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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS



Friday - June 2, 2017 HONORING RABBI JAY SHERWOOD AND WISHING THE SHERWOOD FAMILY A BRIGHT FUTURE SHABBAT ALIVE DINNER at <u>5:30 PM</u> (Please note earlier time) EREV SHABBAT SERVICE at 7:00 PM LED BY RABBI SHERWOOD AND CANTOR BERN-VOGEL Oneg Shabbat following the service in honor of the Sherwood family



Saturday - June 3, 2017 - 10:00am Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood Parashat Naso - פרשת נשא - Numbers 4:21-7:89 Haftarah - Judges 13:2-25 Kiddush following the Service



Friday - June 9, 2017 - 7:00pm Led by Rabbi Cohn and Cantor Bern-Vogel Dedication of Names on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial Rabbi Cohn will speak on "Unfinished Business" Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - June 10, 2017 Torah Study led by Rabbi Cohn - 9:15 to 9:45am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM - Led by Rabbi Cohn Parashat Be-ha-alotecha - פרשת בהעלותך - Numbers 8:1-12:16 Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Kiddush following the Service



Friday - June 16, 2017 CHOIR SHABBAT Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - June 17, 2017 Torah Study led by Cantor Bern-Vogel - 9:15 to 9:45 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM - Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Parashat Shelach Lecha - פרשת שלח-לך - Numbers 13:1-15:41 Haftarah - Joshua 2:1-24 Kiddush following the Service



Friday - June 23, 2017 EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AT 7:00 PM Led by Rabbi Cohn and Cantor Bern-Vogel Blessing of High School Graduates - Class of 2017 Rabbi Cohn will speak on "Guard Your Fingers From Evil" Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - June 24, 2017 Torah Study led by Rabbi Cohn - 9:15 to 9:45 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM - Led by Rabbi Cohn Parashat Korach - פרשת קרח - Numbers 16:1-18:32 Haftarah - I Samuel 11:1-12:22 Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - June 30, 2017 EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AT 7:00 PM Led by Rabbi Cohn and Cantor Bern-Vogel Rabbi Cohn will speak on "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - July 1, 2017 Torah Study led by Rabbi Cohn - 9:15 to 9:45 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM - Led by Rabbi Cohn Parashat Chukat - פרשת חקת - Numbers 19:1-22:1 Haftarah - Judges 11:1-33 Kiddush Following the Service

Shabbat Morning Torah Study Resumes

For many years our congregation has held a Torah Study session prior to our Shabbat morning services. These sessions enable our congregants to explore the weekly Torah portion and become acquainted with traditional as well as contemporary commentaries. Our Torah Study sessions will again be held weekly beginning with Saturday, June 10th in the Raynes Family Learning Center. Copies of *The Torah: A Modern Commentary* are provided for all. Rabbi Cohn will lead Torah Study on June 10th, June 24th and July 1st. Cantor Bern-Vogel will lead Torah Study on June 17th. Come and expand your knowledge of Torah.

Names Newly Inscribed on Wall of Perpetual Memorial to be Dedicated on June 9th

As part of our Erev Shabbat service on Friday, June 9th we will dedicate names which have been newly inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial. The names to be dedicated are

Miriam Hirsch Eileen Kaufman Julian Lippman Marian Lippman Bernice Lipsky Mae K. Lubinsky Jacqueline Q. Russler Irmy Tilton Esther Weitzman Lazarus Wolk

Other names that families have arranged to have inscribed will be dedicated prior to Rosh Hashanah. New marble sections of the Wall of Perpetual Memorial that will harmonize with the already existing marble panels are being added and are awaiting arrival from Europe.

Join in Bidding Farewell to the Sherwood's

On Friday, June 2nd our congregation will bid farewell to Rabbi Jay and Lisa Sherwood and their daughter Ilana as they prepare to leave for their new home in Colorado Springs. Rabbi Sherwood has served our congregation for the past three years. From July 2014 through June 2015 he served as our Director of Education. On July 1, 2015 he began his service as our rabbi. During that period Rabbi Sherwood has endeared himself to our congregation and community. He has led us through celebrations as well as sorrowful times. He has been a consummate teacher and has also participated in many activities in the wider community.

One of the things that Rabbi Sherwood will best be remembered for are the monthly "Shabbat Alive" celebrations that he created and led. It is therefore most appropriate that the service at which we bid the Sherwood family farewell be a "Shabbat Alive" celebration. The service on June 2nd will be preceded by a buffet dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. The menu will feature "Mediterranean" delicacies.

As we honor Rabbi Sherwood we will also be paying tribute to Lisa Sherwood. She has become an active member of our Sisterhood. Most recently she and Rabbi Sherwood led a weekly group for congregants who had recently experienced bereavement.

Come and join in thanking Rabbi Jay and Lisa Sherwood for their years of service and wish them well as they prepare to leave for Colorado where Rabbi Sherwood will assume the duties of rabbi of Temple Shalom in Colorado Springs.

In Memoriam זכרונו לברכה

We note with sadness the recent death of Stuart W. (Skip) Borsuk 1947 - 2017 He is survived by his wife Jewell and his daughters Corina and Marlene May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

Rabbinic Reflections



In Ecclesiastes (*Kohelet*), Chapter 3, we read:

לַכָּל זְמֵן וְעֵת לְכָל־חֵפֶּץ תַּחַת הַשְׁמָים..עֵת לְטַעַת וְעֵת לַעֲקוֹר נָטוּעַ...עֵת לַחֲבוֹק וְעֵת לִרְחֹק מַחַבַּק...עֵת לִשְׁמוֹר וְעֵת לְהַשְׁלִידְ...וְעֵת שָׁלוֹם To every thing there is a

season, and a time to every

purpose under the heavens... a time to plant, and a time to uproot... a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing...a time to keep, and a time to cast away...and a time of peace.

If I might add to this classic piece of biblical literature, we could say that there is a time to say hello and a time to say goodbye. After leading my final Shabbat Alive service (June 2), *davening* my last Shabbat morning service (June 3), and joining in the School for Jewish Living end of the year picnic (June 4), it will be time for goodbyes. As Ecclesiastes teaches, change is cyclical – just as for every planting there is a reaping, so for every goodbye, there is a hello.

As we say goodbye to each other, we will also say hello to the future. I will say hello to my new congregation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. If you ever find yourselves in the Centennial State, please come visit – my door will always open to you – and we can say hello again.

And you will say hello to both an interim rabbi, and a process of building the future of Congregation Emanu El. As you enter this time of potential, I leave you with this advise from *Pirkei Avot*: "It is not for you to finish the work, (nevertheles) you may not desist from doing it." I encourage you to say hello to the future of Congregation Emanu El with your participation. While each of you does not have to do all the work, the process will result in a better future if all of you participate.

And as we say our goodbyes and our hellos, may God bless all of us with the successful work of our hands. And for now, I bid you all goodbye, with *l'hitraot* (until we meet again) and *shalom* (blessings of peace and completeness).

Kol tuv,

Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Cantorial Comments

Transitions



Torah teachings, life cycle rituals, holidays and festivals help us transition from times of grief to joy, contemplation revelation, and introto spection to celebration throughout the year. Our musical traditions contribute that framework by to providing powerful aural and

sensory vibrations that reside deep in our emotional memories.

We have just finished counting the weeks leading up to the Festival of *Shavuot*, once again, 'receiving' the Ten Commandments, and we have begun the fourth book of the Torah, *Bamidbar* or Numbers. It is important to note that we received the Torah in the '*midbar*' – the desert – not in *Eretz Yisrael*. Not yet. We are not there yet. We are still wandering and have a-ways to go. So too, at this time, we bid farewell to Rabbi Jay Sherwood, who has been our rabbi, teacher and friend over the past three years. We wish Rabbi Jay, Lisa and Ilana much happiness and success in the next chapter of their lives in Colorado. You will be missed.

In a few weeks, we will be welcoming our interim rabbi, Darryl Crystal, who will be guiding us this year as we take the next steps on our path to greater discovery in learning who we are as a congregation and how we want to proceed. What is important to us and how do we define ourselves with regard to our *Minhagim ha-makom* – our customs – our traditions, our children's education, our liturgical style, our clergy leaders, etc.?

We, like the Israelites, received the Torah. But now what? Rabbi Morris Adler suggests that we live "in a desert age." The "voice of God does not sound clear and true in such a time." Confusion over right and wrong, faith and reason prevails. In such a time, it may feel that God is absent. But it is precisely at such times that it is helpful to remember that God gave the Torah in the desert, not in the lush land of milk and honey. In his book, *The Voice Still Speaks*, Rabbi Adler says "Whatever your particular desert, I say to you, 'Listen. Listen, for even there, God speaks...." (pp.265-269).

Counting is an important part of our tradition – we concluded the counting of the Omer with Shavuot. Bamidbar begins with census-taking. How important this is for us now too - not as a call-up for military service but the creative organizing of a community, everyone's individual talents and recognizing abilities as well as everyone's needs and interests. In Bamidbar, we count, not just randomly numbering the people, but as Moses instructs: in a manner that will give honor and importance to each person. As we work on defining and redefining ourselves as a community, we encourage you not only to let your individual voices be heard but to keep 'listening' for kol d'ma-mah dakah, the "still, small voice or whisper of God".

B'shalom, Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

Presidential Perspectives



I don't know which best describes the last 24 months – The Beatles' "Long and Winding Road" or the Grateful Dead's "What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been," although occasionally AC/DC has crossed my mind. At any rate, the journey

which was my time as president now draws to a close.

Thursday May 18th marked the annual meeting of Congregation Emanu El. The temple Board of Directors provided and prepared a picnic for the members attending and we worked through a fairly packed agenda. Here is a quick summary.

The proposed slate of officer was unanimously elected. The results: President-Greg Weissman, First Vice President-Stuart Sweet, Secreatry-D. Treasurer-Marvin Richelle Ghazal, Reiter, Financial Secretary-Stacy Knox, Immediate Past President-Craig Beasley. Owing to a quirk in our recent board recruiting there is but one outgoing board member. Adding to our extant group we have Julie Strain, Harriet Briant, Steve Becker, and Sheri Maltzman. The only outgoing member of the Executive Committee is our Secretary Rachael Raynes to whom we offer our thanks for her time and a job well done. This is a strong and experienced group who will bring continuity to our congregation as we experience our rabbinical transition.

Our congregation received a wonderful and generous gift of \$18,000 from our Sisterhood. This group of ladies embodies a true commitment to our temple and to the cause of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. As I said at the meeting, "If I didn't think it would irritate the Vatican, I would call them The Rock upon which our temple is built." *Todah Rabah* Sisterhood!

I was happy to present two President's Awards for Exceptional Volunteerism. The first award is to Julie Strain for her unflagging efforts in support of our congregation in the front office. The second is to Susan Shimoff who has worked tirelessly on many projects, like our Simcah Tree, to beautify our temple. Thank you both for the love you show our congregation.

As the year progresses, our temple will join in the *Brit Olam* project to heighten our awareness of local and national social issues and interact with local faith organizations to strengthen bonds within our city.

And on rabbinical transition – the following: June 2^{nd} marks Rabbi Sherwood's final Shabbat with us. There will be a dinner at 5:30 PM preceding services to celebrate his time with us. Contact the office for details. Our incoming Interim Rabbi, Darryl Crystal, will be visiting in June ahead of his start date of July 1st to meet with congregants and get to know the area. Look for further details to be announced.

And so I relinquish the gavel to my worthy successor and wish him good luck and Godspeed on his upcoming journey. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Congregation Emanu El and very special thanks to my wife Emily Ebert Beasley who bore the slings and arrows of the past two years with exceptional grace. On reflection, I think I will go with The Grateful Dead on this one and just, "Hang it up and see what tomorrow brings."

L'hitraot, Craig Beasley

Temple Board of Directors Thursday-June 15th - 7:00 pm in the Raynes Family Learning Center

All members of the congregation are invited to attend.



Treasurer's Report

Fellow Congregants,

Our annual meeting was held this past month. At the meeting, it was reported by me that we are about to conclude the deliberations r the year 2017-2018

over the Budget for the year 2017-2018.

It is anticipated that we will be budgeting just under \$600,000 for our income and \$599,000 in expenses. This will be in effect a break-even year. WE are depending on our membership to answer the call for strong financial support as we anticipate extra ordinary expenses due to the transition from Rabbi Sherwood.

The increases will enable us to develop a stronger School for Jewish Living program and improve our outreach to members. We anticipate developing programs that will appeal to all members and develop increased involvement in the Jewish community we serve. Please be a part of this outreach and help us to provide for your Jewish needs for the future.

Thank for affording me the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer for this past year.

Warmest regards,

Marrin Reiter

Sisterhood Speaks Part I - From the Outgoing President



Thank you so much to Heidi, Susan and Reva for a tremendous Brunch and to Cherrie Lubey for presenting the new slate of officers. In addition, I would like to thank Greg Weissman for installing our new Sisterhood Board and

wish him all the best as he takes over as Temple President.

I would like to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to our amazing Sisterhood Board. I have been humbled and honored to work with such a strong, loving and intelligent group of women and have appreciated each of their support. Please do join me in thanking them for all their time, efforts and talents! At the same time we must welcome in the new Sisterhood Board and be ready to meet our new year, both with its challenges and excitements, with the same energy and commitment as ever! It is Sisterhood that is truly the heart of our congregation.

I also hope that we each take a moment to wish Rabbi Sherwood and his family well in their new life adventure and thank them for their service to our congregation.

Thank you all for allowing me such a wonderful opportunity in representing our Sisterhood for the past two years. And remember, without you Sisterhood is really one woman short! Your support of Sisterhood is appreciated and so important.

Francesca Sweet

Part 2 - From the Newly Installed President



It was my honor to be installed as your 2017-18 Sisterhood President at the brunch held on May 21st. Thank you to those who were installed as officers with me. We will have a wonderfully successful year with your energetic support, I know.

We begin the year with an "In and Out" Dinner/Board Meeting on June 3rd at 5pm at my home. This will be the beginning of rolling up our figurative sleeves to get to work!

Everyone - put June 25th on your calendar for the first of our mini-programs, which will take place at Congregation Emanu El at 10 am and feature a Jewish Song Fest and drumming led by Michele Zipperstein and Jenn Vallely. A continental break- fast will be served and this program is free to all. Please join us.

We have some exciting plans. Watch this column for future events!



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Just a reminder... July 1st will be the beginning of the new fiscal year (2017-2018) Please make sure your dues and other accounts are current!

Susan Shimoff and Julie Strain Receive President's Award at Annual Meeting



At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on May 18th Craig Beasley presented the President's Award to two exemplary members of our congregation - Susan Shimoff and Julie Strain. The

President's Award was established in 1978 when Lou Rosenberg ''' served as president and felt that there should be a recognition of members who have given exceptional volunteer service to Congregation Emanu El. It has been presented every year since then and it is always a surprise when the president announces his or her choice of the recipient of the award.

Susan Shimoff serves as a member of our Board of Directors and has been an outstanding volunteer for many years. This past year she was primarily responsible for the creation of the Simcha Tree which now adorns our sanctuary and provides a place where happy moments can be perpetuated. Susan has also been involved in the creation of various plaques at the temple recognizing past-presidents and recipients of the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheym Award as well as major donors to our Capital Campaign.

Julie Strain, a past president of Sisterhood and of the congregation, has been a regular volunteer in the temple office throughout the year, a service that she has performed since retiring from her job with San Bernardino County. She is responsible for creating the weekly Shabbat announcement pamphlet as well as the monthly temple bulletin. Additionally, Julie is one of the key volunteers who run our Scrip program. She is also a member of the Board of Managers of the Home of Eternity Cemetery and Mausoleum. Julie will be returning to serve on the Board of Directors of the temple for the 2017-2020 term.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Susan and Julie on receiving the President's Award and thank them for their extraordinary volunteer service to our congregation.

The Temple Office will be closed Monday - July 3rd Tuesday - July 4th in observance of Independence Day

Welcoming Rabbi Darryl Crystal



Rabbi Darryl Crystal will begin his year of service to our congregation as our Interim Rabbi on July 2nd. We look forward his to leadership and warmly welcome him to our community.

Rabbi Crystal will be guiding us through the all-important year of transition as we prepare to search for our new rabbi. Rabbi Crystal has already held meetings with the lay leaders of our synagogue via Skype and has shared with them the knowledge he has gained from his many years of serving as an Interim Rabbi at numerous congregations throughout the country. Every congregation at which he has served as the Interim Rabbi has been energized by his work and have greatly benefited from his wisdom. He will be meeting with members of our staff as well as leaders of various congregational groups when he visits our community on June 7th and 8th.

There will be a number of opportunities in July and August for members of our congregation to get to know Rabbi Crystal. He will be leading services as well as performing all other rabbinical functions. Welcome to Rabbi Crystal! May our journey together be one that enriches our congregation and community.

Honoring Our High School Graduates

The month of June is the month of graduations. We especially congratulate those who are graduating from high school at this time. They and their families have been invited to attend the



Erev Shabbat Service on Friday, June 23rd at which time they will receive a special blessing.

The graduates are:

Ryan Campbell Erin Holder Ava Lalezarzadeh Maya Lang Hannah Lewis Alec Weissman



You are cordially invited to attend **A Mincha/Afternoon Service**

during which the Installation of Officers and Directors

of
Congregation Emanu El

will take place

Thursday - June 8, 2017 - 5:30 pm

A brief Mincha/Afternoon Service will be led byRabbi Cohn and Cantor Bern-Vogel

Officers to be Installed

Gregory Weissman - President Stuart Sweet - 1st Vice President Dr. Richelle Ghazal - Secretary Stacy Knox - Financial Secretary Craig Beasley - Immediate Past President

Directors to be Installed

Term ending 2019 Justin Swant

Term ending 2020 Julie Strain Harriet Bryant Steven Becker Sheri Maltzman

Continuing Directors

Term ending 2018 Paula Kaye Melissa Ladenson Scott Wilkie Kathy Rosenfeld

Term ending 2019 Joel Feinstein Margie Orland Susan Shimoff



Join with your temple family and friends and watch the 4th of July Fireworks!!!

Our temple grounds provide a perfect place from which to watch the amazing 4th of July Fireworks show from the University of Redlands stadium. Bring your own snacks. Chairs will be set up on the area that provides the best view of the fireworks.

> Tuesday evening July 4th From 7:00 pm until the end of the show.

<u>הַלוֹא פָרֹס לְרָעֵב לַחְמֶדָ.</u>

"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry..."

Isaiah 58:7

Our Food Pantry is Bare! Donations Are Desperately Needed!



Please bring NON-PERISHABLE dry or canned foods to the temple. We partner with the Cornerstone Church Food Pantry in San Bernardino where food is distributed to the hungry and homeless of our area.

If you prefer, you may purchase Stater Bros. Scrip cards which will then be used by Cornerstone Church.



Mental Health Awareness May Was Lime Green!

Thank you to all who wore the lime green ribbons last month, encouraging questions and conversation about mental illness. Each conversation, however short or even if a bit uncomfortable, was another step toward lightening the stigma. Hopefully, we are on our way to eliminating it. In the not too distant future, we *will* live in a society that accepts mental illness as it accepts any other illness.

We heard a fascinating speaker on the *bema* at our Shabbat service on May 19th. She gave us insight after insight into moral injury, a particularly painful juncture of mental disorder and soul harm, often occurring in war, or during the *Shoah*.

And Heidi and Nancy talked to us about aspects of mental illness and mental health at the other Erev Shabbat services during May.

Some of us walked, ran, or just hung out with NAMI San Bernardino Area, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, at their May 21st event at Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center on Barton Road.

We all worried that with the repeal and replacement of the national Affordable Care Act that mental health insurance coverage might be thrown out again. Mental healthcare parity has only been required since 2013, and strengthened only last year.

But with each passing year, we see more talk and action in the United States, the United Kingdom, and elsewhere that improves mental health. The stigma loosens its grip, and Mental Health Awareness In Action is shouting:

Each Mind Matters Talk About It – Stop the Stigma Not Every Disability is Visible Know the Signs – Suicide is Preventable Promote Wellness, Recovery, and R esilience all year long. Heidi Nimmo & Nancy Sidhu Co-chairs, Mental Health Awareness in Action

SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Join us for another wonderful Lunch and a Fascinating AND Timely Program

Wednesday - June 21, 2017 at 11:45 am

A JEW, A CHRISTIAN, A MUSLIM will share "TROUBLESOME MYTHS ABOUT MY RELIGION"

What are some of the misconceptions people have about each of the major Abrahamic religions? Hear each panelist dispell some myths about their religion!!

Panelists:

Imam Imad Bayoun



Dr. Imad Bayoun is widely recognized as a lecturer for the Muslim American Society (MAS), and the Oak Tree Institute. He was born in Beirut, Lebanon, where he received his BS and MS from the American University of Beirut. Subsequently, he moved to America in pursuit of higher education

and completed his PhD in Entomology from the Texas A&M University. He is the Insectary and Quarantine Officer at the Entomology Department of University of California in Riverside.

Rev. Petra Malleis-Sternberg

Pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ in San Bernardino. She came to San Bernardino after serving as Associate Minister at First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara. She is a graduate



of United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. She has been a leader in interfaith and social justice activities in the Inland Empire.



Rabbi Hillel Cohn

Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Emanu El. Known throughout the inland Empire as a leader in interfaith activities.

Catered Luncheon - \$10.00 per person Reservations must be made by Monday, June 19th by calling the temple office (909)307-0400 or emailing cee@emanuelsb.org

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We keep a variety of Scrip on-hand at the temple - including grocery stores (Albertson's, Von's Stater Bros.), gas cards (Arco, Shell, Chevron), major fast food restaurant chains (Chipolte, Del Taco, El Pollo Loco, Chili's, Red Robin, Macaroni Grill, to name a few, and your favorite coffee shop (Starbuck's, Coffee Bean & Tea), home improvement/decorating (Home Depot, Lowe's, Home Goods) and many more!



Local retailer PAWS also participates in our program! (Thank you to the Lehmann family!)

Don't forget - we have Harkin's and Krikorian movie tickets, too!

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If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please email Julie Strain or Carole Wizer at scrip@emanuelsb.org



Congregation Emanu El Adopts Brit Olam: The World We Want Covenant

Congregation Emanu El has joined scores of synagogues around the country in becoming a Brit Olam Covenant congregation. This action was taken at the Annual Meeting of the congregation on May 18th and was adopted unanimously.

Brit Olam is an effort of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and has its roots in the work of Reform CA, an effort initiated by dozens of reform synagogues throughout California over the past two years.

The document which the leadership of our congregation signed on behalf of the entire congregation is one which commits the staff and leaders of the congregation to respond against hatred and bigotry and to be advocates for dignity and fairness in our community and country. The Brit Olam Covenant says:

Our country faces a new reality, and the need for *tikkun olam*, world repair, is enormous. The normalization of bigoted rhetoric has led to increase in hate crimes and hate speech against Muslims, immigrants, low-income people, African Americans, LGBT people, women, Jews and others. There are proposals to deport immigrants, create a registry of American Muslims, reduce health care coverage to elderly and low-income people, curtail basic safety net programs for those most in need, increase the scope of mass incarceration, and roll back measures to combat climate change. We don't know which, if any, of these or similar proposals will move forward, but we know we must be ready to respond to the Torah's call to *rodeph tzedek* - pursue justice - and assert the importance of eternal Jewish values: equality, fairness, and the dignity of every individual.

In signing this Brit Olam, we clergy and lay leaders of Congregation Emanu El in Redlands, California commit to form a team with at least one clergy member and two lay members that will lead the response against hatred and bigotry, and for dignity and fairness. We commit to lead this team and our congregation or community to:

• Take action in solidarity with vulnerable communities - Muslims, immigrants, low income people, African Americans, LGBT people, women, Jews and others

• Work to pass key proactive city, county, and state policies that model the world we want to build, in one of these five issue areas: criminal justice reform, health care, immigrant rights, climate change, and religious freedom

• Support the statewide and national campaigns of the Religious Action Center (RAC) and the Reform Movement. This means weighing in on state and national issues and policies; taking up campaign actions when appropriate to our congregation or community; and sharing successes and challenges with other Reform congregations and communities

• Build relationships with congregations and organizations of other religious traditions, races, and classes than the majority of our congregation or community

• Create a culture of civic dialogue and discussion in our congregation or community where everyone, no matter the political party or perspective, feels valued and heard

Reform CA, a state-specific project of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, in turn commits to provide our congregation or community with:

• A variety possible actions and activities so our congregation or community can take up the actions most appropriate for us.

• Regular opportunities to receive training, the latest analysis of federal and state politics, and the sharing of successful congregational actions.

- An online space where Reform clergy and lay members across the state engage in dialogue and share best practices.
- Regular email updates with political news and analysis, as well as suggestions for actions.

In keeping with eternal Jewish tradition of lifting up the fallen, healing the sick, and freeing the captive, we agree to the aforesaid and commit to lead our congregation or community in collective acts of love to counter bigotry and the climate of hate and to advance Jewish values in the public sphere.

This covenant was signed by the leaders of our congregation. The effort to engage fully in this project is beiung led by Leone Hyman and Nancy Sidhu. They welcome input from any member of the congregation.

יום הולדת שמח !!! אום הולדת שמח

We rejoice with those whose birthdays occur in June and wish them a Mazal Tov:

1-June Craig Beasley 1-June Kevin Foist 2-June Carole Wizer 2-June Jacob Parvin (12 years old) 3-June Louise Gorenberg 3-June Kimberly Wolfe-Morgan 4-June Paul Snyder Phyllis Siperstein 5-June 6-June Joyce Eskin Renee Kress 6-June 8-June Joseph Bodnar 10-June Daniel Schachtel Susan Shimoff 13-June 14-June Marla Drake 14-June Enrique Lewin 15-June Gary Schwartz 15-June Judyth Buchband 16-June Hannah Levine 18-June Phyllis Sweet

18-June Ashleigh Wilkie 18-June Maya Lang (18 years old) 20-June Ronald Blumberg 21-June Rhian Beutler 22-June Walt Van Horn 22-June Justin Bauer 24-June Edith Stelzer 24-June Sharon Granowitz 24-June Zoe Swant (8 years old) 25-June Carol Heller 25-June Samantha Becerra 26-June Gloria Chodak 26-June Jack Schwartz 27-June Brian Spears 28-June Philip Kassel 28-June Sunny Rabenstock 29-June Jeffrey Kropf 30-June Richard Taylor

Happy Anniversary - מזל טוב!

20-June Susan & Howard Snyder We extend a hearty *Mazal Tov* to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur in the month of June:

2-June - Laura & Jon Fenster
5-June - Corinne & Cyril Kaicener
5-June Stanley Goodman & Marsha Gross-Goodman
6-June Lisa Wise-Wolk & Kerry Wolk
11-June Jill & Gregory Weissman
11-June Francesca & Stuart Sweet
14-June Diane & Donald Feldman
16-June Kevin & Deborah Salow
17-June Elaina & Marvin Reiter
19-June Bernice & Barry Lowenstein
20-June Renee & Michael Kress
20-June Susan & Howard Snyder

21 June Bonnie & Bernie Goler
21-June Jake Kurily & Peytra Becker-Kurily
22-June Leone & Bradley Hyman
22-June Julianne & Mark Strain
22-June Tamara & Jeffrey Verschell
24-June Sharon & Richard Granowitz
26-June Daniel & Kathy Trainor
27-June Ann & Asher Sheppard
27-June Sharon & Gary Eirew
29-June Leah & Avigdor Etzioni
29-June Delores & Melvin Eirew

WE CAN'T SPELL S Y N A G O G U E WITHOUT Y O U!!!

Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the month of-June: Those with a (\diamondsuit) are inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial:

June 2-3	June 9-10	June 16-17	June 23-24	June 30-July 1
Jack Bauman Corby Blumberg Meyer Borsuk Anna Bruce Ruth Dlugitch Freda Fredason Susan Frisch Fanya Glatt Rosella Gold Albert Goldie Fanny Greenhood Sophie Grossman Edward A. Harris Miriam Hirsch Morris Horwitz John Isenberg Sophia Jarsky Richard Kaplan Barbara Kassel Edith Kaufman Emanuel Jeanette Kershner Samuel Kushner Ruth Levenson David Malacoff Ruth McIntosh Claudia Rodman Julius Scher Jamie Secofsky Harry Shenkman Adam Smith Ruth Smith Anna Stein Joseph Weinberg Clayton Woodward-Fisher	 Abraham Alexander Abraham Alexander Raymond Alva Bessie Arbeitsman Carl Barkan Israel Berger Lawrence Brin Annie Broter William Coleman Abraham Davis Esther Davis Esther Davis Louis Doros Max Finkleman Raymond Fox Norman Gaynor Isadore Gelsin Sarah Gershek Yoav Gilad Ezriel Gordon Abe Granish Max Kater Sylvia Kaufman Jeanette Kitay Millie Lucas Dorothy Marks Anna Mendelsohn Rose Modes Louis Nemeth Israel Nourok Harry L. Osler Linda Prestidge Rebecca Rieger Kathlyn Rogers Ida Rosenbloom Harry Rothman June Rothman Gigi Ryan Mira Salamon Lillian Saxon Barbara Schapiro Caroline Schlesinger Theodore Serlin George Shane George Shane George Shane George Shane Georgia Weissman James Unickel Georgia Weissman Karl Zwick 	 June 10-17 Frieda Amerman	 June 23-24 Irmgard Blum Michael Braviroff Ryan Clark Nathan Cooperberg Al Corbin Herman Eliot Howard Forman Miriam Gideon Dora Goldstein Edward Gottlieb Henrietta Greenwald Harold Heller Harold Heller Harold Heller Harold Heller Harold Heller Harold Heller Marice Lerner Sarah Lerner Sarah Lerner Sarah Lerner Sarah Lerner Mark Myers Lena Noodelman Ida Pressman Al Rosen Mignon Schweitzer Florence Slabodkin Jennie Smith Leonard Smith Sylvia Wallach Edith Weisser Kilby Wiggins William Wilkin Arlene Wolf Nathan Zipperstein	Marjorie Antelam Leonard Becker Bernice Berenbaum Frances Bertman Rabbi Franklin Cohn Jack Diner Libby Frug Harry Handleman Sophie Harris Brock Heitman Nettie Henkin William Jaffrey Shelley Kamzan Sidney Kaufman Isadore Marx Sally Meimar Ruth Minkoff Samuel Newman Stella Pro Norman Rabenstock Sheldon Rothstein Charles Silverberg Mary Skadron Paulette Stewart Reba Zeller Eleanore Zipperstein

We Gratefully Acknowledge

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our various temple funds:

TEMPLE FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of... Rubin Keyser by Irene Schapiro Rita Serlin by Michelle Anctil and Judith Smith Milton Rubin by Sara and Andrea Rubin Rosa Newman by Phyllis Newman Elsie Baskin by Phyllis Newman Mildred Newman by Phyllis Newman William Lubelsky by Phyllis Newman Sandra Lubell by Phyllis Newman Emanuel Levine by Leslie and Julian Levine Mildred Groupp by Shelley and Joseph Bodnar Janet Frierman by Randee and Neal Levin Gertrude Orland by Burton Orland Harold Cohen by Sunny Rabenstock Sam Rabenstock by Sunny Rabenstock Evelyn Barrad-Zess by Sheila and Bernie Barrad Catherine Arnold by Michelle Anctil and Judith Smith Jack Rifkin by Charlotte and Tronie Rifkin Barbara Kartun by Karen Kartun and Ronald Shiell **Raymond Weiner** by Barbara and Michael Smith **Ruth Schwartz** by Gary Schwartz Moses Gottlieb by Beverly Irom Kitty Stahlberg by Rhoda Stahlberg Florence Berzosky by Mildred Hodes In memory of... Esther Hanover by Norman Hanover All 173rd Airborne Paratroopers and 10th **Group US Army Special Forces Green Berets** killed in action in Afghanistan and Iraq by Vickie and Steven Becker In honor of ... 60th Anniversary of Phyllis and Jerold Siperstein by Phyllis Newman

SISTERHOOD PULPIT FLOWER FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of... Edythe Secouler by Phyllis Satz Beatrice Gibbs by Bonnie Konowitch William Gilbert by Cherrie and Ronald Lubey Morton Aronoff by Cherrie and Ronald Lubey Elka Ellison by Amy Ellison

HOME OF ETERNITY CEMETERY FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of ... Morris Ellison by Amy Ellison Krana Brill by Shelley and Barry Silver Kevin David Brill by Shelley and Barry Silver In memory of ... Stella Kelber by Judy and Morry Miller

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In memory of ... Peggy and Rabbi Norman F. Feldheym by Mildred Hodes

LIONEL HELLER MUSIC FUND In honor of ... 90th Birthday of Carol Heller by Gwynneth Russler and Brian Tunney

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND For the recovery of ... Cindy Reitzenstein by Joyce and Barry Eskin

On occasions of joy or sorrow a contribution to one of our temple funds is always appropriate.

Contribution can be made to the following funds:

Home of Eternity Cemetery Fund Temple Fund Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Rabbi Cohn Discretionary Fund Cantor's Discretionary Fund William Russler Memorial Archives Fund Mortgage Reduction Fund Sisterhood Pulpit Flower Fund Rabbi Hillel & Rita Cohn Campership Fund Lionel Heller Music Fund Bernice Berenbaum Kitchen Fund Morton Aronoff Endowment Fund



You Can Host an Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush

The Oneg Shabbat following our Erev Shabbat services and the Kiddush following our Shabbat morning services provide wonderful ways to enhance our celebration of Shabbat. The opportunity to socialize with others is an important element of our Shabbat observances.

Sisterhood has always taken on the responsi-



bility of making sure that there is a lovely festive and Oneg Shabbat to follow Erev Shabbat services on Friday evenings. Sisterhood invites you host an Oneg to Shabbat to mark a special occasion of jov

such as a birthday or an anniversary. Our kitchen staff headed by Lorraine Freeman will make sure that all of the foods are beautifully displayed and that the paper goods and utensils are there. Lorraine and/or one of her staff also take care of the cleaning-up after the Oneg Shabbat so that the hosts and hostesses can go home.

If you want to host an Oneg Shabbat please contact Phyllis Sweet at (909)253-9150 or email her at pl8sweet@gmail.com. She will be able to advise you on the necessary donation or any other details you might need.



The Kiddush following our Shabbat morning service includes the sharing of Kiddush wine or

grape juice as well as Shabbat Challah as well as other tasty food. It can be "simple" or "elaborate." This allows everyone present to join in reciting the traditional blessings and then to enjoy some more "nourishing" foods. A Kiddush can be hosted to mark a special occasion such as the *Yahrzeit* of a loved. Or, you can host a Kiddush just because you want to provide a time for you and your fellow-congregants to celebrate Shabbat together. To host a Shabbat morning Kiddush please call the temple office and speak to our administrator Judy Filsinger. You can host a Kiddush either by bringing the food yourself or by making a donation allowing the temple to purchase the foods on your behalf.

Our Wish List

From time to time we publish a "wish list" of items that the temple could use. We are now seeking a donor to enable us to purchase a quality carpet-cleaning machine that can be used by our maintenance staff to "spot-clean" the carpets in our sanctuary and Social Hall. The cost of such a machine is \$500.00. If you wish to contribute this piece of equipment send your contribution to the temple and specify that it is for the carpet-cleaning machine.

Volunteers Needed to Help Care For Temple Grounds



We have a lovely building that evokes admiration from many. And, of course, our building is located on a large parcel of land. That parcel of land has numerous areas that require steady attention in

order to keep our "campus" attractive. We are looking for a group of volunteers who will take on the responsibility of general upkeep of the grounds by doing some we and other work regularly. While we have a professional landscaping service do some of the work weekly, there is a lot of work that needs to be done that we can't afford. That's why we need a Volunteer Grounds Committee.

If you are interested in serving on this

committee please contact Greg Weissman, our incoming temple president at (909)362-2895. The committee will find convenient times to meet and work together on some of the ongoing projects of grounds



maintenance. Doing this will not only be a way of performing a *Mitzvah*. It will allow you to work together with other members and get to know them better and spend time together *shmoozing*. It might even be that there will be refreshments for the volunteers when they meet to make sure our grounds are well taken care of.

We are also looking for someone to volunteer to be our "Plant Advocate." This would mean coming to the temple on a somewhat regular basis and looking at all of the plants, shrubs and trees to make sure that they ate being properly cared for. If you have some interest and background in caring for plants this would be a fine volunteer service to provide. If you think that you could serve as our "Plant Advocate" please contact our administrator Judy Filsinger and set up a time to meet with her.



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