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JUNE, 2008

Rabbi Says:

"You shall guard my times of rest and fear that which comes from holiness." (Lev.26:2)

As I was preparing for Shabbat services one Friday night last month, I came across the passage above. It struck me because I would have thought the Torah would



have stated the opposite, "Guard what comes from Holiness and be afraid of what is from restfulness." But as I thought more about the meaning of the passage, I saw its true beauty. In this world there are those who would tell us where, when and how to be holy. They would tell us that holiness unto itself must be guarded, protected, maintained and exalted. Of course, this is always joined by "my way is the HOLY way." This is what is to be feared, that our Judaism becomes determined only by the "HOLY" times, not the times of rest. Some time ago, I read a book entitled, "Terror in the Name of God". It speaks of the unspeakable acts people of faith, our own and others, have committed, to further their version of belief. The author, Mark Juergensmeyer, terms it "Messianism" meaning that their brand of Holiness will bring about the end of days and the coming of the Righteous Age.

I have the most magnificent congregation, Why? You ask. Because the congregants do acts to usher in the Righteous Age, without "the holiness" of others, informally, privately, and at rest. One of the basic tenets of Judaism is to act righteously, not necessarily in a "HOLY" manner, but always, not only at shul, but "when you liest down and when you walkest by the

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Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – 7:30 PM Annual meeting of the membership of **Temple Beth Emet** and election of officers and directors for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Friday, June 13—7:30 PM

Teacher Appreciation Night

June 14 – Last day of religious school

Saturday, June 21—6:00 PM Men's Club Barbecue and

Sisterhood Silent Auction

June 21, 2008

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life "Road Trip" See Lisa De Luca for information on how you can sign up and help make a difference

November 2, 2008

Temple Beth Emet's

50th Anniversary Celebration At The Castaway Restaurant

President's message

It is the beginning of summer already and the weather has us running for cover of shade and air-conditioning.

It is also the end of my term as President and the beginning of a new board.



We have sadly seen Maureen Gold step down as director as her eyesight has been failing. Her spirit, however, is as lively as ever. We know we will have her at all our events for quite sometime and enjoy her energy for life.

Another director, Marva Felchlin, who has been working very hard organizing our library, is also stepping down to take on other pursuits. Thanks to Marva and to her efforts we will soon have a working library as a resource for research, pleasure and guidance in Jewish culture.

You will find in this issue a list of Nominees that are running for office and the date of the meeting for elections. All members in good standing may attend. If you wish to become a member of the board or know someone that you wish to nominate, please attend or contact the office. Do not be shy about this opportunity.

In the past two years as President, I have found myself surrounded by friendships and loving kindness and because of this, it is hardly the end of my service to the board. I will look forward to continuing to give my time and energy to the temple with a heart.

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Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderflul 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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rabbi Mark and Mina Sobel Vickie & Abe Feinberg Mary & John Manocchia Merry & Ron Dacher Genevieve & James Rosenberg Lance & Tamara Sands George & Shari Bloch

PLEASE NOTE

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HELEN PAPPERT WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2008 AT 2:00 PM Rabbi Says: (Continued from page 1)

way" (Deut. 6:7). In other words, my congregants guard over their times of rest so that they perform acts of loving-kindness even when resting. Especially our children. These young people perform G-dly acts of Righteousness, often and without prompt. I know. I am the Educational Director. I see them on Shabbat and how they learn, absorb and perform whether in the Junior Choir, the Matzah Bakery, the Parshat Hashavua Class, their Bar or Bat Mitzvah studies and from the Adult questions they ask in Confirmation Class. More importantly, I watch them during Kiddush time (our version of recess) when they informally interact and perform their acts of righteousness with their teachers, their classmates and their friends. They are active participants in our prayers, but they also bring their own brand of delicious tension to the ceremony/ recess time. It is truly righteousness in the spirit of rest and relaxation.

As the summer months approach us, please take time to guard your times of relaxation, preserving them to perform spontaneous acts of righteousness. Also be fearful of acting too HOLY as your narrowness of path may exclude an excursion into unplanned Tzedakah. I have only one request, with no Shabbat School the next morning, perhaps you could bring the kids to services. That way their spontaneity will become our spontaneity and their unbridled curiosity our curiosity for new ways of Righteousness.

Kaitz Sameach B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark

The year was 1958

That was the year
the Dodgers came to Los Angeles and
Temple Beth Emet was founded
in Burbank

Let them have their peanuts and Cracker Jacks!!!

We're getting ready for a 50TH Anniversary celebration to end all celebrations!!! My suggestion to you is you keep November 2nd open for this grand event. You don't want to miss this one!!!

June Yahrzeit Donations

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What Makes a Dad

(author unknown)

God took the strength of a mountain, The maiesty of a tree. The warmth of a summer sun. The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages. The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities. When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so. He called it ... Dad

Temple Member Chai Lights

Beloved Member Passes

Temple Beth Emet regretfully announces that *Helen Pappert*, long time member of the Temple who served as Recording Secretary and Sisterhood President, passed away on May 20, 2008. Helen was loved by all who knew her and her contributions to Temple Beth Emet will live on through her handwork that she designed and made; the artistic garter used on the Torah during services, the beautiful Torah cover used during the High Holiday season, her prayer shawl, as well as the cover for the table in the entryway, which she donated. The thoughts and prayers of the Temple community are with her family. She is survived by her sister Elsbeth Whitten of Sarasota, Florida, her daughter Marilyn, son Robert and his wife Linda, grandchildren Josh and Kaitie, and Marilyn's beloved Border Collie, Bear, A memorial service will be held at the Temple on June 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM.

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. Alan Shear was in an accident, and had to have surgery. He is recuperating at home. We wish him a speedy return to good health.

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We send our heartfelt condolences to lan **Kranitz** and his family at the passing of lan's mother, Ruth.

SISTERHOOD

Our beloved Helen Pappert passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Helen was a past president of Sisterhood. Everywhere you look, from our torah cover to torah girdle to a dozen or so other items she handcrafted, there is some memento of Helen. She loved our Temple and we loved her. Her passing has created a deep void that cannot be filled.

We will be naming the gift shop "The Helen Pappert Gift Shop" in her honor.

At our last meeting, Sisterhood voted to donate funds for the purchase of 50 new Shabbat prayer books. These books will have name plates inserted as donated by the Sisterhood.



Karaoke fun



Rabbi singing "My Way" in Hebrewat our Karaoke party





Sisterhood will be holding its annual Donor Luncheon on June 7th. This luncheon is our way of thanking the ladies who worked above and beyond the call of duty for our Sisterhood this past year. At that time we will be installing officers for the coming term. Officers are: President, Fran Bernstein; Treasurer, Arda Paley; Corresponding Secretary, Leona Zollman; Publicity, Shirley Abramson; Donor Chairperson, Toby Berman; Telephone Chairperson, Bernice Dacher; Oneg Shabbat Chairperson, Lois Jones: Membership/Sunshine Chairperson, Ruth Glick and Historian, Bertha Yaras.

With that being said, we have decided to pause to catch our breath. You'll still see us serving at Oneg Shabbats, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and running the silent auction at the Men's Club barbecue, but for the most part Sisterhood will be taking some time off from our usual activities for a well deserved rest.

Enjoy your summer days!

2008	J	lune	5768
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3	4
8 Erev Shavuot	9 Shavuot	10 7:30 PM: Annual Meeting of Temple Beth Emet Membership and Elections	11 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
15 Father's Day	16	7:30 PM: Sisterhood Meeting	18 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast	23	24	25 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
29	30	1	2 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
6	7	8	9 6:30 PM Cribbage Club

2008	June	5768
Thurs	Friday	Saturday
5	7:30 PM Shabbat Services Naming of Spencer Kiersten Oneg Shabbat hosted by The Kiersten family	7 9:00 AM—Religious School
12	13 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Teacher Appreciation Night	9:00 AM—Religious School Last Session Flag Day
19	7:30 PM Shabbat Services Oneg Shabbat hosted by The Ekelchik family in honor of their anniversary and Misha's birthday	21 Men's Club BBQ Sisterhood Silent Auction
26	27 7:30PM Shabbat Services	28
3	4 7:30PM Shabbat Service Independence Day	5
10	7:30 PM Shabbat Services	12

June Yahrzeits					
NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
June 6 at Temple			June 20 at Temple		
Susie Ferran Edith Schoen Borisoff Irving Miliman Shirley Mason Mildred Broomfield Leonard N. Segall Marilyn Baker Esther Maccabee Sarah Weitzman Joseph Frischman Molly Burgh Molly Burgh	The Schaffer Family Paul Borisoff Beatrice Miliman Harriett Schwab Bernard Berman Dee Segall Belle/Jack Baker Alana Beltzer Jack Weitzman William Frischman Sheldon Burgh Edward Burgh	Jun 1 Jun 2 Jun 2 Jun 3 Jun 3 Jun 4 Jun 4 Jun 5 Jun 6 Jun 7 Jun 7	Edward A. Goldsmith Edward A. Goldsmith Stephen Kayser Peter Hurkos Herman Hahn Ruth Levin Belle Klivans Aleck Hoffman Morris Feinsilber Morris Feinsilber	Gary Goldsmith Marion Goldsmith Bennett Kayser Stephanie Hurkos Fritz Philipsborn Nachama Bernarad Dean Klivans Linda Kranz Russell Beck William Feinsilber	Jun 18 Jun 19 Jun 19 Jun 20 Jun 20 Jun 21 Jun 21 Jun 21 Jun 21 Jun 21
June 13 at Temple					• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Judy Dangoor Rabbi William Maurice Beare Selma Beck Karl Teller Sidney Dash Peter Goldman Abe Jacobs Cecilia Feldman Grace Libman	Yonat Silvers Betty W. Kramer Audrey Beare Russell Beck Mickey Teller Jerry Dash M/M Ralph Sterling Rosslyn Block Pamela Franklin Gerald Libman	Jun 8 Jun 9 Jun 10 Jun 10 Jun 10 Jun 12 Jun 12 Jun 12 Jun 12	June 27 at Temple Ida Shvalb Helen Walton Anna Carton James Pollard Albert Nelson Nathan Mehlman Melva Green Minerva Sandelman Frank Rattner	Louis Schwab Jeff Walton Elizabeth Rosen Penny Pollard Arda Paley Phyllis Mehlman Harland Green Joyce Feinsilber Arnold Rattner	Jun 22 Jun 23 Jun 23 Jun 23 Jun 24 Jun 26 Jun 28 Jun 28 Jun 28
June 20 at Temple Ruthane Miller Rev- Samuel Polakoff Samuel Leon Bay Mary Mazor Max Rosen Minnie Stacel Vivian Liberson Vivian Liberson Ann Freeman Ida Kadish Annie Salisch William Blakeman Irene E. Kleinberg	Pearl Miller Bertha Yaras Sam Bay Joan Strauss Elizabeth Rosen Leroy Stacel Katie Liberson Philip Liberson Belle Baker Elizabeth Rosen The Salisch Family Lillian Blakeman Carole Eisinger	Jun 15 Jun 15 Jun 16 Jun 16 Jun 16 Jun 17 Jun 17 Jun 17 Jun 17 Jun 17 Jun 18 Jun 18	July 4 at Temple Jerry Fox David S. Rudnick Charles Kayser Martin G. Kashuk Morris Beck Kay Miriam Ferris Arthur Philipsborn Anna Somerfield Simon Kramer	Jules Fox Jules Fox Bennett Kayser Warren Kashuk Russell Beck Nissim Ferris Fritz Philipsborn Gil Somerfield Betty W. Kramer	Jun 29 Jun 29 Jun 29 Jun 29 Jun 29 Jun 30 Jun 30 Jun 30



New Chavurah Group Forming

CHAVURAH is commonly translated as "fellowship," and is derived from the Hebrew root that means "friend" or "friendship".

We are currently looking for <u>families with</u> <u>Hebrew School age children</u> to develop new friendships while having fun.

See flyer in Temple foyer. Call Elaine at (818) 439-4914 if interested in starting this new and exciting CHAVURAH.

I want to talk to you a little about our Childrens Hospital toy donations. The toy box in our foyer just keeps filling up and filling up with wonderful toys donated by the generous folks at Temple Beth Emet. These toys go a long way in cheering a sick child who must spend many, often painful, hours in bed.

Don't forget, the hospital not only cares for the very young children but teens as well. Some of the things teen girls especially like are jewelry sets, make up and bath and body lotions and gels. (Just because they are sick doesn't mean they don't want to look and feel pretty). The boys like hand-held electronic games and model cars. Of course, all teens love CDs. The volunteers can't seem to be able to keep enough of these things on hand.

I am very proud of our Temple for being so generous. You should be proud as well.

Shirley Abramson

President's Message : (continued from page 2)

I am looking forward to starting a few new recreational programs that might interest some of you. So stay alert for flyers. I'd like to see what interests you may suggest for us to start. I say there are plenty of responsibilities for us to take on, but we have to make time to have fun too!

With lots of love to all, I say goodbye as President and hello to the future as Past President.

Sincerely,

Lisa De Luca

NOMINATED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

The following have been nominated for Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

For President

Mark Greenfield

For Executive Vice-President:

Ira Goldstein

For Vice Presidents:

(Five Elected)

Yvonne Beltzer* Ruth Glick Vicki Margolin Neil Margolin

For Recording Secretary:

Shirley Abramson

For Corresponding Secretary

Naomi Aronoff

For Treasurer:

Steve Abrams*

For Directors:

(Ten Elected)

Alana Beltzer # John Eisinger
Jerry Engelberg Natalie Greenfield
Jodi Gross Lucy Rafaeli
Barry Verdi Craig Weisman

Andrea McKinnon #

* existing board member in new position # new nominee

Election of Officers and Directors will take place at the annual membership meeting on June 10, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Temple. Nominations will be taken from the floor, but the nominee must consent to serve, either in person or by telephone

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June	Welcomer	Candle Blessing	
6	Fran Bernstein	Bernice Dasher	
13	Richard Emerson	Lois Jones	
20	Lisa De Luca	Lucy Rafaeli	
27	John Eisinger	Gloria Ekelchik	
June	<u>Scriptures</u>	<u>Kiddush</u>	
6	Ron Dasher		
13	Yvonne Beltzer	Sarah Emerson	
20			
27	Boris Ekelchik		
June	Oneg Shabbat Helpers		
6	John Eisinger & Carole Eisinger		
13	Maurine Gold & Arda Paley		
20	Ruth Glick & Lois Jones		

Toby Berman & Bernice Dacher



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