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Rabbi Says:

On December 18th at 7:30PM, the Temple will begin a journey that will not end until January, 2010. It will be a journey of 10,000 miles and 5,000 years. It will involve body and soul in a myriad of ways. It will be a combination of things very modern and quite ancient.

I will be traveling far away to come home. It is, of course, the first ever Temple Beth Emet trip to Israel.

I have been to Israel 6 times. The visits have lasted from 9 days to 351 days. They have all been times of great wonder, amazement, learning and feeling. As I know our trip will be unique adventures for all of us from first timers to repeat sojourners, I would like, in the spirit of Hanukkah (re-dedication), to share some experiences from each of my trips to show how mystical, how magical and just how uniquely special each trip was:

1970-71- My first trip to Israel. While I was studying in the Ulpan, we took a trip to Caesarea, a re-built Roman Amphitheater, Caesarea was the Roman administrative headquarters for Judea(Israel) 2,000 years ago, to hear the Israeli Philharmonic give a concert. At the end of the concert, they gave us all candles, we lit them and when the lights were turned out, and all the people in the amphitheater sang Hatikvah. It still gives me shivers when I think about that experience.

1976-I lead a group of teen-agers. In the Book of Chronicles it mentions King Hezekiah building a tunnel to protect the water supply of Jerusalem from attack. Two groups of diggers attempt the tunnel. One from Jerusalem and one from the water supply outside the gates. They miss each other, but hear each other's voices under the ground and break through the walls to link the two parts of the tunnel. Long thought a Biblical legend, the Siloam Tunnel was uncovered in the middle 19th century. And it really does turn to the left.

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Please come and admire the new ark in the sanctuary. We look forward to a dedication ceremony in the near future.

Adult Education Series

Presented by Rabbi Mark H. Sobel **The Great Religions of the World** What do they say about **LIFE, HISTORY and COMMUNITY**

Next session December 2nd at 7:30 PM

Sisterhood Hanukkah Brunch Sunday, December 14, 2008 10:00 AM

COME FOR A FUN DAY

Religious School Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 20, 2008

Rabbi Mark is putting together a trip to Israel for December of 2009. If you are interested in going, there will be an Informational Meeting on Thursday, December18, 2008 7:30 PM RSVP: Temple office



President's message

Dear friends and fellow temple members,

Two amazing events happened recently, one of international importance and the other, local. Critics had proclaimed both to be "impossible". In one, our nation has elected its first



president not cut from traditional white, Anglo-Saxon stock. In the other, our temple has marked its 50th year of service to our community and celebrated with a very successful Gala, our second major celebration and fundraiser in two years.

Through these fundraisers, last year's Harvest Ball and this recent Gala, the temple has raised over \$12,000, money badly needed to support our services to the community. This money goes to support our religious school, our outreach programs, and just plain keeping things running. Each of these events was made possible by a small group of dedicated people who put the temple welfare above their own interests by donating enormous amounts of time, energy, expertise and money without looking for any recognition.

Long nights and seemingly endless discussions, research and scrounging for just the right combination of entertainment, venue, and value for our membership filled the past eight months. The result was, again, an incredible evening. During it, the history of our temple was displayed through a beautifully done video, soon to be available to our membership. (Check our website!) Our Rabbi, Mark Sobel, was honored in a moving presentation and received several recognitions from General John Harrel and Col. Linda Harrel. We were honored by the presence of State Assemblyman Paul Krekorian and we even had the opportunity to honor in person several of our founding members. Everyone enjoyed the magnificent entertainment!

How could all this happen? A group of about a dozen people put their minds and hearts into making it happen. Recently, we saw President-elect Obama's victory against long odds. Those "in the

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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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July 4,1976- I was awakened from my sleep with the news that the hostages had been rescued from Entebbe, Uganda, by elements of the Israel Defense Forces and brought home to Israel. What a day to be in Israel and an American. Israel was telling the world, it would rescue Jews whenever and where ever they were in danger. It was wishing America, Happy Birthday!

1985- On a seminar with fellow teachers. We were staying in Jerusalem for Tisha B'av. What a sight to see many thousands of people sitting on the ground in front of the Western Wall and reading about the destruction of the Temple of Solomon and Jerusalem at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar in as told in the Book of Lamentations by the Prophet Jeremiah.

1988- Attending the CAJE conference-After the Conference I meet Philip Margolin, Sharon Mattis and Anna Bunyik, recent confirmants at TBE and we travel to Haifa to spend Shabbat with my childhood friend Eitan Adres. In their visit, I see my past and my future rolled into one.

1996-With the family and then at a National Judaic Conference. Joshua and I are blowing the Shofar atop Masada, the site of the death of over 900 zealots by their own hands rather than become Roman slaves. Joshua age 6 is then asked by several Japanese tourists if he will blow the shofar for them so they can take photographs. He does.

2002-Israel Bond's Rabbinic trip- We are some of the first people to make use of the brand new Kotel (Western Wall) museum which combines 21st century technology with pre-first century depictions of Temple life.

I know that my experiences are special to me. I also know that they are as varied as is Israel. Israel is a place, large, yet provincial, busy, yet relaxing, Jewish, yet, interdenominational, eastern, yet western, ancient, yet modern. It is after all, Israel. I am sure if you join us, you will be able to add a complexity to those listed above. After all, each of us is a unique manifestation of creation and we will be going to the Land that God promised us. Let us all see what that promise is!!!!!!!!!

See you on the 18th!!!!!

B'ahava v'n'siyya tova (With love and Bon Voyage), Rabbi Mark

December Yahrzeit Donations

Dianne Bender

. In loving memory of Shirley Trott

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In loving memory of Ruth Fishman

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a generous donation for *new Siddurs "Mishkan T'filah"* from *Joel Sandleman in honor of Matthew Rivera's Bar Mitzvah*



The next Shabbat Across America will take place on March 20, 2009. Happy Anniversary

Harriett & Louis Schwab Adrienne & Jerry Everakes Leona & David Zollman Rosa & Cesar Zevallos Mary & Bert Langer Elaine & Gerald Wolff Dianne & Les Bender Monica & Lester Pink Natalie & Mark Greenfield

Temple Member Chai Lights

Love to scrapbook? Drive you crazy when photos pile up? Then we need you!! We are looking for a temple historian to organize a lot of very unorganized pictures and memorabilia. No experience necessary, work at your own pace, learn more about your temple with a heart! Please call the temple office if you are interested or have any questions.

> With great pleasure we welcome new members Brian & Sherry Crosby and their sons Ben & Max and Mitch & Jackie Fogelman and their children Yoni & Adira

A New Singles Group Is Forming.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, call Alana at (818)720-7048 or you can email her at alstaria@gmail.com.

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of temple member *Rhoda Bibicoff.*

We extend our condolences to her husband Martin and family.

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.

Jerry Orleman is facing surgery. Lee Stacel, Fran Bernstein, Alan Shear and Bertha Yaras have all been sick. We wish them a speedy return to good health.

<u>Special Note:</u> Remember the sick with cards, calls & visits. These are truly healing and go a long way to lift spirits. I know this personally as I received many cards and calls on my recent accident and would like to thank the members of Temple Beth Emet for their outpouring of concern. Shirley Abramson

Fran sends a **BiG** thank you to everyone for all their cards and good wishes.

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.

We are always looking for interesting and new content for our temple website! Please check out the site and e-mail Alana Beltzer with your content ideas! www.templebethemet.com. tbe.editor@gmail.com

Sisterhood Sidelines.....I hope

you have reserved your seat for our annual Hanukkah Brunch. If not, *get on the phone and call Leona Zollman right away*. Her phone is (818) 761-3931, or you can call Temple office. The date is Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 AM. Still only \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 11 - 13 (children under 11 *free*). As is our custom, there will be an abundance of delicious traditional food, games, prizes and entertainment. So, come, kick back and enjoy the company of fellow Temple members and guests.

Fran: Get Well!! We miss seeing you.

COLLEGE BOXES Our Sisterhood sends "Holiday College Boxes" to our college students away at school for Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover to keep the students connected to our synagogue. If you would like your student to receive a box, please call the temple office and let us know.

Important dates coming up:

Sunday, Dec.14 at 10:00AM – Hanukkah Brunch Tuesday, Dec. 16 – 7:30PM – Regular sisterhood meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 – 6:30PM – Pot Luck meeting

If you haven't renewed your membership, or if you would like to join sisterhood, send your check for \$15.00, payable to Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood, to Temple Beth Emet, 600 N. Buena Vista, Burbank, CA 91505 or call Ruth Glick at (818) 780-9134.

Sisterhood is friends working together for temple and community

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Fran Bernstein Kiddush Planner

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

MITZVAH DAY – A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Sunday, November 16, we held our annual Mitzvah Day fundraiser. The proceeds of this year's event will go to the recent fire victims. This year, we added something new. **A DOG WASH.** The confirmation class suggested it, we ran with it and it was a complete success. We had an overwhelming response from the community.

I would like to thank some of the people who made this possible.

- *Rabbi Mark* who washed cars, washed dogs, solved a glitch or two that arose and introduced us to his sweet dog "Turbo". Rabbi, Thank you so much.
- **Connie Harter** who manned the "Fire Victims Collection" site, was our cashier and directed "doggie traffic". You were awesome!
- Jodi & Tammy for jumping in the minute they arrived to wash cars, oversee traffic and help supervise the kids with the car wash. You guys are tireless!
- *Henry & Jodi Gross* who are always willing to help in any capacity and stayed to the bitter end to help clean up. So appreciated.
- Naomi Aronoff who coordinated the stuffing of school backpacks for less fortunate kids. An amazing job Naomi, a ton of thanks.
- Craig & Diane Weisman who never fail to lend helping hands. Thank you for putting up "Dog Wash" flyers in the park and spreading the news. Extra thanks to Craig for photographing the entire day.
- Thank you *Jerry, Richard & Sarah* for keeping us fed.
- **Beth Rosen** who helped coordinate, design and execute the events, who tirelessly sought and found resources that were difficult to obtain, and whose tenacity and commitment to our Temple and school is unwavering. Beth, thank you.
- And last, but certainly not least, *to all you kids* that worked so hard on everything from the car wash, dog wash and making all the posters. A huge thank you. **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

I'm sure I've left out the names of people whose help was invaluable. For that I apologize.

To everyone that participated this Mitzvah Day, I applaud you. Every one of you made this Mitzvah Day our most successful ever!

Many thanks to all,

2008	De	cember	5769
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	<i>2</i> 7:30PM Adult Education	3 6:15 PM Cribbage Club
7	8	<i>9</i> 7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome)	10 6:15 PM Cribbage Club
14 10:00 AM Sisterhood Hanukkah Brunch	15	16 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	17 6:15 PM Cribbage Club
21 1st light Hanukkah	22 Happy Hanukkah	23	24 6:15 PM Cribbage Club
<i>28</i> 9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast	29	30	31 6:15 PM Cribbage Club New Year's Eve
4	5	<i>6</i> 7:30PM -Adult Education	7 6:15 PM Cribbage Club

2008	December	5769	
Thurs	Friday	Saturday	
4	5	6 9:00 AM Religious School	
11	12 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	13 9:00 AM Religious School Confirmation class Saturday afternoon movie	
18	19 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	<i>20</i> 9:00 AM Religious School Religious School Hanukkah Party	
25	26 7:30PM Shabbat Services <i>Michael & Ava Silverstein</i> hosting Oneg Shabbat In honor of <i>Leah Silverstein's Bat Mitzvah</i>	<i>27</i> 9:00 AM Religious School <i>Leah Silverstein Bat Mitzvah</i>	
1	2 7:30PM Shabbat Service	<i>3</i> 9:00 AM Religious School	
4	5 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	6 9:00 AM Religious School	

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December Yahrzeits					
NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
Dec. 5 at Temple			Dec. 19 at Temple		
Barbara Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Dec. 1	Raymond Reinhart	Dottie Pierce	Dec. 17
Alan Matays	Gail Arce	Dec. 1	Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	Dec. 18
Marc Kagen	Carole Eisinger	Dec. 1	Ray Beck	Scott & Camille Beck	Dec. 18
Donald Maydeck	Marshall Maydeck	Dec. 2	Ray Beck	Russell & Barbara	Dec. 18
Sandy Reitman Leslie Fields	Sandy Einbinder Soni Fields	Dec. 2 Dec. 3	Solomon Murez	Herbert Murez	Dec. 18
Joseph B. Laing	Judy Laing	Dec. 3	John Brandon	Kitty Cooper	Dec. 18
Esther Gottfried	Shirley Weitzman	Dec. 3	Irving Matthews	Doris Jones	Dec. 18
Sylvia Fishel	Jack Fishel	Dec. 3	Iris Gore	Dee Segall	Dec. 19
Jacob Levin	Eugene Lewin	Dec. 4	Edith Russell	M/M Gerald Becker	Dec. 20
Sharon Shuman	Joyce Feinsilber	Dec. 4	Hilda Peckman	Leo Peckman	Dec. 20
Peter Monaco Harvey Sedlezky	Rabbi Mark Sobel Anne Newman	Dec. 5 Dec. 5			
Fanny Sillman	Louis Jones	Dec. 5 Dec. 6	Dec. 26 at Temple		
Abe Ashen	Belle Baker	Dec. 6	Samuel J. Teller	Elaine Rubidoux	Dec. 21
Irving Spielvogel	Don Spielvogel	Dec. 6	Milton Sobel	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec. 22
Sara Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec. 6	Rivka Jerzy	Reuven Jerzy	Dec. 22
Hacksun Lue	Merry Dacher	Dec. 6	Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	Dec. 24
Sadie Resnick	Sid Resnick	Dec. 6	Marion Goodman	Norman Goodman	Dec. 24
		200. 0	Nathan Miller	Sara M. McCune	Dec. 24
Dec. 12 at Temple			Anne Abramson	Shirley Abramson	Dec. 24
Annie Swedlove	Freda Murez	Dec. 8	Irving Strauss	Howard Strauss	Dec. 24
Ida Polakoff	Bertha Yaras	Dec. 8	Sybil Factor	The Factor Family	Dec. 25
Solomon Friedman	Jean Pollack	Dec. 8	Isadore Shvalb	Louis Schwab	Dec. 25
Golda Meir	The Congregation	Dec. 8	Joseph Kleiman	Abraham Kleiman	Dec. 25
Elizabeth Lewin Goldie Gelbart	Eugene Lewin Diane Linger	Dec. 9 Dec. 9	Harry Sternfeld	Audrey Bermack	Dec. 26
Mike Abrams	Phyllis Mehlman	Dec. 9 Dec. 9	Belle Millman	Sylvia Sutton	Dec. 26
Marty Friedman	Pamela Franklin	Dec. 10	Yael Rafaeli	Lucy & Uri Rafaeli	Dec. 26
Josie Rowe	Allan Rowe	Dec. 10	Albert Lassoff	Marva Felchlin	Dec. 26
Sam Marcus	Eillie Somerfield	Dec. 11	Bessie Dash	Jerry Dash	Dec. 27
			Raja Tepper	Henry Tepper	Dec. 27
Dec. 19 at Temple			Donald A. Zahler	Adrienne Zahler	Dec. 27
Goldie Cone	Myra Sloves	Dec. 14			
David Nudell	Leah Nudell	Dec. 14	Jan. 2 at Temple		
Ben Nudell	Leah Nudell	Dec. 14	Fred Friedman	Stuart Friedman	Dec. 28
Louis Kanefsky	Marsha Cohen	Dec. 15	Max Fishkin	Harriett Schwab	Dec. 28
Fred Eisinger	John Eisinger	Dec. 15	Dora Polay Halpern	Frances Luben	Dec. 30
Louis Resnick	Sidney Resnick	Dec. 15	Avraham Marco	M/M Jerry Dash	Dec. 31
Ann Mavdeck	Marshall Mavdeck	Dec. 17			

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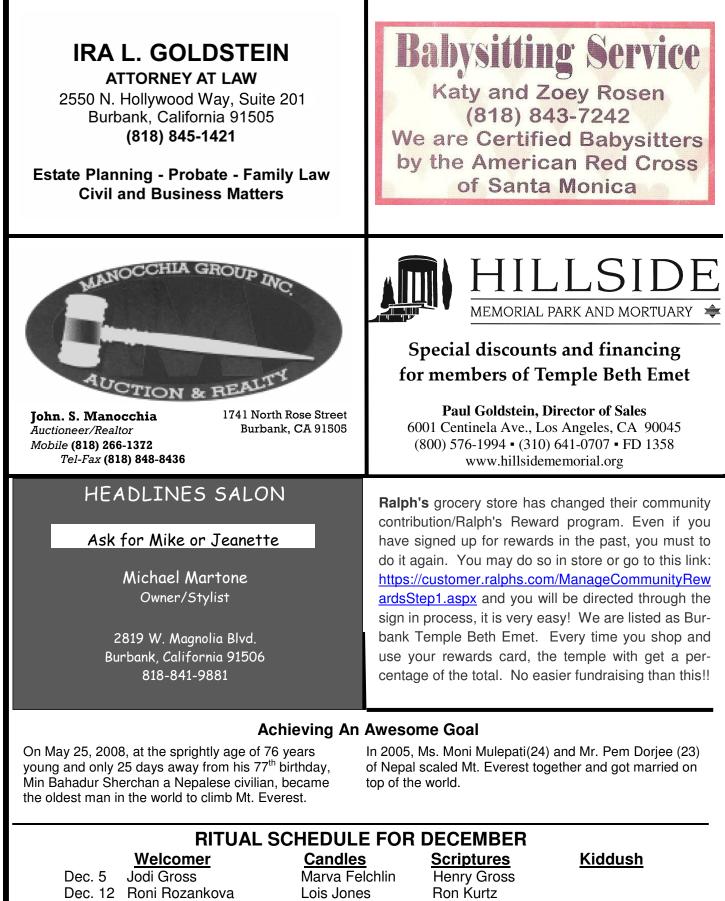
Marshall Maydeck

Ann Maydeck

(President's message continued from page 2) Mrs. Bernice Blacher's (Mrs. B) Aleph-Bet class had an exercise in Genesis. Speaking about the Tower of Babel, which stated that know" credit this success to his grassevery Torah story teaches many lessons. roots organization and the commitment The children were asked what they though was the of many, many people to make their story's most important lesson. Here are some of their dream come true. The small group at responses: our temple has made two major events come true. They have demonstrated **Rachel Glass:** The lesson is G-d never wanted what can be done, but cannot continue everyone to be together. to support the weight of the whole com-Ethan Yarus: That being famous is not everything. *Mia Brice:* That everyone is different in some way. munity by themselves. Imagine what Geniah Avila: The story is they built the tower too can be accomplished if everyone who high and some thought it was not high enough and benefited from our temple contributed to started to fight, as it got so big that they mixed up their its success? Imagine how, in the next tools and G-d made them speak differently. fifty years, we could affect the lives of Alan Langer: The people made the Tower of Babel, our community! but G-d made the people. Megan Abrams: That being famous is not what G-d Shalom, wanted. Megan Ross: I think it is without the tar that is put Mark Greenfield between the bricks the Tower would not stay together.

Teachers Wish List

	difference for our school and our children.
Please help wit	h what you can.
<u>Music/Jr. Choir</u>	
Poster Board	
Markers	
K/1	2/3
Cloth Drop Cloth/Painters' Tarp	Cloth Drop Cloth/Painters' Tarp
Felt (all colors)	Felt (all colors)
Ribbon (all colors)	Ribbon (all colors)
Foam (all colors)	Foam (all colors)
Broken Slate or Granite Floor Tiles	Broken Slate or Granite Floor Tiles
180 7/16 – 14 Hex Nuts	220 7/16 – 14 Hex Nuts
4/5	Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Glue	Blank audio cassettes or blank CDs
Pen sized color markers	
6/7	8/9/10
Mini-DVD recordable cassettes	Donations for Saturday Afternoon Movie Day
	More information to come
DVD/Movie Library Requests To	Supplement Classroom Materials
A Life Apart – Hasidism in America	Cast A Giant Shadow
Eight Crazy Nights	Freedom Writers
Gentleman's Agreement	Jewish Americans
Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	The Quarrel
Life İs Beautiful	Louis Brandeis: The People's Attorney
Munich	Pay It Forward
The Chosen	The Diary Of Anne Frank
Rabbi is looking for a newer computer (Windows	
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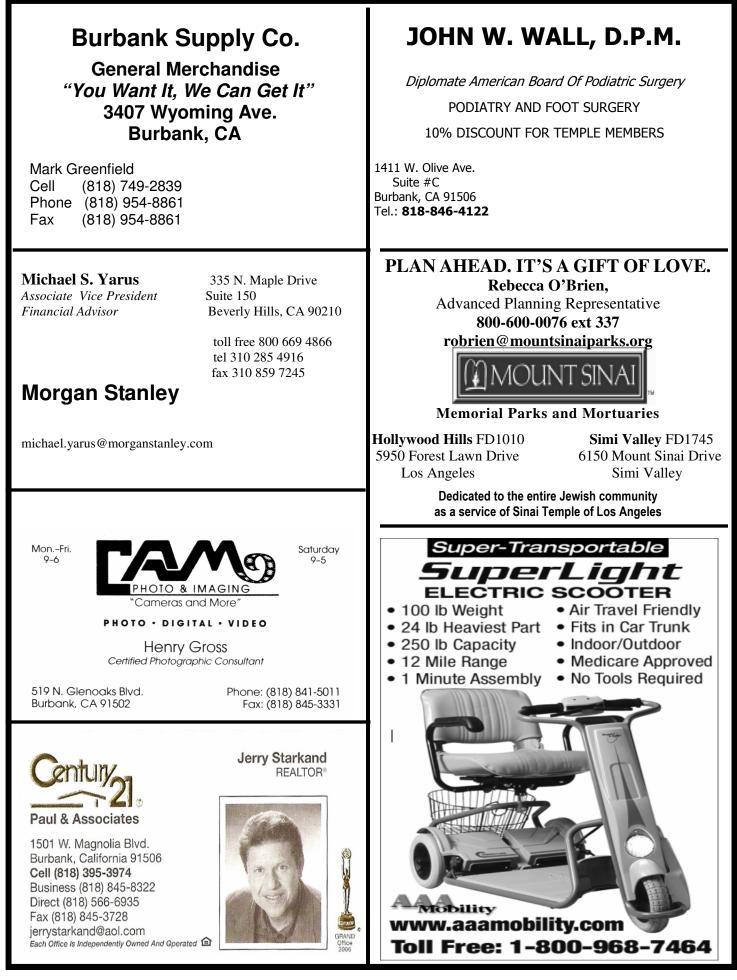
Dec. 19 George Davis

Dec. 26 Alana Beltzer

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Bernie Berman Michael Silverstein

Leah Silverstein





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