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## SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS



**Friday - July 4, 2014**

**Shabbat and 4th of July**

**Picnic Dinner - 6:30 pm - Erev Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm**

**"We Celebrate America" - Singing of Favorite Patriotic Songs**

**Followed by 4th of July Oneg Shabbat with Apple Pie a la mode**

**Watch the fireworks from your seats on the temple grounds**

**Saturday - July 5, 2014**

**Torah Study - 9:15-9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am**

**Parashat Balak - Numbers 22:2-25:9 - Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7**

**Kiddush Hosts: Rita and Rabbi Hillel Cohn**



**Friday - July 11, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

**Summer Sermon Series I**

**Rabbi Cohn will speak on "New Mitzvot for Our Times"**

**Oneg Shabbat Following the Service**

**Saturday - July 12, 2014**

**Torah Study - 9:15-9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00am**

**Parashat Pinchas - Numbers 25:10-30:1 - Haftarah - I Kings 18:46-19:21**

**Kiddush Following the Service**



**Friday - July 18, 2014 - 6:00 pm**

**Shul at the Pool at the home of Dr. Jeanne and Jeffrey Raynes**

**"Pot-Luck" Dinner and Service led by Michele and Paul Zipperstein**

**Saturday - July 19, 2014**

**Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am**

**Parashat Matot - Numbers 30:2-32:42 - Haftarah - Jeremiah 1:1-3:3**

**Kiddush Following the Service**



**Friday - July 25, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

**Summer Sermon Series II**

**Rabbi Cohn will speak on "A Different Way of Keeping Kosher"**

**Oneg Shabbat Following the Service**

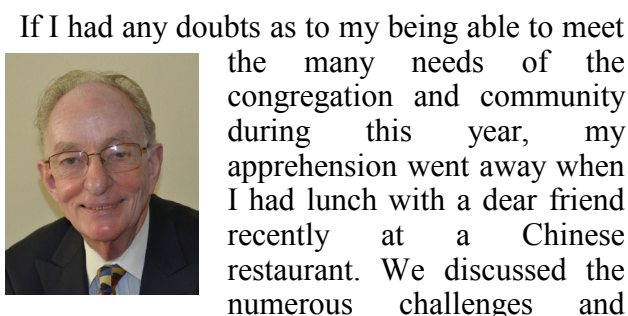
**Saturday - July 26, 2014**

**Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am**

**Parashat Masei - Numbers 33:1-36:13 /Haftarah - Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4**

**Kiddush Following the Service**

## Rabbinic Reflections



If I had any doubts as to my being able to meet the many needs of the congregation and community during this year, my apprehension went away when I had lunch with a dear friend recently at a Chinese restaurant. We discussed the numerous challenges and opportunities that awaited our congregation. At the end of the meal we were each given the traditional “fortune cookie.” My fortune said “You should be able to undertake and complete anything.” With that encouragement and expression of confidence I embark on yet another of my retirement “failures.”

I have often been asked just what it is that a rabbi is expected to do or be. Years ago some anonymous writer cleverly put it down in a piece entitled “*What a Rabbi is Expected to Be - From A to Z.*” (It was obviously written in the days before women became rabbis). Here it is:

After dinner speaker and Administrator,  
Benedictor and Bar and Bat Mitzvah specialist  
Comforter and Counselor  
Director of activities  
Eulogizer and Editor and Educator  
Friend and Fund-Raiser  
Guide, Go-Getter, Good Will Ambassador  
Hospital visitor, Helper, Hand Shaker  
Invoker and Idealist  
Judge, Job Finder, Jolly Good Fellow  
Kashrut Authority and Kissin Kuzzin  
Leader and Lecturer  
Morale Booster, Marrier and Master of Ceremonies  
Nice Guy and Name Rememberer  
Orator and Organizer  
Pastor, Preacher and Psychologist  
Quiet Listener and Quick Thinker  
Regular Fellow and Incidentally a Rabbi  
Scholar and Spiritual Adviser  
Talmudist and Teacher  
Unveiler of Monuments and Plaques  
Visitor and Visionary  
Writer and Well Wisher  
Xecutive, and, of course, an Xpert  
Youth Worker and Youth Molder  
Zionist... and whatever else you can put in for “Z”...

I look forward to being and doing most, if not all, of those things with you.

*Rabbi Hillel Cohn*

## Weekly Shabbat Eve Services to Start at 7:30 pm

Upon recommendation by Rabbi Cohn the regular time for our Erev Shabbat services will be 7:30 pm every Friday. The only times that will be different will be on the 3rd Friday of each month. In July and August our “Shul by the Pool” services will begin at 6:00 pm and from September through June the 3rd Friday of each month will be a “Family Service and will begin at 6:30 pm.

The 7:30 pm time for services will enable our congregants to have a more leisurely Shabbat dinner at home and then be able to come to the temple for services. And each service will be followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat where there will be plenty of desserts and ample opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones.

## Summer Sermon Series

This summer Rabbi Cohn will deliver a series of sermons on the theme of “New Mitzvot For Our Times.” The first in the series will be delivered on Friday, July 11th and subsequent sermons will be delivered on July 25th, August 1st, August 8th, August 22nd and August 29th. Come and find out what new Mitzvot you might incorporate into your life. We are sure you will find these sermons to be enlightening and quite interesting.

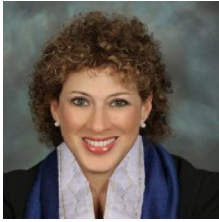
## A Wish List

From time to time we will publish a “wish list” of items that we would like to acquire for our temple. We know that there are members and friends of our congregation who would like to make special contributions in addition to their generous ongoing support of our Capital Campaign.

The very first item on our “Wish List” is a Sukkah. We need a lovely Sukkah that can be erected each year on our grounds and that will seat a fairly large group of people. The cost of a congregational-size Sukkah is \$1500.00. You can designate that the contribution is in honor or memory of someone special to you. If you want to donate a new Sukkah please call Rabbi Cohn at the temple office.

## Cantorial Comments

### What Does July Have in Common With the High Holy Days?"



July is the seventh month of the secular calendar year, but in just two short months, we will begin the seventh month of *Tishri* in our Hebrew calendar year. In a sense, *Tishri* is the most Jewish of all the months. Even so-called 'cultural' Jews who, for whatever reason, no longer feel the stirrings of something beyond the material confines of day to day life, feel something move within them when they think about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

In addition to having met with our High Holy Day Rabbi, Jordan Ofseyer, I and our Choir Director are already busy sorting through the volumes of music that magnificently guide us in celebration, solemnity, contemplation, reflection and remembrance – giving life to the stirring prayers and liturgy of the High Holy Day *Machzor*. This also means that once again, we welcome interested and enthusiastic congregants to sing along with our core choir volunteers! Even if you don't read music but love to sing, we encourage you to experience the High Holy Days at another level of spirituality and enlightenment by your participation. Please contact either Jerry or myself **if you are even remotely interested**.

I look forward to leading High Holy Day services with our guest, Rabbi Ofseyer, a thoughtful and inspiring presence, who will be a welcome addition during this season of transition. In the meantime, I will be away during the month of July during which time I look forward to sharing the *bema* again with my former clergy partner and good friend, Rabbi Rosalin Mandelberg at Ohel Sholom Temple in Norfolk, Virginia. Sam is excited to be preparing an Aliyah for *Pinchas* on his first visit back to Virginia since our westward move five years ago!

Wishing everyone a safe and rejuvenating summer,

**Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel**

## High Holy Day Services 5775 - 2014

### סליחות - S'lichot

Saturday - September 20, 2014

Pre-S'lichot

Sisterhood "Merry Mixer" - 6:30 pm

S'lichot Service - 11:00 pm to 12:00 Midnight

### ערב ראש השנה - Eve of Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday - September 24, 2014 - 7:30 pm

### יום א' ראש השנה - 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah

Thursday - September 25, 2014 - 10:00 am

Followed by Congregational Kiddush  
hosted by Sisterhood

### תשליך - Tashlich

Thursday - September 25, 2014 - 4:30 pm  
at Ford Park in Redlands

### יום ב' ראש השנה - 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah

Friday - September 26, 2014 - 10:00 am

Followed by luncheon  
hosted by Carolayne Swedlove in memory of  
Hershel & Jerome

### ערב יום כיפור - Eve of Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre

ערב יום כיפור - Kol Nidre

Friday - October 3, 2014 - 7:30 pm

### יום כיפור - Yom Kippur

Saturday - October 4, 2014

Morning Service - 10:00 am

Yizkor - 1:00 pm

Martyrology - 2:15 pm

Mincha-Afternoon Service - 3:15 pm

Neilah-Concluding Service - 4:45 pm

Followed by Break-the-Fast  
hosted by Sisterhood

Services will be led by

Rabbi Jordan Ofseyer

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel



## July 4th and Shabbat A Time for Celebration



This year the observance of Independence Day and Erev Shabbat coincide. So, this is a time for a special celebration and we will have that special

celebration at Congregation Emanu El.

After you have relaxed on the 4th of July, come to the temple with your picnic dinner. You can choose either to have your picnic outdoors on the temple grounds or indoors (cool and 'bug-free') in the Social Hall. The Picnic will begin at 6:30 pm. Then at 7:30 we will gather in the sanctuary for our Shabbat service, quite a bit more informal than usual. It will include the singing of our favorite patriotic songs as well as prayers expressing our love for America. In place of a sermon we will listen to "The Ballad for Americans" sung by the famed Paul Robeson, a magnificent musical statement on the true meaning of America. Following the service



we will gather for an Oneg Shabbat with the most traditional of American desserts - apple pie a la mode with plenty of ice cream and pie to go around. And then, having filled ourselves spiritually and

physically we will take our chairs outside and watch the fireworks show from the University of Redlands. Our temple campus will give us a great view of that festive display.

Even if you can't join us for the picnic dinner, come to the service and join us as we watch the fireworks.

**And - to help set the mood of celebrating Shabbat and the 4th of July you are encouraged to come dressed very casually and, if possible, to wear patriotic colors.**

## Mental Health Awareness In Action

Did you know that at least 75% of people with a mental illness report that they have experienced stigma? Stigma is a mark of disgrace that sets a person apart. Stigma brings feelings of shame and blame, misrepresentation in the media, a reluctance to seek or accept necessary help and contributes to social discrimination of people who have mental illness.

Did you know that the best treatments for serious mental illnesses today are highly effective? Between 70 and 90 percent of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with a combination of pharmacological and psycho-social treatments and supports.

A fine group of congregants led by Nancy Sidhu, Heidi Nimmo and Larry Mink are leading an effort to educate our entire congregation about mental illness - what it really means to people and what are the difficulties of dealing with it. Our recently organized Mental Health Awareness In Action Committee is committed to creating actions to help eliminate the stigma of mental illness. They are in the process of developing a series of programs that will enable us to take concrete steps to address this concern. This is a part of true *Tikun Olam, repairing of the world*.

We invite youth and adults to a meeting on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 pm in the temple social hall to learn more about the stigmas about mental illness that still, unfortunately, prevail. Troy Mondragon will speak to us on how he deals with his mental health issues. He is currently a graduate student in the College of Social Sciences at Cal State San Bernardino and is a member of County of San Bernardino Behavioral Health Commission.

Please make a special effort to attend the meeting on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 pm to learn more about this effort. Your presence will be an important first step in helping banish the stigma of mental illness.

## President's Award Presented to Phyllis Sweet



At the temple's annual meeting held in May the President's Award was presented to Phyllis Sweet. The President's Award is given each year to a member who has distinguished herself or himself by performing exceptional volunteer activities.

Though a relatively new member of our congregation, Phyllis has jumped right in and become one of our most valuable volunteers. She has been coordinating the Oneg Shabbats and "Snack and Shmooze" on Friday nights and the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services. She is also a regular volunteer in our office handling phone calls and many other tasks. Phyllis helps out in our Gift Shop. Most of all, she was the chairperson of the very successful Cantors' Concert held this past spring.

We thank Phyllis for her devotion to the temple and for sharing her many talents with her congregational family. Congratulations on receiving the 2014 President's Award.

### זכרונם לברכה

The congregation notes with sorrow  
the recent deaths of

#### **Dr. William R. Coleman**

husband of Monique Coleman  
father of Dr. Tina-Lise Curtis, Philippe Coleman  
and Kevin Coleman

#### **Vita de Mendez**

mother of Jose Mendez

May the memory of the righteous  
be for a blessing.

### CORRECTION

In the June, 2014 Congregation Emanu El Bulletin we incorrectly named the husband and son of the late Shirley Williky. Her late husband was Morris Williky and her son is Lloyd Williky. we apologize for that error.

## Yahrzeits

The Yahrzeits of the following whose names are inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial will be observed during July.

### July 4-5, 2014

Charles Silverberg  
Brock Heitman  
Eleanore Zipperstein  
Sally Meimar  
Mary Skadron  
William Jaffrey  
Norman Rabenstocik  
Sidney Kaufman  
Leonard Falk  
Irene Howard  
Frances Bertman  
M. Storm Webb  
Seymour Schweitzer  
Simon Kristal

### July 11-12, 2014

Rabbi Franklin Cohn  
Herbert Uffer  
Bernice Berenbaum  
Samuel Bernstein  
Israel Gerstein  
Eve Kloingman  
Terry Unger  
Gustave Levenson  
Sara Gottlieb  
Sarah Berenbaum  
Joseph Mordecai Russler  
Morris Rovell  
Harry Gold  
Bertram Kaufman  
Nathan Quadrow  
Harry Reiter  
Kenneth Austin  
Henrietta Rowelsky  
Tillie Becker  
Joanne Stein  
Jay Bogost  
Sara Robin  
Adeline Fenster

### July 18-19, 2014

Isadore Lewis  
Elliot Moss  
Miriam Cohn  
Fred Goldstein  
Herman Berzosky  
Bessie Abramson  
Sarah Katzman  
Warren Stept  
Leo Schwartz  
Milton Karen  
Albert Dickman  
Jack Steinberg  
William Rodman  
Helen Lewis  
Harry Braviroff  
Shirley Burkett  
Lena Lebeck

### July 25-26, 2014

David Goodman  
Sadie Schlein  
Walter Becker  
Maurice Birnkrant  
Abraham Wilkin  
Nelson Feit  
Dorothy Shane  
Betty Jacobs  
Florence Michael  
Jacob Silberman  
Gertrude Loria  
Rena Meyer  
David Zaritsky  
Marilyn Jaffe  
Anna Markowitz  
Barney Rosenbloom  
Sally Seeman  
Naomi Newman  
Ellen Gruber  
Marie Unickel  
Alan Michael  
Jack Aronoff  
Celia Jaffrey  
Abe Meyer  
Sol Zelony  
Ethel Zelen  
Judith Braviroff  
Clare Cherry

## Sisterhood News



Dear Friends,

Congregation Emanu El is embarking on a year of growth and excitement. I am pleased to welcome our Rabbi Hillel Cohn back to our pulpit as our full time Rabbi for the next year. I could easily say that Rabbi

Cohn is responsible for my marriage to my husband Jim; and that would be partially true. Rabbi Cohn is responsible for my husband's Jewish education and his conversion. He also married us and performed all of our children's naming ceremonies and took part in their B'nai Mitzvot. He has also been particularly supportive in our times of difficulty and sadness.

Rabbi Cohn and his wife Rita have always been faithful supporters of Sisterhood and thus I look forward to working with him on many occasions. The first is 4<sup>th</sup> of July. What a great idea to blend Shabbat with America's birthday. Sisterhood will be providing the Apple pies and ice cream to be enjoyed while watching the wonderful fireworks from our temple coming from the University of Redlands. I hope you will consider as it sounds like a lot of fun for family and friends joining us.

At this time you should have received your Sisterhood membership packet. Please take a moment to look at it and choose which membership is right for you. With the change in the service time this year, all services will have an Oneg following the 7:30 service. Sisterhood needs your help in hosting an Oneg Shabbat for our congregation. On the membership form you will also see a place to sign up for a Friday Night Oneg Shabbat. Please do so in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one. I thank you in advance for your assistance. Finally I would like to say that Sisterhood is always in need of volunteers to assist in our many activities. Please let me or any of the Sisterhood board members know how you would like to get involved.

Have a wonderful summer,

*Stacy Knox*

## Happy Birthday...

### יום הולדת שמח

We wish a hearty Happy Birthday to the following whose birthdays occur in July:

Ray Briant	Michael Douglas
Elwood Cohen	Jeffrey Lewis
Charlotte Rifkin	Michele Ferguson
Diane Stone	Lisa Wise-Wolk
Mark Schnitzer	Kerry Wolk
Corinne Kaicener	Sharon Eirew
Alice Sobel	Ronald Shiell
William Soltz	Clifford Hiller
Laurence Lerner	Stephen Lehmann
Shoshana Simon	Katherine Paisner
Mark Robinson	Jennifer Spitzer
Marilyn Raphael	Brandi Levy
Paula Kaye	Marissa Klein
Jeffrey Caruthers	Carissa Edgar
Phyllis Lichtenstein	Max Cibelli
Beverly Dolberg	Drew Holder
Charleta Swedlove	Hannah Kogler
Barbara Smith	Lucas Verschell
Richard Granowitz	Adeline Swedlove
Kathy Harris	Ayden Arient
Loren Harris	Beckam Amare
Dorene Cohen	Elijah Snyder
Ronald Drake	Samuel Bauer

## Happy Anniversary...

### מזל טוב!

We congratulate and extend a Mazal Tov to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur during July:

Marjorie & Jeffrey Henkin  
Marilyn & Lawrence Raphael  
Joya & Allen Eirew  
Morasha & James Stuckey  
Roberta & Robert Klein  
Brandi & Mark Levy  
Shauna & Walt Van Horn

## Mazal Tov

We extend a hearty Mazal Tov to  
**Peytra Becker and Jacob (Jake) Kurily**  
on their recent marriage.  
Peytra is the daughter of  
Vickie and Steven Becker

## **Welcome Back** **Rabbi Hillel Cohn**

While Rabbi Hillel Cohn is well-known to many of our congregants there are those in our congregational family who do not really know him and his long history with our congregation.

Rabbi Cohn came to serve Congregation Emanu El in 1963 after having been ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He came to us to serve as the assistant rabbi to Rabbi Norman Feldheim. After a year he was named as co-rabbi and in 1971, upon the retirement of Rabbi Feldheim he became the senior rabbi of the congregation. He served as our rabbi for 38 years, retiring in 2001 when he was named Rabbi Emeritus.

Our rabbi is known throughout the Inland Empire as one of the leading religious leaders. He has been active in many community organizations over the years. He served as president of Family Service Agency of San Bernardino, president of the San Bernardino Area Mental Health Association and on the boards of dozens of organizations. Currently he is a member of the board of the St. Bernardine Medical Center Foundation, The Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino, Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties, Brightest Star, The Unforgettables Foundation, THINK Together Inland Advisory Board, Morrow-McCombs Memorial Lecture Advisory Board and the Cal State San Bernardino College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Development Council. He is also a member of the Institutional Review Board of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and a member of the Diocesan Health Care Committee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino.

In 2010 Rabbi Cohn served as the Chairperson of the San Bernardino Bicentennial Committee and led the observance of San Bernardino's 200th anniversary. He currently serves as an appointed member of the Human Relations Commission and as a member of the Citizen's Charter Review Committee.

He was the founding chairperson of the Inland and Desert Hillel Council and just recently completed a second term as its chairperson. Rabbi Cohn was a national officer of the Central

Conference of American Rabbis, is a past president of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis and in 2010 served as the national president of NAORRR, the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis. He served for five years as editor of the CCAR monthly newsletter and for the past five years has been the editor of Ohr L'Naorrr, the publication of NAORRR.

Rabbi Cohn is a past president of Paradise Lodge of B'nai B'rith and a past chairperson of the San Bernardino United Jewish Welfare Fund.

For the past two years he has served as the Interim Chairperson of the Board of Managers of our Home of Eternity Cemetery.

Rabbi Cohn has received many honors during the course of his rabbinic career. In 1996 he was selected as one of 5,000 Hometown Heroes to carry the Olympic Torch. In recent years he has been honored by Inland Congregations United for Change, the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino, the Time for Change Foundation, California State University San Bernardino, the Inland African-American Churches and many more. He has the distinction of being the only rabbi to have been invited three times to deliver the opening prayer for the United States Congress.

In the early days of his rabbinate in our congregation he was in charge of our educational program and was twice honored with the Emanuel Gamoran Memorial Award of the National Association of Temple Educators for creating the best new religious school curriculum in the United States. He holds the title of Reform Jewish Educator, a distinction conferred on him by the reform movement. His sermons have been published regularly and he is the author of various liturgical publications including a Haggadah for Passover.

Rabbi Cohn is well known for his appearances on the media. For a number of years he was one of the regular participants on "Religion On The Line", a popular talk-show on KABC radio. He produced and hosted a series of 50 half-hour programs on "The Many Faces of San Bernardino." Currently he is one of the three participants on "A Jew, a Muslim and a Christian" seen world-wide through Wordnet TV.

Rabbi Cohn was born in Berlin, Germany and was brought to this country as an infant by his



parents who were refugees from Nazi Germany. He was raised in the Pacific Northwest and Los Angeles. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from UCLA and attended the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and Cincinnati where he was ordained. He has also earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from The Claremont School of Theology as well as an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Cohn and his wife Rita are the proud parents of two children - Elana Cohn-Rozansky who lives in Lake Oswego, OR and Marc Cohn who resides in Vista. They are the grandparents of Jeremy and Adam Rozansky and Sarah and Leah Cohn.

Our congregation is truly honored to have our locally and nationally respected rabbi return to lead us and appreciates his having volunteered to serve us this coming year. In addition to serving us he will continue to serve as the rabbi of the Sun City Jewish Services in Palm Desert. He will be officiating at their Erev Shabbat services on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month as well as the High Holy Days, a commitment he made prior to his offering to return to be our rabbi.

## **“Shul by the Pool” on July 18th**

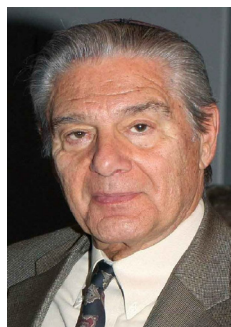
The first of our two summer “Shul by the Pool” Shabbat celebrations will be held on Friday, July 18th at 6:00 pm. It will be hosted by Dr. Jeanne and Jeffrey Raynes at their lovely home at 11489 Walnut Street in Redlands.

It begins at 6:00 with a “Pot-Luck” Dinner. A somewhat abbreviated service will be led by Michele and Paul Zipperstein and will include lively music. This Shabbat observance will give our temple community a greater chance to socialize and to savor the joys of Shabbat together. We especially encourage families to attend. “Pot-Luck” assignments will be detailed on the temple’s weekly email or by calling the temple office.

Dress casually. Those who wish to enjoy the lovely pool are invited to wear appropriate swim clothing.

As always, there will be an Oneg Shabbat with plenty of delicious refreshments.

## **Introducing Rabbi Jordan Ofseyer**



We are honored that Rabbi Jordan Ofseyer has accepted our invitation to serve as our Guest Rabbi for the forthcoming High Holy Days. Rabbi Ofseyer is a most distinguished rabbi and we look forward to his participation in our services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and to his sermons on those sacred days.

Rabbi Ofseyer has served as the senior rabbi of some of the leading congregations in our country such as Shearith Israel in Dallas, Texas and more recently at Temple Isaiah in Palm Springs and Temple Sinai in Palm Desert. He has also served as adjunct professor of theology and history at Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the University of Judaism/American Jewish University in Los Angeles.

For a number of years Rabbi Ofseyer has been a panelist on the nationally broadcast interfaith program “American Religious Town Hall”, a program that is seen world wide and can be seen on the internet at [americanreligious.org](http://americanreligious.org).

Rabbi Ofseyer holds the distinction of being one of very few rabbis to have received three degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He earned degrees in Jewish education, was commissioned as a Cantor and was ordained as a rabbi. He did his undergraduate work at Columbia University. He is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international organization of conservative rabbis, and has held numerous leadership positions in that organization.

Rabbi Ofseyer and his wife Veda have four children and four grandchildren and reside in Rancho Mirage.

In addition to leading our services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Rabbi Ofseyer will lead the Erev Shabbat service on September 19th which will give him and the congregation a fine opportunity to meet prior to the High Holy Days.



## **We Gratefully Acknowledge...**

### **תודה רבה**

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions made to our various funds:

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**Rita Serlin** by Phyllis Newman; Nick, Linda and Jenny Cataldo;

**Loved Ones** by the Waldman and Cohen families.

*In honor of...*

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**80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Hal Herman** by Helene and Mark Jacobson

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*In observance of the Yahrzeits of...*

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**Louis Forman** by Myral Bellman

**Irving Donenfeld** by Judge Christy and Jay Donenfeld

*In memory of...*

**Rita Serlin** by Sharon and Richard Granowitz, Eileen Kaufman, Judy and Morry Miller, Joan Zeiner, Bertha Fox

**Shirley Williky** by Ethel McAfee

**Gigi Ryan** by Harriet and Harold Herman

*In honor of...*

**Birth of Colin Gabriel Katzenberg** by Phyllis Newman

**Birth of Dylan Andrew Kress** by Leslie and Dr. William Soltz, Susan and Paul Shimoff

**Birth of Mila Brynn Shimoff** by Leslie and Dr. William Soltz

**Birth of Joshua Michael Lerner** by Leslie and Dr. William Soltz, Susan and Paul Shimoff

**40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Judge Christy and Jay Donenfeld** Karen and Alan Hodes

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*On occasions of joy or sorrow it is most appropriate to make a contribution to any of our temple funds.*

**Temple Board of Directors  
Meeting**

**Thursday - July 17, 2014  
7:00 pm  
at the temple**

All members are invited to attend and participate in the deliberations affecting our temple. Your input is valued.

**Why Should I  
Become A Member?**

This is the time of year when those who are not yet affiliated with a synagogue consider becoming members. If you are not yet a member or if you are a member and know of someone who is not yet part of our congregation, please share this with them:

***Why should I join a synagogue?***

1. **Community:** The synagogue is so often the place where we discover people who share in the same interests and values. In truth, our best friends come from the synagogue. In communities such as ours it is often difficult to feel a sense of Jewish community. It is so easy to feel alone or even lost as a Jew. The synagogue is the place to feel like we are part of a Jewish community.

2. **Connection:** There is great value in connecting with other people within a similar demographic. Congregation Emanu El has an active Sisterhood, youth programs and will soon be developing other programs. A beautiful aspect of being part of these groups is that your presence not only benefits you, but it also benefits the community as well.

3. **Education:** Indeed, educating our children is very important. Still, just as important is continuing our own education. Throughout the year we provide a blend of thought provoking discussions, classes, fascinating speakers, and text exploration? The lectures and classes are all taught on a stimulating level and challenge those who attend with new ideas and thoughts.

4. **Spiritual Expression:** While there is no exact formula for creating an atmosphere conducive to spiritual expression, the sanctuary of a synagogue is most certainly a good place to consider. Within our sanctuary are beautiful music, inspirational sermons, and valuable readings. We seek to maintain a responsible adherence to Jewish tradition within the context of liberal Judaism.

***What do I get for my membership?***

1. **Life Cycle:** From birth to death and from B'nai Mitzvah to marriage the synagogue provides the venue, the community and the enthusiasm to mark these moments in your life properly.

2. **Social Action:** The synagogue serves as the conduit for a person to do *Mitzvot*. The

synagogue helps to organize people interested in acts of kindness. Feeding the hungry, comforting the homeless, educating the underprivileged, helping our fellow congregants in times of need. All these can be done in partnership with the temple.

3. **Social Events:** In addition to our educational programs, we also offer an array of social programs.

4. **Perpetual Memory:** There are very few places that memorialize in perpetuity your loved ones. So long as the synagogue stands, your loved ones are remembered. You give them the gift of eternal life.

Please know, however, that membership at a synagogue is not like membership at a country club. It is not goods for services. We join a synagogue because we believe in supporting Jewish institutions. We join a synagogue because we care about the future of Judaism in our community. Congregation Emanu El understands that you may not come to the synagogue much during the course of the year. It is during such years that your membership truly supports the institution. However, there will come a time when you need the synagogue. Perhaps not this year, but the next. Congregation Emanu El will be there for you. We hope and pray that we can provide the same support for you in your time of need.

### Board Meeting Highlights

At its June meeting the temple Board of Directors did the following:

- Approved the 2014-2015 operating budget of the congregation.
- Reviewed and discussed various ways in which the congregation's "profile" can be communicated in social media such as Facebook and YouTube. This is in order to disseminate more information to our current membership and to attract the unaffiliated to our temple.
- Discussed various fund-raising possibilities for the new fiscal year.

This was the first meeting of the newly installed officers and board members of the temple. The meeting was chaired by Craig Beasley in the absence of Paul Zipperstein.

## Home of Eternity Cemetery

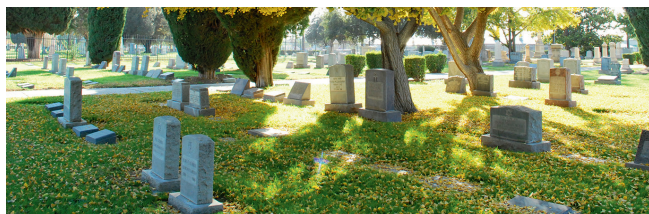
Our Home of Eternity Cemetery is the oldest Jewish cemetery in continuous existence in Southern California. It began in the early 1850's when a plot of ground was given to the Jewish community by a group of early Mormon pioneers. The first adults were buried in our cemetery in the early 1860's. Over the course of time additional ground was added to our cemetery and a mausoleum and columbarium was built as well.

Today our cemetery is the only functioning all-Jewish cemetery in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The cemetery is a sacred trust of Congregation Emanu El. We are committed to its upkeep and beautification so that it can continue to serve as a burial place for our loved ones. It is operated on behalf of the temple by a Board of Managers. We are pleased to announce that the new chairperson of the Board of Managers as of July 1st is David Swedlove. He succeeded Rabbi Hillel Cohn who served as the interim chairperson for the past two years. Current members of the Board of Managers in addition to David Swedlove and Rabbi Cohn are Skip Borsuk, Gloria Cutler, Shelley Silver, Bill Simon, Julie Strain and Greg Weissman.

We want to remind our members and friends that it is wise to make one's burial arrangements well in advance of need. You can select either ground burial graves, mausoleum crypts or columbarium niches. The cemetery enables you to make your selection and to pay it over a period up to five years at no-interest.

If you wish to discuss the selection and purchase of burial space at our Home of Eternity Cemetery please call the temple office and let us know of your interest. A member of the Board of Managers will be happy to meet with you at the cemetery and show you the available spaces. Members of Congregation Emanu El or any other recognized synagogue receive a generous (25%) discount on all spaces.



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