



# CHAI TIMES

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### Rabbi Says:

**“What you don’t see with your eyes, don’t witness with your mouth” (Jewish Proverb)**

This month California is part of “Super Tuesday” when several states will go to the polls and help decide who will be the candidate of the Republican and Democratic Parties.



In amongst the most important question of this election, who is the best for America?, there already have been comments, innuendoes, rumors and accusations all which have made me think about one of the most grievous sins we can commit “Lashon Hara” (evil tongue or gossip).

Politicians, in order to gain an advantage, often take words out of context to create a sound byte that suits their advantage. We need to look more deeply into all the ‘propaganda’, to examine the pictures and to pose the questions that trouble us.

Do not accept anything at face value. For if we do, when we hear or receive e-mails of a controversial nature and repeat or forward that information, we are committing “Lashon Hara”. But how is one to know which candidate will best serve our country? Listen to the person, ask questions, and do research!!!! Find out where the truth lies. Instead of the coffee table as a source for your information, go to the candidate him or herself, the library or the internet and do your investigation.

For example, already two candidates’ loyalty to America has been questioned because of their religious affiliations. It is interesting that both candidates

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Adult Education  
Tuesday, February 5th  
**“Jews In American Sports”**

Presented by  
*Rabbi Mark Sobel*

**Saturday, February 9**  
9:15—12:15 PM  
**Religious School Field Trip to**  
**Skirball Cultural Center**  
Grades K—3 **“Noah’s Ark”**  
Grades 4—Confirmation  
**“The Immigration Story”**

**Monday, February 11**  
3:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Sisterhood Restaurant  
fundraiser at  
**Shakers Restaurant**  
801 N. Central in Glendale



**Sunday, February 24**  
5:30 PM  
Sing Your Heart Out  
**Karaoke Night**

# President's message



Time seems to move with greater speed as one grows older. I remember when I was young weekends were very far apart and months seemed a lot longer. Waiting for a special event took eons and a week in school sometimes felt like forever.

Now that I have matured and filled my days so full there are not enough hours in a day to get everything done, weeks speed by so fast that by the time summer is over we are celebrating the holidays.

Now I know I have been around over 50+ years and it only seems like yesterday that I was born, according to my parents. (They have been married this month 56 years.)

Half a century does sound like a long time. But is it? It all depends on your perspective.

Our temple this year is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year since it was established. The ideals since its inception has been honored and we have become truly a temple with a heart. No one is turned away, no one is made to feel insignificant, and everyone is greeted with respect and eagerly welcomed. I am so honored to be president at this time in our temple's history and to be able to honor those who held this office before me.

I invite you to help celebrate this 50<sup>th</sup> year in all our events yet to occur. We plan on creating an atmosphere of joyous celebration for all of our members and the community in which we live to join us at every event.

What we have coming up will be spectacular. This year we have a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, which you could join, to help make all our

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or by delivery to the Temple office. Articles will be published based on space available, relevant content, and at the discretion of the Editing Staff, Temple Officers and Directors.

## Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone. The cost of our Tribute cards is now \$3.00 each.

If you would like to send a card, just contact our Tribute Chairperson, John Eisinger at 818-842-5439, and he will do the rest.



## Happy Anniversary

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth & Fred Kubik

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7:30 PM*

**Rabbi Says:** (Continued from page 1)

are professed Christians, but the questions still persist as to their loyalty to the Judeo-Christian ethic. We know all about loyalties being questioned. Last month we read in the Torah about how Pharaoh questioned our loyalty to Egypt, and next month we will hear all about Haman's terms that we are 'spread out and scattered throughout the kingdom and do not obey the king's laws'. As far as history has taught us, our people have always been loyal to the government where we have lived and obeyed its laws, as long as they did not conflict with our Judaism. And when they did conflict we sought to change the laws not the government.

We are taught that to embarrass a person in public equates to murder because we have destroyed that person's reputation. How many people's reputations will be destroyed by the time the election takes place? We cannot be amongst those doing the murdering. We must preserve the honor and dignity of all candidates, even those whose opinions are not ours.

We, as one of many groups who have been the beneficiaries of America's unique 'innocent until proven guilty' brand of justice must see that in all places, and at all times, no matter how minute, timely, timeless or informal, it remains the law of the land. To do less would not only be un-American, it would be UN-JEWISH.

May the Holy One grant to the one you choose a pure heart and a worthy spirit, so that he or she may lead this country to new heights of greatness for all Americans.  
B'ahava,  
Rabbi Mark

**President's Message:** (Continued from page 2)

Sisterhood, Men's Club, PTA, Youth Group, extra special. Adding a little schmaltz to dress things up a bit and give our Hamish temple's functions a flare of the extraordinary.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our first 50<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

I invite everyone and anyone that has something to share to contact the temple. Whether it is a story, photographs, and memories of something that touched your heart, or even share an idea of how to make this year unique.

Contact the office if you wish to become involved in any way at all. We look forward to hearing from you. All members and past members have so much of our history in your keeping. The more you're able to share the more we become aware of whom we are as a temple community.

May I see you often this year in healthy celebration of our being Temple Beth Emet.

Lisa De Luca

## February Yahrzeit Donations

**Howard Strauss**

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**Ruth Glick**

*In loving memory of Naoma Goodman*

**Bruce Bigley**

*In loving memory of Louis Bigley*

**The Rattners**

*In loving memory of all our parents & loved ones that you have faithfully remembered for us and with us this past year.*

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We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a donation to the Temple by **Herbert & Frieda Murez** and a donation to the **Rabbi's Fund** by **Al and Betty Canter** *In loving memory of The Rosenthal Family and Alan Matays*

# Temple Member Chai Lights

**Bernie and Toby Berman** are celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary**. Plan to come to Temple March 21, 2008 to help them celebrate and renew vows.

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## My Trip to Israel

On my trip to Israel we went to the Arab market and the Wall. We were in the Holy Land except it really wasn't that holy. They were just regular people who wear sneakers. We went to the Dead Sea. It was definitely dead. We also went to the Art Market. There we got stuck in a thunderstorm. We had to drive back and forth from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

My parents and I got home to Burbank. My mommy and I got food poisoning from airline food.

*by Sarah Pacifici, 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

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Temple board member **Yvonne Beltzer** was the recipient of the prestigious *Golden Mike* award for her investigative reporting on the Staples Center.

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## A Prayer for Healing is Needed!

**Phillip Margolin**, who has just become a father recently, has suffered a severe head injury due to a car accident and now lies in a deep coma at Holy Cross Hospital in Sylmar.

His parents, Neil and Vikki Margolin Vice Presidents of TBE, are in need of all our prayers and support.

**Ben Garman** a long time member of our congregation has suffered a debilitating stroke and is in Panorama Kaiser Hospital.

## Mitzvah of *bikkur holim*

We would like to know if you are ill, in the hospital (or being treated at home), not as an exercise in gossip, but as an opportunity for ***bikkur holim***, to extend a helping hand or a word of encouragement to the sick person. Yet it is quite possible you are not yet ready to share the private fact of being sick with the us. We are ready, whenever, you are ready.

**Remember the sick with cards, calls & visits.**

**Richard Emerson** is recovering from an injury. We wish him a speedy return to good health.

**Helen Pappert** would love to receive visitors. She is at Burbank Health Care, 1041 Main Street in Burbank.

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With great sadness we report the passing of long-time Temple member and friend

## **Naoma Goodman**

Naoma was a past president of the Temple and had been a professional singer in her career.

We will greatly miss her and extend our love and sympathy to her husband Norman and to her family.

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## Welcome new members

**Terry Goldwater and sons Ryan Dietz & Mike Dietz.** We are delighted that you have decided to join us and trust that the benefits of membership will meet your expectations.

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Hello All:

Just a note from Roseburg. I know Lynda is keeping you all updated as much as she can, but I figured it would not be a bad idea if you heard from me. Everything is going well, I have checked out fishing spots and other fun things to do. Oh yes the more important things are going ok also. As I'm writing this it is supposed to be real cold this week with snow. The weather people might have this correct it's 30 or so right now with it going down to 20 or so for the rest of the week.

Well that's about it for now hope all is well.

Gary Frommer

# SISTERHOOD

**We make everything so easy.** If you're too busy to cook, help is on the way. Monday, February 11 is our "Night at Shakers" restaurant fundraiser. This is that friendly family restaurant located at 801 N. Central, just off the 134 freeway in Glendale. Here's how it works. (1) Treat your family and friends out to dinner. (2) Tell your server you are with Temple Beth Emet and a portion of your tab will come back to sisterhood. **It's as easy as that!** The best way to enjoy dining is with a group of friends, so join us and help us earn a little for our treasury. Your support is always appreciated.

## Come sing your heart out



Get ready for a rollicking good time. Here is your chance to bust out with your favorite songs from the 40's classics to country, jazz and even hip-hop. Fun for anyone who wants to take a crack at it. So grab your friends, we'll plug in the mike and get the party started. All this plus dinner too. This is all happening on Sunday, February 24 at 5:30 PM. Watch for flyers for details. Call the temple for reservations. We need to know how many to plan for.

Being out of action is no fun. Maurine and Bemice have been ill. We wish them a speedy return to good health.

You don't need a special holiday to have a reason to celebrate. You can celebrate the "**everyday special days**" by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat, and an easy way to sponsor an Oneg is to have sisterhood handle the refreshments for you. Call Fran Bemstein at (818) 843-4787 and she'll take care of it for you.

That's not all—Coming up:  
February 19 – regular meeting  
March 6 – Purim dinner  
March 18 – regular meeting  
March 21 - Bemie and Toby Berman's  
Anniversary celebration  
April 15 – Women's Seder

Oneg Shabbat Helpers for February  
Feb. 1 Carole and John Eisinger  
Feb. 8 Lois Jones and Phyllis Mehlman  
Feb. 15 Leona Zollman and Shirley Abramson  
Feb. 22 Bertha Yaras and Bernice Dacher  
Feb. 29 Arda Paley and Maurine Gold

No better time to join sisterhood. If you are not a member, we strongly urge you to consider joining. You will not only be helping our Temple but you will also be a part of a lovely group of women.

**Half price sale at gift shop**

## A Strong Woman vs. A Woman of Strength

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape.  
But a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.  
A strong woman isn't afraid of anything.  
But a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.  
A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her.  
But a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone.  
A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future.  
A woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings and capitalizes on them.  
A strong woman walks sure footedly.  
But a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls.  
A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face.  
But a woman of strength wears grace.  
A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey.  
But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5 Adult Education 7:30 PM Jews In American Sports	6 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
10	11 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM Sisterhood restaurant fundraiser at Shakers restaurant	12 7:30 PM: Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome)	13 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
17	18 President's Day	19 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	20 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
24 9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast  Naoma Goodman Memorial Service	25	26	27 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
2	3	4	5 6:30 PM Cribbage Club

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Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
		1		2 9:00 AM—Religious School	
7		8 7:30 PM Shabbat Services  <i>Oneg Shabbat hosted by the De Luca Family in honor of Mike and Gilda Siegel's 56th Anniversary</i>		9  9:15—12:15 PM— Religious School Field Trip to Skirball Cultural Center Grades K—3 “Noah’s Ark Grades 4—Confirmation “The Immigration Story	
14		15 7:30 PM Shabbat Services		16  <i>No Religious School</i>	
21		22 7:30PM Shabbat Services  <i>Oneg Shabbat hosted by the Feit Family in honor of Steven Feit’s Bar Mitzvah</i>		23 9:00 AM—Religious School  <i>Steven Feit Bar Mitzvah</i>	
28		29 7:30PM Shabbat Service		1 9:00 AM—Religious School	
6		7 7:30 PM Shabbat Services		8 9:00 AM—Religious School	

## February Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<b><u>Feb 2 at Temple</u></b>			<b><u>Feb 23 at Temple</u></b>		
Sara M. Rosen	Elizabeth Rosen	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Evelyn Jackman	Feb. 18
Margary Winston	Brian Sheppard	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Debra Fishel	Feb. 18
Margary Winston	Harriett & Lou	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Roberta Baker	Feb. 18
Robert Sutton	Sylvia G. Sutton	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Mardia Jackman	Feb. 18
Ilse Korant Schwalbe	R. Max Schwalbe	Feb. 1	Florence Katz	Linda M. Kieman	Feb. 18
Philip Brown	Margery Brown	Feb. 3	Aaron Carp	Dr. Sid Carp	Feb. 18
Amelia Kapson	Henry Kapson	Feb. 3	Edith Strauss	Nathan Strauss	Feb. 19
<b><u>Feb 9 at Temple</u></b>			Dick Fishman	Scott Fishman	Feb. 19
Stella Pollack	Congregation	Feb. 4	Frank Genereux	Beverly Genereux	Feb. 19
Morris Miller	M/M Jerry Krakowski	Feb. 5	Samuel Gramowitz	Lillian Blakeman	Feb. 20
Anna Shapiro	Harriett Schwab	Feb. 5	Samuel Gramowitz	Rhoda Bibicoff	Feb. 20
Freda Slavin	Lois Jones	Feb. 6	Jack Siegel	Lester Pink	Feb. 20
Anne Hernandez	Elizabeth Postal	Feb. 6	Simon Peurye	Leo Peckman	Feb. 20
Bertha S. Friedman	Neal Friedman	Feb. 7	Leni Gaertner	Helen Pappert	Feb. 21
Bertha S. Friedman	Sharon E. Friedman	Feb. 7	Norman Newman	Mickie Newman	Feb. 21
David Kleinberg	Frances Kleinberg	Feb. 8	Mickey Samuels	Harriett Schwab	Feb. 23
Frances Levenson	Gladys McDonald	Feb. 9	Gershon Kaplan	Anita Woolf	Feb. 23
Jean Zweier	Zweier Family	Feb. 9	Lizzie Estes	Anne Estes	Feb. 24
Nathan H. Rose	Beverly Genereux	Feb. 10	Jennie Mehlman	Phyllis Mehlman	Feb. 24
Phillip Cooperstein	Toby Berman	Feb. 10	Ester Kapson	Henry Kapson	Feb. 24
Marlene Meadow	Madelynne	Feb. 10	<b><u>March 2 at Temple</u></b>		
<b><u>Feb 16 at Temple</u></b>			Renee Sloves	Myra Sloves	Feb. 26
Solomon Shimmel	Cliff Rayman	Feb. 11	Norman A. Cutler	Sylvia Morris	Feb. 26
Lucile Matthews	Doris Jones	Feb. 11	Norman A. Cutler	Barbara Wechter	Feb. 26
Mary Beth Naythons	David Naythons	Feb. 13	Frederick Molenky	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Feb. 26
June Beck	Ray Beck	Feb. 14	Ida Kushner	Freda Murez	Feb. 27
Maxwell Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	Feb. 14	David Estes	Anne Estes	Feb. 27
Meyer Carlin	Lynda Carlin	Feb. 14	Melvin Mann	Gloria Kurey	Feb. 27
Lillian Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	Feb. 14	Bernice Clamage	Harland Green	Feb. 27
Alan Sloves	Myra Sloves	Feb. 15	Nathan Estes	Anne Estes	Feb. 28
Helen Naythons	David Naythons	Feb. 15	Albert Aaron Anderle	Bonnie Bunyik	Feb. 28
Mary Blakeman	Lillian Blakeman	Feb. 15	Irving Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	Feb. 28
Eva Cohn Rabin	Susan Rabin	Feb. 16	Jennie Fiskin	Harriett Schwab	Feb. 29
Susan L. Merrill	Andrew Merrill	Feb. 17			



# Havurahs!



**Havurah 007** has regrouped, reorganized and is up and running again with a lot of enthusiasm. They have already swung into action with plans for their get-togethers.

**Simcha L'Chaim Havurah** is a close knit group of Temple members. In January they celebrated their anniversary at Hill Street Café.

If you are interested in joining or forming a havurah, call Ruth Glick at 818-780-9134 for information.

**Seeking Oneg Shabbat Helpers!** Call the office and let us know what Friday night you would be willing to assist us with setting up the Oneg, greeting people as they arrive, passing out grape juice for the kiddish. Amplify the tzedek in you ... Say... "I will do whatever I can to help."

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And extend our condolences to her family.



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2. One Thousand

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*By Abraham Lincoln*

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

In 1700 the Jewish population of America was about 250.



In 1789 Gershom Mendes-Seixas, Hazan of New York's Jewish congregation, was invited to the inauguration of President George Washington.

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9-6



Saturday  
9-5

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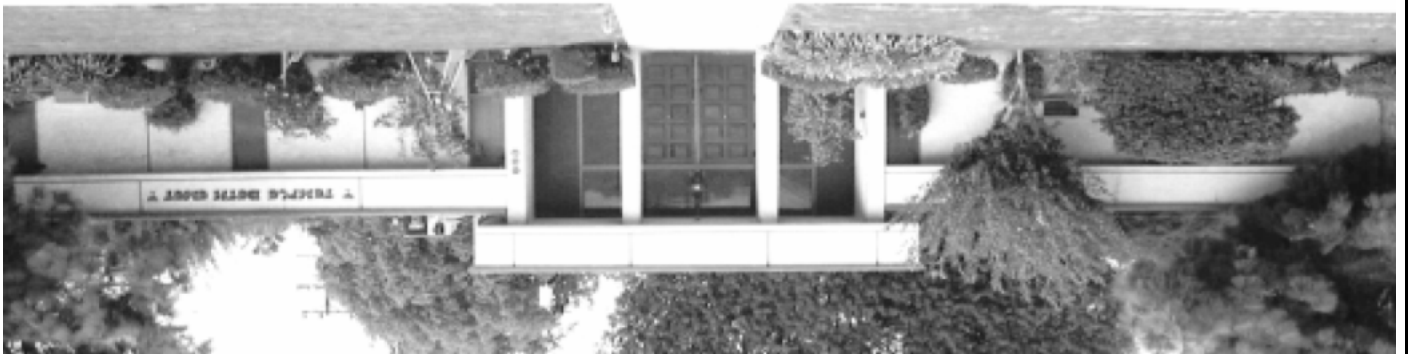
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