memoriam Tributes - Condolences Sent To: Donate in memory of someone you know, or family or friend, in honor of a yahrtzeit, etc.

Not only will you be honouring the recipient of your card, but your donation will help support our Temple.
