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January Birthdays

Shirley Barsh - 01/04, Sandy Hoffman – 01/12, Leslie Diamond – 01/14, Jeff Silver – 01/18, Rachel Axelrad – 01/22,
Marty Hoffman – 01/24, Joan Frost – 01/27, Cathy Colt – 01/30

January Anniversaries

Larry & Anne Leibers – 01/31

January Yahrzeits

Robert Axelrad - Father-in-law of Rachel Axelrad, Ariella Axelrad – Daughter of Rachel Axelrad,
Molly Gerstein – Mother of Shirley Barsh, James Darling - Father of Leon Darling,
Fred Shulkin - Grandpa of Michelle Gasper, Harry Brant – Father of Adele Kiefer,
Bernard Sherman – Husband of Carol Sherman, Fred Shulkin – Husband of Sandra Shulkin,
Arlynn Genson – Mother of Richard Genson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS, “THE RABBIS”

As this year draws to a close and we approach the beginning of a New Year, we are reminded that it is time, oh yet once again, to create our list of New Year’s resolutions. When I was younger the list used to be written



down on paper. However, I soon learned that it was too depressing to look at it through the year and realize how many of my good intentions were unmet. Now I make a mental list of what changes I am going to make in my life in the coming year. But---unfortunately, the mental list does not work significantly better than the paper one. Most, if not all, of my resolutions go unfulfilled.

As Jews we get at least two tries at resolution setting every year. We have the added New Year celebration of Rosh Hashanah, followed by the Days of Awe. We work hard at remembering past mistakes and focus on ways to ensure these mistakes do not happen again in the coming years. More often we reflect on sins of commission, deeds we have done that do not reflect our

better selves. But many of our sins are sins of omission—not doing a mitzvah when we had the chance. In many ways these sins are just as damaging to our emotional and spiritual well-being.

Since we get to set resolutions twice as often as others, does that mean we are better at meeting our goals? The simple answer is we have as much difficulty as everyone else...even with the double chance to get it right.

I think I have figured out why it is so hard to keep these resolutions. When you look at the lists that people put together they are strikingly similar. They mostly contain lists of things other people say we should be doing. For example—losing weight, exercising more, reading more books, spending more time with family, etc... The reality is these are all wonderful goals and would probably be great for all of us to embrace.

However, if you think about it, if these goals were really super important to us, we would already be doing them. So this year I am going to take a different tact on resolutions. I am going to focus on what really makes me happy, what I really love to do, and decide what changes I need to make to accomplish these. Those will be my resolutions for the coming year. Included in my list of resolutions I will incorporate more drinking, and stealing---that is,

Drinking more from the fountain of knowledge and learning from others.

Stealing a little time for myself to lie back, relax, and just plain veg out.

And I promise myself I will not feel guilty for doing so. I will let you know how this works out.

With wishes for many blessings in the New Year,

Rabbi Linda and Rabbi Larry

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our December Board Meeting was interesting, and revealed we made a tidy \$186 from our "Tea Party" fund-raiser. Thanks to Cathy Colt for her usual artistic computer skills and to Ilene Kaplan for the donation of the teabags and the mailing. Additional thanks to all of our congregants 😊 who did not attend our party, but sent a donation instead. Hope you enjoyed your cup of tea.

Thanks to all those who donated to the Food Pantry at the church throughout the year. If you remember to buy a few canned goods at Big Lots or the 99 Cent stores for 50 cents a can, or some mac n cheese and bring them in, it does add up! We are also grateful to those of you who continue to save all your cans and bottles, and to Ilene for her many trips to the recycle facility and turning them into cold, hard, cash to support CSB! ❤️



Since Marty and Sandy will be taking an extended trip, Kay Ross has graciously volunteered to assume the task of publishing the "Messenger" for that period. The Membership Committee (Ed) and Religious Practice Committee are still working on a "Meet the Rabbis" Wine and Cheese get together. More info to follow.

Hannah Riceberg

We are collecting small stuffed animals in new, or near new, condition to donate to the police and/or fire department. You can bring any donations to either Shabbat or Havdalah services. The animals are used to comfort children who are involved in crisis situations. Thanks to Ilene for this project.

Community Outreach: In the last several years of economic challenges, our nation has experienced many difficulties for people of all ages and income levels. We appreciate the caring generosity of members of our congregation to assist us in our proposed community outreach program to benefit the House of Hope and the House of Decision. The donations we are requesting of gently used clothing, shampoos and other toiletries, including those you receive in hotel rooms, can help women/families transition to independence. You may bring your donations to any service during the months of January, February or March or call me at 951-769-3678 for pick-up. Together we can heal one family at a time.

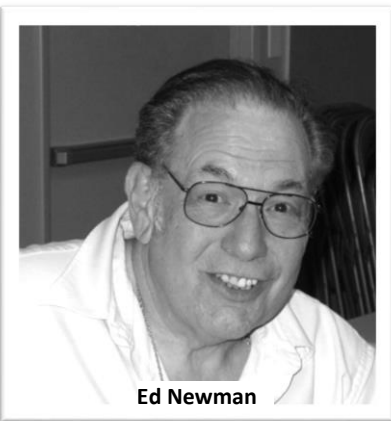
Kudos to the many of you who have helped set up and clean up before and after Onegs and Havdalahs during 2013. Your participation makes life so much easier, and your attendance at our services is what keeps us going. Thank you, Sisterhood, for your sponsorship when we are lacking a member-sponsor. Your contributions enable us to continue having our interesting Havdalahs.

And, thank you to all those members who so generously sponsored our Onegs and Havdalahs during 2013. We couldn't do it without you! Keep making those wonderful dishes for our potlucks for all to enjoy.

Hannah

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

INTO THE FUTURE



Ed Newman

As we march into the future I am happy to announce we have, so far, this year 45 members, of which three are honorary.

I have heard an increasing interest in the formation of a chavurah. For the few of you who are not aware of what a chavurah is, it can be defined as an extended family consisting of temple members. It is usually a group of people who get together for a common interest. It can be centered on almost anything. For instance, it can be a social chavurah with the purpose of gathering together as a group for dinner or an event once a month. It can be for Jewish education with an alternating meeting in a different home each month.

If any of you are interested please contact me at (951) 769-8850 and let's talk about it.

Ed Newman

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The members of Temple Shalom Bayit would like to offer our condolences to Randy Forney on the unfortunate passing of his father, Charles

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!

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.

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.

SHABBAT SERVICE

The Shabbat service will be on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

FUTURE ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS

Sponsor's for Onegs are as follows: January, 2014 - Cathy Colt & Jeff Silver -- February, 2014 - Barry & Claudia Schwartz -- March, 2014 - Ilene Kaplan/ Kay Ross/ Carol Sherman, April -- 2014 – Paul Goldstein/Cathy Colt & Jeff Silver -- May, 2014 – OPEN -- June, 2014 – OPEN -- July, 2014 – OPEN -- August, 2014- Lauree Feigenbaum -- September, 2014 – Hannah Riceberg -- October, 2014 – OPEN -- November, 2014 – Open -- December, 2014- Open.

Contact Carol Sherman (951)769-7514) to learn how to be a sponsor, and to let her know in which month or months you will sponsor the service.

HAVDALAH

The January 4th 2014 Havdalah service will be conducted, once again, by the delightful Adrienne Swedlove.

It will be a “Pot Luck” event. There is no charge, (except for the \$2.00 room rental fee) for members. The cost for non-members will be \$5.00 plus the \$2.00 room rental fee, for a total of \$7.00.

Please send your reservation form (included in this mailing) & cheque to: Carol Sherman, 505 Sandpiper St. Banning, CA 92220. Reservations are a must. Be sure to stipulate which food item you will be bringing.



FUTURE HAVDALAH SPONSORS

Sponsors for Havdalahs are:- Jan. 4, 2014 – (Pot Luck) Leon & Nancy Darling/Lloyd & Judy Margolis -- Feb. 1st 2014 (catered) Jay & Leslie Diamond/Hannah Riceberg -- March 1st, 2014 – (pot luck) Ilene Kaplan/Carol Sherman/Sarah Rubin -- April – Leon & Nancy Darling/Joan Frost -- May (Pot Luck) Steve & Martha Benoff - - June (Catered) – Cathy Colt & Jeff Silver – July (Pot Luck) – Open – August (Catered) – Open -- September

(pot Luck) – Open -- October (Catered) – Open – November (Pot Luck) - Sarah Rubin -- December (Catered) – Open. Contact or call me at:- [(951)769-7514] for details on how to become a sponsor for the open dates.

When you come to the Havdalah, if you have a few coins with you, drop them in one of the “donation” boxes that are always placed on each table. Every little bit helps.

WAYS AND MEANS

Keep those plastic bottles and aluminum cans coming. Give them to, or call me at (951-845-0830) when you have some to donate. You may also bring them to the Friday night or the Havdalah services.

There is no fund raiser in January. Our fund raiser for the month of February will be held at the Soup Plantation on Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino. The date is, Monday, February 10, 2013 from 5:00 pm ‘til 8:00 pm. We will try to set up car pools for this one.

Wendy’s re-construction program is close to completion. Once the job is done, we’ll arrange a fund raiser with them. Details will follow.

Ilene

