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Rabbi Says:

“Shimon HaTzaddik ... used to say, ' ***The world rests on three things, Torah, righteous actions, and acts of loving kindness***” (Pirke Avot 1:2)



A few weeks ago, I was in one of my haunts going through a bag of toys to join our temple's donation to Children's Hospital, when a lady stopped me and asked me the price of another thrift shop item. I told her that I did not work at the thrift shop but was a customer, just like herself. She said, “But you look so serious and act so efficient”. “That's just because I'm here so often, I know the drill”, I thought to myself.

But instead I said to her, “We, at my Temple, Beth Emet in Burbank, have an on-going Tzadakah project, we collect new toys for Children's Hospital and then one of the members drives them there. At the hospital, they go through 500 toys a week.” She then asked, “Can I contribute ?” I said, “ Sure!” And went back to my searching for an X-Man figure. She then continued, “ My name is M.....G....., I recently had cancer and survived. Now I'd like to give something to the children who have cancer or who may just be very sick. Please take this”. She handed me some money and I bought more toys.

As I left the thrift shop, I thought a lot about M.G.'s actions. Her questions, her request and then her actions. How did she know I was telling the truth about the toys going to Children's Hospital ? After all I didn't tell her I was a rabbi. And when I somewhat ignored her as I continued my search for the perfect super hero figurine, she encroached upon my space to share with me. And what a sharing !! Here was a

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You can feel the excitement in the air

On Sunday, November 2nd
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President's message

Dear friends and fellow temple members,

Two and a quarter centuries ago, John Adams, the man destined to become our second president, wrote to his wife, Abigail, of feeling frustrated and dissatisfied. She replied, "Have you forgotten what you used to say to me?...There are only two creatures of value on the face of the earth: those with the commitment, and those who require the commitment of others." It is commitment to a worthy cause which gives our lives a larger purpose and which improves the lives of others.

So what does this have to do with us? Our temple, like our Jewish community at large, relies on individual commitment. The High Holiday services we attend, the b'nai mitzvahs for our children, the visits to the ill and hospitalized our Rabbi makes are all possible because among us are individuals who are committed to our common welfare. One of the people committed to our temple community is Jerry Engelberg who, from behind the scenes, does a multitude of tasks ranging from major to mundane. Jerry serves on the temple board of directors, insures that our Ark, the huge curtain, the prayer books, etc. are in place for High Holidays, sets up for Purim and the Men's Club Bar-B-Que, keeps the parking lot lights functioning, and "schleps" donations to Children's Hospital. Jerry makes sure that everything is clean, in place, and working.

Another person who exemplifies commitment is John Eisinger. A member for many years, he has also worn many hats. John continues to represent the temple at b'nai mitzvahs, works in the Men's Club, serves on the temple board of directors and was the first person to buy tickets to last year's very successful Harvest Ball. John and Jerry are just two of our members who demonstrate commitment and make it possible for our temple to offer a wide range of programs and services. Their quiet commitment is truly appreciated!

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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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Vicki & Neil Margolin
Sandy & Donald McGuire
Ruth & Alan Glick
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Marva & Peter Felchlin
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Caryn & Norman Ogroskin
Diane & Ira Goldstein
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Isabel & William Frischman
Andrea & Brian McKinnon
Anna & Mark Tiger
Ana & Neal Goldstein
Nina & Daniel Werchowsky
Silvia & Dave Berger
Ilene & Jeff Oseas

Cancer victim/survivor, who instead of pitying herself wanted to help others get well. Instead of pulling into herself and building a shell, she made herself vulnerable to a stranger in a thrift shop.

M.....G.....showed me the path of Tzedakah, righteous behavior. Sometimes Tzedakah gets translated as money given. It's not. Tzedakah means doing the right thing, even if it leaves you vulnerable, feeling awkward or silly, or having to share a secret about your life. Tzedakah means caring more for others, INCLUDING strangers you have never met and will probably never meet, than you do for yourself.

Tzedakah means giving love, care and concern from the moment your eyes meet another's until they leave your life. Tzedakah is what we are to do. Tzedakah will heal us while we seek to heal others. Tzedakah is always a part of us. Let us pledge to do random acts of Tzedakah outside of our comfort zone. Let us do them even when we are nervous or scared or frightened. Let us do them with and for strangers and let us not be turned away by our own bitterness. Let us love unconditionally and act righteously.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark

THE STAFF

Do you know what it means to lean
On a stout stick in the sand
Among the tumbled stones and thorns
Of our difficult land?

That is what friendship means
When there's a road to take:
Lean on me – lean hard –
I shall not break.

Jessie Sampter

August Yahrzeit Donations

Bernie & Toby Berman

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. In loving memory of **George McCune**

Adrienne Zahler

. In loving memory of **Julia Alexander**

Shirley Abramson

In loving memory of **Hannah Bolter**

Ira L. Goldstein

In loving memory of **Abe S. Goldstein**

*"Since the Exodus, Freedom has always
spoken with a Hebrew accent."*

Temple Member Chai Lights

We are pleased to welcome
new members

Sandra Lewin

and her daughter **Isabella**
and

Shannon Khan Airla

and her daughters

Genian Airla & Breann Airla

We are delighted that you have
joined the Temple Beth Emet
family! *Bruchot haba'ot!*

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 us. We are ready, whenever, you are ready.

Remember the sick with cards, calls & visits.

At this writing, **Vicki Margolin** and **Lisa De Luca** are scheduled to have surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery.

People love stories. Little kids beg to hear them. A campfire wouldn't be the same without them. If you have a story you would like to share and have it printed in the Chai Times, email it to the office at Office@TempleBethEmet.com or to Shirley Abramson at shirleyabramson@yahoo.com or you can call the office at (818) 843-4787. We look forward to hearing from you.

Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shop

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE WHO SEEK THE UNIQUE, check out the **HELEN PAPPERT GIFT SHOP**. Fran went shopping and stocked it with an amazing array of new products for all your Judaic needs. All items are at reasonable prices.

School Bells



School Registration and Open House

September 13
9am to 12pm

Orientation at 9am followed
by a brunch for religious
school parents at 11am.

A PUBLIC THANK YOU

This past Memorial Day weekend we celebrated our eldest son Ian's Bar Mitzvah at the temple. We also chose to have our reception on-site – a sit-down luncheon for 90 people!

The weather really threw us a curve ball and we have to admit, we didn't think the temple could accommodate an inside Plan B. We punted last minute and had a 20' x 30' tent erected over the courtyard; where the kid's tables were set and a few arcade games were to be protected from the rain. We were even able to make use of one of the classrooms and ultimately, everyone had a great time and no one noticed or knew that the original plan was supposed to be any different!

Our point in sharing these details with you all is twofold. First, to encourage others in the congregation to utilize our intimate and warm facility more often; it was so easy to arrange and made for a truly joyous occasion. Second, we want to publicly appreciate a few people who proved that Temple Beth Emet truly is "the temple with a heart."

Lucy Rafaeli is just a fountain of knowledge and helped keep first-timers like us in check and on track from Step 1. **Sylvia Sutton**, also in the office, went above and beyond the call of duty leading up to our special weekend. Her warmth and genuine excitement for the occasion made us feel very welcome and was so calming.

Jerry Engelberg, Beth Rosen, Connie Harter and Katy & Zoey, under no obligation, worked with us on Friday night setting up, as well as Saturday morning before, during and after our simcha.

We were honored to benefit from the participation of **Chase DeLuca, Cantor Shore and Robyn Kreisberg** – all of whom awe us with their talent. To our **Rabbi Mark**, who is ultimately why we are all at Temple Beth Emet in the first place, THANK YOU! Everyone in attendance felt included and got so much out of the day.

And last but most certainly not least, **Fran Bernstein and Toby Berman** are dynamos. They exceeded all expectations catering our affair – food, organization and facilitating every step of the way was so easy. They even dressed the part in their best sports themed attire! They sure could "clean up" in Brentwood, Encino or Beverly Hills but thank goodness they are ours!

If we are preaching to the converted, take the compliments as validation. If not, we hope to convert a few more congregants into appreciating what & who we all have at our fingertips – utilize, cherish, nurture and invest in the future of our very special temple with a heart.

With gratitude,
The McKinnon Family
Andrea, Brian, Ian, Samuel and Jack

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2008		August		5768
Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4 Raoul Wallenberg Day	5 7:30 PM: Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome)	6 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
10	11	12	13 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
17	18	19	20 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
24 9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast	25	26	27 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
31			6:30 PM Cribbage Club	

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Thurs		Friday		Saturday	
		1 7:30 PM Shabbat Services		2	
7		8 7:30 PM Shabbat Services		9	
14		15 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Baby naming Samuel David Stevens son of Myra Blacher & Jeff Stevens Oneg Shabbat hosted by grand- parents, Bernice & Leon Blacher		16	
21		22 7:30PM Shabbat Services Unveiling of plaque for Rachel Razankova Oneg Shabbat hosted by Simcha/L'Chaim Havurah		23	
28		29 7:30PM Shabbat Service		30	
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August Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>Aug 1 at Temple</u>			<u>Aug 15 at Temple(con't)</u>		
Nat Granat	Ruthe Granat	Aug 1	Jean Barron	Phyllis Mehlman	Aug 16
Judge Nathan Axel	Jane Axel	Aug 1	David Robbins	Abby Reeve	Aug 17
Moshe Jerzy	Reuven Jerzy	Aug 2	Margot Zimmerman	Mareike Kranz	Aug 18
Bobbie Nichols	Jules Fox	Aug 2	Louis Pudding	Sylvia Morris	Aug 19
Abe Goldstein	Ira Goldstein	Aug 5	Fred Kleiman	Abraham Kleiman	Aug 20
Helen Blum	Mike Blum	Aug 5	Reuben Libman	Gerald Libman	Aug 20
Philip J. Freeman	Bernard/Judy Robins	Aug 6	Sara Marcus	Tom/Valerie Bernath	Aug 20
Joseph R. Bayer	Fred Bayer	Aug 6	Harriet Zweier	Jean Zweier	Aug 21
Mollie Nacht	Norman Goodman	Aug 6	Mary B. Beltzer	Yvonne/Alana Beltzer	Aug 21
Charlotte Kleinberg	Carole/John Eisinger	Aug 7			
<u>Aug 8 at Temple</u>			<u>Aug 22 at Temple</u>		
Victor Becker	M/M Jerry Becker	Aug 9	Harry Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	Aug 22
Gordon Emont	Eric Emont	Aug 9	Rebecca Cohen	Gerald Libman	Aug 22
Ernest Kramer	Betty Wagner Kramer	Aug 10	Charles Manners	Susie Manners	Aug 22
Howard J. Peckman	Leo Peckman	Aug 10	Theresa Testa	Ann Testa	Aug 24
Anne Kaufman	Saul Kaufman	Aug 10	Anne Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Aug 24
Ray Greenfield	Mark Greenfield	Aug 11	Eva Engelberg	Jerry Engelberg	Aug 26
Ray Greenfield	Gary Greenfield	Aug 11	Roz Margolin	Neil Margolin	Aug 26
Bea Steinberg	Seymour Steinberg	Aug 11	Isaac Ben Nemzer	Mervin Nemzer	Aug 27
Julia Alexander	Adrienne Zahler	Aug 11	Mel Shink	Jamie Walton	Aug 27
Eva Bermack	Bernard Bermack	Aug 12	Max Seeman	Robert Seeman	Aug 28
Harriet Zweier	Jean Zweier	Aug 12	Jack Greenhill	Lynne Schwalbe	Aug 28
Philip Turchik	Fran Ravine	Aug 14	Louis Paskin	Diane Linger	Aug 28
Bertram Levy	Eve Levy	Aug 14			
Philip Turchik	Fran Ravine	Aug 14	<u>Aug 29 at Temple</u>		
Bertram Levy	Eve Levy	Aug 14	Nathan Kaden	Ron Kaden	Aug 29
<u>Aug 15 at Temple</u>			Albert Liberson	Katie Liberson	Aug 30
Jennie Woolf	Charles Woolf	Aug 15	Albert Liberson	Phillip Liberson	Aug 30
Nathan Maccabee	Alana Beltzer	Aug 15	Louis Morris	Sylvia Morris	Aug 30
Lilly Robbins	Abby Reeve	Aug 15	Lois Adell	Ava Silverstein	Aug 30
Moss Feldman	Pamela Franklin	Aug 15	Irma Shuman	John Eisinger	Aug 30
Eugene Kahn	Howard Kahn	Aug 16	Rose Cohen	Carolee Gennarelli	Aug 30
Bella Sommerfeld	Monica Pink]	Aug 16	Henrietta Rudnick	Jules Fox	Aug 30
Fannie Boyaner	Monica Pink	Aug 16	Cantor Michael Loring	Betty Wagner Kramer	Aug 30
Morris Boyaner	Monica Pink	Aug 16	Ida Vozoff	Phyllis Mehlman	Aug 31
			Sidney Korman	Nancy Tidwell	Aug 31

President's Message: (Continued from page 2)

Right now we have opportunities for you, as well, to be involved, to be a "mensch" rather than a passive bystander. Do you have any special interests or talents to share? Would you like to learn new skills or just participate and have fun? The temple is gearing up for the big 50th Anniversary Dance on November 2 and has openings on a variety of committees. The Sisterhood is seeking active members and the Men's Club has big plans for the coming year. Our PTA is bursting with new ideas and needs all of you parents to show your kids that a Jewish education is important. This fall, our Rabbi will be presenting new topics of interest and our Adult Education will return with its much applauded speaker series. Check out our coming calendars for the Youth Group and Singles Club activities. And these are just the beginning! Can we count on you to make a commitment to our community?

Sincerely,
Mark Greenfield

SISTERHOOD IS GETTING READY FOR A GRAND REOPENING!

On September 22nd we will be having a dinner/planning meeting to hammer out our agenda for the coming year. We would like you to join us at this meeting and give us your feedback on how we can better serve the temple.

Call Fran at (818) 920-0426 for more details. Being a part of this group of lovely women is a major mitzvah.

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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Prokofiev & Rachmaninoff

Los Angeles Philharmonic

Bramwell Tovey, conductor

Lise de la Salle, piano

TCHAIKOVSKY Festival Coronation March

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Havurahs!



New Havurah Group Forming

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A man walked into the doctor's, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places". The doctor said, "well don't go there any more".

"You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen, it said, "parking fine. "So that was nice."

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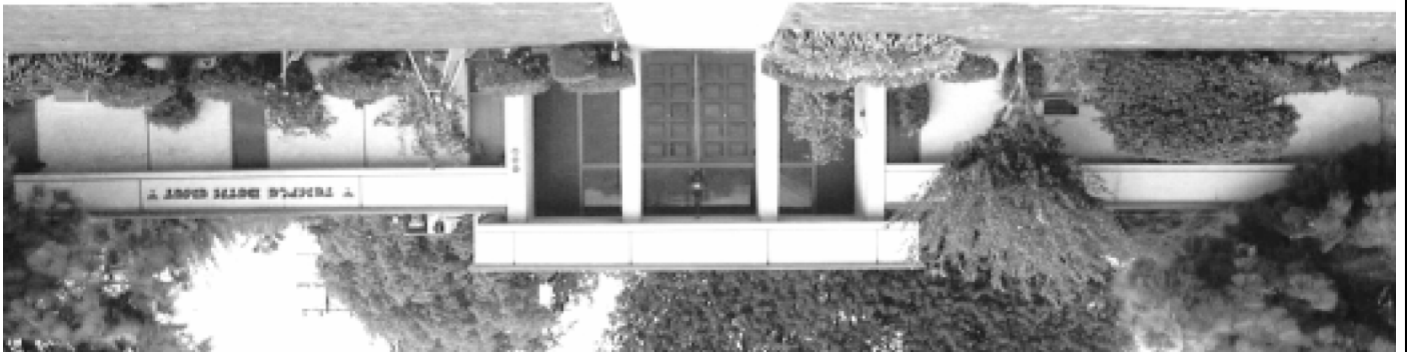
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