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Rabbi Says:

"Evil flourishes when good men do nothing".
 Edmund Burke

One day last month, I found myself in a large mainstream bookstore. I picked up a book entitled, "WORLD WAR II Album, The Complete Chronicle of the World's Greatest Conflict", edited by Hal Buell.

As I leafed through the book, I noticed that it made no mention of the Segregating of our people or their persecution, in the ghettos, except the end of the Warsaw ghetto, the death camps, or the SS extermination groups. Nor was there any mention of the partisan movements, Jewish or otherwise. I found the major reference to Jews on pages 322-323 where it showed 4 pictures of the Warsaw Ghetto and these were of fellow Jews either surrendering or passively being led away.

It struck me first as being another case of a "complete" book being anything but, until I then realized the extent of the libel upon our people. This book was published in Italy originally, but was then translated into English and published in New York portraying the Fascists and Nazis as heroic and all others as either passive or cowardly.

This Pro-Nazism is so blatant that in the Preface section there is a special insert describing Nuremberg as the Spiritual Home of the National Socialist party. It further describes the activities of the Nazi party there without any mention of the Nuremberg Race Laws of 1935.

How could a book this blatantly racist make it to mainstream America you ask? Others like it will continue to bombard our young people as well as videos, my spaces and you tube features as long as we allow them to.

In the last few years the attendance at the Days of Remembrance here in Burbank has been dwindling. Where



Friday, July 11, 2008
Installation of Temple Officers
and Board Members

Temple Beth Emet Officers and Board Members for 2008-2009

President : *Mark Greenfield*

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Barry Verdi

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November 2, 2008
Temple Beth Emet's
50th Anniversary Celebration
At The Castaway Restaurant

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President's message

Dear fellow members of Temple Beth Emet,

As I step into the job as your new president and look forward to this coming year, I'd like to introduce myself and share a story. Fourteen years ago I joined this temple and offered to help. No response, and I became like many other weary parents – I dropped my son and ran. Most of us relished the few hours of "freedom" to run errands, get a cup of coffee and a bagel, or just enjoy the quiet. As it turned out, not becoming involved with either the school or the Temple was my loss.

About a year after my son's bar mitzvah, I realized I had become dissatisfied with the lack of programs for him and other young people his age and for single parents like myself. In her wisdom, June Beck, then temple secretary, suggested that before quitting in frustration, I should speak up at a board meeting. Reluctantly, I went to my first board meeting, planning to complain belligerently about the Temple's faults and expecting to be thrown out! Instead, Ira Goldstein, as president, told me I was "absolutely right" and assigned me the challenge of fixing the problems. I did, starting the AZA and BBG youth groups at our temple as well as the Singles Group. My son has flourished as a result of the youth group and I even met my wife at a Singles event.

I realized that the more I was involved, the more the Temple meant to me. Becoming an active member of this community has led to forming close personal friendships and many memorable experiences. I am inviting you to also become an active part of our Temple community. Take the opportunity to get involved! Help us make our Temple's next half century even better than the first!

Sincerely,

Mark E. Greenfield

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*"May his memory be a blessing."

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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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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Kyle & Jerry Orlemann

Relay for Life was able to raise over \$7 million dollars! Although it was a very successful fundraiser. Please remember, the fight continues until there is a cure! Give generously at least once a year. We have two more weeks to contribute for laps completed by our team. <http://tinyurl.com/5pm/5xf>

Rabbi Says: (Continued from page 1)

once we more than filled St. Judes. This year people were talking about our own sanctuary being more than able to accommodate the participants. Every few clergy make it their business to be with us. Every year we lose more young people to a program of speeches.

We must take all the Holocaust memorials, starting here and continuing throughout our country and the world and "enliven" them. We must capture the souls of our young people so that they know what is at stake, nothing less than their spiritual and physical lives. For our people especially, we must teach our children that our people did not passively go into the gas chambers, a rumor started by NAZIS seeking to escape the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal. Next, we must remind those who feel Holocausts cannot happen to them that the first Holocaust of the 20th century was by Muslims upon Christians. I don't care how closely allied we are with a certain moderate Muslim nation.

They were guilty then and every year that they cover up, they do two things, one they make the Armenian Genocide an ongoing Holocaust. (The external flames may no longer be visible, but they have become the flames of neshamot burned from generation to generation. We know well how one group of people can seek to burn your soul with their lies, innuendoes, and persecutions and segregations. We need only think of the Blood Libels of the Middle Ages to be reminded of generations tainted and made fearful of living a normal life by their neighbors' curses) and they continue to curse their own souls with their sin of omission.

Next we must be ever vigilant in our daily lives to attack the Holocaust deniers wherever and whenever we see them. Complain to your local Anti-Defamation League Office or call me. We will pursue them diligently. Also, our support for the State of Israel must not waver. Israel can speak to governments as we cannot.

I may not return this book as I had first intended, only so I can show people how a text book bought from a local mainstream book store could be such an aberration on the truth. What I will do for sure is write a formal letter of complaint to the author and the publishing company in New York and wait for their response. I will keep you abreast of the news in later columns.

B'ahava and b'shmira,
Rabbi Mark

July Yahrzeit Donations

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Tom Bernath

*In loving memory of **Lillian Bernath***

Dee Segall

*In loving memory of **Leonard Segall***

Roslyn Block

*In loving memory of **Abe Jacobs***

Temple Member Chai Lights

Where Were You 50 Years Ago?

A small group of Jewish folks here in Burbank saw a need for a reformed synagogue of worship. We now know this as Temple Beth Emet of Burbank.

Thank you founding fathers

It is now time to celebrate this momentous feat.

On November 2nd, 2008, we will be coming together to dine and dance the night away. We will have a chance to celebrate 50 years with a Temple that has **NO** outstanding debt. Our dues (which include High Holiday Tickets) are low; our outlook for the future is high.

But we need your support. November 2nd is fast approaching.....Our dinner/dance last year was a great prelude to what will be this, our 50th anniversary.

I can't mention this enough; **mark your calendars, November 2nd is the date.** We need to make this event the best. Many more details will follow in the coming months. Read the Chai Times.

The coordinating committee needs your support. We had a hugely successful silent auction last year, but we need more donations. More so, if you have any photographs from the olden days, the 50th needs a copy. We want this event to be remembered, at least until our 100th anniversary which, G-d willing, some of us will be around to celebrate.

Mitzvah of *bikkur holim*

If you or a family member is ill, in the hospital (or being treated at home), please let us know, so we may do ***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 us. We are ready, whenever, you are ready.

Remember the sick with cards, calls & visits.

Our sick list is a long one this month. ***Fran Bernstein, Bertha Yaras, Sylvia Rabin and Mark Greenfield*** have been ill. **We wish them a speedy return to good health.**

* *visiting the sick*

We send our heartfelt condolences to Richard Emerson and family on the passing of Richard's mother, Adele. A memorial service will be held at the temple on Sunday, July 6th. Call temple office for further information.

Evening Prayers

When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, he realized he didn't have his head covered...so he asked his little brother Henry to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over.

Henry grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand. The father said, "This is important...put your hand back on his head!" To which Henry exclaimed, "What, am I my brother's kippah?"

We thank the Men's Club for their generous donation to temple's prayer book fund.

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood donor luncheon and installation of officers – June 7, 2008

Toby Berman did a superb job of putting together a lovely donor luncheon for us. The food was delicious and the room radiated with smiling faces. We are, as you know, taking some time off but we still wanted to thank the ladies (and some gents as well) who worked so hard this past year to help our Sisterhood and Temple. This luncheon gave us a chance to do just that. Thank you, Toby for arranging this.

Several of our Sisterhood ladies have been sick these past few weeks. Bertha was in the hospital. Sylvia Rabin was in the hospital as well. Fran had a bout with pneumonia and was under strict doctor's orders to stay at home and rest. We hope to see them all back in action very soon.

Some people, like flowers, give pleasure just by being.

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*Everyone has something
to celebrate!
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2008		July		5768
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
		1	2 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
6	7	8 7:30 PM: Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome)	9 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
13	14	15	16 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
20	21	22	23 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
27 9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast	28	29	30 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
3	4	5	6 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	

2008		July	5768
Thurs	Friday	Saturday	
3	4  7:30 PM Shabbat Services	5	
10	11 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Installation of Temple Officers, Board Members and Men's Club <i>Evan Riley Haro</i> baby naming Oneg Shabbat hosted by <i>Rhonda Gold & Philip Haro</i>	12	
17	18 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Oneg Shabbat hosted by Bracha & Charles White	19	
24	25 7:30PM Shabbat Services Oneg Shabbat hosted by the Lubell family in honor of <i>Rachel Lubell's Bat Mitzvah</i>	26 <i>Bat Mitzvah—Rachel Lubell</i>	
31	1 7:30PM Shabbat Service	2	
7	8 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	9	

July Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>July 4 at Temple</u>			<u>July 18 at Temple</u>		
Jacob Nudelman	Harland Green	July 1	Betty Marco	M/M Jerry Dash	July 14
Anne Rudner	Suzanne Rector	July 1	Barbara Golper	Peter Golper	July 14
Chuck Berman	Carla Berman	July 1	George B. Epcar	Richard Epcar	July 14
Samuel Sillman	Lois Jones	July 2	David Block	Rosslyn Block	July 14
Alice Deane	M/M Bernard Berman	July 3	Theodore E. Zahler	Adrienne Zahler	July 14
Maxwell Somerfield	Gilbert Somerfield	July 3	Dr. Benjamin Karz	Helene Mickaelian	July 15
Mollie Drake	Toby Berman	July 4	Barbara Ackerman	Congregation	July 16
Ruth Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	July 4	Roslyn Farber	Shirli Carb	July 17
James Porter	Sylvia Sutton	July 5	Maybeth Frank	Ken Frank	July 19
Philip Carpe	Maurine Z. Gold	July 5	Ken Dacher	Bernice Dacher	July 19
Ethel Kanigher	Talbert Kanigher	July 5	<u>July 25 at Temple</u>		
Gustave Haberfield	Lila Tepper	July 5	Jesse Alexander	Adrienne Zahler	July 20
Nathan Zimbalist	Carolee Gennarelli	July 5	Thelma Deane Moad	David Van Ausdal	July 21
<u>July 11 at Temple</u>			Arthur Savitt	Eva Burns	July 22
Sylvia Aronson	Andrew Merrill	July 6	May Lewis	Phyllis Mehlman	July 22
Alma Babroff	Janet Babroff	July 6	Eugene Mendelsohn	Russell Beck	July 23
Beatrice Averbuch	Mitzi Rattner	July 7	Helen Walton	Jeff Walton	July 13
Byron Rosen	Elizabeth Rosen	July 7	Steven Andron	Linda Andron	July 24
Norman Segall	Dee Segall	July 7	Jack Diamond	Estelle Jacobs	July 24
Maria Elena Nudell	Leah Nudell	July 7	Sylvia Cutler-Day	Marc Cutler	July 24
Rachel Snyder	Audrey Beare	July 7	Jack Barton	Bernard Barton	July 26
Lona Katz	Frances Kleinberg	July 8	Harry Rudnick	Jules Fox	July 26
Harry Engelberg	Jerry Engelberg	July 8	Phoebe Meltzer	Barbara Rosenbloom	July 26
Irving Bibicoff	Bruce Bibicoff	July 8	<u>Aug 1 at Temple</u>		
Morris Dacher	Bernice Dacher	July 12	Roslyn Lipoff	Sylvia Rabin	July 27
Harry J. Peckman	Leo Peckman	July 12	Harriet Feit	Eric Feit	July 29
Morris Lubow	Nat Lubow	July 12	Anna Carpe	Maurine Gold	July 29
			Ezphira Bay	Sam Bay	July 30
			Sidney Karchmer	Sylvia Schuster	July 31
			Habib Shakib	Sam Shakib	July 31

Teacher Appreciation

This year, the temple and PTA honored our Religious School teachers both at Friday Night services on June 13 and during the last day of Religious School on Saturday. Teacher appreciation is a simple idea. It means showing teachers you value their work. Besides providing an end of year nosh for the teachers, the parents and students serenaded the teachers to the song, Greatest Love of All, sung by Whitney Houston.

*I believe the children are our are future
Teach them well and let them lead the
way*

*Show them all the beauty they possess
inside*

*Give them a sense of pride to make it
easier*

*Let the children's laughter remind us how
we used to be...*

End of School Year

As the 2007-2008 school year comes to an end, I want to thank all of you for participating. Whether your participation was providing the Religious School with requested items, participating in our SOS fundraiser, or volunteering at an event, your message to your child and the school was clear: I want to be involved in my child's Jewish education. This year, our children received over 100 quality hours of religious instruction. We look forward to their return on September 13, 2008.

Religious School Tzedakah

Throughout the 2008-2009 Religious School year, the children of Temple Beth Emet collected more than \$75.00 for Tzedakkah in nickels, dimes and quarters. Based on the voting with more than 9 worthy and charitable organizations nominated, the children decided that Relay for Life would receive the funds. **Thank You Kids!!!!**

God Bless the USA

Words and music by Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife.
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free.

And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee,
across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea,

From Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA,
Well, there's pride in every American heart,
and it's time to stand and say:

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free.

And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the U.S.A.

Havurahs!



New Havurah Group Forming

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

We are currently looking for **families with Hebrew School age children** to develop new friendships while having fun.

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Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin land on the moon, where
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*July 22, 1933
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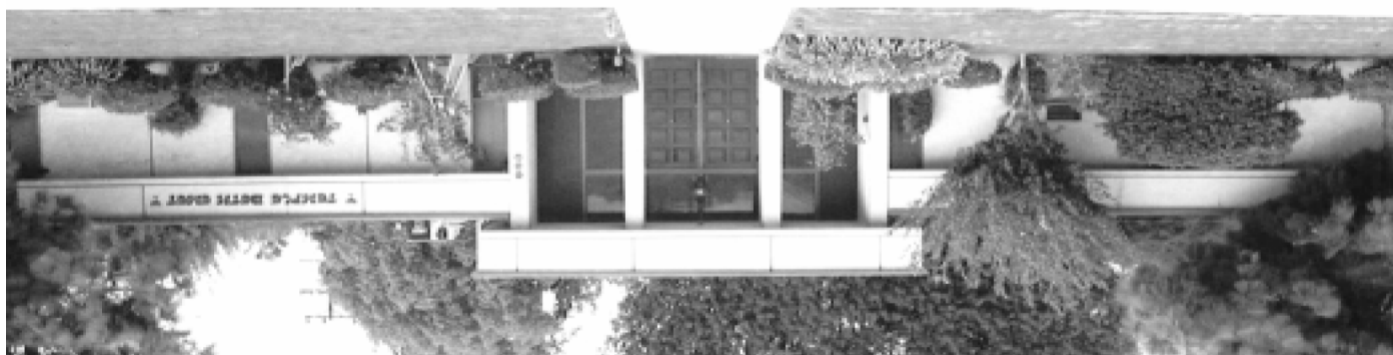
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