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Elaine Krupsaw	Wife of Ken Krupsaw	Sol Sattinger	Uncle of Carol Sherman
Nancy Thacker	Daughter of Larry Liebers	Rose Zwick	Mother of Bill Zwick
Blanche Glass	Sister of Larry Liebers		

Name	Birthday	Anniversary
Judy Rosen	Nov 10	Bill & Sandy Zwick Nov 6
Emmy Bell	Nov 29	
Hal Barsh	Nov 26	

Should we inadvertently miss an important date of yours, please contact the publisher. A correction will be printed in the next issue.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

I don't know about all of you, but I was a bit bothered when I went to Target last week, Bed Bath & Beyond too, and the holiday displays were being set up. I am not talking about Halloween or Thanksgiving! I'm talking about December holidays. Furthermore, with only two days of weather below 95 degrees since the start of August, how could that be? The passage of time, the marketing associated with each holiday, and there's nothing I can do about it. So I decided to embrace it. (And to be honest....there isn't a bigger fan of Christmas

music out there)! My least favorite holiday, Halloween, is followed by my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. Why is Thanksgiving such a favorite cross culturally? Embraced by everyone who comes to this country, it becomes a gathering time for thoughtfulness, friends, family, bounty and blessings. Thanksgiving seems to bring out kindness in even the most cantankerous among us! Charitable giving is typically at its highest one week before and one week following Thanksgiving. Sometimes Thanksgiving's high expectations are disappointing – there's a family dispute, family drama, and anything can happen. Regardless of what you feel about this Thanksgiving that's just around the corner, I want to offer you this Thanksgiving poem. It is taken from Rabbi Naomi Levy's book, Talking to God. Perhaps you'll share it at your Thanksgiving gathering or just keep it in mind during this season. At a time when intolerance in our country and the world seems on the rise, I especially love the part about our freedom to pray.....

B'Shalom,

Cathy

A Thanksgiving Prayer



For the laughter of children, for my own life breath, for the abundance of food on this table.

For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast, for the roof over our heads, the clothes on our backs.

For our health, and our wealth of blessings.

For the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends.

For the freedom to pray these words, without fear, in any language, in any faith, in this great country – whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.

Thank you God for giving us all these.

Amen

The new 2013 **Mah Jongg** cards are available this year through the temple. Once again they are **\$7.00** for the standard sized card and **\$8.00** for the large print version. Call Carol Sherman ((951)769-7514) to place your order. The deadline to order is January 30, 2013.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thanks to those of you who have already renewed their membership. It is especially important since we are such a small congregation. I think we have a great year in store for us. Special thanks to Steve Benoff and Cathy Colt for their efforts in providing us with a more precise set of By-Laws. I'm sure that each new Board can find items to change, but I think they did a great job including some things that were not there previously, and eliminating some unnecessary wording. I don't know the amount raised, but I think having the holiday greetings in our newsletter was great! Calling all VOLUNTEERS..... We need additional members to service on Religious Practices Committee. We've broken down the committee so that one person will be responsible for just one area. Members are also needed on other committees.....Ways and Means, being one of them. Please call me or speak to me at Havdalah or services to find out more information. How do those of you with email feel about receiving your *Messenger* via email? We would sure save a lot of \$\$ on postage. See you at the Shabbat service.



Hannah

In the 60s people took "acid" to make the world weird. Now they take Prozac to try to make it normal. Always remember this. You are unique, just like everyone else.

SISTERHOOD

The November Sisterhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. It will be held in the Atrium of Sun Lakes at 11:30 am, as usual. The office of vice president is open. If you are interested, call Joan Frost, president. The December meeting date will have to be changed because it is on Christmas day. Stay tuned.

ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS

The November Oneg Shabbat sponsors are Leslie Diamond and Judy Rosen. The December Oneg sponsor is Lauree Feigenbaum.

We need sponsors for the months of June and July.

The duties of Oneg sponsors are to provide food items, to find other temple members to help, if the sponsor needs some assistance and to arrive about 30 minutes before the shabbat service to set things up.

Call Carol Sherman (951-769-7514) if you would like to be a sponsor.

A MESSAGE FROM CATHY COLT, VICE-PRESIDENT



This is the first article I have written as Vice President of Congregation Shalom Bayit. I feel very privileged to be a member of CSB as well as its Vice President. This seems like the perfect fit for most of us – services once a month, havdalah once a month and rarely are we asked to do too much more for the temple except be present! However, I worry about the staying power of our congregation and despair of coming up with ideas for enticing new members to join and old members to stay. If anyone has any such ideas OR has complaints/criticisms that they would like to voice I encourage you to make them known. If you would like to do so anonymously please write a note and send it to the church address – Congregation Shalom Bayit 1320 W. Williams, Banning 92220. If you would like to convey it by e-mail, please e-mail me at

cathycolt@verizon.net.

It's early in the year but I am still hoping that the arrival of our new cantor will beef up attendance at services and havdalahs. Please bring a friend or neighbor to the temple so they can see what an enjoyable evening it is.

FROM RELIGIOUS SERVICES....

I would like to thank everyone who came early to set up for the High Holy Days services and to those who stayed late to clean up. A special thank you to Ed Newman, Fred Weinberg, Cathy Colt, Carol Sherman and of course a huge thank you to Hannah Riceberg. I would especially like to thank Cathy Gordon for such moving and meaningful services.

It is one of the duties of the Religious Services chairperson to conduct a Torah study group. As we know from past experience, that is not of interest to our members. I would like to propose, instead, that once or twice per year we get together as a group to explore an aspect of Jewish history or life that is of interest to us. I am proposing that we test the waters with a one time meeting where we discuss the Righteous Gentiles honored by Ben Gurion at Yad Vashem. Each one of these heroic people has a fascinating story. There are currently over 24,000 names listed on Yad Vashem. I would like to put 30 of their names in a hat and have each person who

would like to participate pick out a name. Then go to www.yadvashem.org, read that person's story (it's right there for you) and come to the meeting to share their story with the rest of us. **Please** let me know if you would be interested in this. My phone number is 951-769-5588.

Lauree Feigenbaum, Religious Practices Chairperson

FINDING NEW MEMBERS

Our temple is always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who might want to join our friendly congregation, please bring them to a Shabbat service, or call Ed Newman, (951)769-8850 and let him know.

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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.

Remember to bring whatever non-perishable food items you can spare for the church. With Thanksgiving coming up soon, the church is in need of a lot of food items for the needy families of our area. Please bring these items to the Havdalah or Shabbat services. Ask any board member where to place them.

WAYS AND MEANS

We first want to thank everyone for the support given the Ways and means last year. We only hope that everyone will do the same this year.

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.

If anyone picked up Ilene Kaplan's prayer book in error after Yom Kippur Services, please return it to her.

We are once again having a **Shalom Bayit Day at Chili's** (Beaumont location only) on, **November 15**. The offer is good throughout the day.

Bring you friends and neighbours. The more people who show up, the more money the temple gets. Use the coupon included in this letter, pick some up at Havdalah or see Ilene Kaplan.

SAVE THE DATE: Palm Springs Follies outing will be on **Thursday, May 2, 2013**. The featured performer will be the smash hit singer, Lesley Gore. We are going to the matinee performance and need to be in our seats by 1:00 p.m. The price will be \$57.00 pp. Enjoy the street fair following the show if you wish.

HAVDALAH SERVICE

The Havdalah service for November is on **Saturday, November 3 at 5:30 pm**. It is a “pot luck” dinner. Be sure to **call Carol Sherman (951-769-7514)** and let her know what you will be bringing. The cost for the Havdalah is \$2.00 pp for members and \$7.00 pp for non-members, to help defray the room rental charge. See y'all there!
