

"And they mourned and wept... for the House of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword". (2 Sam. 1:12)

After Rosh Hashanah I went to visit a congregant to blow the shofar for him. He reminds me a lot of my dad. They both grew up in the Bronx, their parents both immigrated from Czarist Russia, and they both served in the Navy during



World War II. I especially like visiting with this congregant because he tells such great stories about World War II and the men he served with. Also, as a history teacher, I really appreciate that he pulls no punches. He served in the Pacific theater of operations and in most large invasions was on board ship. The only sadness of this last visit was that he was tearful over how many friends he has lost since those days. He asked me the question all veterans seem to ask, "Why am I still here, when my friends are all gone?" Frankly, I don't know why one man survives and another one doesn't. Some people say it's just luck, my dad always said that when your number is up, your number is up. I don't necessarily agree with either thought. I believe that G-d gives you a job to do and when you have completed that job, your time on Earth is over. The only problem is some of us don't know what our jobs are and what we are to do. I am not talking about avocation or vocation, but mitzvoth. What is our job?

As I said before, I love hearing our congregant's stories. He is my teacher. Frankly, with my father gone, he's more than just a congregant; he is a channel to my dad's memory. So, I ask myself, what is my job, Vis a Vis, this veteran? To listen to his stories and ask questions and show an interest in his life. His long life is not a waste of time; he lives to complete this other career, making sure the history of one Jewish boy/man who went to sea, to defend his adopted country, is not lost to us. I will listen to this veteran and then I will listen to my friends who are veterans of Vietnam and Desert Storm and the Los Angeles riots, then I will sit in rapt attention to my "children" who have served in Kosovo, in Iraq and in Afghanistan. They too weep for comrades lost in battle and conflict. Especially the Vietnam Veterans. They weep not for what happened overseas, but what happened here. Agent Orange was followed by Verbal Red, both were airborne, both were poisonous and both continue to eat at the souls of our people. We must continue to Heal, Forgive and Reconcile. As the song says, "Let there be peace and let it begin with me."

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Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 PM Second session in Adult Education Series

> "Kabbalah In Our Lives" November topic: "Kabbalah Every Day"

See page 3 for more information

The first Friday of the month Family Fun Pizza Night Pizza will be served Nov. 5 at 6:30 PM before family services See Page 5 for more information

Sunday, November 7, Noon-5:00 PM 5 Hour Holiday Boutique

The second Friday of the month Musically-Historical Shabbat Nov. 12 will feature Klezmer/Chasidic Music

> Sunday, November 14 Mitzvah Day

VETERANS WE HONOR YOU

Sunday, November 21 at 9:30 AM Men's Club will be honoring our military

Sunday, December 5, Noon—3:00 PM Hanukkah Party and **Open House**

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Tikkun Olam—To heal the world

I was recently on a trip to an area where one of the most important cultural values is to share. I wanted to go to a Friday night service, so I called the synagogue to find out if they could help me arrange for transportation. You see, there were no car rentals available and there was no bus service past 8:00 PM. So, although I could get there, I had no way to get back to my hotel after services. I talked to the local Rabbi and I asked if there were any congregants or visitors coming from my area to the synagogue. He did not even try to help me. I believe the true value of Judaism is Tzedakah. meaning to give back...like the value of the place I was visiting is to share. Unfortunately, I did not see that. I wanted to have the opportunity to see how another congregation with such a different culture welcomes others. The saying is true, "There is no place like home." I felt like clicking my heels. Tikkun olam came to mind.



Tikkun olam means to heal the world or, in other words, make it a better place. We do that in so many different ways, like when a member moves away, temporarily or permanently. We let them know we are thinking of them. One such person is Temple member Maurine Gold, who recently visited her family in Oregon. The Temple called Maurine and sent cards to let her know we missed her and Baruchim Habaim, we now celebrate her return.

We pray for the people who are in need of healing and we make backpacks filled with food and toiletries for people who are less fortunate. (Continued on Page 3)



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For the new year, the Chai Times is trying a new look for the same great content -let us know what you think.

Rabbi Says: (Continued from Page 1)

Each of us knows at least one veteran! By veterans, I mean not just the veterans of World War II, but, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, the Sinai, the Los Angeles Riots, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Don't just read the books written about battles or campaigns, but listen to the verbal 'histories' of the people who were there. When was the last time you asked to hear the stories of men and women sent into harm's way? On the twenty-first of this month, we will honor the veterans of our congregation at the Men's Club meeting. We are hoping to get them to tell their stories not just for us but for our children. On that day, some of us will have an opportunity to hear stories that are also part of the story of our people and the sacrifices we have made for our country. EVERYDAY, though, each of us can help a veteran find themselves and their mitzvah, by letting them teach us what they have to teach. Then Every Day of the year will be Veteran's Day as we help heal ourselves, our nation, and veterans.

B'ahava, Rabbi Mark

Tikkun Olam (Continued from Page 2)

One social action our Temple does in partnership with St. Jude's Episcopal Church and along with other religious communities, is assist the organization Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley. Family Promise is comprised of volunteers who help homeless and low-income families achieve lasting independence. Our TBE participants included Rabbi, Lucy and Sylvia, Chai Society, Men's Club, Havurah Simcha/L'Chaim, Temple Board, PTA, AZA, BBG and members Jerry, Jodi, Iris, Manny, and Allison. It is amazing to see people coming together for such a noble cause.

I am so proud to be a member of this Temple and this community. If there is anything you want to see done at the Temple, or if you want to volunteer, we welcome you with open arms. Remember, Burbank turns 100 this upcoming year and Temple is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our first ever Burbank-On-Parade entry (see Organization on Page 2 for this and other volunteer opportunities). Let's all do something to give back.

We have a lot to be thankful for. - President Steve Abrams

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TBE HOUSE OF STUDY

If you are interested in learning Yiddish, preferably at the Temple, please leave your name and phone number with the office staff for Gloria Kurey.

First ever Musically-historical
Shabbat Services premiered with
American Folk music featuring:
"She'll Be Coming 'Round the
Mountain"; "Down By the Riverside";
"Turn, Turn, Turn"; "Down By the
Riverside"; "Oh Shenandoah";
"Shabbat Is Made For You and Me";
"If I Had a Hammer"; "Rise and
Shine"; "Simple Gift"; and "We Shall
Overcome".

The service by Rabbi, Chase, and Robyn was very entertaining, educational, and moving.

Please join us at the November 12 service, which will feature **Klezmer/ Chasidic** music.



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The Men's Club WANTS YOU

to join us to honor our veterans at our monthly meeting and brunch November 21 at 9:30AM.

Men \$5, active-duty military and ladies are our guests.



LILITH BBG #324 meets every week on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM. If

you are a girl between 13 and 18, please find us on Facebook or e-mail <u>LilithLadies@yahoo.com</u> for more information.

Also, a BBYO-Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) boys chapter meets at TBE every other Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM. Contact Martin Greenfield through the Temple Office for more information.

Chai Society News

As always, we have much to be thankful for this November! Thank you to the marvelous members of Chai Society who eagerly participated to support TBE Family Promise Week in October and supplied the Monday Night meal at St. Jude's, and kudos to everyone and all the TBE groups who participated in TBE Family Promise Week! Special thanks to Kathy & Jodi for coordinating this special & important project with St. Jude's and our Temple!

Can you believe that Hanukkah begins on December 1st this year?! Me neither! No worries though, because the <u>5-Hour Holiday Boutique</u> - <u>Shopping Extravaganza will be at Temple Beth Emet on Sunday, November 7, 12:00-5:00 PM</u>, for your early holiday shopping needs! Vendors and shopping will be set up in Blum Hall and the courtyard. Also, <u>\$2 cheese pizza slice lunch with a drink will be available!</u> Don't be a turkey – join us for the Holiday Boutique Shopping Extravaganza in November. Gobble a slice of pizza and give thanks to Chai Society for hosting this fun event! Come and conveniently shop at TBE for all your holiday gifts and be prepared for an early Hanukkah this year! See you there!

Stacie, for Chai Society

Havurahs!



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

There will be a meeting on Sunday, November 21 at 10:00 AM in Blum Hall for the purpose of forming a new Havurah. If interested, come to this meeting or call Ruth Glick at (818)780-9134.



You will be happy to know that the "old" is "new" again.

The "old" Sisterhood has regrouped and is back in action again and, better than ever.

This group meets at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month. All Temple women are invited to join.

Sisterhood is planning a dinner at Marie Calendars. Contact Fran Bernstein.



Shalom and Welcome to Temple Beth Emet

Brian Kahn & Lana Wilson and their children Louie Kahn, Emerson Orr, Esme Orr & Sammy Kahn

We are pleased to welcome you as members of Temple Beth Emet and are delighted that you have joined us. It is our hope that the benefits of membership will meet your needs and exceed your expectations.



The 1st Friday of every month, known as Family Shabbat, can now also be called "*Friday Fun For All"*.



Lisa & Jim De Luca Linda & John Harrel Susan & James Levin We will be serving pizza at 6:30 PM before service. You won't have to worry about cooking dinner for the family, just grab the kids and join us. \$5.00 for adults and *kids eat free*!

Please call by Wednesday of that week for reservations:

Jeannie Mintz at (818) 314-8403 or Barbara Bolter at (818) 761-3116.

Jerry Engelberg's Little Corner of the World

Every year someone asks where the food from our Yom Kippur food drive goes. This year, as in the past, I divided the food between four organizations: Burbank Temporary Aid Center; The Valley Storefront; St. Jude's Episcopal Church (for food distribution); and Valley Village, a home for people with developmental disabilities.

The following letter is from one of the clients at Valley Village. Although it is addressed to me personally, it is YOU, our Temple members, who contributed so much for so many.

To Jerry 9/20/10

Thank you for donating every year all the food to Valley Village. Thank your church for donating as well. Thank you for spending all your time to help the Altano House. And thank you for your effort every year so that Valley Village can raise more money. Thank you for helping my parents and hosting the luncheon every year. I think you deserve a certificate or award for helping every year along with everyone that helped you too. Praise for your church.

- VV Client

Since our religious school program has moved to Sundays, our school parents (and all Temple members) are invited to join the Men's Club for a delicious breakfast. For November, we will be honoring our military, both present and past. Active duty personnel will be the guests of the Men's Club. Other men make a \$5.00 donation AND as usual, women are our guests (FREE). So join us. While I was in the present day navy, I will be wearing the costume of a sailor from the civil war era. Breakfast starts at 0930, with a short meeting and/or program at 1015. If your old uniform fits, wear it and be a proud veteran. Set aside November 21st to honor our military, both present and past.

There are so many things to do at the Temple now, there has to be one you will want to be a part of. There are two great havurahs, our Men's Club, a fantastic fellowship, a cribbage group, and an active actors' group.

Approximately every three months, we join St. Jude's Episcopal Church in hosting families from Family Promise. What are YOU interested in? What can we do to interest you in becoming more active in the Temple and its functions? Soon there will be a Holiday Boutique sale, a BBQ and MAYBE a New Year's party. What kind of event would you like to see?

Don't forget, on the first Friday of the month, it's pizza night before our early Family Service. On the second Friday, it's a musical service. The Temple needs YOU to join us for these great services. EVERY Friday, Rabbi's services teach us something new. Come and learn.

If you haven't signed up your child for Religious School, it is not too late. Religious School meets every Sunday morning (a change from Saturday). Call the Temple office for details, 818-843-4787.

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Nov. 5 at Temple	Maurine Gold	Nov. 1			
Lenore Carpe Jewelle Bowen	Barbara Klivens	Nov. 1	Marta Berger	Jan Burns	Nov. 17
Annette Frank	David Frank	Nov. 2	Alison Glass	Anthony Glass	Nov. 18
Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 3	Lillian Swedlove	Freda Murez	Nov. 19
Bess Jacob	Phyllis Shear	Nov. 3	David Nudell	Mayer Nudell	Nov. 19
Jon Murphy	Erin Abrams	Nov. 3	Eva Gramowitz	Lillian Blakeman	Nov. 20
Penny Buss	Neal Friedman	Nov. 4			
Penny Buss	Sharon Friedman	Nov. 4	Nov. 26 at Temple		
Abraham Bibicoff	Martin Bibicoff	Nov. 4	Frank Paley	Arda Paley	Nov. 21
Abraham Bibicoff	Bruce Bibicoff	Nov. 5	Albert James Hanlin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 21
Harry Avarbuch	Mitzi Rattner	Nov. 5	Joan Feinsilber	William Feinsilber	Nov. 22
Janita Haver	Steven Shanker	Nov. 5	Raye Greenebaum	Jules Fox	Nov. 24
Fanny Schuster	Sylvia Schuster	Nov. 5	Frank Wise	Sandy Einbinder	Nov. 24
Rose Saven	Sharon Lasman	Nov. 5	Erwin Prinz	Ruth Prinz	Nov. 25
Elizabeth Horowitz			Judge Irwin Cantor	Sandie Phillips	Nov. 25
Morris Drake	Valerie Bernath Toby Berman	Nov. 6 Nov. 6	Diana Turchik	Fran Ravine	Nov. 25
Zelma Lackman	Elizabeth Rosen	Nov. 6	David Antelman	Judith Antelman	Nov. 26
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Luis Guzman	Lila Tappar	Nov. 7	Murry Lackman	Elizabeth Rosen	Nov. 27
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Helen Meyerfeld	The Congregation	Nov. 9	Anita Crane	Rhonda Smith	Nov. 28
George Gross	Sylvia Gross Sutton	Nov. 10	Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	Nov. 28
Saul Schohan	Sue Schohan	Nov. 11	Grace Fulop	William Feinsilber	Nov. 29
Bertha M. Rachlin	Sandie Phillips	Nov. 11	Adolph Gottfried	Shirley Weitzman	Nov. 29
Anton Fulop	William Feinsilber	Nov. 13	Elizabeth Sopasnik	Marlene Flowers	Nov. 29
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Gloria Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Nov. 14	Shirley Trott	Dianne Bender	Nov. 29
			Lewis Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	Nov. 29
Sadie Resnick	Sid Resnick	Nov. 16	Lewis Pappert	Robert Pappert	Nov. 29
Sara Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Nov. 16	Mildred Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	Nov. 30
Ruth Fishman	Scott Fishman	Nov. 16	Harry Robins	Bernard Robins	Nov. 30
Lester Vourn	M/M Morris Bolter	Nov. 16	Leo L. Lewin	Eugene Lewin	Nov. 30



Thank you for your very generous September and October donations, including High Holy Day Scroll of Remembrance, food, toys, time, and Family Promise.

Burbank Needs Your Used Bikes!

Each year the number of less fortunate Burbank children requesting bicycles from the City of Burbank and Salvation Army's Angel Tree program grows larger. License and Code services and the Recycle Center are again partnering to restore used bicycles this holiday season.

Would you like to help? We need restorable bikes for kids from ages 6 to 17. We also need bike chains, locks, and headlights. If you don't have a used bike, but would like to help, gifts of cash will be used to purchase new bike helmets and parts.

The deadline for receiving used bicycles is Wednesday, November 24th. If you can help, or just want more information, please contact Elaine Pease at 818-238-5286 or the Recycle Center at 818-238-3900.





Thank you to everyone that generously partnered with St. Jude's to serve Family Promise-ESFV families in October. TBE provided and served (54) individual meals, support service guidance, tutoring, school supplies and friendship.

Our next opportunity to co-host with St. Jude's will be the week of December 26.



November Yahrzeit Donations

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Remember the sick with cards, calls, and visits

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.

Bernice Dacher was in the hospital for tests.



Thank you to Emil Moskowitz and Roni Razankova of Cal Inspection Bureau for their donation of (10) desktop computers.

Our Temple is organizing a blood drive/marrow donor registry event, and needs (40) members, friends, and family to express interest to schedule the event. Blood drive giveaways will be provided.

If you are interested, please call Kathy at 818-314-8404 and leave your name and phone number.



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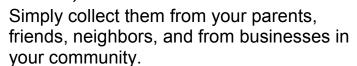
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