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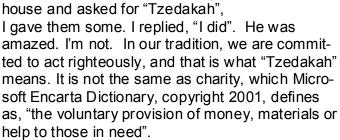
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SEPTEMBER, 2008

Rabbi Says:

"For the Need of the Giver to Give and for the Needy to Receive", Rabbi William M. Kramer Z"L

A Temple member I respect asked me the other day about Tzedakah. He wanted to know if whenever someone came to my house and asked for "Tzedakah"



Others may choose to do charity, we may not. The onus is upon us to help those in need. Unfortunately, in this super-charged world where people are over-worked, over-taxed, and over-stressed, we have defined "Tzedakah" in terms of money given. A gift of money, while one direction of Tzedakah, is not only not the only type of Tzedakah, it is not the highest level of Financial Tzedakah.

Maimonides, possibly the greatest of all the Medieval Judaic philosophers, rates Tzedakah as follows, from Mishneh Torah 10:7-14,: 'The highest level of Tzedakah, above which there is no other is to support a fellow Jew by endowing him with a substantial gift or loan or entering into partnership with him, or finding employment for him in order to strengthen his hand until he needs no others."

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Wishing you a year of peace, health and happiness

Rosh Hashanah Services—Dates & Times

Selichot—Sat., Sept. 20 7:30 pm at Temple Erev Rosh Hashanah—Tues., Sept. 29 8pm at St. Jude's Rosh Hashanah—Sept. 30 10am at St. Jude's

Scroll of Remembrance

In order to assure inclusion, make sure to submit the names for the Scroll of Remembrance memorial book no later that the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah services,

September 30,2008

Sunday, September 7, 2008 10 am Temple Open House

Invite your friends and neighbors to come and learn about our temple

Brunch will be served

Saturday, September 13, 2008 9 am School Registration and Family Brunch

Orientation begins at 9 am Brunch for religious school parents at 11 am

President's message

Dear friends and fellow temple members,

Once again, as we approach the High Holidays, it is time to reflect on the past year. As a temple, we have celebrated births, b'nai mitzvahs, weddings, and the lives of those who have departed from our midst. We have welcomed new members



and said goodbye to old friends. We even held the Harvest Ball, the first large and very successful temple party/fundraiser in many years. Throughout this past year, we have built relationships for the future and accumulated memories of the past.

In many respects, it was a good year; yet in others it was difficult. A few weeks ago I lost a very close friend and mentor. Some of you may have known him. His name was Harry Diamond. Harry was the quintessential survivor. Throughout his entire life he encountered situations that would have defeated a less determined or creative individual. He grew up in Brooklyn during the Depression, surviving poverty and neighborhood gangsters. Captured at Casino by the Nazis during WW II, he was among only 44 survivors of the 840 men forced to march from Italy to Germany. In a German POW camp, he survived by relying on his wits and daring. In the following years, Harry continued to overcome personal and financial calamities. Despite the hardships he had faced, Harry always believed in helping others.

About 27 years ago, he met his soul mate, Judy. Together they had run a business selling toys to various organizations, including hospitals, schools, churches and temples. Recently, Harry told me how he enjoyed attending their events and seeing the excitement on children's faces.

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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 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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Reina & Jeff Schaffer
Mojgan & Farzin Rahbar
Marla & Bert Goldberg
Yvonne Beltzer & Daniel Sweeney
Gail & Joseph Arce
Elaine & Scott Fishman
Peggy Davis & David Palley
Sheila & Stanton Price

Love isn't like a reservoir. You'll never drain it dry. It's much more like a natural spring. The longer and the farther that it flows, the stronger and the deeper and the clearer it becomes.

Eddie Cantor

Rabbi Says: (Continued from page 1)

Rashi, a further giant of Jewish philosophy commenting on Maimonides, teaches that, as Maimonides, levels of Tzedakah are all ascending; a loan is higher than a gift, a partnership is higher than a loan and the highest level of Tzedakah is to find employment for a person in need so that he 'needs no other'.

One of my professors at the University of Judaism, now the American Jewish University, once taught us that whenever two Hebrew words have two out of three root letters the same, there is a connection between the words. A good example of this is the Hebrew root for laughter, "Ts,H,Q", while the root for scream is "Ts,'O,Q". This theory also holds for the Hebrew word Tzedakah,Tz,D,Q and the Hebrew word for need, Tzreka, Tz,R,Q. there is a connection between Tzrekah and Tzedakah, need and righteous behavior. When there are people in need we must act righteously.

This month, as we begin a period of intense self-examination, let us remember when we have acted in support of, with, and helped secure sustenance for a person in need. Let us also remember, grievously, when we failed to do this. Let this year's Days of Awe afford us a time where our failings fill us with dread, only to be surpassed by our successes which are both AWEsome and AMAZING as we strive to fulfill the needs of our community.

Shanah Tovah v'Norah,

B'ahavah.

Rabbi Mark

Temple Beth Emet Community Needs

It is with great pride that I announce to our readership the establishment, corresponding with the start of the Hebrew year 5769, of a new feature entitled *Temple Beth Emet Community Needs*. In it, we are asking Temple members to contact the office with their employment, housing, chore, vehicle, and miscellaneous needs. All we ask is that you describe the need in 25 words or less and include a suitable telephone number and a first name. We will post them in the next two month's Chai Times. Additionally, there will be a bulletin board in Blum Hall where all Needs Notices cleared through the office will be posted.

Rabbi Mark

September Yahrzeit Donations

Steve P. Davis

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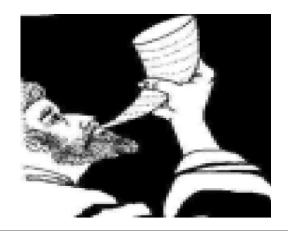
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...In loving memory of **Harry Osbaum**

Susie Manners

.. In loving memory of **Charles Manners**

We acknowledge with thanks a donation from Celia, Saul and Barry Kaufman



High Holiday Tickets

All members in good standing will receive their High Holiday tickets in the mail. Those who wish to attend and are not members should contact the temple office.

The purchase price for tickets this year is \$100.00 per adult and \$25.00 per youth. The cost of tickets may be applied to membership.

Temple Member Chai Lights

50 years ago.... I graduated from high school and enrolled in an accounting school. I had my Bar Mitzvah and like most Jewish boys/men, I chose not to continue going to temple. I moved to California and many years later met the Sloves. They belonged to a small temple in Burbank and continuously asked me to come to temple with them. It took much coaxing to come to Friday night services with Rabbi Kramer officiating. The rest is history.

I don't know why you first came to Temple Beth Emet or why you stuck around, but I know this, *I'm glad I stayed a member.*

On November 2nd, Temple Beth Emet will celebrate 50 years here in Burbank, G-d willing, I will be at the Castaway Restaurant and hope to see YOU there.

The coordinating committee (which could use your help) is planning a terrific evening. At \$75 per person it is well worth the great time you will have. Follow the Chai Times for more details.

Jerry Engelberg

IT'S TIME TO SAVE WITH ONLY TWO MONTHS TO GO

What am I waiting for? I haven't sent in my check yet. Our 50th anniversary Gala will be the best thing to happen in Burbank in a long, long time. Will you be there? We need your support in both buying your tickets and getting great donations for the silent auction.

November 2nd is fast approaching and the anniversary committee needs to make its final plans.

Our Anniversary Gala is a fundraiser for the Temple. Support our events and keep our Temple alive. Your \$75 donation helps us in many ways. It helps keep our dues low, our school functioning, Oneg Shabbats on Friday nights, High Holiday tickets free to Temple members and the list goes on and on. You will receive an invitation to the Gala via mail shortly. Please return your check with the included reservation card. See you there!

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. *Phyllis Mehlman* has been sick.

Leon Blacher had surgery.

Leo Peckman had an accident and cracked a few ribs.

Dear Members:

I am ill. I live in a board and care home at 15346 Mayall Street, Mission Hills, CA 91345.

On August 20, 2008 I am going to the geriatric clinic at Kaiser Hospital.

God Bless,

Manuel (Manny) Silverstein

P.S. – I miss Temple Beth Emet and the members.

In case you haven't heard, we are planning a 50th Anniversary celebration and want to make it something that will be remembered for the next 50 years. To do this, we need your help. If you can volunteer your time to be on a committee to help make this a spectacular event, please call the office. We need your Helping Hands!

If you need High Holiday tickets, call Temple office.

Sisterhood Sidelines

A Tradition Of Service To The Temple

We wish you and your loved ones a year of peace, health and happiness.

SISTERHOOD IS GETTING READY FOR A GRAND REOPENING!

On Tuesday, September 23rd, 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. The meeting will be at Paty's Restaurant on Riverside Drive at 6:30pm.

It's not all tea and finger sandwiches at the Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood! We get things done around here!

- □ *Fundraising *Temple Judaica Shop
- □ *Staffing Temple Functions
- □ And much, much more
 And, we have a lot of fun doing it.

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

Spread the word! On Saturday, September 13 we will again be hosting a brunch for our religious school parents. Over the years, this brunch has proven to be a great way for us to get to know these parents and for them to learn a little about what we do here.

Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shop

Fran has a new shipment of products for all your Judaic needs and she has slashed the prices of many of the older items. All items are at reasonable prices.

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Call office to set the date.

2008	Sep	otember	5768
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Labor Day	2	3
7 10:00 AM Open House	8	7:30 PM: Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome)	10 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
14	15	16	17 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
21	22 First day of Autumn	6:30 PM: Sisterhood Dinner Meeting at Paty's Restaurant	6:30 PM Cribbage Club
9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services start at 8:00 PM at St. Jude's Episcopal Church	30 Rosh Hashanah Services start at 10:00 AM at St. Jude's Episcopal Church	6:30 PM Cribbage Club
5	6	7	8 Erev Yom Kippur

2008	September	5768
Thurs	Friday	Saturday
4	5 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	6
11	7:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM—12 School Registration, Orientation and Family Brunch
18	7:30 PM Shabbat Services Oneg Shabbat hosted by Bea Satmary in honor of her mother and sister's birthdays	9:00 AM Religious School Selichot 8pm at Temple
25	26 7:30PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM Religious School
2	3 7:30PM Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Religious School
9 Yom Kippur	7:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM Religious School

September Yahrzeits					
NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
Sept. 5 at Temple			Sept. 19 at Temple		
Paul Prinz	Ruth Prinz	Sept 1	Ruby Epstein	Betty Wagner Kramer	Sept 14
Lillian Kleiman	Abraham Kleiman	Sept 1	William Strauss	Nathan Strauss	Sept 15
Clara Rose Bachelis	Maurice Bachelis	Sept 3	Frieda Weicensang	Sylvia Schuster	Sept 15
Ed Gold	Corinne Gold	Sept 3	Alfred Wasserman	Roger Wasserman	Sept 16
Ed Gold	Judy Kapner	Sept 3	Melvin David Golden	Shari Rosenberg	Sept 17
Sylvia Levine	Norma Resnick	Sept 3	Miriam Wise	Sandy Einbinder	Sept 18
Solomon Rosenbloom	Irving Rosenbloom	Sept 3	Wilard Oppenheim	Betty Wagner Kramer	Sept 18
Gertrude Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Sept 4	Albert Sommerfeld	Monica Pink	Sept 19
Jo Eileen Fox	Jules Fox	Sept 4	Laura D. Sommerfeld	Monica Pink	Sept 19
Armin Wolf	Congregation	Sept 4	Evelyn Lewis	M/M Ira Goldstein	Sept 20
Beckie Dagovetz	Dorothy Angel	Sept 5	Joseph Saeger	Sally Bachelis	Sept 20
Lillian Weiser	Helene Weiser	Sept 6			
Max Kapson	Henry Kapson	Sept 6	Sept. 26 at Temple		
Violet Brandon	Kitty Cooper	Sept 6	Sam Bermack	Bernard Bermack	Sept 21
Sept .12 at Temple			Fay Kaplan	Anita Woolf	Sept 22
Morey Cohen	LaVerne Cohen	Sept 7	Sophie Pudding	Sylvia Morris	Sept 22
Ethel Hanna Rogers	Roxanne Oliver	Sept 7	Sarah Goldberg	David Frank	Sept 23
Ruth Levy Schill	Jill Bornstein	Sept 7	Rebecca Behar	Jean Zweier	Sept 24
Irving Hoffman	Shirley Carb	Sept 7	Lester Klein	Cheryl Mundon	Sept 24
Irving Hoffman	Todd Carb	Sept 7	Miram Pasternack	Peter Golper	Sept 25
Fred Rosenbloom	Irving Rosenbloom	Sept 8	Gail Lynn Shapiro	M/M Murray Shapiro	Sept 25
Arthur Savin	Sharon Lasman	Sept 8	Anna Nudelman	Harland Green	Sept 25
Sadie Cohen	Robert Cohen	Sept 8	Albert Green	Adele Beckenholdt	Sept 26
Charles M. Burgh	Edward Burgh	Sept 8	Doris Katchen Rose	Beverly Genereux	Sept 26
Chana Rosenbloom	Irving Rosenbloom	Sept 9	Marvin Lewis	Raven Lewis	Sept 27
Susan Betnun Moore	Margery Brown	Sept 10	Stan Feit	Dr. Erick Feit	Sept 27
Jacob Stacel	Leroy Stacel	Sept 10			
Beatrice Freedman	Holly Hollander	Sept 11	Oct. 3 at Temple		
Sidney Friedman	Stuart Friedman	Sept 11	Donald Ham	Kyle Orlemann	Sept 28
Mildred Gold	Gold Family	Sept 12	Jane Libman	Grace Libman	Sept 28
Michael Beltzer	Alana/Yvonne Beltzer	Sept 13	Zina Lubow	Nat Lubow	Sept 28
Mark Abramson	Bennett Abramson	Sept 13	Yale Dubin	Sharon Libman	Sept 29
Bessie Steinberg	Sandra Phillips	Sept 13	Nat Goldman	Norman Goodman	Sept 30
Rose Block	Roslyn Block	Sept 13	Mamie Rocklin	Sandra Phillips	Sept 30
James Mattis	Congregation	Sept 13	Minnie Berger	Stanley Franklin	Sept 30

Religious School Curriculum Overview

The goal of Jewish education is to give the child the opportunity to develop a Jewish identity and to participate in and build an appreciation of Jewish Religious and cultural life.

Grade	Social Studies	Hebrew
Kinder- garten & 1 st grade	Introduction to Shabbat, Holi- days and Torah/ Bible stories	Simple Temple vocabulary
2 nd & 3 rd grade	Life Cycle events, Holidays and Torah/Bible Stories	Alef Bet, simple prayer vocabu- lary
4 th grade	Life Cycle events, Holidays and Torah study (weekly portion)	Simple prayers (e.g., candles, wine, bread, Chanukah)
5 th grade	Life Cycle events, Holidays and prophets, Jewish History	Shema, Torah prayers, long Kiddush, weekly Torah portion
6 th & 7 th grade	Holidays, Jewish History and Eth- ics including a social action (Tikkun Olam) project	Review all prayers (packet). Torah & Haftora
Bar/Bat Mitzvah		Specialized training and preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah
8 th , 9 th , 10 th grade	Jewish Ethics, Comparative Re- ligion, Modern Jewish History – culminating in Confirmation	

Hollywood Bowl Tickets Still Available

Thursday, September 4
Prokofiev & Rachmaninoff
Los Angeles Philharmonic
Bramwell Tovey, conductor

Lise de la Salle, piano

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There is no charge for these tickets; however,a donation would be appreciated.

Pick up your tickets from the Temple office or call 818-843-4787

President's Message: (Continued from page 2)

Our temple, where their son had celebrated his bar mitzvah, has been a special recipient of Harry and Judy's generosity. For the past decade, Harry and Judy have not sold, but have donated all the toys for our temple's Purim carnival. This mitzvah has continued long after they moved from the Los Angeles area to Tehachapi.

For me, Harry's death is a great personal loss; but Harry is not really gone. He lives on in the good he has done for us and for many others. Like Harry, we choose how to react to our individual circumstances. We choose what to do with our lives, whether to contribute to our families, our communities, and our world, or to focus on ourselves. As Jews, we have survived through the millennia because our beliefs and our principles have taught us that we have responsibilities beyond ourselves.

Soon we will be attending High Holiday services. Take a few moments to reflect on this past year. What have we contributed? How can each of us make next year a little better?

My family and I wish everyone a good and joyous new year. Shalom.

Sincerely, Mark Greenfield



New Havurah Group Forming

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 HAVURAH.

Simcha/L'Chaim Havurah has been meeting monthly and in August they sponsored an Oneg Shabbat.

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Sept	<u>Welcomer</u>	Candle Blessing
5	Steve Abrams	Myra Blacher
12	Mark Greenfield	Natalie Greenfield
19	Richard Emerson	Bea Satmary &
		mom and sisters
		Olga & Sheila
26	John Eisinger	Carol Eisinger
Sept	Scriptures	Kiddush
5	Jeff Stevens	
12	George Davis	
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Recycling

Raise Funds for the Temple and Help the Environment at the Same Time!



CELL PHONES: Simply collect cell phones from your parents, friends, neighbors, & from businesses in your community.

acuminum cans: Don't throw that empty soda can away. Collect aluminum cans from your friends, family and neighbors and bring them to the Temple so they can be redeemed for cash. (Please rinse out)

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