

# CHAI TIMES

# TEMPLE BETH EMET OF BURBANK

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### Rabbi Says:

"You will love the L-rd your G-d with all your uniqueness" ( Deut.6)

The bad news started with a phone call one Thursday last month. "Aaron's gone", Jeannine, his wife said and my worst fears had come to pass. When Captain Aaron had



played music for us at the Men's Club Bar-B-Que, I thought to myself he really doesn't look well. In the almost 40 years that I had known him, Aaron always had a robustness about him, sort of like Gerard Depardieu in, "The Man in the Iron Mask" when he played, Porthos. This time the robustness was gone. And so it was, his heart had given out. Here was a man, who, like the quote from Pirke Avot, could singe you if you came too close. How you may ask? Because he was a genius, not just from his music, I have watched him perform for audiences from 8 to 80, or his compositions, he was as creative as is our own dear Robyn, or because he was a consummate entertainer, I have seen him go from comedy to seriousness to comedy in a mere flash of his smile. No, Aaron Hassman was a genius because he was all of these and more. You see my friend Aaron was a teacher. His credential called for Elementary and he taught for us at Temple every age from Kindergarten to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. But, in truth, he was a man who taught people of every age. What did he teach all those ages? He taught us to love life, to live life, to do life. He imbued all those he educated with the idea that life is a mystery worth solving and that success is not in solving the total mystery of life but in just going on the adventure and truly. I can tell you being Aaron Hassman's friend was an adventure.

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Sunday, August 2, 10:00 AM *Chai Society* 

(aka sisterhood)

brunch open to all members

### **Hollywood Bowl Tickets Available**

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Tuesday, August 11

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Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Miguel Harth-Bedoya conductor, Joyce Yang piano, Rachmaninoff -Vocalise, Rachmaninoff—Piano Concerto No. 2, Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade.

## Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Bramwell Tovey conductor, James Taylor tenor, Los Angeles Master Chorale, Grant Gershon music director Berlioz Requiem (A Catholic Mass).

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

# President's message

Recently our family attended the bar mitzvah for the son of some friends. The bar mitzvah boy's uncle is one of my closest friends and my son Jon's godfather. Our families have pretty much adopted each other. My friend's sister and her husband are part of a Chabad community and the service and reception was at the Chabad Center.



Jon and I had been to an orthodox service before, but this was the first for my wife Diane. Of course the women sit separately, and this was no surprise to any of us. Diane went to sit with my friend's sisters and one of our other friends behind the mechitzah, which was on the right hand side of the room.

During the service, I thought about the differences and similarities between Shabbat at Temple Beth Emet and the Chabad Center. The Torah was the same text, of course, and the prayers were pretty much the same, only the editing was different. It was difficult to follow the prayers, of course, which were recited in a strange mixture of Ashkenazi pronunciation and Eastern European accent, at a speed meant to demonstrate the mastery of the congregation. From time to time I did find myself on the right page in the siddur, but my satisfaction with my accomplishment was short lived and soon I was again searching for a familiar word or the hint of a recognizable melody.

There were children in the service, of course, and I thought of how both the Chabad community and our community welcome children to be with us during prayer, put up with a certain amount of running up and down the aisle and more than a little noise, because both (Continued on page 5)

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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 and the Board would like to hear from you. Call Temple office at (818) 843-4787 and leave a message.

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Men's Club BBQ June. 2009

# **August Yahrzeit Donations**

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A donation to the Temple was made by Simcha L'Chaim Havurah in honor of George Davis' birthday

My friend Aaron was a wraith, a free spirit, a man who did things his own way. Thusly, teaching was made for him. Every teacher I know views their classroom as their domain. We become very territorial and creative in our environs. Aaron was no different. I am sorry to say, I had to let him go from the Temple because his creativity did not fit into our plans and this was my failing and believe me, this Yom Kippur, Aaron's memory will spurn me on to seek At one ment with G-d, because at times I did not appreciate his talents. At times I forgot, that in addition to all the Fine Arts talents he possessed, Aaron was also loyal, loving, caring and committed to our people and our Temple. Aaron loved Temple Beth Emet because we were open to all people. He knew that we welcomed all who came to us with an outstretched arm and an open heart.

The coroner ruled the cause of Aaron's death on July 9,was do to a heart condition. Truly, though, he died months before of a broken heart. This broken heart came because someone who had the power to welcome and protect Aaron's soul attacked him and caused one of his greatest joys to become his deepest despair. I know because after the damage had already been done he came to me for help. I did what I could but I will always regret not having done more to cherish and shield this free spirit from that evil and the later evil of those who took advantage of him.

Now, I ask all of you who were his students, his colleagues, his friends and his fans, honor Aaron's memory. Those whose Neshomahs are the most sensitive, who, see into our Neshomah, they who so profoundly move us with their poems, their songs, and their epics, grasp them dearly to your heart.

Treat these "Luft Menschen" with an extra set of care. Those who have G-d given talents, protect, honor and cherish them. Stand up and be their defenders. Prevent their souls from being frayed by others with your active support of their uniqueness. Mend and repair their broken hearts with your caring and your caresses. Renew their love of life with your "love gifts" for their life. Then we can say we have done Tikkun for our dear friend's soul and helped him to complete his holy journey.

B'ahava, Rabbi Mark

# Temple Member Chai Lights

### **HAVURAH 0700 VISITS SOLVANG**

On Sunday, July 19, Havurah 0700 spent a fun day in and around Solvang. After eating lunch at Pea Soup Anderson, we drove to Quicksilver Ranch where we watched their miniature horses cavorting in the lush green fields. They are a truly unique breed with their long manes and tails and varied colors. We then drove to Solvang where some went shopping and others visited the Old Mission at Santa Ines. After a short stop at the Chumash Casino, we drove back to Burbank.

On the trip were Richard Emerson, Jerry Engelberg, Shirley and Gene Kirschenbaum, Gloria Kurey, Lou Weiss, Sylvia Sutton an her daughter-in-law. Sally

Gross. It was a very enjoyable time with good company and lovely scenery. We are looking forward to our next day trip in August.

Sylvia Sutton



# Happy Anniversary

## **August Anniversaries**

Vicki & Neil Margolin Sandy & Donald McGuire Ruth & Alan Glick Pat & Bruce Bigley Marva & Peter Felchlin Donna & Neal Friedman Caryn & Norman Ogroskin Diane & Ira Goldstein Roberta & Charles Baker Isabel & William Frischman Andrea & Brian McKinnon Anna & Mark Tiger Ana & Neal Goldstein Nina & Daniel Werchowsky Silvia & Dave Berger llene & Jeff Oseas

### 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.

**Philip Margolin and Mark Greenfield** are both recovering from surgery. We wish them well. **Eddie Bernstein** is in the Granada Hills Convalescent Hospital.

.Remember the sick with cards, calls and visits.

# 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.

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#### President's Message (Continued from page 2)

communities know how important the children are and how important it is that they feel at home in the sanctuary. How different this is from the way I was raised, when children were expected to remain silent and stationary during services on pain of immediate removal and reprimand!

When services were over, it was time for the luncheon kiddish. It was there I learned of another tradition of the Chabad community with which I was not familiar. Separate seating of men and women extended to the luncheon as well! Following a highly indigestible, yet unquestionably kosher lunch, my friend and I noticed that several men, including the father of the bar mitzvah and some of the rabbis, were gathering around some tables, along with a few bottles of respectable, if not extravagant spirits. Knowing that a simcha such as a bar mitzvah always invited a congratulatory shot, we approached, and several of us were invited in to the circle, with little plastic cups of celebration passed around.

There ensued what was perhaps the most fascinating part of the day – the fellowship of Jewish men, sitting around a table of Shabbat, listing to the rabbis teach on holiness and life, and the pious relate stories of their experiences, thanks be to Ha'shem. Of course each lesson or story was accompanies by the requisite number of "I'chaim, I'chaims" and refills of the little cups. At one point, Diane took leave with some of the women to walk back to the house of the bar mitzvah family. They were, of course, not expected or invited to join the spirited discussion at the table. Several of us did stay a while longer, although I thought it prudent to have my little cup refilled a bit lower as thing progressed. Eventually we did leave and join the celebration at the family home.

This experience of sitting around the table, discussing, learning, praising Ha'shem, and yes, even raising the little cups "I'chaim", brought the spirit of Shabbat very close. Every one around that table had a different vocation during the week, yet here we all were on Shabbat together embracing the spirit of Ha'shem.

On the drive home that night, Diane and I talked about how foreign the separation of men and women during services and afterward was to us, and how affronted and devalued she felt at the Chabad Center. She felt it was particularly ironic that the week's portion, Pinchus, contained the story of the sisters who's father had died, successfully petitioning Moses to confirm their right to inherit from their father's estate. I related that although it was an interesting experience, I could not feel at home in an atmosphere where families were split apart like that, and where the roles of men and women were so rigid and separate.

Nevertheless, there was a unique feeling of peace and holiness around that table, and while I certainly do not advocate that the congregation take to the bottle one a week, we can take some lessons from our Chabad brothers and sisters on how to make Shabbat special and meaningful, to how important is it to draw together as a community. We must remember to take the time, in our own way, to proclaim "I'chaim!"

-- Ira Goldstein, President

# Consider Temple Beth Emet for your Community Service organization.

Some schools, teachers or groups require students to volunteer hours (community service learning) as part of their graduation, course or program requirements. Temple Beth Emet is a non-profit that could <u>use</u> your help to:

- Prepare mailings and flyers
- Setup and serve at Oneg Shabbats
- Assist with upcoming events (build a sukkah, run Purim Carnival booths, serve at Community Seder)
- Sing in our choir
- Do routine chores (transport food donations to the food bank, toys to children's hospital)

We are a small community that relies on volunteer hours to run our events.

2009	Aı	August 5769		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
2 10:00 AM Chai Society (sisterhood) brunch open to all members	3	4	5 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	
9	10	7:30 PM Temple Board  Meeting  (members in good standing are welcome)	12 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	
16	17	18	19 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	
23 9:30 AM Men's Club meeting and breakfast	24	25	26 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	
30	31	1	2 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	

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Thurs	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Welcomer: Beth Rosen	8
13	7:30 PM Shabbat Services  Welcomer: Craig Weisman	15
20	21 7:30PM Shabbat Services Welcomer: George Davis	22
27	28 7:30PM Shabbat Service Welcomer: Jackie Fogelman	29
3	4 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	5

#### **August Yahrzeits** NAME REMEMBERED BY DATE DATE NAME REMEMBERED BY Aug 21 at Temple July 31 at Temple Fannie Boyaner Monica Pink Aug 16 Eva Bermack Bernard Bermack Aug 1 Morris Boyaner Monica Pink Aug 16 Nat Granat Ruthe Granat Aug 1 Jean Barron Phyllis Mehlman Aug 16 Judge Nathan Axel Jane Axel **David Robbins** Abby Reeve Aug 17 Aug 1 Margot Zimmerman Mareike Kranz Aug 18 Aug 7 at Temple Betty Wagner Kramer Cantor Michael Loring Aug 19 Moshe Jerzy Reuven Jerzy Aug 2 Aug 19 Louis Pudding Sylvia Morris **Bobbie Nichols** Jules Fox Aug 2 Fred Kleinman Abraham Kleiman Aug 20 David Kurev Gloria Kurev Aug 4 Reuben Libman Gerald Libman Aug 20 Nathan Maccabee Alana Beltzer Aug 4 Sara Marcus Tom/Valerie Bernath Aug 20 Eugene Kahn Howard Kahn Aug 5 Jane Libman Gerald Libman Aug 21 Helen Blum Mike Blum Aua 5 Harriet Zweier Jean Zweier Aug 21 Joseph R. Bayer Fred Bayer Aug 6 Mary B. Beltzer Yvonne Beltzer Aug 21 Rebecca Cohen Gerald Libman Aug 22 Mollie Nacht Norman Goodman Aug 6 **Charles Manners** Susie Manners Aug 22 Charlotte Kleinberg Carole/John Eisinger Aug 7 Aug 28 at Temple Aug 14 at Temple Clara Rose Bachelis Maurice Bachelis Aug 23 Victor Becker M/M Jerry Becker Aug 9 Eva Engelberg Jerry Engelberg Aug 26 Gordon Emont Eric Emont Aug 9 Roz Margolin Neil Margolin Aug 26 Anne Kaufman Saul Kaufman Aug 10 Aug 27 Isaac Ben Nemzer Mervin Nemzer Harry Osbaum Marjorie Jacobs Aug 11 Mel Shink Jamie Walton Aug 27 Ray Greenfield Mark Greenfield Aug 11 Max Seeman Robert Seeman Aug 28 Ray Greenfield Gary Greenfield Aug 11 Louis Paskin Diane Linger Aug 28 Julia Alexander Adrienne Zahler Aug 11 Arthur Savin Sharon Lasman Aug 28 Sadie Cohen Robert Cohen Aug 28 Joseph Schiller Helen Lott Aug 12 Charles M. Burgh **Edward Burgh** Aug 28 Harriet Zweier Jean Zweier Aug 12 Nathan Kaden Ron Kaden Aug 29 Theresa Testa Ann Testa Aug 13 Sept 4 at Temple Anne Guttentag Rabbi Mark Sobel Aug 13 Albert Liberson Katie Liberson Aug 30 Philip Turchik Fran Ravine Aug 14 Albert Liberson Phillip Liberson Aug 30 Bertram Levy Eve Levy Aug 14 Louis Morris Sylvia Morris Aug 30 Rose Mardirossian Monica Pink Aug 15 Lois Adell Ava Silverstein Aug 30 Lilly Robbins Abby Reeve Aug 15 Irma Shuman John Eisinger Aug 30 Moss Feldman Pamela Franklin Aug 15 Rose Cohen Carolee Gennarelli Aug 30 Hannah Bolter Shirley Abramson Aug 15 Henrietta F. Rudnick Jules Fox Aug 30 Bella Sommerfeld Monica Pink Ida Vozoff Phyllis Mehlman Aug 31 Aug 16 Sidney Korman Nancy Tidwell Aug 31

# News from the Men's Club

Personally, I on behalf of the Men's Club, would like to thank all those who helped make the Spring BBQ a successful event. Everyone I've talked to had a good time. The raffle brought in \$362.00 for the Temple and the silent auction sold all of what we had left from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



From the chopped liver to the dinner to the desert, (I'm sorry there was no soft serve ice cream, two ninety cent washers were to blame), from Angie's coating on the

salmon to the tenderness of the steaks, everything I think turned out good.

From Angie to Ira to all those who helped, both behind the scene to bar-be-cueing, again thanks. To our entertainment, to Handy Market, to the BBYO, to everyone who made this event possible, I can't thank enough.

For those who missed this BBQ, we hope to have some smaller bar-be-cueing during the year. Remember, we are the "Temple with a heart". We need to hold more events for our members HERE at the Temple. Give us your suggestions of what you would like to see, maybe a movie night with hot dogs and popcorn in the patio to..... you tell us.

On May 16, 2009, Cody Weisman and his Boy Scout Troup completed Cody's Eagle Scout project by renovating and beautifying Temple Beth Emet's Courtyard. The Temple's original sisterhood was proud to make a generous donation towards this project. Donations were received from Mitch Fogelman and Robyn Kreisberg as well. Thank you Cody for a job well done.

# Chai Society

Join us for a Sunday Brunch Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 AM **Temple Beth Emet's** 

Temple Beth Emet's Worker Bee Kibbutz "Chai Society"

As we all know, things change over time. And as we have seen, the demands on time within our lives are more than ever. But the one thing that is on going are our life cycle events such as births, deaths, birthdays, anniversaries etc. Temple Beth Emet is finding it hard to have these held at the Temple without the helping hands needed to assist with these events. In addition to life cycle events are celebrations for holidays and onegs.

Our sisterhood was very active and vibrant at one time and was able to prepare for most of the events held here. As time passed so did their numbers and those remaining stepped down due to their age. We tried to enroll more women to become active to help out.

Due to a lack of attendance sisterhood could not create officers or a list of workers. So......we are now looking towards the entire congregation to join and *create a worker bee kibbutz* that we have named "*Chai Society*".

Temple Beth Emet will hold a brunch on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for <u>all members</u> who wish to find out more on how they can give of themselves to do Tzedakah for Temple Beth Emet and have fun while doing so.

Lisa De Luca

## **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 kipah?"

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On July 4th, Simcha L'Chaim Havurah met at Maurine Gold's home for a pot luck and to watch fireworks. Then, later in the month the Havurah met at George Davis' home to help celebrate his birthday. A grand time was had at both events.

Rumor has it that Havurah Shachar is planning an all-family get-together in the near future.

007 Havurah has a trip scheduled in August.

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