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*Should we inadvertently miss an important date of yours, please contact the publisher. A correction will be printed in the next issue.*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

Resolution? Shmezolution! Yes, it’s that time of year. You know that time...you’ve had plenty of them. The calendar will move ahead and you might take a moment to think about what you would like to do differently in the coming year. Perhaps there is something you want to change? If you are anything like me, you have given up on the idea of serious resolutions because they are often a source of disappointment or self-contempt. Instead, I offer you a different idea. What about the Jewish idea of Kavanah? Kavanah translates as “intent.” Perhaps we can all think about striving for better intentions in our daily lives, both for ourselves and for others. Rather than grand plans for change, consider having good intentions and then try to follow through on them. Rather than resolving to do it, intend to do it and follow through – nothing grand but instead a consciousness to be better



and do better. As Jews I think we have a wonderful opportunity to do this twice a year. We start at Rosh Hashanah and have a reminder on January 1<sup>st</sup>. So as I wish you a Happy New Year and a 2013 filled with health and happiness, I share with you a poem and two New Year's quotes! (Author's unknown)

*What can be said in New Year rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?  
The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we know.  
We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.  
We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.  
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our prides, we sheet our dead.  
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of a year.*

*"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!"*

*"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other."*

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope everyone enjoyed the December Havdalah as much as I did. If you have any comments or concerns, I would appreciate your letting me know for future reference. We have an amazing time in store for the next few months, as Cathy Gordon is busily planning our programs. I am so thankful to have so many wonderful friends in our congregation, and appreciate all your prayers and thoughts regarding my surgery on December 13. See you some time in January (I hope).

Hannah

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#### SISTERHOOD

The November Sisterhood meeting was a success with 11 members present. We reviewed the Sisterhood's role in oneg and havdalah setup and cleanup. Our meeting was followed by a relaxing time enjoying lunch and each other's company. There was no Sisterhood meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. As usual it will be held in the Sun Lakes Atrium in the main club house at 11:30 am. See you all there!

Joan Frost - Sisterhood President



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#### Religious Practices

Here is the Shabbat services calendar for January through June as selected by our Spiritual Leader, Cathy Gordon:-

January : Shabbat Shira ( Musical Service) - February : Purim - March: Passover - April:Yom Hashosh, Israel Independence Day - May: Mothers Day - June: Fathers Day.



The following is a list of the Oneg sponsors through August, 2013.

Jan 18th - Cathy Colt, Judy Rosen, Adele Kiefer

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - Hannah Riceberg, Nancy Darling

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Adele Kiefer, Kay Ross, Ilene Kaplan, Carol Sherman

April 19<sup>th</sup> - Paul Goldstein, Cathy Colt

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Paul Goldstein

June 14th - Ken Krupsaw, Carol Sherman

July 19<sup>th</sup> - *We need someone to sponsor this oneg.*

August 16<sup>th</sup> - Lauree Feingenbaum

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

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Carol.

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RESIGNATION:- The duties of the Religious Practices Chairperson are the greatest and require the most work just before each Jewish holiday. My business is based on the Jewish holidays and requires long hours of work just prior to each holiday. It is a collision course. Therefore I have resigned as chairperson of the committee. Carol Sherman has most graciously agreed to step up and fill the position.

I will still be very active on the committee and in many ways Carol and I will be a team, with her as the leader. It is still my intention to establish a group forum to share the stories of the Righteous Gentiles. Please either call or email me to tell me 1) The name of the person's story you have chosen to represent and 2) If Saturday January 12, 2013 at 10:30 am is a good date and time for you and if not, then 3) what day or evening and what time do you suggest? Please contact me, Lauree Feigenbaum, at either 951-769-5588 or at One800dreidel@msn.com.

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### 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, especially during this holiday season. Please bring these items to the Havdalah or Shabbat services. Ask any board member where to place them.

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### INTO THE FUTURE

As the new administration settles in I have accepted the position of membership chairman. As such I am reporting that we have 38 paid members and three honorary members. Those people for whom I have an E-Mail address I will send them the membership list attached to an E-Mail. To others without an E-Mail I will provide a copy of the list. **If there are any corrections needed please notify me and I will make those corrections!**

We plan to make every attempt to increase our membership, however you can help the temple by spreading the word to potential members to come to a service and see what we are about.

Until next month, everyone please have a Shalom Bayit. For those who may not know the translation, that means peaceful home.

Ed Newman

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### 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.

BY CATHY COLT, VICE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this all the 2012 holidays will be over and we will be starting a new year – 2013. Hard to imagine, since I can vividly remember where I was and what I was doing when the year 2000 was ushered in. We have an exciting schedule of topics to be discussed during services this year during Friday night services and if you haven't been to havdalah recently I think you will be pleasantly surprised by both the turn-out and Cathy Gordon's presentations. Please try to attend one or the other or both.

Passover is early this year so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the newsletter. Ladies (and gentlemen if you want to listen to us cackle!) remember to attend the sisterhood lunch on the Tuesday after monthly services. It's at 11:30 am Sun Lakes Country Club restaurant (usually in the Atrium room).



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**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.

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**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 **Wednesday, January 30, 2013.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS**

Our day at Chili's fund raiser garnered some funds for our treasury. The attendance was less than it was on our previous day though. Perhaps we'll do better next time. Our next time will be June, 2013. Watch The Messenger for exact dates. Ilene Kaplan is still working to set up a fund raiser with KFC. Our last one with KFC was as huge success. There is a new manager involved and arrangements are still pending. Watch the Messenger for dates. Please continue to save recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans. 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.



**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.

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## HAVDALAH SERVICE

The Havdalah service for January is on **Saturday, the 5th at 5:30 pm**. It is a “pot luck” dinner. Be sure to **call Carol Sherman (951-769-7514)** and let her know what you will be bringing. The cost for the Havdalah is \$2.00 pp for members and \$5.00 pp for non-members, to help defray the room rental charge. The Temple will pick up the shortfall, as usual.

See y'all there!

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# December 1, 2012 - Havdalah

