

The Messenger

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High Holidays are coming soon!!

The High Holidays are coming and we are asking for readers to take part in the services. Please call Carol Sherman at 951-769-7514 if you are willing to read for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur (or both) and whether you will read in Hebrew or English. We would love to have all members take part.

Services for Erev Rosh Hashanah September 13, 7:00 pm

Services for Rosh Hashanah September 14, 10:00 am

Rosh Hashanah on-your-own lunch Sept. 14, 1:00pm at Russo's

Services for Erev Yom Kippur September 22, 7:00 pm

Services for Yom Kippur September 23, 10:00 am

Yizkor service September 23, 4:00 pm

Break-the-fast Sept. 23, 5:00 pm – by **pre-paid reservation only**
(call Carol at 951-769-7514 – \$18 for members, \$25 for guests).

Reservations must be made by September 14.



Havdalah SEPTEMBER 5 Potluck

Please call Carol at 951-769-7514
to let her know what you will bring.



This is a special Havdalah – It's Meet the Rabbi Night. So bring your friends, relatives, Jews off the street and introduce them to our fabulous Rabbi Ken. Cost is \$2 for each member or guest plus a dish for the potluck.

SAVE THE DATE!

Don't forget that the November 7th Havdalah is being sponsored by Kay Ross at the South Clubhouse, Sun Lakes. In addition to our regular Havdalah Service led by Rabbi Ken, there will be delicious food and entertainment. Kay has invited our congregation to celebrate with her, so don't miss it.

President's Message



I'd like to focus on a homework assignment that I am suggesting for the entire congregation. This homework will benefit not only us personally, but will strengthen the Shalom Bayit community as a whole.

All congregations need certain ingredients to survive. The congregation needs a vision of what it stands for and of the kind of community that it desires to create as it goes forward. Congregations need to revise their vision continuously because the Jewish community and the Jewish world are in constant flux. A temple needs strong volunteers. As President, I do not take for granted that all of our leaders are volunteers. In spite of their busy lives, our leaders make time for the temple. Much of the work is done behind the scene. Our volunteers are not looking for accolades; they do their work because they believe in the task of supporting our congregation, which is still very young. Our survival matters to them. I can assure you that our leaders handle the affairs of the temple with great care and stewardship. We are continuously balancing our needs with our resources.

A religious community must be about the support of each other. If we cannot support people when they are in need, we are failing as a temple. We need to inform either Cathy or myself when any of us know of sickness or loss in our congregational family. Our members are the eyes and ears of Congregation Shalom Bayit

As always, if you have any programs, fundraising ideas, or talents you wish to share with all, please contact me and we will see how to utilize the ideas.

Hannah

From the Rabbi

September 2015



Shalom Chaverim,

If there is one home repair or improvement project that is disliked more than any other it has to be painting. Even the smallest project is exhausting, grueling, messy, smelly, and expensive. And worse than all of that is the fact that the preparation (not to mention clean up) takes much, much longer than the actual painting. Scores of products have been designed to make the process easier and faster, but when it comes right down to it, slow and proper preparation is required in order for the end result to be right.

The Jewish High Holy days are very much like painting. Proper, deliberate preparation is required for the end result to look good. But in our society that preaches immediate gratification, both painting and the process of repentance can be challenging. Long ago, Jewish tradition recognized the complexity of human existence and the desire for quick results, but it also challenged those notions and preached and emphasized process over completion.

Over the years, many people have said to me that the High Holy Days services do nothing for them. They attend out of a sense of obligation or for some other reason but at the end of Yom Kippur, they are no better off, nor feel any change from before Rosh Hashanah. I have asked those people if they prepared for the high holy days, if they did the proper prep work and invariably, the answer is no.

If you have ever embarked on a painting project, it takes at least a day to prepare the room or surface to be painted. Sometimes it takes several days. Likewise, Rosh Hashanah takes time to prepare for. Jewish tradition gives us not just a day, not a few days, but an entire month to get ready for the work of soul-searching, repentance, forgiveness, and atonement. The month of Elul precedes the New Year and provides a slow and gradual build up to the “big day.” The climax of the preparation period comes on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah (or two Saturdays before when Rosh Hashanah falls on a Monday like this year) when the service of Selichot is held. Selichot (which means “forgiveness”) is a special service that contains the music and messages of the Days of Awe. It is a literal kick-off to the season and fortunate for all of us, Selichot this year falls on the date of this month’s Havdallah on September 5th. So our Havdallah program this month will be a very special Selichot service. Traditionally this service takes place at midnight, but since that is far past my bedtime, we will hold the service at our regular time.

Scraping, sanding, and taping before painting are arduous tasks that nobody likes. For some, the work of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are equally arduous tasks, but with proper preparation the end result can be beautiful and rewarding. So I hope you will join me for the Selichot service and of course I look forward to seeing you for our High Holy Days services. My family and I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. May we and our fellow Jews everywhere be written and sealed for blessing in the Book of Life.

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



Sisterhood

Sisterhood meets monthly at the Sun Lakes Atrium for a very brief business meeting and enjoyable lunch. Our Sisterhood year officially starts September 1 and we look forward to new members but we also are hopeful existing lady Temple members will try to join us for our lunch meetings on the Tuesday after Friday night services each month.

I am hopeful that by the time you're reading this you will have received a new calendar for 2015-2016. These are thoughtfully provided each year by Hillside Memorial Park & Mortuary in Los Angeles.

Sisterhood will be providing sliced apples and honey on Erev Rosh Hashanah evening after services. Since Sisterhood's regular meeting time is on Erev Yom Kippur (September 22) we will not be having a luncheon; however, we look forward to seeing everyone in October, October 20 at the Sun Lakes Country Club.



Yahrzeits

Esther Hoffman	Mother of	Marty Hoffman
Sidney Bossin	Father of	Sandy Hoffman
Violet Brandt	Mother of	Adele Kiefer
Khristine Neal	Son	Lloyd & Judi Margolis
Beatrice Newman	Mother of	Ed Newman
Celia Sattinger	Mother of	Carol Sherman
Jennie Logan	Mother of	Sandra Shulkin

Birthdays

Adele Kiefer	Sept. 8
Hannah Riceberg	Sept. 14
Lauree Feigenbaum	Sept. 22

Anniversaries

Ed & Diana Newman	Sept. 4
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Yahrzeits Donations

Marty Hoffman in memory of his father Alexander Hoffman
Claudia Schwartz in memory of her father Murray Brandstein
Carol Sherman in memory of her father Barney Sattinger

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We need sponsors for January through June, 2016.

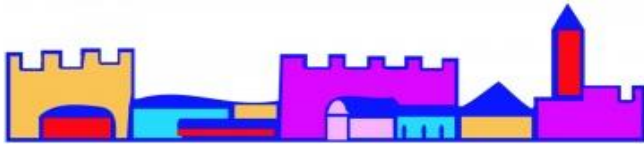
Book of Remembrance

As the High Holy Days approach, it is time for us to prepare the Book of Remembrance for 2015/5776. This book, distributed at the Yom Kippur Memorial Service, is a symbol of our love and respect for those whose memories we cherish. Remembering a loved one in this manner on Yom Kippur is a tribute to their memory and the values by which they lived.

Within this keepsake book, we will list the names of all those whom we would like to honor and remember at this sacred time of year. The tzedakah proceeds from the Book of Remembrance help Congregation Shalom Bayit offset High Holy Day expenses. We deeply appreciate your generous support of the Book of Remembrance for 2015/5776. Please list your name(s) and relationships as you would like them to appear in the book. In order for us to complete our Book of Remembrance on time, we ask that you please submit the form so that it is received in by **Sunday, September 13th, 2015, to Diana Newman, 2172 Birdie Drive, Banning, CA 92220.**

September 2015

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
					10:30 – Board	5:30 – Havdalah POTLUCK
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7:00 – Erev Rosh Hashanah	10:00 - Rosh Hashanah 1:00-				NO FRIDAY	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		7:00 – Erev Yom Kippur	10:00 – Yom Kippur 4:00 – Yitzkor 5 - Break-Fast			
27	28	29	30			
10:30 – Joint Service Our Savior’s,						



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