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Havdalah May 7 Pot Luck

Please call Carol at 951-7697514 to let her know which special dish you will bring.

This Havdalah is sponsored by
Leon & Nancy Darling.



Oneg May 20
is sponsored by
Steve & Martha Benoff



President's Message



Dear Members:

Now that I am nearing the end of my 4-year stint as your President, I thought I would share a bit of myself with you.

About 3 years after moving to Banning, I joined Congregation Shalom Bayit. Although I had joined the Yiddish Culture Club and the Redlands Jewish Community Club, there was still something missing. Growing up, even though both my parents were born and raised Orthodox, we were never affiliated. My brother attended lessons to teach him enough for his Bar Mitzvah, but back then, girls were not usually given that honor. During my marriage, we were reassigned often, and most military bases we were stationed at did not have a rabbi. Occasionally, they had a layperson teach Sunday school, but that was not the norm.

When I heard there was a Reform Temple here, I went to one service, and then a Ways and Means Committee meeting. At that meeting, Carol Sherman 'volunteered' me to be on Membership (as there were too many members on Ways & Means). Until becoming your President, I remained on the Membership Committee. I have never looked back.

Joining all of you (and those past members) during the years in communal song and prayer has been and will always be, moving and inspiring. It changes who you are and how you view our Jewish world. Many of you have become good friends, and I look forward to many more years as part of this great congregation.

Hannah

From the Rabbi

May 2016



Shalom Chaverim,

Last month we took our daughter Mara to the DMV to get her driving permit (she passed, by the way). While Mara was getting her picture taken, my wife was using her cell phone to check email and read messages. The clerk noticed her using her phone and said to her: “No pictures. This is a government building and you’re not allowed to take pictures.” Immediately, my wife said, “I’m not taking pictures. I’m checking email” And the clerk proceeded to explain that many parents want to document this special moment in the life of their child and take their picture using their cell phone as the DMV clerk takes the picture for the driver’s license. I knew, of course, that we were not the type of parents that feel the need to document every moment of our child’s life. But we also know that there are such parents.

Remember when you actually had to remember things? Remember when you had to rely on your memory to recall the special moments of your life? Remember when you couldn’t look anything and everything up on Google or YouTube? Those days are long gone. Today every special moment is not just captured by digital media but oftentimes posted to social media sites for all the world to see. It seems as though we no longer have to have a memory, we no longer have to remember anything; all we have to do is search the Internet to recall any fact or moment in time.

When the Torah was written, of course, there was no Internet, no YouTube, no social media. The Torah relies heavily on individual and collective memory and the action of remembering was elevated to Mitzvah status. Several times throughout the Torah are we commanded to remember: Remember the Sabbath, Remember what Amalek did to you, Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. Each week when we recite the Kiddush on Shabbat, we remember the Exodus from Egypt. Four times a year, on Yom Kippur and the last day of the Three Festivals, we recite Yizkor, a service of remembrance for our deceased ancestors.

This month, beginning at sundown on May 4th, we will commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. The refrain so often repeated on Yom Hashoah and whenever we learn or speak about the Holocaust is “Never Forget.” Here again, individual and collective memory come into play. “Never Forget” like all other slogans fits nicely on a banner or bumper sticker, but what does it really mean? What is the real lesson behind those words? Memory is a tricky thing because it can so easily be manipulated and as we get older our memory diminishes. Each new generation comes along and they create new memories and are selective about what they choose to remember about the past.

Today, despite virtually every moment of our lives being memorialized for all time, I feel that our individual and collective memory has diminished. Maybe that’s because there is more to remember, maybe it’s because we do not have to rely on our memory as much as did those who came before us. Whatever the reason, let’s not forget that famous saying by George Santayana, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

For our May Havdalah on May 7th, I will present “Lessons from the Holocaust.” What are the ultimate lessons from that most tragic of events? What is it that we must remember? What does it mean to Never Forget? We will discuss those questions and more, that is, if I remember to show up! I hope to see you there.

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



Sisterhood

Sisterhood meets on the Tuesday after the regular temple service on the third Friday of the month. So even though there was no regular temple service on Friday, April 15, Sisterhood met April 19. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24 at the Sun Lakes Country Club Atrium. Typically we have 5-7 ladies who attend. 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. Sisterhood supports the temple by providing a number of items used by the congregation for onegs and havdalas such as cups, plates, cutlery, coffee, etc. If you would like to attend but don't have a ride please call Cathy Colt at 951-392-5380 to 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

Barbara Goldstein	Wife of	Paul Goldstein
Rose Bossin	Mother of	Sandy Hoffman
Shirley Kabert	Sister of	Ilene Kaplan
Bonnie Salak	Cousin of	Ilene Kaplan
Edward Weinberg	Father of	Fred Weinberg

Anniversaries

Fran & Bill Rayner	May 17
Marty & Sandy Hoffman	May 22

Birthdays

Steve Benoff May 30

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

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.

Yahrzeit Donations

Adele Kiefer in memory of her aunt Nesta Noll
Adele Kiefer in memory of her friend Hinda Waldman
Kay Ross in memory of her father Ira Kaner
Marty & Sandy Hoffman in memory of Marty's sister May Marx
Fred Weinberg in memory of his mother Janet Weinberg

Save your clothes for the July
Annual Our Savior's – Shalom Bayit – Hmong Group Clothing Drive

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

We need sponsors for June and July.

Oneg

We need sponsors for August and December.

Celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion.
Remember someone who is gone -- honor them by sponsoring an
Oneg or Havdalah.

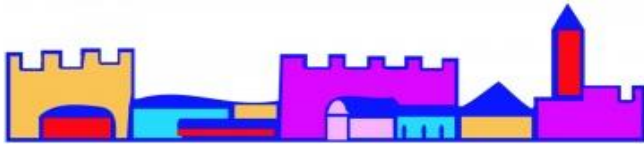
Sign up at a service or Call Carol at 951-769-7514.

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.

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

May 2016

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					1:30 – Board Mtg.	5:30 – Havdalah – (Pot Luck)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					7:00 - Shabbat	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		11:30 – Sisterhood				
29	30	31				



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