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**March Birthdays**

Ilene Kaplan – 03/01, Martha Benoff – 03/12, Carol Sherman – 03/21, Sara Rubin – 03/28

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**March Anniversaries – None to Report**

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**March Yahrzeit**

Sam Gerstein - Father of Shirley Barsh, Audrey Bernstein - Mother of Leslie Diamond,  
Nesta Nell – Aunt of Adele Kiefer, Ira Kaner – Father of Kay Ross,  
Hyman Chamowitz – Grandfather of Carol Sherman, Clyde Geisler – Father of Sandy Zwick,  
Marcella Geisler – Mother of Sandy Zwick

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**Havdallah - Saturday, March 1, 2014** *(details inside)*

**Shabbat Service – Friday, March 21, 2014** *(details inside)*

*Sermon Topic “Getting Yourself Ready for Passover”*

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A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city and never look back. But his wife did look back and so was turned to salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS, THE RABBIS**

We just arrived home from a trip through the Panama Canal and up the coast of Costa Rica—and I am writing this while still trying to process all that we saw, recover from the time zone change and our last 35 hour long day, and lastly get my land legs back (Inside I am still rocking to the rhythms of ship.)

The awesomeness of the flora and fauna we encountered just takes one's breathe away. Not only was it all spectacular, but the endless variety of plants and animals reminds you of how miraculous and remarkable God's creations really are.

However, man's creation—the Panama Canal—was also extraordinary. Of course not on the same scale as God's creations, but an outstanding creation for us mere mortals to have constructed. I am not sure how the engineers came up with the idea to make an artificial lake at the top of the mountains and locks that go down to each ocean on either side. Truly an engineering marvel, combining man's talents with nature's beauty!

So here we are arriving home in the wee hours of the morning after a too long day, turning on the TV to see if we can get a bit of news, and actually begin to see the winter Olympics ice dancing competition with God's creations creating even more beauty with their creativity, skill, perseverance, and of course, exceptional talent. I should point out that this was our first contact with the Olympics, since we were out of range of almost every signal much of the time.

The next day, again we were treated to more ice dancing and ski jumping. And again, I watched in amazement as bodies moved on the ice and in space in ways I could not even manage standing in a room and holding on to the furniture for support.

What beauty we are capable of creating in so many variations! However, as we learned in the final chapters of Exodus (starting in Ex. 35 on), the Tabernacle was just not built by anyone. It required "skilled workers whom the Lord had endowed with skill, everyone who excelled in ability, to undertake the task and carry it out." They worked under Bezalel, whom God "endowed with a Divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft and inspired him to make designs for work in gold, silver and copper, to cut stone for setting and to carve wood—to work in every kind of designer's craft--and to give directions." All of the workers under Bezalel labored together to create the magnificent Tabernacle.

In a similar manner, all of these athletes have labored and worked to enhance their God-given skills and innate talents to create beauty for all of us to enjoy and be impressed by. Just as we can be awed by nature itself, the greatness of the achievement of the Panama Canal and the beauty of the athletic skills of the Olympic participants can fill our heart and souls with awe. We are all so blessed to be living at this time to be able to experience the world around us in so many dimensions.



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

**Greetings** - At the meeting on February 7th, the Executive Board appointed a nominating committee consisting of Ed Newman and Carol Sherman. Please respond positively to their requests. We are hopeful that some of you who have not previously served on the Board are willing to step forward and be an integral part of the next two years. I am also looking for congregation members to become a part of, or chair, one of our committees. In particular, we need someone on the Ways and Means Committee to plan our "Fun-Raising" events. Ilene has done a masterful job in the past, and will continue collecting our recyclables, 50-50 and Tzedakah but is no longer able to remain in charge of events. You are welcome to place your hat in the ring for any office or committee in which you have an interest.

Election notices will be distributed in May, and we will have our Congregational Meeting right before the Havdalah on June 7, 2014. This gives you plenty of time to Save The Date on your calendars.

I hope to see you all at the Passover Seder at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2014 at the Calimesa Country Club. Carol has assured us that the soup and entrees will be hot this year, and the cost will remain the same as last year (now, tell me, how often does THAT happen in today's world?). See flyer for details. We will also initiate something to make it easier for everyone to access the dining room. Steve Benoff and Ed Newman will direct traffic to enable the drop-off of passengers at the lower entrance to avoid the ramp and long walk. Cathy Colt will operate a golf cart for those drivers who drop passengers off and need a ride back to the dining room after parking. This will eliminate for some, the difficulty of traversing the parking lot.

B'Shalom,  
Hannah



The Havdalah on March 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. will be catered by Johnny Russo. Menu consists of lasagna (with meat), pasta primavera (no meat), salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please note change in who is taking the reservations and collecting the checks: Make checks payable to Shalom Bayit and mail or deliver to (in Sun Lakes): Nancy Darling, 4979 Singing Hills Drive, Banning, CA 92220. Phone: 951-769-6815. Reservations and payment Carol Sherman an February 25th.

## CSB SISTERHOOD

Several Sisterhood members enjoyed lunch, visiting, and catching up on activities last month. If you weren't there, you missed a relaxing afternoon! We're planning a program for our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be held at Johnny Russo's restaurant. A Beaumont police department officer and a representative from Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services will present a program on senior safety. Their presentation was recommended by one of our members who says it's excellent. Put the date on your calendar and stay tuned – we'll have more details next month. Our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in the Sun Lakes atrium at 11:30 am, as usual, so come join in the camaraderie!



### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HANNAH

Let the month of March be **Shalom Bayit's "Mitzvah" month**. I've been collecting gently used clothing for women and men to donate to both **"The Soroptomist's House of Hope"** and **"The Women's Shelter."** We are also collecting stuffed animals to donate to the Police Department for distribution to children in times of trauma.

I have an empty garage in which to collect the items. All you need to do is call me when you'd like to bring them over. If needed, I can arrange to pick them up.

Because the Soroptomist's organization provides 3 outfits for those preparing for job interviews, they ask that the clothing be donated on hangers. So, if you have some extra hangers lying around taking up space in your closets, we can use them as well.

Thanks to all of you for your support.



**Do a Mitzvah  
Give to Our Gently  
Used  
Clothing Drive**

## A Word from Ed Newman, Membership Chairman

It is necessary that we keep our membership roster up-to-date. I have enclosed a form in this newsletter that should be used when any changes occur. Please be good enough to fill this out when you have a change in status (i.e. address, phone, yahrzeit)

## Tributes and Donations 2013/2014 to Date

2013 – In Honor of Fred & Randy's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Irwin & Boots; Bill and Sandy Zwick

2013 – For Judy Rosen's speedy recovery from Bill & Sandy Zwick

2013 – In Memory of Steve Stone, husband of Diane Stone and Father to their three children,  
Given by Ken Krupsaw and Carol Sherman

2013 – In Memory of Randy Forney's father, given by Carol & Ken and Ilene Kaplan

2014 – In Honor of the Wedding of Fred and Randy given by:

Jacqueline Drucker; Adele Keifer; Kay Ross & Jim Finleon; Marty & Sandy Hoffman;  
Joan Frost; Jay & Leslie Diamond

## TO GIVE FUTURE TRIBUTE CARD DONATIONS

If you wish to send a Tribute Card to a family, friends, or congregants, etc. and at the same time make a donation to Congregation Shalom Bayit, simply 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. She will send a Tribute Card to them. You should then send a check with "Tribute Card" noted in the memo portion on the lower left corner of your check and mail to Congregation Shalom Bayit, 1320 Williams Street, Banning, CA 92220. By remembering your loved ones this way everyone benefits.

*Passover Seder  
at Calimesa Country Club  
on April 15<sup>th</sup>  
See Flyer Enclosed*



**A NOTE FROM ILENE KAPLAN ON WAYS & MEANS**

In January 2014, we raised a grand total of \$94.78. (50/50 = \$22.00; Tzedakah \$35.17; Recycle \$21.71)

**Grand Total Raised from 7/1/13 to 1/31/14 = \$1,225.87**

We will be going to Wendy's sometime in May 2014, and we went to The Souplantation on 2/10/14.

There will be a new person doing the fund raisers for Ways & Means in the near future, but I will continue with the recycling.



**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

We are always seeking new members. Should you know of anyone who would like to join our friendly congregation, please inform our Membership Chairman, Ed Newman (951)769-8850...or better yet, bring them to services.



**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Please remember to bring whatever non-perishable food items you can spare for the church. They are in need of food items for the needy families of our community. Please bring these items to the Havdallah or Shabbat services. Ask any board member where to place them.



## HELPING OUR MILITARY

Please 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 and she will see that they get to where they are needed.

### Future Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

March 2014 – Ilene Kaplan; Kay Ross; Carol Sherman

April 2014 – Paul Goldstein, Cathy Colt and 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 Oneg Shabbat.



**Q.** What is the object of Jewish football?

**A.** To get the quarter back.

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying;

"Mrs. Cohen, your check came back."

Mrs. Cohen answered;

"So did my arthritis."

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**March 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 Havdallah 5:30</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Board Mtg. 10:30</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Shabbat Service 7</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Sisterhood Mtg 11:30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					