

CHAI TIMES

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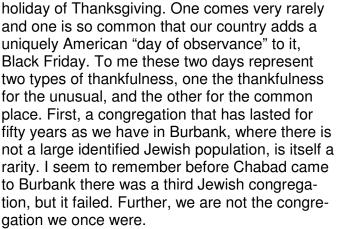
Rabbi Says:

"Jerusalem of Gold, of Copper and of Light, for all your Songs, I am the Harp"

Israeli Song

by Naomi Shemer, May, 1967

This month we celebrate both our Fiftieth year as a congregation with a Gala celebration and the



Once the title given to us was, "alternative" congregation, because of our 'unique' worship style, service and leadership. But that appellation no longer fits. We have metamorphosed. Our prayer, worship and sense of community makes us, while independent, a respected part of the Liberal/ Renewal branches of Judaism, and the spiritual community of the San Fernando Valley. Our students feel comfortable whenever they travel to other congregations and we are welcome wherever we (our congregation) take part in community events such as: Mitzvah Day, The Days of Remembrance, and the Walk for Life.

Thursday, November 6, 2008
7:30 PM
First in a series of Adult Education
programs entitled

"The Great Religions of the World"

Presented by
Rabbi Mark H. Sobel.
November topic "Judaism"

Sunday, November 16, 2008 9 AM—1 PM Mitzvah Day

We will:

- Fill backpacks with school supplies for underprivileged children
- → Have a carwash
- Have a bake sale
- Collect canned goods for the needy
- **→** Collect toys for Childrens Hospital



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President's message

Dear friends and fellow temple members,

The old joke goes "if there are four Jews then there are five opinions...". We are a people who love to argue over everything. I remember as a small child thinking that my grandfather and



father were fighting when, in reality, they were thoroughly enjoying a good, old-fashioned "top of the lungs" debate. Later, I realized that disagreement on any subject is beneficial. The sharing of ideas, even with passion, can bring out different points of view that had not been previously considered and can make us grow as human beings. The trick is never to be afraid of a disagreement but to listen to the other person's point of view. Somewhere between the two (or more) opinions may lay the solution that no one had noticed before.

Our job now is to look past the differences and work together for the good of our community. We have made considerable accomplishments in the past months. We have improved our communication with an active website and a computerized phone tree. Our religious school got off to a good start and our membership is growing! The temple celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Gala event. But there is so much still to be done. We must increase the participation of our members and bring even more pertinent programs to our membership, especially our children. It is the obligation of every member to do the best we can to build for the future.

As a good friend recently stated, "leave your ego at the door". Do bring your ideas and comments. Input from the membership about the types of programs and services you want is a catalyst for change. In the near future, you will find a new suggestion box near the temple office. Let us hear from you!

Shalom.

Mark Greenfield,

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Rabbi William M. Kramer Z"L* Rabbibill.com *May his memory be a blessing."

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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.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can better serve our members, Temple President, Mark Greenfield would like to hear from you. He can be reached at (818)749-2839 or you can call Temple office at (818) 843-4787.

Temple Beth Emet Officers and Board Members for 2008-2009

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Rabbi Says: (Continued from page 1)

This is the shining Gold of Public Mitzvah. It has shined upon us in three locations and continues to bless us in the print and video media. We have had articles in the Daily News, the Burbank Leader and been featured on KNBC news, the last time was 5:00 PM on Yom Kippur but no body saw it because we were worshipping. This only shows that the world is not perfect.

But what of the common thanksgiving that comes regularly, that we don't have to wait for 50 years to appreciate? We at Temple Beth Emet have that, too. We have it whenever we hold a board meeting and leave the door open without fear of attack. We have it when the police use our parking lot as a way station on their patrol. We have it when in an emergency we moved the Torahs next door to First Presbyterian Church and our congregants just walked across the street to worship. We have it when we march around the building holding the Torahs on Simhat Torah and the only noise heard that we are not making are car horns honking, wishing us well.

This is that common place gold that may not appear shiny. Actually, we don't know if it's shiny or not, because we don't see it. It is the Gold of private love and caring. It is evident in the myriad of Mitzvoth that are done for one to another by our congregants and others on a daily, no, momentary base. As we have brought it to the people, they have returned it to us. As we have sought and continue to seek to make Burbank a "Jerusalem", an inheritance of Peace, the people of Burbank have sought to join us in our quest. Not all is complete, of course, but we will leave that mission for the next 50 years, and we will be thankful for what we have that is forged of Gold, and of Light. And for all your songs, Temple Beth Emet, We are your Harp.

Happy Golden Anniversary!!!!!!

B'ahavah in Thanksgiving, Rabbi Mark

November Yahrzeit Donations Nissim Ferris

. In loving memory of Sarah Solomon

Rosslyn Block

. In loving memory of Rose Block

Lisa De Luca

.. In loving memory of Irwin Siegel

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In loving memory of **Doris Rose**

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Howard Strauss

. In loving memory of **Joan Florence Strauss and Vicky Dolnick Strauss**

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. In loving memory of **Jack Bolter**

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. In loving memory of **Hank Blum**





Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa & Jim De Luca Linda & John Harrel Paula & Larry Katz Leslie & David Regal Susan & James Levin Verane & Howard Ferguson

The Next Shabbat Across America/Canada will take place on March 20, 2009.

Temple Member Chai Lights

A special thanks to *Craig Weisman* and *Andrea McKinnon* for finding and activating an automated phone-calling program. It is delightful to receive a personal message from the Temple! These two talented people gave us the ability to reach out to each member of our community in a timely fashion. With information, we empower ourselves to become involved. What a great way to start the New Year!

Welcome New Members

Henry Mendell & Randee Trabitz and daughter Madeleine Mendell

Carrie Greenleaf-Ross and children Megan & Benjamin

Alan & Stacie Barlow and their daughter Rachil

Margaret Goldfarb and her daughter Cheyenne

Reno & Deborah Goodale
and their children Alexandra & Michael

Welcome to Temple Beth Emet. We are delighted that you have joined us.

Are you interested in going on a *FREE trip* and having the <u>best summer of</u> <u>your life.</u> Well here is the opportunity of a lifetime. ISRAEL... This trip offers many different experiences, meeting new people and building new relationships.

If you are between the ages of 18-27 and have any questions, please call 818-406-3777 and ask for Anita Mishkanian (Rabbi Mark's niece).

Thank you, Rabbi Mark

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.

Evelyn Jackman has been ill. We wish her a speedy return to good health. We wish **Fran Bernstein** a speedy return to good health as well.

Rabbi Mark is putting together a tour of Israel for December of 2009. If you are interested in going, call the Temple and leave your name and telephone number with Lucy or Sylvia.

Temple Beth Emet Community Needs

- Are you in need of employment?
- Are you in need of someone to employ?
- Do you need help with chores?
- Do you have housing needs, vehicle needs or miscellaneous needs?

This column was created to assist members in finding help with their needs. If you would like to place an announcement in this column, call the office and describe the need in 25 words or less, leave a suitable telephone number and your first name. We will post it in the next month's Chai Times for two issues.

Need a plumber to fix sprinklers Call Mina at (818) 992-1314.

Sisterhood Sidelines.....

May we have your attention....... In just a month or so we will be celebrating the "Festival of Lights" and your sisterhood ladies are planning a wonderful family brunch to help celebrate this holiday. Fran and her crew do a bang—up job putting this party on and the jolly people who show up make up make it the fun and exciting event it always is. We are sure you will not want to miss it. The date is Sunday, December 14 at 10 AM. Look for flyers for more information or you can call Temple office.

Just because we haven't bragged, doesn't mean we don't have a lot to brag about. Once again Temple Beth Emet proves it is the "Temple With A Heart". Thanks to the generous folks who brought toys to St. Judes and to those to who donate all year around, our Childrens Hospital Toy Box runeth over! Jerry Engelberg will just have to take another truckload to the hospital. I am very proud of our Temple. You should be proud too! These toys go a long way to help brighten the lives of a sick child who must spend many hours in bed.

Coming up:

Sunday, November 16 – 9 AM to 1 PM – Mitzvah Day

Tuesday, November 18 – 7:30 PM – regular sisterhood meeting

Sunday, December 14 – 10 AM to 2 PM – Hanukkah Brunch

Don't be on the outside looking in.
Over the years, sisterhood has given back to the temple in a very tangible way. Join the crowd and bring your magic to our meetings and we will mix Our ideas together and come up with ways to help our temple. Our president, Fran Bernstein, will be happy to hear from you. Call her at 818-920-0426. She will be glad to fill you in on what we do here and answer any questions you may have.

MEN'S CLUB IN THE NEWS

Donate.....Donate.....Donate

It seems we are always asking you for something, and we are. If it's not toys for Childrens Hospital or food for Burbank Temporary Aid, it is always something. Well, I'm not going to ask for anything. Except------WHY HAVEN'T YOU JOINED US AT THE MEN'S CLUB BREAK-FAST? We have an outstanding breakfast with spirited discussions at most of our meetings. Where else can you get an "all you can eat" breakfast for just \$5.00 for men with ladies as our guest?

Join us Sunday, November 23rd at 9:30AM for breakfast with our meeting at 10:15AM. I personally would like to see you there.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our great Sisterhood, Havurahs and Adult Education programs. Our Religious School needs your children. Saturdays, Rabbi and his staff keep our children respecting and learning about the Jewish faith but we want to see more children attending this great program. Contact the office for details.

Kyle Orleman has a "Knitting for Vets" project going. She knits hats for patients at the Veterans Hospital to be used by oncology patients, vets with head injuries, etc.; and lap robes for amputees. If you have yarn to donate of if you would like to do some knitting yourself call Temple office and we will put you in touch with Kyle..



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"the temple with a heart"

An Independent Reform Congregation
Fran Bernstein
Kiddush Planner

We Welcome You To Our Friday Services - 7:30 PM

2008	No	November	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5
9	10	7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome) Veterans Day	12 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast Mitzvah Day	17	7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	19 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
23	24	25	26 6:30 PM Cribbage Club
30	1	2	3 6:30 PM Cribbage Club

2008	November	5769	
Thurs	Friday	Saturday	
		1 9:00 AM Religious School	
6	7 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM Religious School	
13	14 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM Religious School	
20	21 7:30PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM Religious School	
27 Thanksgiving Day	28 7:30PM Shabbat Service	29 No Religious School	
4	5 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:00 AM Religious School	

November Yahrzeits								
NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE			
Oct. 31 at Temple			Nov. 21 at Temple					
Lenora Carpe	Maurine Gold	Nov. 1	Ruth Fishman	Scott Fishman	Nov. 16			
Jewelle Bowen	Barbara Klivans	Nov. 1	Marta Berger	Jan Burns	Nov. 17			
			Frances Rose	Marlene Dreyfuss	Nov. 18			
Nov. 7 at Temple			Lillian Swedlove	Freda Murez	Nov. 19			
Annette Frank	Ruth Frank	Nov. 2	David Nudell	Leah Nudell	Nov. 19			
Eda P. Leibson	Julie Mann	Nov. 2	Joseph Testa	Ann Testa	Nov. 20			
Hannah Davis	Evelyn Jackman	Nov. 3	Eva Gramowitz	Lillian Blakeman	Nov. 20			
Paul Stein	Bernice Dacher	Nov. 3	Frank Paley	Arda Paley	Nov. 21			
Bess Jacob	Phyllis Shear	Nov. 3	Albert James Hanlin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 21			
Jon Murphy	Erin Abrams	Nov. 3	Alan A. Mandel	Shelly Barton	Nov. 22			
Samuel Levin	Beatrice Miliman	Nov. 4	Joan Feinsilber	Russell Beck	Nov. 22			
Penny Buss	Neal Friedman	Nov. 4	Joan Feinsilber	William Feinsilber	Nov. 22			
Penny Buss	Sharon Friedman	Nov. 4	New 20 et Temple					
Bernard Cohen	Robert Cohen	Nov. 5	Nov. 28 at Temple Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 24			
Abraham Bibicoff	Martin Bibicoff	Nov. 5	Raye Greenebaum	Jules Fox	Nov. 24			
Abraham Bibicoff	Bruce Bibicoff	Nov. 5	Frank Wise	Sandy Einbinder	Nov. 25			
Fanny Schuster	Sylvia Schuster	Nov. 5	Erwin Prinz	Ruth Prinz	Nov. 25			
Helen Margolin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 6	Judge Irwin Cantor	Sandie Phillips	Nov. 25			
Anna Levin	Beatrice Miliman	Nov. 6	Diana Turchik	Fran Ravine	Nov. 26			
Elizabeth Horowitz	Valerie Bernath	Nov. 6	Dora Becker	Jack Baker	Nov. 26			
Morris Drake	Toby Berman	Nov. 6	David Antelman	Judith Antelman	Nov. 26			
Zelma Lackman	Elizabeth Rosen	Nov. 6	Harry Avarbvuch	Mitzi Rattner	Nov. 26			
Luis Guzman	Lila Tepper	Nov. 7	Janita Haver	Steven Shanker	Nov. 27			
Mary Cohen	Charley Cohen	Nov. 7	Murry Lackman Rose Savin	Elizabeth Rosen Sharon Lasman	Nov. 27 Nov. 28			
Louis Fischer	Helene Weiser	Nov. 8	Faye Best	Eugene Lewin	Nov. 28			
			Anita Crane	Rhonda Smith	Nov. 28			
Nov. 14 at Temple			Max Peurye	Leo Peckman	Nov. 28			
Sam Miller	Marlene Dreyfuss	Nov. 9	Sydney Block	Rosslyn Block	Nov. 29			
David Granat	Ruthe Granat	Nov. 9	Grace Fulop	Russell Beck	Nov. 29			
Helen Meyerfeld	The Congregation	Nov. 9	Grace Fulop	William Feinsilber	Nov. 29			
George Gross	Sylvia Gross Sutton	Nov. 10	Adolph Gottfried	Shirley Weitzman	Nov. 29			
•	•		Elizabeth Sopasnik	Marlene Flowers	Nov. 29			
Sally Pureye Bertha M. Rachlin	Jean Peckman Sandie Phillips	Nov. 10 Nov. 11	Elizabeth Sopasnik	Judith Antelman	Nov. 29			
	·		Lewis Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	Nov. 29			
Jacob Steinberg	Seymour Steinberg Russell Beck	Nov. 12 Nov. 13	Lewis Pappert William Green	Robert Pappert Harland Green	Nov. 29 Nov. 29			
Anton Fulop			vvillatti Greett	Hanana areen	INUV. ZJ			
Anton Fulop	William Feinsilber	Nov. 13	Dec. 5 at Temple					
Gloria Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Nov. 14	Mildred Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	Nov. 30			
Bernice Clark	Sandra Ashford	Nov. 14	Harry Robins	Bernard Robins	Nov. 30			
Leah N. Factor	Congregation	Nov. 15	Leo L. Lewin	Eugene Lewin	Nov. 30			

Havurahs!



New Havurah Group Forming

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

See flyer in Temple foyer. Call Ruth Glick at (818) 780-9134 if interested in starting this new and exciting HAVURAH.

Adult Education Series

Presented by Rabbi Mark H. Sobel

The Great Religions of the World What do they say about

LIFE, HISTORY and COMMUNITY

Thursday, November 6, 2008 Judaism

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 Islam

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 Christianity

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 **Buddhism**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 **Hinduism**

> All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. No Charge – Donations Welcome

4th and 5th grade religious school students answer the questions: What does Rosh Hashanna mean to you? How do you celebrate it? What is a sin? Why do we fast on Yom Kippur?

"It means the Jewish New Year and how you celebrate it is that we eat apples and honey, read special prayers and blow the shofar."

A sin is a bad deed. We fast on Yom Kippur because we don't want to be distracted so we pray.

. Mimi Tiaer. 5th arade

"Rosh Hashanna means being happy forgetting everything bad you did that year. Starting a great year with no sins and of course don't forget the best part the delicious apples and honey. Saying prayers blowing the shofar and many more good stuff."

"A sin is a bad or wrong thing. When you fast on Yom Kippur to clean out your body so you can start everything all new. You pray. Do you know why else we fast? It's so food doesn't distract us from praying. You must pray to God to let him forgive us. Hopefully he will."

Max Weisman. 5th grade

"During Rosh Hashanna we blow the shofar, sing prayers and eat apples and honey."

"Sins are bad deeds. We fast on Yom Kippur because either wise we would get distracted."

Adam Gross. 5th grade

"We all eat apples with honey. Also we pray and blow the shofar."

"Sins are bad deeds that we had done.

Kayla Daou, 5th grade

"To me Rosh Hashanna means to blow the shofar and have a good new year. I celebrate it by going to synagoque."

"A sin is a bad deed that you regret at Yom Kippur. At Yom Kippur you fast because you want to concentrate on praying."

Miranda Goldstein, 4th grade

"Rosh Hashana is a Jewish New Year where you think about the bad deeds that you did and the good deeds you did and we pray in a synagogue. We eat apples and honey and blow the shofar. I celebrate Rosh Hashanna by going to synagogue and to remember the good deeds and forget the bad deeds."

"A sin is a bad deed. We fast because Jews want to pray and have nothing get in their way (distract them)."

Alexandra, 4th grade

"I celebrate Rosh Hashanah by having a lot of family members over and having a big dinner with special prayers and apples and honey. Rosh Hashanna is the Jewish New Year. It's when God made earth." "A sin is a bad deed. We fast on Yom Kippur because we don't want to be distracted from praying."

Drew, 4th grade

"I think Rosh Hashanna means you go to synagogue and pray to God and forget all of the bad things you did that year. After praying to God the Rabbi blows the shofar to welcome Jews to the synagogue. After we do the prayers and blowing the shofar we have a celebration! With fresh apples and honey. Have a sweet new vear Temple Beth Emet!"

"A sin is a bad deed. Today I did a bad deed. I ignored my mom. We fast on Yom Kippur because we just want to pray, pray, pray until we're all worn out. And I'm sorry I ignored you mom. I will pray to God not to do any more bad sins."

Emily, 4th grade

"We are supposed to go to synagogue. Rosh Hashanna means to remember the good things and forget the bad things because it's a new year." "Sin is the bad things you did last year. We do not eat all day because we pray all day."

Quinn, 4th grade

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Items needed for Mitzvah Day

- Backpack supplies (paper, pencils, binders, spiral notebooks, crayons, etc.)
- Car wash supplies (buckets, towels, sponges, squeegees)
- Volunteers to help wash cars & stuff backpacks.
- Toys for Childrens HospitalFood Drive Donations
 - Please drop items off at the Temple office on or before November 16.

Ralph's has changed their community contribution/Ralph's Reward program. Even if you have signed up for rewards in the past, you must to do it again. You may do so in store or go to this link: https://customer.ralphs.com/ManageCommunityRewardsStep1.aspx and you will be directed through the sign in process, it is very easy! We are listed as Burbank Temple Beth Emet. Every time you shop and use your rewards card, the temple with get a percentage of the total. No easier fundraising than this!!

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.

ALUMINUM 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)

TONER AND INK JET CARTRIDGES: Collect all your used inkjet and toner cartridges from everybody you know.

BATTERIES: Flashlight, radio, etc. (no car batteries please).

