

## Congregation Ner Tamid Expands Religious School

At the start of the new year, the Ner Tamid Religious School experienced a phenomenal metamorphosis. It seems as if overnight we showed a 25% increase in student enrollment. The Temple is very pleased to announce that 75% of their teaching faculty have teaching credentials. This will insure the quality of education provided to the students. Hebrew education can now be offered from Kindergarten through the 7th grade. Furthermore, a confirmation class will be offered on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and will be taught by Rabbi Akselrad.

### MEET THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STAFF

Following is a brief bio of each member. The Rabbi strongly urges parents to meet with the teachers and share their personal concerns about their children.

**Sandy Cohen**, our Religious School principal, has had over 10 years of experience in working with children of all ages. At one point she received the "Jewish Incentive Award" for her innovative class projects. Sandy received her B.A. in Education from Roosevelt University in Chicago. She has been a director of a pre-school and a large private school in California.

**Mariane Anderson** is a new member to the Temple. She has taught in religious schools in other communities. She prefers to work with younger children, even though for the past 3 years she taught on other grade levels. Mariane's daughter, Sara, will be a second grader this year. Mariane's enthusiasm is evident in her approach to her duties and she will be teaching Kindergarten.

**Michel Sweig**, our newest member of the faculty, will be teaching first grade.

**Rose Dunn** has been a wonderful mainstay of the religious school for the past 14 years. Almost every member of the Temple family has been touched by Rose's talents as she served to impart

her love of Judaism upon dozens of students over the years. Rose is known for her commitment to the Temple. She will be teaching 2nd grade.

**Lori Frankl** is new to the Temple, but no stranger to Las Vegas. Lori attended Chapparral High School and received her religious education at Temple Beth Shalom. For the past four years she worked with primary aged children in Tacoma, Washington. In addition, she served as a B'nai Mitzvah tutor for two years. She will be teaching the third grade.

**Amie Blumenthal** moved to Las Vegas this summer after three years of teaching Public School in South Central Los Angeles. In addition to teaching in our religious school, Amie will be teaching third grade in Clark County. Amie was very active in the Jewish community in Los Angeles and spent a summer in Israel working in the Children's House on Kibbutz Ketura. She will be teaching the 4th/5th grades.

**Aliza Narbonne** was born to a rabbinical family in Israel. Her family has had roots in Israel for 480 years. She came to the United States as a student and Hebrew teacher. She has been teaching for 32 years and is a graduate of the Bar Ilan University and Teacher's College. Aliza has taught at Solomon Schechter Day School and Akiba Day School in Los Angeles. She was a director at Temple Sinai of a pre-school and had her own pre-school for a number of years before moving to Las Vegas this summer. Aliza is married and has five children. She will be teaching the sixth grade in religious school and gimmel, the third year of Hebrew School.

**Eileen Kollins** will be teaching the 7th grade - a comparative religious course. This multi-talented lady has worn many hats in her long association with Congregation Ner Tamid. Among her many

credits is the preparation of B'nai Mitzvah students. She officiated at 13 Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies as well as one Confirmation during the time when we were without a Rabbi. This eminently qualified lady is currently the Vice President in charge of Religious Activities and is a Clark County School District librarian at the Paul Culley Elementary School.

**Rabbi Sanford Akselrad** has taught Confirmation for the past 5 years in Hebrew and religious schools at all grade levels for the past 10 years in California and Ohio. He will be teaching the 8th/9th grade Confirmation class. He will also be teaching Bet, the second year of Hebrew.

**Melissa Glovinsky** returns to our teaching staff for her fourth year. Currently a student at UNLV, Melissa attended the Hebrew Academy of Las Vegas. She will be teaching Aleph, the first level of Hebrew. Melissa also serves as one of our B'nai Mitzvah tutors.

**Alan Hirsh** has taught in our religious school for four years, working with Kindergarten and 5th/6th grades. He is the advisor for NTTY, the Senior High Youth Group. Alan is a student at UNLV. This year he will serve as music specialist for the religious school, bringing an exciting new dimension to our program.

**Larry Newman** was in the Air Force for 20 years. While at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, he started a Sunday School under the sponsorship of the Jewish Welfare Board. He is now retired and volunteers his time at the Air Force hospital at Nellis. Larry has had a strong Jewish education and will be a tutor for the Hebrew School.

### OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AIDES

**Sharon Dunn** returns to our religious school as one of our outstanding aides. A product of the Congregation's religious school, she is currently president of NTTY, the senior Youth Group of Ner Tamid. Sharon spent this past summer at Kutz, a UAHC camp in New York, where she met students from around the United States and attended special sessions on leadership development. She is a senior at Valley High School.

**Adam Stenberg** returns to our religious school as one of our most diligent teaching assistants. Adam will be devoting most of his time in the religious school teaching music. Adam has been a member of the board of NTTY and is currently on the board of SWFTY, the Southwest Federation of Temple Youth. Adam is a senior at Clark High School.

**Lisa Kollins** is a 9th grader at Hyde Park Jr. High and is a member of her school's varsity Quiz Team and Spanish Club. She is an active member of NTTY. Lisa and her family have been members of Congregation Ner Tamid for ten years.

**Denise Rounds** is the newest aide to join the religious school staff. Denise is currently in the 7th grade of Woodbury Jr. High.

At the height of the Palestinian uprising, she traveled freely in the West Bank, hitching rides with Arab cars, socializing with Palestinian youths and eventually falling in love with one.

"Nothing will happen to me," she promised her worried parents. "I know them, I know how to talk to them." The parents tried to convince her that although they respected her liberal views, she should be more cautious. But she would not listen.

On Aug. 13, her body was found, totally burned, on a farm near the industrial zone of the Arab town of El-Bireh, some 20 miles north of Jerusalem.

## Young Woman Who Befriended Arabs Is Victim Of Murder In West Bank

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