



# The Messenger



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**August Birthdays**

Sandra Shulkin – August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sandy Zwick – August 26<sup>th</sup>

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**August Anniversaries**

Hal & Shirley Barsh – August 8<sup>th</sup> and Steve & Martha Benoff – August 29<sup>th</sup>

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**August Yahrzeits**

Richard Altheimer – Father of Nancy Darling, Erica Feigenbaum – Daughter of Lauree Feigenbaum,  
Janis Wulfe – Sister of Lauree Feigenbaum, Celia Krupsaw – Mother of Ken Krupsaw,  
Sara Glass – Sister-in-Law of Ken Krupsaw, Lou Glass – Brother-in-Law of Ken Krupsaw,  
Bernard Levin – Husband of Doreen Levin, Sarah Globe – Aunt of Ilene Kaplan,  
Harry Kaplan – Grandfather of Ilene Kaplan, Mimmie Kaplan – Grandmother of Ilene Kaplan,  
Louis Smith – Grandfather of Ilene Kaplan, Charles Smith – Uncle of Ilene Kaplan,  
Sam Smith – Uncle of Ilene Kaplan

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*Should we inadvertently omit an important date of yours, please contact the editor of The Messenger.  
A correction will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.*

## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

"I neglected to add a thank you in my last months' article to the couple providing us with a challah twice a month for our services -- Steve and Martha Benoff. Thanks so much for your consistent contribution. Be sure to personally thank them when you see them. Also want to thank all of our contributors for their kindness and generosity. Their gifts strengthen our congregation. Looking forward to seeing you (and any friends you might believe could be prospective members) at the Wine and Cheese, Meet and Greet the Rabbi on August 15th at 6:00 pm. Our many thanks to all who have already renewed your membership. We know we all fall on hard times occasionally, so please contact Steve if you need to make alternate payment arrangements."

Hannah

### HELLO FROM A SPECIAL FRIEND OF OURS

Hello to Several of My Favorite People in Banning!!

I just received my July Messenger and sat down to read it. I am THRILLED that you are now members of the URJ and even more thrilled that I think you have found a wonderful Rabbi (and musical one at that)!! I hope you all know how sad I was to leave you and how much more distressing it was to leave you without having someone fabulous to take over for me (that's not to suggest I think I was fabulous but that I wanted you to have someone fabulous!!!). While I don't know Rabbi Milhander personally, I have tremendous confidence in all the wonderful experience he will bring to you.

I miss you all and think of you so often. It's hard for me to believe I've been in this new position a year already. Please, please send my love and warm wishes to everyone in the Shalom Bayit community. Like I said, I truly miss you. Also, if/when any of you are in the L.A. or the San Fernando Valley areas, please give me a heads up as I would love to see you if we can make it work.

Much love and health to you all,

Cathv Gordon

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our Saturday, August 2, 2014 Havdalah is being catered by El Pollo Loco. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for guests. Please R.S.V.P. by sending your check to Carol Sherman, 505 Sandpiper Street, Banning, CA 92220 as soon as possible, but no later than July 29. Rabbi Milhander will be providing the Havdalah service.
2. Come join us between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15th. We will have a wine and cheese hour prior to Shabbat Service, in which you can meet Rabbi Ken Milhander and he can get to know us better.

## INTERFAITH CLOTHING DRIVE FOR CHARITY

A clothing drive for November is being held jointly with Our Savior's and the Hmong Churches. You may now begin collecting women's clothing and accessories (purses, scarves, shoes) which will be donated to H.E.L.P.; men's clothing, shoes and accessories (hats, belts, sox) will be donated to the San Bernardino Men's Shelter; and any children's clothing/shoes/hats collected will be given to ChildHelp in Beaumont. All three are very worthy causes. The articles will be stored by Hannah in a vacant garage so please call her when you would like to bring them over or, if needed, to have them picked up call

(951)769-3678.

Hannah

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A special flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. In it you are offered the opportunity to have your personal message printed in our September newsletter. The prices range from \$5 to \$25 depending on which message and size you prefer.

**YOU MUST MEET THE PRINTING  
DEADLINE WHICH IS AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> SO  
THIS GIVES YOU PLENTY OF TIME TO  
PREPARE YOUR MESSAGE.**

Make checks payable to :  
Congregation Shalom Bayit and mail to:

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### DON'T FORGET THE DATE

**TUESDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 a.m.**

**"A Lunchtime Chat with Your Local  
Pharmacist"**

*Who just happens to be  
Our own Leon Darling!!*

You will hear about:

Vaccination Programs, Disposing of  
Unwanted Medications, and Different  
Health Plans.

Marla's Restaurant

1310 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. – Beaumont

Lunch on your own from the menu.

Non Sisterhood Members \$3 at the door

For Reservations Call:

(951) 845-9757

### Yahrzeit Donations Received for June

Sandy & Bill Zwick in memory of Karl Zwick

Sandy & Marty Hoffman in memory of

Terry Wetzler

Congregation Shalom Bayit

1320 West Williams Street

Banning, CA 92220

## August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Havdallah Catered 5:00
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Deadline Holiday Greetings	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Shabbat Social 6:00 Services 7:00	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



Shalom Chaverim,

I was delighted to learn that Congregation Shalom Bayit has joined the Union for Reform Judaism. By doing so, you have joined over 950 congregations and become part of over 1.5 million Jews in North America and beyond. You have added your voices to the collective strength of our fellow Jews when it comes to the issues we care about most. You are now able to tap into resources for every aspect of congregational life. Your sisterhood now joins with hundreds of others across the nation. You now show your support for the State of Israel and our Israeli brothers and sisters like you never could before.

The URJ, originally called the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was established in 1875 by Isaac Mayer Wise. Wise was a German rabbi who emigrated to America and found a very unique set of circumstances and realities. Here there was no thousand-year history of anti-Semitism. Here there was no king, no czar, and no church control of government. Not that there were not problems or localized anti-Semitism, but at least conceptually, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, provided the Jews with unparalleled freedom, liberty, and personal and collective rights.

Rabbi Wise recognized the uniqueness of the American experience and sought to bring together the Jews and congregations at that time. He established an umbrella organization of congregations, the UAHC, to provide those congregations with the resources they needed in this unique environment. Soon, he established a rabbinical school in Cincinnati, the Hebrew Union College, to provide those congregations with native-born and locally trained professionals who understood America, and American life. Clearly, he believed that the power of the many was much greater than the sum of individual parts.

Originally, the UAHC was comprised of what today we would call Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregations. But unfortunately, the good times were not to last. There were many disagreements and factions and a lot of infighting. Ultimately, the UAHC broke apart with the Conservative and Orthodox factions splitting away and leaving the fold. The UAHC eventually became an association of Reform congregations and has today grown into the largest such organization in North America.

Over the decades, the members and leaders of the UAHC and URJ have been instrumental and influential in many aspects of American, Israeli, and worldwide Jewish life. I am very proud that the UAHC had its hand in virtually every social advancement of the past 50

years and we continue to fight for those values which we hold sacred. The resources of the URJ are tremendous. I would urge you to go to the URJ website at [www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org) to peruse the many programs, departments, activities, and resources available to you. Whatever your interest, whether it's Israel, liturgy, politics, history, education, leadership, youth, etc., there is something there to inspire, teach, inform, and enlighten you.

Having grown up in a UAHC congregation, attended Hebrew Union College, and working my entire career at URJ-affiliated congregations, I am proud to be a product, member, and supporter of the UAHC, URJ, and the Reform Movement and again, most delighted that CSB has joined this worldwide network and connected you to millions of our fellow Jews across our nation and across the globe.

Lech L'shalom – May You Go in Peace,  
Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler

**The Topic for My August 2<sup>nd</sup> Havdallah Program is:**

## **"Anomalies Found in the Torah Text"**

Did you know that the Torah contains extra-large letters, extra small letters, one incomplete letter, and even backwards letters? There are many anomalies found in the Torah text. Come learn why they are there and what they mean. Are there some hidden, secret messages behind these unusual irregularities or are they simply scribal errors?

### **HELP SUPPORT**

**THE ONLY JEWISH TEMPLE IN THE PASS**

**ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> \* 3 – 9 P.M**

**A PORTION OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO**

**THE ONLY JEWISH TEMPLE IN THE PASS**

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