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November Birthdays

Kay Ross – November 12th; Harold Barsh - November 26th; Lloyd Margolis – November 27th

November Anniversaries

Bill & Sandy Zwick – November 6th

November Yahrzeits

Fred Watkins – Father of Joan Frost; Nettie Goldstein – Mother of Paul Goldstein;
Elaine Krupsaw – Wife of Ken Krupsaw; Dora Chamowitz – Grandmother of Carol Sherman;
Rose Zwick – Mother of Bill Zwick; Alexander Smith – Uncle of Ilene Kaplan;
Abraham Katz – Stepfather of Claudia Schwartz

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM ADELE KIEFER

A very big thank you to all who attended my recent surprise birthday party. It was a lovely event.

Also, a special thank you to Lauree Feigenbaum who organized it all.

L'Shanah Tovah

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

A Message from Our Spiritual Leader

Shalom Chaverim,

I first want to thank you for the many compliments I received on our High Holy Day services. I am delighted that so many of you found meaning and inspiration in our traditional music and liturgy, and thought-provoking messages in my sermons. I want to thank Joan Frost for all her hard work and dedication as our accompanist and her many hours of preparation and rehearsals. I want to thank Carol Sherman for organizing all the participatory readings. And I thank everyone who schlepped, prepared, organized, or did anything to make our High Holy Day services happen and run so smoothly.

Just when you thought the fun was over, the hits just keep on comin'! This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and that means that Chanukkah and New Years are just around the corner. We Jews have a lot of holidays, not the least of which is Shabbat which comes every week. Combine all those holidays with all the American holidays, and it seems as all we do is go from one holiday to the next. Yes, my friends, that is exactly what we do. It's called the cycle of the calendar, and the cycle of life. That cycle is the framework around and upon which we live our lives. It gives us structure, it gives us a reliable pattern, it gives us stability, and it gives us familiarity from year to year. Much like the seasons of nature, which unfortunately we do not have here in Southern California, life is a cycle. There are plateaus along with way; and of course ups and downs, hills and valleys.

When times are good, we are happy; when times are bad, we are sad. Jewish tradition teaches us to live a life of balance. Don't get too high; don't get too full of yourself. But also don't get too low; never think that life is not worth living or that God has abandoned you. We are challenged to take the middle road, to live a life of modesty and sincerity, integrity and honesty. Celebrating or at the very least recognizing and remembering all those holidays of ours keeps us on that path, keeps the cycle turning year after year, generation after generation.

Speaking of generation to generation, I hope you will join me for this month's Havdallah and program on Saturday, November 1st. My topic will be "Jewish Genealogy: The Why's and How's." Come learn why it is a mitzvah to leave your descendants a record of your life and those who came before you. Come learn how to trace your Jewish family tree, to access genealogical records such as the ship manifest at Ellis Island, birth and death certificates, and cemetery records. If you ever wanted to start such a project, or if you pride yourself on being an amateur genealogist, come learn some new tricks of the trade.

Since this is our November edition of the bulletin, I want to wish you and yours a very happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

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

REMINDER!!! FUN FUND RAISER

CHILI'S BEAUMONT - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

11:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M

YOU MUST HAVE A FLYER ... SEE HANNAH OR STEVE

A Message from our President, Hannah Riceberg

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to you all. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend any of the services. Rabbi Milhander provided us with most informative, educational and enjoyable services for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The break the fast meal was delicious (thank you, Carol for taking the reservations and ordering such delicious food) and we appreciate those of you who stayed to tidy up the Fireside Room.

Thank you, Kay, for helping me set up and running around with me during the break and to Joan Frost for her usual great music. Our two greeters, Steve and Leslie were instrumental in seeing that all members and guests were welcomed. Musclemen Ed, Paul and Steve made sure the sanctuary was set up and cleared. Thanks to Diana for taking care of the Book of Remembrance.

Going back to the September 7 inter-faith service with Our Savior's and the Hmong group, I've heard such wonderful comments and am (almost) sorry I was in Alaska at the time and unable to attend. Thank you to Art Sobel, Joan Frost, Henry Allain, Bill Bell and Ann Savy for their wonderful Klezmer concert. Special thanks to Rabbi Milhander for the parts he played during the event and to Adele and Carol for their readings.

Just a reminder, I am still collecting women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes and accessories for the joint clothing drive ending in November. Deliver to me at 6187 Inverness Drive, Sun Lakes, or call me at 769-3678 if you are unable to drop it off.

Hannah



**NOVEMBER HAYDALLAH IS
POT LUCK DINNER
PLEASE CALL CAROL SHERMAN
BY OCTOBER 24TH TO TELL HER WHAT
CULINARY DELIGHT YOU WILL BE
BRINGING
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November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Havdallah 5:30 Pot Luck
2	3	4	5	6	7 Board Meeting 10:30	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Shabbat 7:00	22
23	24	25 Sisterhood 11:30	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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