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Rabbi Says:

"Hussan Challah Mazel Tov" (To the Groom and Bride, a good constellation)

People have been asking me about our son Shahri's wedding and, as a good Rabbi, Ifeel I should tell you all

about it. The bride, Adina, is beautiful and intelligent, after all, she picked our son as a groom. The groom is handsome and intelligent, after all, he is our son.

Truly, all Jew ish w eddings have the same rituals and ritual items, but how they are utilized can be very different. The first thing that w as different to me w as the attendance of at least 50 of Shahri's fellow students from the Yeshiva. For those of you w ho don't know my older son, he became an Orthodox Jew sometime in High School and made the commitment to live in, w hat he calls the "Yeshiva World" three years ago w hen he moved to Wycliffe, Ohio just outside of Cleveland to learn w ith a w onderful and very understanding rebbe, Rabbi Brog.

Before the wedding formally began, the customary hors d'oeuvres were served. While the 'regular' guests were eating, a partition was set up so the Yeshiva students could study. Their honor was to bring the study of Judaism to Shahri and Adina's wedding. Several times, I found myself wandering from one room and eating and greeting in the year 2010 and being transported back to the 1800's in Eastern Europe. It was at once intriguing, mind boggling and caressing. Just the fact that these young men had traveled eight hours by car to give Koved to the Hassan and the Challah, will forever warm my heart. But please don't misunderstand, these young men

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Sunday August 15th is Temple Beth Emet's Community Yard Sale.

Registration fee is \$36 and all of w hat you earn this day is yours.

Pick up your form at temple or contact Lisa De Luca at 818-434-2244

August 20—6:00PM

Shabbat at Dodger Stadium
Invite your friends and lets root for
the home team

CPR & First Aid Classes

(receive your certification!)

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

Saturday August 28 The lazy days of summer are almost over, but before life starts to get serious, come to Temple for an *End Of Summer Barbecue & Movie*. Look for flyers and one-call calls for more information.

Open House

Sunday August 29—9:00AM to 1:00PM Bring your friends and family and introduce them to our Temple

School Registration & Open House

Sunday—September 12 9:00AM to 12 noon Orientation begins at 9:00 followed by a brunch for religious school parents at 11:00.

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President's message

I would like to start this report by saying how excited I am to have the honor of being president of this exceptional community, the Temple Beth Emet community.



I would like to thank Ira, our past President, for his mentorship and for the tremendous amount of heart and work he has put into the Temple to ensure it is on a solid foundation. I will work to build on the foundation Ira has laid for our future.

I hope to continue to foster Temple Beth Emet's outreach to the Jewish Community and to establish ourselves as an integral part of our Jewish Community. Our outreach to the non-Jewish Community is also an important part of our Temple. For example, Jerry's involvement with Family Promise is an opportunity for all of us to help those who are homeless start a whole new life and be productive members of our community.

We all are part of a community, Temple Beth Emet's remarkable community. I appeal to all of us, in this difficult economic period, to pull together by volunteering where possible, donating when able and, equally important, by participating in our wonderful community by coming to services and attending events. This, I urge us to do not just for the sake of the membership, but more importantly to honor all the Rabbis and members who have worked so hard to build this Temple over the last 52 years. I would like to have a thriving Temple Beth Emet for our children and grandchildren.

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Article submissions are welcomed and may be emailed directly to the **Chai Times** at

Office@TempleBethEmet.com

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.

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 returny our call.

Phone: (818)843-4787

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,

Thanksgiving: Thur., Nov. 25, 2010

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are not at all passive in their Judaism. Their tradition is to march the groom into the bride before the formal ceremony for what is called B'deken or veiling. Since the time that our patriarch Jacob was tricked into marrying Leah due to the fact that she was veiled. Jew ish boys have demanded the right to veil the woman they are going to marry. Normally, I perform this ceremony with just the immediate family. The Yeshiva's tradition is to march with the groom to his bride singing loudly as to the joys of life and love and the land of Israel. The ceremony under the huppah is also very different than what I am used to. One of my joys, as with most rabbis, is to speak to the bride and groom under the huppah. Here there was no drash, no advice, and no speech. All that was done is the Sheva B'rachot, (Seven Blessings) done by seven different honored quests, in this case seven rabbis. The other prayers of greeting and of joy were done by the cantor, a young man with a magnificent voice.

As many of you may know, in very orthodox weddings the men and the women dance separately. This was the case. As the ceremony ended and the bride and groom left for some "alone" time, the men adjourned to their side and the women to their side. Once again the men of the Yeshiva led the way. That night, the Hora was the simplest dance I danced. Each young man and there were at least 40 of them, danced before Shari and Adina in routines they had practiced just for the occasion. It wasn't at all what I expected, but truly a series of unique gifts to the bride and groom. We are eagerly aw aiting the DVD so we can refresh our memory about these men and women who made the evening so full of love caring and true Shalom. When the dancing and singing ended at around 2:00 AM, we were exhausted. but the young men got into their cars and began the drive back to Cleveland from Brooklyn another 8-hour trip.

But my joy and admiration for those young men and their families who joined us that night is tinged with sadness. Other people who mean a great deal to Shahri and Adina did not attend. I have been in touch with some and truly the reasons given for their absence pale in respect to the love given by people who have only known Shari since he went to Cleveland in 2008 and Adina in 2009. Even though, I learned that night about the many ways Judaism can be interpreted and practiced, one lesson stands out above all. That is the teaching, "V'Ahavta L'reicha C'mocha", 'You will love your neighbor as you want to be loved'. What

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A gift has been made to the Rabbi's Fund from Simcha/L'Chaim Havurah in honor of the marriage of Rabbi and Mrs. Sobel's son Shahri.



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I learned that night was you can love someone with your voice, with your arms with your feet or just by showing up and saying Mazel Tov. As we begin the month before High Holy Days, let us remember this lesson. When given the opportunity to share in life's great events, and bring joy to others may we do so with the joy of an open heart. Truly as we give to others, they will give to us.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark

Temple Member Chai Lights

What's your story?

People love stories. Kids beg to hear them. Campfires wouldn't be the same without them.

If you have a story you would like to share; maybe some special memories, mitzvahs, or special times, and would like to have it printed in this newsletter, email it to shirlevabramson@vahoo.com or drop it off at the Temple office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Remember the sick with cards, calls and visits

Neil Margolin has been ill George Davis is having back problems Fran Bernstein has been ill.

We wish them a speedy return to good health.

We would like to know if you are ill or if you know of a Temple member who is ill, in the hospital or at home, or, if you are simply in need of a helping hand or words of encouragement. Please call the office and let us know.

Mazel tov to Rabbi tov to Mark and Mina Sobel on the marriage of their Son Shahri!

HAPPY AUGUST **ANNIVERSARIES**



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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.

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 at (818) 843-4787.

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

Leon and Bernice Blacher want to thank the Temple family for all the good wishes concerning Leon's health.

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Hollywood Bowl Tickets Available

There is no charge for these tickets however a donation to the Temple would be appreciated.

Thursday, August 19, 2010, 8:00 PM Romantic Masterworks

Los Angeles Philharmonic

Lionel Bringuier, conductor; Augustin Hadelich,

violin

Dvorák: Carnival Overture **Mendelssohn:** Violin Concerto **Brahms:** Symphony No. 1

Tuesday, August 24, 2010, 8:00 PM Sarah Chang Plays Shostakovich Los Angeles Philharmonic; Leonard Slatkin,

conductor; Sara Chang, violin

Shostakovich: Tahiti Trot, Violin Concerto No. 1,

Symphony No. 5

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

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Along those lines it would be great if you could join us when we celebrate Shabbat at Dodger Stadium on August 20. We are also having an end of summer bash on August 28. Please tell all your friends who are interest that we are having an open house on August 29 10am-1pm. Letting as many people as possible know about this event would really help.

Since this is August, I thought I would offer an interesting thought. August 2, 1492 was the Ninth of Av, destruction of the second temple, on the Jewish calendar. On August 3, 1492 Christopher Columbus set sail for the New World even though he was supposed to leave August 31. The last Jew in Spain left August 2, 1492 because they either had to convert or leave. Everyone was on board on August 2, 1492. Was this a coincidence or was Columbus Jewish? We will never know. But, what we do know is that people like Columbus made it possible for us today to have freedom and to be proud of who we are without hiding.

Steve Abrams

The Temple recognizes and very much thanks the outgoing board members for their dedicated and generous service:

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Please contact Steve Abrams if you are interested in joining and or assisting the current board.

2010	August		5770
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 10:00am—Chai Society Planning Meeting	2 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	3 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	4 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class
8	9 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	10 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are w elcome)	11 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class
15 Community Yard Sale	16 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	17 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	18 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class
22 Note: No Men's Club meeting in August 9:00am—1:00pm First Aid Class	23 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	24 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	25 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class
29 10:00am—Chai Society Planning Meeting 9:00am—1:00pm Open House	30 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	31 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	1 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class
5	6 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class Labor Day	7 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class	8 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class 8pm—Erev Rosh Hashanah at St. Judes

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Thurs	Friday	Saturday
5 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	6 7:00pm Family Shabbat Service (note time)	7
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19 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	20 6:00pm Shabbat Services at Dodger Stadium	9:00am—1:00pm CPR Class 10:00am—Animal Blessing
26 6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	27 7:30pm Shabbat Services Nicholas Zevallos Bar Mitzvah	28 End of Summer barbecue and movie
6pm—8pm Active Actors Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	3 7:30pm Shabbat Services	4 7:30pm—Selichot Services at the Temple
9 8pm - Rosh Hashanah Services at St. Judes	10 7:30pm Shabbat Services	11

August Yahrzeits NAME REMEMBERED BY DATE NAME REMEMBERED BY DATE Aug 20 at Temple Aug 6 at Temple Harry Osbaum Marjorie Jacobs Aug 1 Fannie Boyaner Monica Pink Aug 16 Nat Granat Ruthe Granat Aug 1 Morris Boyaner Monica Pink Aug 16 Judge Nathan Axel Jane Axel Aug 1 Jean Barron Phyllis Mehlman Aug 16 Moshe Jerzy Reuven Jerzy David Robbins Aug 2 Abby Reeve Aug 17 Margot Zmmerman Mareike Kranz Aug 18 Bobbie Nichols Jules Fox Aug 2 Arthur Savin Sharon Lasman Aug 18 Theresa Testa Ann Testa Aug 5 Sadie Cohen Robert Cohen Aug 18 Anne Guttentag Rabbi Mark Sobel Aug 3 Charles M. Burgh **Edward Burgh** Aug 18 David Kurey Gloria Kurey Aug 4 Louis Pudding Sylvia Morris Aug 19 Helen Blum Mike Blum Aug 6 Fred Kleiman Abraham Kleiman Aug 20 Joseph R. Bayer Fred Bayer Aug 6 Reuben Libman Gerald Libman Aug 20 Mollie Nacht Norman Goodman Aug 6 Sara Marcus Tom/Valerie Bernath Aug 20 Mary Vourn Barbara/Morris Bolter Aug 6 Harriet Zweier Jean Zweier Aug 21 Charlotte Kleinberg Carole/John Eisinger Aug 7 Mary B. Beltzer Yvonne Beltzer Aug 21 Aug 13 at Temple Aug 27 at Temple Rebecca Cohen Gerald Libman Aug 22 Cantor Michael Loring Betty Wagner Kramer Aug 9 Charles Manners Susie Manners Aug 22 Victor Becker M/M Jerry Becker Aug 9 William Strauss Nathan Strauss Aug 25 Gordon Emont Eric Emont Aug 9 Eva Engelberg Jerry Engelberg Aug 26 Anne Kaufman Saul Kaufman Aug 10 Roz Margolin Neil Margolin Aug 26 Jane Libman Gerald Libman Aug 11 Isaac Ben Nemzer Mervin Nemzer Aug 27 Ray Greenfield Mark Greenfield Aug 11 Mel Shink Jamie Walton Aug 27 Max Seeman Robert Seeman Aug 28 Ray Greenfield Gary Greenfield Aug 11 Jack Greenhill Congregation Aug 28 Julia Alexander Adrienne Zahler Aug 11 Louis Peskin Diane Linger Aug 28 Joseph Schiller Helen Lott Aug 12 Sep 3 at Temple Harriet Zweier Jean Zweier Aug 12 Nathan Kaden Ron Kaden Aug 29 Clara Rose Bachelis Maurice Bachelis Aug 13 Albert Liberson Phillip Liberson Aug 30 Philip Turchik Fran Ravine Aug 14 Louis Morris Sylvia Morris Aug 30 Bertram Levy Eve Levy Aug 14 Lois Adell Ava Silverstein Aug 30 Aug 20 at Temple Irma Shuman John Eisinger Aug 30 Rose Mardirossian Rose Cohen Carolee Gennarelli Monica Pink Aug 15 Aug 30 Henrietta Rudnick Jules Fox Aug 30 Lilly Robbins Abby Reeve Aug 15 Joseph Saiger Sally Bachelis Aug 30 Moss Feldman Pamela Franklin Aug 15 Sam Bermack Bernard Bernack Aug 30 Hannah Bolter Shirley Abramson Aug 15 Ida Vozoff Phyllis Mehlman Aug 31 Bella Sommerfeld Monica Pink Aug 16 Sidney Koman Nancy Tidwell Aug 31

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High Holiday Services Dates and Times

Selichot: Saturday, September 4 at 7:30PM at Temple

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, September 8 at 8:00PM at St. Judes

Rosh Hashanah: Thursday, September 9 at 10:00AM at St. Judes (Children's program starts at 10:30AM)

Erev Yom Kippur: Friday, September 17 at 8:00OM at St. Judes

Yom Kippur: Saturday, September 18 at 10:00AM at St. Judes (Children's program starts at 10:30AM)

Scroll of Remembrance: In order to assure inclusion, make sure to submit the names for the Scroll of Remembrance memorial book no later than the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah services on September 9.

If you need High Holiday tickets, call Temple office

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 is still \$100.00 for adult and \$25.00 for youth. The cost of tickets may be applied to membership



The Men's Club is taking August off! Plan to join us in September for brunch!

Chai Society Happenings

In honor of the 4th of July, Chai Society celebrated its independence from a monthly meeting last month, and now we're wishing everyone a good end of summer & an amazing month of August! August seems the perfect time for a "double-dip," like looking forward to TWO meetings this month, so we can all enjoy our September Labor Day weekend before the High Holidays! As always, EVERYONE IS WELCOME and we hope you will join us for KUGEL, COFFEE & COCOA for the bargain price of \$1.00 at either or both August meetings, Sundays at 10 A.M., August 1 & August 29.

Additionally, the Temple's Helen Pappert Gift Shop Boutique is gearing up for a new season, so look for a number of end-of-season items on sale as well as new recently purchased items on display! Please shop & support our Temple for your Jewish gift needs — and tell your friends! Special Thanks to Fran Bernstein for her generous guidance & support, and sharing her knowledge and experience to help in the selection of new items for our Temple gift shop.

Lastly, Stacie has immensely enjoyed serving Chai Society as the "Mitzvah Chairperson" in charge of hospitality & Oneg set-up & serving for our Temple's Bar & Bat Mitzvah families for the past year and a half, but after her daughter Rachil's Bat Mitzvah in July, she is looking forward to passing this honor & responsibility on to a new chairperson. TBE typically helps host 6-10 B'nai Mitzvot each year on Fridays or Saturdays. It's a wonderful opportunity for a parent or parents with children in the pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah vears to see, learn & experience a variety of set-ups & celebrations, while helping our Temple families enjoy their special day! If interested, please contact Stacie Barlow at (818) 461-8161 or Lisa DeLuca at (818) 434-2244.

All the best, Stacie Barlow for Chai Society

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There are now two amazing Havurahs here at Temple Beth Emet.: Havurah Shachar, which consist mainly of religious school parents, and Simcha/L'Chaim/007 Havurah.

In June, Simcha/L'Chaim/007 Havurah attended the Spring BBQ together where they honored Les and Diane Bender on their retirement.

These Havurahs participate together in synagogue life, share simchas or even sorrows, but support one another throughout. They are close-knit groups within our temple family.

If you would like to join a Havurah or form a new one, contact Ruth Glick at (818)780-9134.

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