

The highlight of Southern California's Secular Jewish New Year Festival observances will be the appearance of Hollywood star and progressive activist Ed Asner at the *kolnidre*/Kol Nidre event to be co-sponsored by the Southern California Arbeter Ring/Workmen's Circle on September 18, 7:00 PM. Asner's excellent *heymish* Yiddish will be involved.

SoCal AR/WC will, again, observe the Festival with events on *rosheshone*/Rosh Hashana, *kolnidre*/Kol Nidre, *yonkipper*/Yom Kipur and *sukis*/Sukot. *Rosheshone*, *kolnidre* and *sukis* will be co-sponsored with the Sholem Community and its Sunday School.

Rosheshone takes place on Monday, September 10, 11:00 AM at Rancho Park in Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles, including potluck lunch and, of course, apples and honey. The Sholem School Sunday School students will participate in the program. By tradition, the event includes a reading, in translation, of Y. L. Perets' classic Yiddish story, "If Not Still Higher." There is no charge.

Kolnidre, traditionally the major event of the year, is expected to again draw some 300 people, including many intercultural and non-traditional families, in the ultra-modern Moss Theater at the New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. in Santa Monica. Attendees seek inspiration from a progressive, Secular Jewish concept, featuring a choir, musical ensemble and an original script by screenwriter Ross Helford, reflecting the concerns of our time. Songs are in Yiddish, Hebrew and English; Ani Zonnenfeld, founder of Muslims for Progressive Values and a UN consultant, will again lead "Peace, salaam, shalom." Members, seniors and students receive significant discounts from the \$80 general admission fee. Advance tickets may be purchased at www.sholem.org

Our traditional *Yonkipper* event takes place at the SoCal Arbeter Ring/Workmen's Circle Cultural Center, 1525 So. Robertson Blvd., L.A., at 2:00 PM on Sept. 19, featuring selected readings and a Humanistic *kadish* ceremony. Admission is free.

Sukis/Sukot will take place in a natural environment, where Sholem School classes will speak, act and sing about their dedication to saving our environment in a world of peace. Location to be announced.