

CHAI TIMES

TEMPLE BETH EMET OF BURBANK

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Rabbi Says:

"Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to ALL the inhabitants thereof" (Engraved on the Liberty Bell Leviticus XXV)



As this month begins, I think of

July 4th and w hat it means to us as Americans and as Jews. Yes it is our National Independence Day so we are free to rejoice, but I w ant us to look at the history of the Jews in America. Some names you may know but others may be new to you. Enjoy their stories both as Americans and as Jews.

Our ancestors came here in 1654 arriving from Brazil after it had been returned to the Portuguese by the Dutch. One of the first things Abraham de Lucena and the other leaders of that band of travelers did was to petition Governor Peter Stuyvesant for equal rights and Responsibilities: "to bear arms in the defense of the settlement of New Amsterdam". After some debate, their wishes were granted and the small Jew ish community took its rightful place on the parapets of New Amsterdam. As America grew so did its Jew ish population. Jews came from all over Europe and settled in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, New port, Rhode Island and interestingly enough, Savannah, Georgia (where they raised cattle, yes there have alw ays been Jew ish cow boys). When it became time for America to separate from the mother country, we Jews were there. The first casualty to fall in the War for Independence was a young Jew ish man from South Carolina, Francis Salvador, who was killed protecting settlers in the western part of that state. As you well know, we gained our independence after a long and costly war in 1783.

Join us on Friday, July 9 at 7:30 pm for the installation of Temple Beth Emet's Officers and Board Members for the term 2010-2011

Saturday July 10 at 7:00pm Join us for a fun evening of hypnotic entertainment. You will be amazed!

(See Page 9 for details)

CPR & First Aid Classes (receive your certification!)

CPR—Saturday August 21st 9am—1pm First Aid—Sunday August 22nd

TBE's White Elephant Sale

Mark your calendars and start collecting your items for **Sunday August 15**th is Temple Beth Emet's White Elephant Sale. Start preparing for your sale now, August will be here before you know it. **If you haven't used it or worn it, hated to dust it or look at it SELL IT! Contact Lisa De Luca 818-434-2244 for how you can make some cash this summer. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

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President's message

Although this month we commemorate the Jewish holiday Tisha B'Av, which is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar because of the incredible series of tragedies which occurred on that date throughout Jewish History, I can't help but feel gratitude for the two great honors that have been bestowed upon me this month...my daughter Allison's Bat Mitzvah and becoming President of the synagogue with a heart. As Jews the best thing we can do when faced with adversity is find ways we can honor and appreciate life and of course find humor.

Being the temple with a heart we need to focus on the positive. We need to be different and we need to grow. I am asking all congregants to help us achieve our goals. We all need to give back in any way we can...Tikkun Olam. Ways we can give could be volunteering in the classrooms, attending services, donating to the Oneg and of course there is always tzedakah.

What I really liked about Shabbat Across America was how we, as a synagogue, came together to create a real sense of community. We have just elected a new board, one that is full of vibrancy and enthusiasm. This year let's all work together to continue to increase the membership by utilizing diverse programming ideas. I hope everyone feels comfortable expressing any ideas they might have.

I am very much looking forward to joining all of you in doing all we can to make sure that our "temple with a heart" not only continues to beat but beat stronger than it ever has.

Steve Abrams

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

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Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9:00 am-noon Friday & Saturday—9:00 am—1 pm Sunday closed

During the hours that the Temple is closed, a voice mail system takes messages. If you leave a message, the appropriate person will return your call. Phone: (818)842-4787

The office is closed in observance of

the following holidays: New Years Day: Fri., Jan. 1, 2010 President's Day: Mon., Feb. 15, 2010 Pesach: Monday, Mar. 29, 2010 Memorial Day. Mon., May 31, 2010 Independence Day. Mon. July 5, 2010 Rosh Hashanah day 2. Fri., Sept. 10, 2010

Thanksgiving: Thur., Nov. 25, 2010

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Rabbi Says: (continued from page 1)

We began to grow, the Louisiana Purchase would triple our size, and people came to us from all walks of life. Not all of them worked like Francis Salvador as a farmer or Adam Gimbel as a peddler who built a business empire, famous throughout the United States. One Jew ish immigrant to the United States was a pirate. His name was Jean Lafitte and he built a pirate base along the Mississippi Delta south of New Orleans at a place called Barrataria. This was good for Captain Lafitte, good for America and ultimately bad for Great Britain, who never really got over losing its colonies to a bunch of upstarts and backwoodsmen. In early 1814, a British fleet appeared at Barrataria and after offering terms to captain Lafitte and hearing his refusal, on the grounds that he wanted to be a free man. sacked and burned Lafitte's home. But it was too late: Lafitte had already agreed to join the new nation. And so he did. His men helped General Andrew Jackson defend New Orleans and end the British threat forever.

The next major threat to New Orleans and the rest of the country was, of course the Civil war. Jews were involved on both sides. Judah P. Beniamin became the first Secretary of State of an American Government ever, he served the Confederacy. And while there are no official records of Jews serving in the United States government at that time, there are questions and discussions about President Lincoln's faith that are easily as long as his beard. But there is a first for Jews on the Union side. The first man to serve as a Jew ish Military chaplain was Mr. Michael Allen with the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was replaced a year later by Rabbi Arnold Fishel. Even here there is controversy. Some consider Rabbi Jacob Frankel the first official Jew ish chaplain.

There w ere Jew ish Rough riders, more Jew ish cow boys, and then there w as Sam Dreben. Sam Dreben w as a cousin to our ow n Louise Haines, may she rest in peace, and she never let me forget he had more medals that Sgt. York, but never got Gary Cooper to portray him. Sam Dreben, though, w ill be best remembered as a man w ho stood for freedom on both sides of the border as he fought for the US in World War I and also w ith Pancho Villa.

These were men with very different backgrounds, stories to tell and occupations. So, what did they have in common? A belief in freedom as spoken by the Declaration of Independence,

July Yahrzeit Donations

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the self evidence of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". All of us have benefited from their quests, their journeys, their triumphs and their failures. Our happiness is because they pursued liberty. Therefore, it is our duty to preserve what they stood up for and w hat America stands for. All people, no matter how unique, have the right to pursue life and seek happiness. Have a happy and unique Fourth of July.

B'ahava, Rabbi Mark

Temple Member Chai Lights



Last day of school

What I liked about Religious School By Second and Third Grade

I liked everything this year. I really liked that I made some new friends. I liked that we got chocolate if we were good enough. We got to do some fun writing just like this. We played a lot of games like Hangman and some games in music. We go to draw pictures of whatever we wanted sometimes. I studied and learned about the plagues and the ten commandments. We read a lot of stories too. I had a lot of fun.

Jack McKinnon

I love Hebrew school so I w ant it to be my real school. The thing I love best is that w e are practicing praying and that w e watched a video one time. One time me and Sarah drew on the board and no body else w as there too. It w as really fun too. We all made a card for Mother's Day. And that's w hy I love Hebrew school!

Noreen Fisher

I love everything I did at my Hebrew school. We studied Jew ish history. We watched some tapes and w e answered Ms. Roni's questions. We played games. We studied the prayers. My most favorite game w as when w e played a marble game. Jason Glass

My favorite thing I did in Hebrew school w as when we saw a movie. It was about Adam and Eve and all the animals. After that we were answering some questions. I was very happy when we prayed and played music. We read books and Hebrew stories. *Dylan Kingdom*

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.

Remember the sick with cards, calls and visits.

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.

CPR and First Aid classes at Temple Beth Emet.

Life saving skills that everyone should know. Taught by a Certified Red Cross Instructor. Upon completion you will also be certified. These are hands on classes. You will be practicing CPR on dummies and practicing First Aid techniques on each other. Please wear comfortable clothes. Class space is limited so please make your reservations early. Contact either the Temple office (818) 843-4787 or Sandra Lewin (626-602-5829 or

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Classes \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers CPR Saturday August 21st 9AM -1PM First Aid Sunday August 21st 9AM - 1PM



HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Joyce & Bill Feinsilber Vicenta & Barry Verdi Robyn & David Kreisberg Barbara & Martin Sultan Alex & Katy Veadov **Family Promise** will be here soon. Temple Beth Emet and St. Jude's are partners in the East Valley Chapter of Family Promise. At the end of July, St. Jude's and Temple Beth Emet will host four families for a week at St. Jude's. There three ways WE can help:

1) Donate your unused sample (hotel size) soap, shampoo, body lotion, etc, to be put in gift boxes for these needy families.

2) I would like to see Temple Beth Emet provide Kosher meals for the four families (maximum of 14 parents and children plus any staff), for one day. Possibly s modified Men's Club style breakfast and a BBQ dinner on Saturday, July 31st.

3) Small cash donations for last minute fresh food purchases.

Please contact Jerry Engelberg at 1-818-216-3756 or Debby at St. Jude's 1-818-842-7461.

Basic information on Family Promise: A host group will provide breakfast, whereupon the four families will then go to a counseling center during the day and return to the host group for dinner, relaxation and a place to sleep. The process will continue for one week. Family Promise has a VERY high suc-

cess rate in helping deserving families, BUT...... they need your support.

Jerry Engelberg



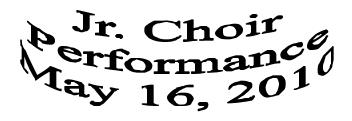
Have a safe and happy 4th of July Calif. Assembly passes ban on single-use bags: Senate vote is next

By Mike Verespej Posted June 3, 2010

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (June 3, 8:40 a.m. ET) -- With no margin to spare, the California Assembly has passed a bill that would ban all single-use disposable carryout bags, including plastic bags, biobased compostable and biodegradable bags, and paper bags with less than 40 percent recycled content.

It is expected to pass the state senate and the Governor is expected to sign the bill, banning single-use disposal bags starting Jan. 1, 2012, at supermarkets and retailers with more than 10,000 square feet that have a pharmacy. The ban would be extended to convenience stores, food marts and other small retailers, starting July 1, 2013.







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2010		July	5770	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
		6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	
4 10:00 AM	5 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	6 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	7 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	
11	12 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	13 7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are w elcome) 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	14 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	
18 9:30am—Men's Club breakfast and meeting	19 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	20 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	21 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	
25	26 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	27 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	28 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	
1	2 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	3 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	4 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	

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1 6pm—8pm Active Acto Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Clu	Steve Abrams hosting Oneg Shabbat	3	
8 6pm—8pm Active Acto Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Clu	Installation of officers	10 7:00 PM — Hyptonist and bake sale	
15 6pm—8pm Active Acto Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Clui		17	
22 6pm—8pm Active Acto Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Clu		24	
29 6pm—8pm Active Acto Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Clu	The Barlow family hosting Oneg	31 10:00 AM Rachil Barlow Bat Mitzvah	
5 6pm—8pm Active Acto Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Clu		7	

July Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
July 2 at Temple			July 23 at Temple		
Chuck Berman	Carla Berman	July 1	Ernest Kramer	Betty W. Kramer	July 20
Samuel Sillman	Lois Jones	July 2	Helen Segal	Naomi Aronoff	July 20
Alice Deane	M/M Bernard Berman	July 3	Jesse Alexander	Adrienne Zahler	July 20
Maxwell Somerfield	Gilbert Somerfield	July 3	Eva Bermack	Bernard Bermack	July 21
July 9 at Temple			Thelma Deane Moad	David Van Ausdal	July 21
Mollie Drake	Toby Berman	July 4	Arthur Savitt	Eva Burns	July 22
Ruth Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	July 4	MayLewis	Phyllis Mehlman	July 22
James Porter	Sylvia Sutton	July 5	Helen Walton	Jeff Walton	July 23
Philip Carpe	Maurine Z. Gold	July 5	Steven Andron	Linda Andron	July 24
Ethel Kanigher	Talbert Kanigher	July 5	Jack Diamond	Estelle Jacobs	July 24
Gustave Haberfeld	LilaTepper	July 5	Sylvia Cutler-Day	Marc Cutler	July 24
Nathan Zmbalist	Carolee Gennarelli	July 5	July 30 at Temple		
Sylvia Aronson	Andrew Merrill	July 6	Nathan Maccabee	Alana Beltzer	July 25
Alma Babroff	Janet Babroff	July 6	Eugene Kahn	Howard Kahn	July 26
Beatrice Averbuch	Mitzi Rattner	July 7	Jack Barton	Bernard Barton	July 26
		•	Harry Rudnick	Jules Fox	July 26
Byron Rosen	Elizabeth Rosen	July 7	Phoebe Meltzer	Barbara Rosenbloom	July 26
Norman Segall	Dee Segal	July 7	Harriet Feit	Dr. Eric Feit	July 29
Maria Elena Nudell	Leah Nudell	July 7	Anna Carpe	Maurine Gold	July 29
Rachel Snyder	Audrey Beare	July 7	Ezphira Bay	Sam Bay	July 30
Harry Engelberg	Jerry Engelberg	July 8	Sidney Karchmer	Sylvia Schuster	July 31
July 16 at Temple			Habib Shakib	Sam Shakib	July 31
MorrisLubow	Nat Lubow	July 12			
Betty Marco	M/M Jerry Dash	July 14			
Barbara Golper	PeterGolper	July 14			
George B. Epcar	Richard Epcar	July 14		AL AGA	
Theodore E. Zahler	Adrienne Zahler	July 14	2	Ser.	
Abe Goldstein	Ira Goldstein	July 15	A P		
Dr. Benjamin Karz	Helene Mickaelian	July 15	1		
Philip J. Freeman	M/M Bernard Robins	July 16	5		
Roslyn Farber	Shirli Carb	July 17			



Do you need folding chairs?

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Be Amazed Be Entertained Be Hypnotized (if you choose)

Come join us for a fun evening of **HYPNOTISM** on July 10th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. "Dr. J" has performed for Youth Hostels and various other venues in the area. Where: Temple Beth Emet \$10 for adults \$5 for children \$12 for non-members* For reservations (so we know how many to expect) contact the Temple office (818) 843-4787 or Sandra Lewin @ (626) 602-5829 or

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events with our fellow congregants.

How to Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat

Hosting an Oneg is not only a Mitzvah but also a way for you to celebrate an event in your family and share the good news with the congregation. Think of hosting to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, aw ards, graduations, victories and other happy occasions. Of course providing an Oneg is its own reward for providing enjoy ment for congregants after services and your Simcha is mentioned during the announcements.

The main responsibility for the sponsors is to buy or prepare foods and beverages for the Oneg. You can Sponsor an Oneg in two ways:

1. You can provide the food yourself, or

2. You can make a \$100 donation to the Temple and the Volunteer Shopper will do the shopping on your behalf

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