

The Messenger

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Havdalah June 4 Catered

EARLY STARTING TIME – 4:30

Catered by Thomas Catering. Please call Carol at 951-769-7514 for reservations.

\$15 for members.

\$18 for guests.

This Havdalah is sponsored by
Hannah Riceberg
and Cathy Colt.

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is sponsored by
Anne Savy



President's Message



Dear Members:

Well, the time has come for me to say goodbye as your President, It has been an interesting and educational four years, not without many 'ups and downs.'

Many thanks to my Board of Directors: Cathy Colt, Steve Benoff, Leslie Diamond, Carol Sherman, Joan Frost and Ed Newman, for your involvement and counsel regarding all aspects of congregation business.

My appreciation to all of you for the support you have given the board during the last four years. My hope is that you will support the new board in the same manner. Thanks to those of you (you know who you are) who were always available to help set up and/or clean up for our Services. It made such a difference having the extra assistance. I hope you will join me in thanking them as they continue to work behind the scenes.

I hope you all will ensure we continue to provide a Jewish presence in the Pass area by your continuing membership in Congregation Shalom Bayit. This is very important to me, personally, as well as necessary especially in the current state of our political climate.

A very special thanks to Cathy Colt, who was my "right hand woman" for the past 4 years. I really don't know what I would have done without you, Cathy.

We should all be grateful (that it wasn't us) to Cathy and Steve for representing our Congregation so well, performing physical labor for the church. They recently spent many hours assisting with the painting inside the church. Also, during previous clothing drives, they transported clothing to various locations. And those who attended the dedication ceremony upon completion of the parking lot, may have noticed Cathy and Steve toiling in the hot sun.

Carol Sherman has continued to serve selflessly for many years as Chairwoman of the Religious Practices Committee, ensuring attendance and coordinating with caterers at congregational events such as Havdalah, Oneg Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah luncheon and break the fast, as well as soliciting for and tracking sponsors. For that, I thank you.

His position as treasurer alone would have been a full time job, but Steve has also done an outstanding job in publishing the "Messenger" so we all are aware of what is happening in any given month. (Now, if we could only wave a magic wand to be sure that you actually read it!)

My heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Milhander for your continued support and presence. Your humor and the manner in which you deliver your sermons make me eagerly await the next one.

Thanks again to all of you for making the last four years so memorable.

Hannah

P.S. Don't forget to look through your closets in the next few months in preparation for the next joint clothing drive scheduled for July.

From the Rabbi

June 2016



Shalom Chaverim,

It seems as though but a moment ago I was preparing for the High Holy Days. Now I'm preparing for summer vacation (not for me 'cause I have to work, but for my kids). There is an order to the seasons, be it the calendar year, school year, or fiscal year. For the Jewish people, one holiday flows into another, marked by Shabbat each week. There is an order to our lives as well, a life cycle from birth to death with special events like marriage and the birth of a child in between. Jewish theology and philosophy would also have us believe that there is an order to the universe, a natural order that ensures justice and righteousness if not in this world, then in the next.

We recently celebrated the Festival of Passover with its festive meal known as a Seder. If you were at the April Havdalah, you may recall that Seder means "order," and that the festive Passover meal is modeled after a Greco-Roman banquet. There is a particular order to that meal, where one course flows into the next, a movement from slavery and darkness towards freedom and light. The Passover Seder is a reflection of the order we seek in our lives and in our world.

This emphasis on the idea of order is also reflected in our prayer service. As you may know, the prayer book in Hebrew is called a "Siddur," which has the same root letters as Seder. The prayers of the prayer book flow one to the other and are in a particular order for a particular reason. The prayer book is not a random, jumbled bunch of words or biblical verses. Rather, the prayer book is purposeful, it is orderly, it is systematic and organized. It was put together that way for very specific reasons and with some minor changes here and there over the years, remains basically the way it has for centuries.

The order of the prayer book, like the order of the Passover Seder, reminds us that our lives and our world have order as well. It may not always seem so as life can sometimes seem so random, but Judaism teaches that life is not random – it has a particular ebb and flow, a specific pattern and plan, an order that give our lives meaning and purpose.

Please join me for our June 4th Havdalah when I will present "Pathways Through the Prayer Book." I will explain the history and development of this important and familiar Jewish text, talk about its order and why it was arranged the way it was. I will also discuss some of the additions and changes that have been made over the years (and they weren't all by Reform Jews!). I hope to see you there.

I also hope all the moms had a very Happy Mother's Day last month. I wish all my fellow dads a very Happy Father's Day this month. And mazal tov to all the grads!

Lech L'shalom – May you go in peace,
Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

Sisterhood



SEX

in the Promised Land. Now that I have your attention, I'm sure our May meeting was an interesting and completely different meeting. Although I am writing this before our May meeting, we plan to discuss an article (Sex in the Promised Land) Kay Ross provided from the Lilith magazine to which she subscribes. It's a thought-provoking magazine in general and this and the next article we will discuss in June – The Making of a Viking Jewess – may get more women to attend. Sisterhood meets on the Tuesday after the regular temple service on the third Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21 at the Sun Lakes Country Club Atrium. Typically we have 5-7 ladies who attend; however we had 9 attendees in April. Don't forget that Nancy Darling has very graciously donated to Sisterhood the proceeds of the sale of beautiful hand-knit scarves, which she modeled at our January meeting. They are only \$10 and are works of art. Thank you Nancy. We also raise funds by selling leaves for the Tree of Life that is displayed at havdalahs and onegs. Sisterhood supports the temple by providing a number of items used by the congregation for onegs and havdalahs such as cups, plates, cutlery, coffee, etc. If you would like to attend our meeting but don't have a ride please call Cathy Colt at 951-392-5380 and she will arrange for transportation.

Cathy Colt
Sisterhood President

TREE OF LIFE – order a leaf as a memorial or an honor. \$18 for members.
\$25 for non-members. Please contact Cathy Colt.

Yahrzeits

Sam Diamond	Father of	Jay Diamond
Terry Wetzler	Brother-in-law of	Sandy Hoffman
Isadore Kaplan	Uncle of	Ilene Kaplan
Herbert Brethour	Brother-in-law of	Ilene Kaplan
Karl Zwick	Father of	Bill Zwick

Birthdays

Art Lewin	June 17
Claudia Schwartz	June 20
Anne Savy	June 23

Anniversaries

Leon & Nancy Darling	June 16
Lloyd & Judi Margolis	June 28

Please note the purpose of your donations on your checks to the temple.

Yahrzeit Donations

Marty Hoffman in memory of his sister May Marx
Fred Weinberg in memory of his mother Janet Weinberg
Sandy Hoffman in memory of her mother Rose Bossin

Tribute Donations Shalom Bayit offers all of us the ability to memorialize or honor friends and loved ones. Tribute donations can be made in honor of a bar/bat mitzvah, the birth of a baby, a birthday, an anniversary, a graduation, a wedding, or any special occasion. Donations in memory of loved ones help us remember that person in a special and meaningful way. Also, tribute donations are a thoughtful way to say "thank you." Your donation should be sent to the address on the back of the *Messenger* to the attention of "Treasurer" and will be acknowledged with a card to the recipient of this tribute. It will also be listed in the *Messenger*, unless you request otherwise.

Save the date – Tuesday July 12
We're hoping to arrange a fundraiser at BJ's in San Bernardino and a free "Benny Goodman" concert at the Redlands Bowl.

RECYCLING. Please bring your separated cans and plastic bottles (with caps included but unscrewed from bottles) to temple events. You can also write a check in lieu of your recycling. If you call Joan Frost (951-845-9757), she can arrange to have your recycling picked up if you can't bring them to temple.

Havdalah and Oneg Sponsors

Havdalah

Booked through December.

Oneg

We need sponsors for December.

Celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion.

Remember someone who is gone -- honor them by sponsoring an Oneg or Havdalah. Sign up at a service or Call Carol at 951-769-7514.

THANK YOU FROM CAROL to all who helped set up and clean up for our Passover Seder: Cathy, Joan, Hannah, Robin, and Steve.

Special thanks to my family who joined us for the holiday and helped in set up and clean up – Brandon, Monica, and Sara.

Another special thanks to Sandra Shulkin who holds the title – Most Family Sharings. She had 13 people join us. WAY TO GO SANDRA.

The Religious Practices committee needs your help in planning services, holidays, etc. Please contact me to join.

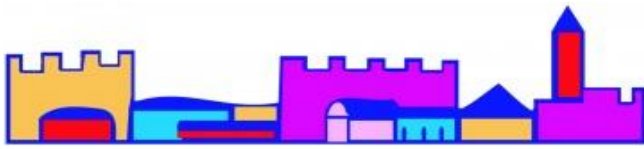
Save your clothes for the July

Annual Our Savior's – Shalom Bayit – Hmong Group Clothing Drive

BOARD MEETINGS are open to all temple members. You are encouraged to attend. The more participation the better.

June 2016

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 4:30 - ANNUAL MEETING Havdalah – (Catered)
5	6	7	8	9	10 1:30 – Board Mtg.	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 7:00 - Shabbat	25
26	27	28 11:30 – Sisterhood	29	30		



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