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RABBI'S MESSAGE

CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT

We all want to grow, we all want to improve, we all want to forgive and be forgiven, we all yearn for the kind of relationships that will yield us love, warmth and affection; we all want to feel that we are needed and that we are filling a vital role. The object of life is not just to survive, but to live meaningfully and productively. People want more than their daily routine of three meals a day and a place to live. They are looking for opportunities to make life soar beyond the confines of the ordinary.

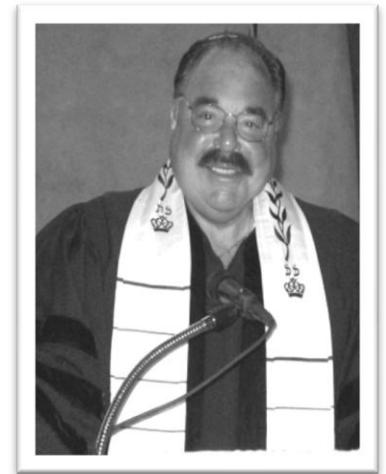
If we want these things, we must be willing to seek and to do these things. The emphasis is on the doing. That is the meaning of Mitzvah. We don't sit and meditate a deed; we do a Mitzvah. For, in the final analysis, people believe what they do, not do what they say. People feel what they do, not do what they express. For we are as we do.

Do we want to grow and improve? Then we must read books, enroll in courses, visit museums, attend concerts and plays, begin to experiment with new techniques in living. Do we want forgiveness? Then pick up the phone, dial a number and say, Lamer zach iberbeten, "Let's be friends again."

Do we want to be loved? Then begin by showing concern, consideration, tenderness, and being thoughtful and gentle. Do we want to endow our lives with worth? Then find a cause in which you believe and work for it, attend community functions and take responsibility, be an active part of our Shul. In short, seek larger issues of life and help discover solutions to problems for which the world hungers.

One of the most famous and influential Jewish French Philosophers and Nobel Prize recipient in Literature, Henri Bergson once said; "To live is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to reconstitute oneself."

B'shalom,
Rabbi Harv



Our July congregational meeting on **July 22, 2012** will be a very important one for two reasons. First and foremost, it will be to vote on the budget and the new slate of officers for the year 2013.

The second reason is that we will be taking a group photo of all of our members before the meeting, similar to the one shown on the right. It will be published in our local papers. Members will be able to buy an 8½ X 11 inch full colour copy at a later date. Those who are not at the meeting will, obviously, not be in the photo.



Here is the list of candidates for office:

President – Hannah Riceberg
Vice president – Cathy Colt
Secretary – Marge Amstadter
Treasurer – Steve Benoff

An official ballot will be mailed to you at a later date, under separate cover.

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.

WAYS AND MEANS

Because of its past success, we will be repeating our “Eat & Meet” at **Chili’s** on **July 12, 2012** and **November 15, 2012**. Pick up the necessary forms at the Friday night or Havdalah services. Or call Ilene Kaplan or Carol Sherman to get some. Be sure to pass them out to your friends and neighbours. It won’t cost them any money and will help our treasury.

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.

The KFC fund raiser has been extended ‘til the end of June. Take a form with you when you go, and give it to the order taker. Our temple will get a percentage of the net profits of our purchases.

SISTERHOOD

The May Sisterhood meeting was a success, with 7 members present. The next sisterhood meeting is on July, 24, 2012. As usual it will be held at the Sun Lakes Atrium in the main club house at 11:30 am. It is a wonderful, relaxing way to get together with the women of our temple and spend some time “schmoozing” and enjoying each other’s company. If you need to be passed through the gate, let Ilene know.

The plan to create a wall hanging is progressing. Watch for more details, coming soon.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Cantorial soloist Kathy Gordon will officiate at our high holidays services this year. Kathy conducted our services last year and did a wonderful job. The dates this year are September 16 & 17 and 25 & 26.

*I used to eat a lot of natural foods, until I discovered that most people die of natural causes.
If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?*

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

This year, the Temple is selling New Year greetings ads that will be displayed in The Messenger. The messages will appear in both the **August** and **September** issues of the publication.

Fill out the flyer enclosed in this issue. Be sure to circle the ad or adds that you desire. Print your name(s) (up to two names) in the appropriate place on the flyer. Send it to the address shown on the flyer. Include a cheque for the full amount with your submission. The **deadline** for ordering your message is **August 7, 2012**.

This is a wonderful way to wish everyone a happy New Year.

JULY HAVDALAH

We all enjoy having someone else do the cooking and cleaning, so the July 7th Havdalah will be catered. The bill-of-fare will be BBQed chicken and beef, with the usual side dishes. The cost will be **\$14.00** for members and **\$16.00** for guests. The price includes the room fee and, as usual, the temple will subsidize the dinner if necessary.

Reservations are a must so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. The **deadline** for reserving your place at the table is **June 29, 2012**. Send your cheque to Carol Sherman, 505 Sandpiper Street, Banning, CA 92220. Phone # (951)769-7514. Call if you have questions. Hope to see ya all there!

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Friday night or the Havdalah services, for the church's food bank. Leave them in the receptacle in the kitchen or ask a board member where to place them. The church appreciates the donations and will distribute the items to needy families.

The church always includes a notice of our Friday night services in all of their newspaper advertising. For that, we thank them sincerely.

Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?

