

# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"THE TEMPLE WITH A HEART"

### "A time to throw stones away and a time to embrace." (Ecclesiastes 3:5)

Over the course of the year, I am called upon and honored to perform many Bar Mitzvahs, weddings and funerals. Given the nature of our community, very often there are families that are mixed, blended, reconstituted, refabricated and ... well you get the picture. I remember being a guest at a wedding and a fellow guest asked me about the boys. I said, "Here are my sons, Shahri and Joshua!" He said, "But Joshua is your son and Shahri is your step-son". I said to that person, "Around our house, steps are something we use to climb stairs". Both boys looked at me with pride in their eyes and now some 15 years later, it has not ended. My father's attendance at Shahri's Bar Mitzvah and my sister and cousins' attendance at his wedding further confirmed our belief and love. We are one family. Unfortunately, this is not always the case.

From time to time when there is a divorce and remarriage or even a death, the members of the first family (not the President's) do not actively include the second family in the celebration love or even the mourning love. I have viewed large numbers of guests at a funeral mourning with the "first" family and ignoring the current wife and her family. I watched the expression on that lovely lady's face. In the midst of her mourning, she felt abandoned.

We all have infinite amounts of love to give. Yes, I agree, sometimes it is difficult and confusing to tell who belongs to whom. So what!!! Better to err on the side of name than to err on the side of inclusion. I remember my mother being called Anne Sobel in front of her second husband several years after she and my natural father were divorced. My second Dad, David Guttentag, took it calmly and my mother introduced him as her current husband. After the apology was rendered, the



### SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 PM  
**Family Fun Pizza Night**  
before family services



Sunday, Dec. 4, 11:30 AM-3:00 PM  
**TBE Hanukkah Bazaar** (see flyer)

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:00 PM  
Five week Adult Education Series:  
**"Why We Do the Things We Do-  
Holidays"**

Saturday, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM  
**Golden Shekel Casino Night at TBE**  
(see flyer)

Tuesday, Dec. 20-Tuesday, Dec. 27,  
6:30 PM each night  
**TBE Hanukkah Menorah Lighting  
Ceremony and Performance**  
at [Burbank Towne Center](#)  
Please contact Rabbi through the office  
to help or perform

Sunday, Jan. 29, Noon-2:00 PM  
**"Lady Beware" at [BTEE](#)** (See flyer)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM  
**eWaste Collection at TBE**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 10:30 AM  
**Dr. Ausubel discusses**  
**["Flower of God"](#)**

**See flyer for eScrip Holiday  
fundraiser**

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Hanukkah is fast approaching. Remember what the holiday commemorates. It was the miracle that the oil lasted eight days instead of one. The giving of presents was a phenomenon that took place in the past century. Purim was the gift giving holiday. This all shifted when consumerism of Christmas grew, or I should say commercialism. This took place in the 40s after the Holocaust. Jewish adults wanted their children to be happy that they were Jewish. They did not want their kids to think they were missing out.

Giving gifts is not to keep up with the Koopersmans. It is to come from the heart from both the giver and the recipient. If the recipient receives a pair of Levi's, they do not tell the giver, "I only wear Lucky Brand". The recipient should act grateful of the gift. Thank the person who gave the gift. What the person does after the fact is the recipient's business. Just remember how fortunate you are. Remember the greatest gifts are the friends and family we have.

Too many times in life we take people and things for granted. If a child has an issue with a parent, they present the fact of an argument to the parent. It should be fact based. This is also true in government and at our Temple. If an issue has been presented, voted on, and passed, then you must respect the people who made these rules. If you do not like something, you must go through the proper channels to change it. Let your voice be heard. Remember that the law or rule was passed. Focus it in a way where it does not alienate others. Don't try to circumvent the system. You may not agree with everything that the authorities pass down, but you should respect them.

B'Shalom, President Steve Abrams



## Temple Beth Emet (house of truth) ORGANIZATION

### Religious Leadership

Rabbi Mark H. Sobel  
Cantorial Soloist, Chase De Luca  
Cantorial Soloist, Kyle Orlemann  
Music and Choir Director, Robyn Kreisberg  
Rabbi William M. Kramer Z"L\*  
\*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

### Morris Gold Religious School Faculty

Rabbi Mark Sobel, Education Director  
Shirley Kirschenbaum, Grades K-1  
Fran Bernstein, Grades 2-3  
Sarah Emerson, Grades 4-5  
Joshua Sobel, Grades 6-7  
Mahnaz Termechi, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation  
Martin Greenfield, Confirmation (Grades 8-10)  
Robyn Kreisberg, Music  
Ezra B., Teaching Assistant  
Tanya M., Teaching Assistant

### Office Staff

Victoria Gaffney, Sylvia Sutton  
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Sisterhood/Chai Society, Melissa Schenk  
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Martin Greenfield  
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Mitzvahs, John Eisenger, 818-842-5439  
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Ritual Scheduler,  
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Fran Bernstein, Yvonne Beltzer,  
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Margaret Goldfarb, David Goldstein,  
Stefanie Kahn, Sandra Lewin,  
Roni Razankova, Melissa Schenk,  
Craig Weisman

Volunteer past-Presidents: Lisa De Luca,  
Richard Emerson, Ira Goldstein

*We are here to serve you!*

### Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

Monday-Thursday—9:00 AM-noon  
Friday & Sunday—9:00 AM—1 PM  
Saturday closed

### The office is closed in observance of the following holidays:

*New Years Day, President's Day,  
First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,  
Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,  
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

Call Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to contact Temple Staff/volunteers. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

### CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is a free, monthly newsletter delivered by email to members and available at [www.TempleBethEmet.com](http://www.TempleBethEmet.com). Mailed hardcopies are available for an \$18 annual TBE donation payable through the Office.

Editable article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and **due by the 15th of the month** and may be emailed to [chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com](mailto:chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com) or by delivery to the Temple office. Submissions will be published based on space available, relevant content, and at the discretion of Editor Kathy Kreyns, Temple Officers and Directors.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can better serve our members, call Steve at 661-714-3618 or "Let us hear from you" at [www.templebethemet.com](http://www.templebethemet.com)

other couple and my mother and David, that's what I call him, spent the afternoon together visiting me at camp.

Sometimes jealousy, anger, fear, distrust and especially guilt enter into the fray. Once again, so what!!!! At these occasions we are together to remember a young life, a new married life and the final life of someone we loved. It is not our day to be the center of attraction, or to settle old scores. It is our day to remember the goodness of the person. How can we act without goodness? How can we act without care? How can we act without love? How can we act so selfishly? We cannot!!!

Further, in a few weeks it will be Hanukkah. Please add another act to your lighting of the Hanukkiah. As the candles burn, giving light to all who behold them, let them also enlighten us to include all in our celebrations. One of the names of Hanukkah is the Festival of Religious Freedom. Let us be free to include the basic religious doctrine, to love G-d, and by extension, those created in the image of G-d, with all you heart, your soul and your uniqueness. Then we will truly have rededicated the Eternal Light that stands in the Temple, for we will have kindled an Eternal Light in our Hearts and souls.

Hag Sameah v' B'ahavah, Rabbi Mark

## **"Why We Do What We Do" Session 2- "Holidays"**

**The second of our five session series will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Temple Beth Emet, Blum Hall and are free of charge, and donations are welcome.**

**Classes are conducted by Rabbi Mark Sobel.**

Contact the TBE office at 818-843-4787 for more information

### **Follow Temple Beth Emet of Burbank**

Enjoy website at <http://www.templebethemet.com/>

View webcasts at <http://www.ustream.tv/discovery/live/all?q=bethemetofburbank>

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### ***Happy December Anniversaries***

***Adrienne and Jerry Everakes  
Stephani and Anthony Glass  
Mary and Bert Langer  
Harriett and Louis Schwab  
Elaine and Gerald Wolff  
Rosa and Cesar Zevallos  
Leona and David Zollman***

**Remember the sick with cards, calls and visits.** They help heal:

- ♦ John Eisenger had cataract surgery

We wish him a Refuah Shleima, whole recovery to good health.

Please call John Eisenger at (818) 842-5439 if a Temple member is sick or hospitalized.





## The Men's Club WANTS YOU

to join us for our monthly meeting and brunch.

This month's meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 AM.

The cost is \$5 per person.



### Havurah (a gathering of friends) Happenings

#### Havurah Shachar (Parents of religious school kids)

To join or for info contact

Carrie (818) 489-3022

carriemomoftwo@yahoo.com



#### Havurah Simcha L'Chaim:

To find out more or form a new one call Ruth Glick (818) 780-9134



Family Promise helps low income families achieve lasting independence. **Thank you to all who helped in November!** TBE's next turn to cohost families at St. Jude's Episcopal Church is Feb. 5-11. Please call Melissa Schenk at (818) 448-9017 to provide a dish, share a dinner, tell a story.



#### BBYO-AZA boys' chapter now

meets at TBE every other Thursday from 7:30-8:30 PM

and BBYO-BBG girls' chapter meets

at TBE every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Contact Martin Greenfield through the Temple office for more information.



### **"Friday Fun For All Pizza Night"**

We will be serving pizza on Friday, Dec. 2 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.

### Sisterhood - Chai Society News

*Warm holiday wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season with the ones you love!*

*Do you need a menorah to light, Hanukkah candles to burn, holiday cards to send, dreidels to spin, and gifts to give?*

*We have what you need!*

#### **TEMPLE BETH EMET'S**

#### **HANUKKAH BAZAAR**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011**

**11:30 am - 3:00 pm**

*Come one, come all, from near and far for the biggest & best Hanukkah Bazaar!*

*Browse through a wonderful Selection of items and be ready for the holidays!*

*There is something for everyone!*

**\$1 TABLE ~ \$5 & BELOW TABLE**

**LARGE HANUKKAH SECTION**

**CLEARANCE TABLE**

**JUDAICA GIFTS GALORE & MORE!**

#### **\*SPECIAL LUNCH OFFER\***

**Kosher Hot Dog + Juice Drink , Just \$2**

**Next Sisterhood - Chai Society Meeting Dec. 4 at 10 AM - Hanukkah Bazaar Set Up**

#### **WE NEED HELP FOR THIS EVENT**

**Sisterhood & Chai Society Members,**

**Please call Lisa De Luca to sign up**

**to help @ (818) 434-2244**

*All the best to you & yours,  
Stacie Barlow*



## *MITZVAH (Act of human kindness) and tzedakah (religious obligation to perform charity and philanthropic acts)*

Jerry's little corner of the world

What does it take?

The Temple is trying new things, what do YOU want? I was disappointed when I attended our early family service awhile back, the turnout was small. This is a wonderful service with the children's choir, guitar playing by Robin, what do YOU want? The Temple IS trying new programs.

What is it going to take for our Temple members to participate in Temple functions. We have some great havorahs, a new Chai Society Fellowship/Sisterhood, a strong PTA, interesting adult education classes and of course, a Men's Club, AND most important, great \*\*Friday Night Services\*\*.

Come join us and if we don't have what YOU want, tell us, we are open to new ideas.

Chanukah is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to prepare the food, set up the tables, help serve, AND clean up after the event. This year it will be a combined school then Temple Chanukah brunch. The date: December 18<sup>th</sup>. Coordinating this event is the Temple board. Please, we need your help to make this a success. Contact the Temple at 1.818.843.4787.

Monthly, St Jude's prepares a meal for the homeless. They are always in need of help, both financial and help in the preparation, serving and clean up after the meal. Remember, it is a Mitzvah to help. Contact Jeremy at St Jude's at 1.818.842.7461. He will direct you to the person in charge of feeding the homeless.

Don't forget December 4<sup>th</sup> is Chai Society/Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar. Buy your gifts here and help support the Temple. Check out the NEW items in all FOUR display cases in Blum Hall.

Fundraising is always hard, but, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Temple Beth Emet is having "The Golden Shekel Casino" night. Join us and have dinner, two drink tickets, fun and games along with entertainment, pre-sale is only \$20 and \$25 at the door. Contact the office at 1-818-843-4787 or Barbara Bolter at 1-818-761-3116 for more details.

I on behalf of everyone at Temple Beth Emet, want to thank all of you who have and will continue to donate new toys, books and games to Children's Hospital Los Angeles. We donate enough that I have been making a trip to CHLA approximately once a month. Thank you

Thanks to all of you who have donated for the gift "tool boxes", (instead of a gift basket) we give to each family, we and St. Jude's, host every eleven weeks in the Family Promise program. Thank you

To all of you who give food (not outdated) to Burbank Temporary Aid. Thank you

Our Temple, the "Temple with a heart", supports many worthwhile outside charities, PLEASE, continue to support them and any others we will support in the future. Thank you





Least I forget, have a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Jerry Engelberg  
Temple Beth Emet Member








ps: every Friday you miss services, you are missing a great opportunity to be with your friends, Rabbi Sobel, our children's choir (first Friday), music services (second Friday), or regular services the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's of the month.

We welcome back  
TBE member  
Frank Burns to  
our congregation!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>27</b> <b>- NO SCHOOL -</b>	<b>28</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting Class	<b>29</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class	<b>30</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  7:00 PM-8:30 PM <b>BBYO BBG Meeting</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 AM-12 Noon <b>School</b> 12:00-12:45 PM <b>Junior Choir</b>  11:30-3:00 PM <b>Hanukkah Bazaar</b>  10:00 AM <b>Sisterhood/Chai</b> <b>Society Meeting</b>	<b>5</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting  7:00 PM <b>First Adult Ed.</b> <b>Session in Series, "Why</b> <b>Do We Do the Things</b> <b>We Do-Holidays?"</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  7:00 PM -8:30 PM <b>BBYO-BBG Meeting</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 AM-12 Noon <b>School</b> <b>Hanukkah Brunch</b>  12:00-12:45 PM <b>Junior Choir</b>  9:30 AM <b>Men's Club</b> <b>Meeting &amp; brunch</b> 	<b>12</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  7:00 PM <b>Board Meeting</b> (members welcome)	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM -8:30 PM <b>BBYO-BBG Meeting</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 AM-12 Noon <b>School</b> 12:00-12:45 PM <b>Junior Choir</b>  12:30 PM <b>Hanukkah Party</b> 	<b>19</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors class 7:00 PM <b>Strategic</b> <b>Planning Meeting</b>  6:30 PM <b>Performing at</b> <b>Burb. Towne Center 1st</b> <b>Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting 7:00 PM-8:30 PM <b>BBYO-BBG Meeting</b>  6:30 PM <b>Performing at</b> <b>Burb. Towne Center</b> <b>2nd Night of Hanukkah</b>
<b>25 - NO SCHOOL-</b>  6:30 PM <b>Performing at</b> <b>Burb. Towne Center 6th</b> <b>Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  6:30 PM <b>Performing at</b> <b>Burb. Towne Center</b> <b>7th Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:15 PM <b>Executive</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b>  6:30 PM <b>Performing at</b> <b>Burb. Towne Center 8th</b> <b>Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting  7:00 PM-8:30 PM <b>BBYO-BBG Meeting</b>
<b>1 New Years Day</b>  <b>- NO SCHOOL-</b>	<b>2</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  7:00 PM <b>Adult Ed.</b> <b>Session in Series, "Why</b> <b>Do We Do the Things</b> <b>We Do-Life Cycle?"</b>	<b>4</b>  6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class



Thursday		Friday	Saturday
1	6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class 6:15 PM Cribbage Club  7:30 PM-8:30 PM <b>BBYO-AZA Meeting</b>	2 6:30 PM <b>Family Pizza Dinner</b>  7:00 PM <b>Family Shabbat Service</b> <b>with the Junior Choir</b> performing  Welcomer Sandra Lewin	3
8	6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  6:15 PM Cribbage Club	9  7:30 PM <b>Shabbat Service</b>  Welcomer Steve Abrams	10  6:30 PM <b>Golden Shekel Casino</b> <b>Night at TBE</b> (See flyer)
15	6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM-8:30 PM <b>BBYO-AZA Meeting</b>  Chai Times sub. due	16  7:30 PM <b>Shabbat Service</b>  Welcomer Bruce Bigley	17
22	6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  6:15 PM Cribbage Club  6:30 PM <b>Performing at Burb.</b> <b>Towne Center 3rd Night of</b> <b>Hanukkah</b>	23  7:30 PM <b>Shabbat Service</b>  Welcomer Shirley Abramson  6:30 PM <b>Performing at Burb. Towne</b> <b>Center 4th Night of Hanukkah</b>	24  6:30 PM <b>Performing at Burb.</b> <b>Towne Center 5th Night of</b> <b>Hanukkah</b>
29	6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting  6:15 PM Cribbage Club  7:30 PM-8:30 PM <b>BBYO-AZA Meeting</b>	30  7:00 PM <b>Family Shabbat</b> <b>Service with the</b> <b>Junior Choir</b> performing  Welcomer Bruce Bigley	30
5	6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class  6:15 PM Cribbage Club	6 6:30 PM <b>Family Pizza Dinner</b>  7:00 PM <b>Family Shabbat Service</b> <b>with the Junior Choir</b> performing  Welcomer Shirley Abramson	7



NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<b><u>Dec. 2 at Temple</u></b>			<b><u>Dec. 16 at Temple (cont)</u></b>		
Harriet Modler	Peter Modler	Dec. 1	Goldie Cone	Myra Sloves	Dec. 14
Barbara Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Dec. 1	David Nudell	Mayer Nudell	Dec. 14
Alan Matays	Gail Arce	Dec. 1	Ben Nudell	Mayer Nudell	Dec. 14
Marc Kagen	Carole Eisinger	Dec. 1	Louis Kanefsky	Marsha Cohen	Dec. 15
Donald Maydeck	Marshall Maydeck	Dec. 2	Fred Eisinger	John Eisinger	Dec. 15
Sandy Reitman	Sandy Einbinder	Dec. 2	Louis Resnick	Sidney Resnick	Dec. 15
Leslie Fields	Soni Fields	Dec. 3	Raymond Reinhart	Dottie Pierce	Dec. 17
Joseph B. Laing	Judy Laing	Dec. 3	Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	Dec. 17
Esther Gottfried	Shirley Weitzman	Dec. 3	<b><u>Dec. 23 at Temple</u></b>		
Sylvia Fishel	Jack Fishel	Dec. 3	Ray Beck	Scott & Camille Beck	Dec. 18
<b><u>Dec. 9 at Temple</u></b>			Ray Beck	Russell & Barbara Beck	Dec. 18
Jacob Levin	Eugene Lewin	Dec. 4	Solomon Murez	Herbert Murez	Dec. 18
Sharon Shuman	Joyce Feinsilber	Dec. 4	John Brandon	Kitty Cooper	Dec. 18
Sara Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec. 5	Edith Russell	M/M Gerald Becker	Dec. 20
Sadie Resnick	Sid Resnick	Dec. 5	Samuel J. Teller	Elaine Rubidoux	Dec. 21
Peter Monico	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec. 5	Meton Sobel	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec. 21
Harvey Sedlezky	Anne Newman	Dec. 5	Rivka Jerzy	Reuven Jerzy	Dec. 21
Fanny Sillman	Lois Jones	Dec. 6	Nathan Miller	Sara McCune	Dec. 23
Leo Peckman	Congregation	Dec. 6	Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	Dec. 23
Irving Spielvogel	Don Spielvogel	Dec. 6	Marion Goodman	Norman Goodman	Dec. 24
Hacksun Lue	Merry Dacher	Dec. 6	Anne Abramson	Shirley Abramson	Dec. 24
Louis Di Bona	Frances Di Bona	Dec. 7	Irving Strauss	Howard Strauss	Dec. 24
Roberta Braun	Valerie Bernath	Dec. 7	<b><u>Dec. 30 at Temple</u></b>		
Annie Swedlove	Freda Murez	Dec. 8	Harry Sternfeld	Audrey Bernack	Dec. 25
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	Congregation	Dec. 8	Joseph Kleiman	Abraham Kleiman	Dec. 25
Elizabeth Lewin	Eugene Lewin	Dec. 9	Belle Millman	Sylvia Sutton	Dec. 26
Goldie Gelbart	Diane Linger	Dec. 9	Yael Rafaeli	Lucy & Uri Rafaeli	Dec. 26
Mike Abrams	Phyllis Mehlman	Dec. 9	Albert Lasoff	Marva Felchlin	Dec. 26
Sylvia Rabin	Congregation	Dec. 10	Fred Friedman	Stuart Friedman	Dec. 27
Sylvia Rabin	Monica Pink	Dec. 10	Robert Patterson	Charlotte Patterson	Dec. 27
Marty Feldman	Pamela Franklin	Dec. 10	Leah Nudell	Mayer Nudell	Dec. 27
Josie Rowe	Allan Rowe	Dec. 10	Bessie Dash	Jerry Dash	Dec. 27
<b><u>Dec. 16 at Temple</u></b>			Raja Tepper	Henry Tepper	Dec. 27
Sam Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	Dec. 11	Raquel Salame	Rosa Salame-Zevallos	Dec. 27
Lenny Marcus	Jodi Nathan-Chugg	Dec. 12	Max Fishkin	Harriett Schwab	Dec. 28
Lenny Marcus	Tamara Thomas	Dec. 12	Dora Polay Halpurn	Frances Luben	Dec. 29
Szerena Weber	Bea Satmary	Dec. 14	Avraham Marco	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Dash	Dec. 31
			Martin Glass	Anthony Glass	Dec. 31

Our condolences to Mary and family of TBE member William Feinsilber, who passed away. His memory will always be a blessing to us.





### December Yahrzeit Donations

#### **Angiuli and Cicinelli famiy**

...in loving memory of William Feinsilber

#### **Naomi Aranoff**

...in loving memory of husband William

#### **Fran Bernstein**

...in loving memory of husband Eddie Bernstein

#### **Bruce Bigley**

...in loving memory of Dora Bigley

#### **Robert & LaVerne Cohen**

...in loving memory of Bernard Cohen

#### **Marlene Dreyfuss**

...in loving memory of Frances Rose and Sam Miller

#### **Kevin Ellis**

...in loving memory of Bernice Dacher

#### **Havurah Simcha/L'Chaim**

...in loving memory of our dear friend Bernice Dacher

#### **Eileen Martin**

...in loving memory of Frances Rose

#### **Lester and Monica Pink**

...in loving memory of mother Yetta Pink and sister May Lubow and Ann Johnson

#### **Dena Segall**

...in loving memory of Leonard Segall

#### **Phylis Shear**

...in loving memory of Bess Jacob

#### **Howard Strauss**

...in loving memory of Joan F. Strauss and Vicki Dulnick Strauss

#### **Ann Lea Testa**

...in loving memory of father Yska Testa

### **A Spirited Discussion, a Comfortable Resolution and the desire to create a Talit**

By Leslie Nathan, AIA

I, along with my husband, Michael Heiss, am a new member of Temple Beth Emet. At the end of October, we hosted a Friday night Oneg Shabbat to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a joy to be welcomed into our new Jewish community; and, I was thrilled to be asked to participate in the blessing of the Shabbat Candles on the bima. I made my way to the podium and stood next to the cantor. Someone rushed to put a talit around my shoulders. To me, this was surprising and a bit uncomfortable.

After services were over and the blessings over the bread and wine were complete, I had a lively and entertaining discussion with Rabbi Sobel. "It is Beth Emet's custom," I was informed, "for both men and women to wear talit on the bima." If women are to be allowed to have equal access to the Torah and it is the custom of the temple for men who read torah to don talit, then it is not only a privilege but a responsibility I believe that women should gladly share. I have only admiration for this custom.

For the mitzvah of lighting Shabbat candles, it has always been my understanding that this is uniquely a woman's task. As such, I responded to the rabbi, it seems that for that task *alone* no talit need be worn on the bima.

How do we reconcile an old custom and a new custom when there are seeming contradictions? We continued our talk with me referencing family tradition, and Rabbi Sobel pointing out the practicality of moving forward and embracing new traditions. Finally, the Rabbi asked me if my grandmothers covered their heads before lighting Shabbat candles. "Yes," I exclaimed, startled by the instant recollection of seeing them use a paper napkin to cover their heads if a scarf was not around. "Well," said the rabbi, "You can use the talit on the bima as a head covering."

That rabbinic solution embraces both old and new traditions in a way that I can not only accept but also applaud. I love this solution in that it satisfies both trains of thought. So now, I want to have my own talit. This is something I have never owned before. I would like it to be special. I plan on needlepointing the prayer on the Atarah along with 4 squares that will hold the ritual fringes. There are many materials that can be used for a talit, but only one way to tie and knot the tsitsit to keep the talit "kosher."

I have found a local woman who has beautiful materials and assembles not only the talits, but also finishes the talit bags that women often make to match the individual talit design. I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for us to get together, socialize sew, cross stitch or needlepoint. Would anyone like to join me in making a talit? If you do, call me and we'll set up a meeting!

(Leslie Nathan 818-783-9979)

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—Myra Sloves



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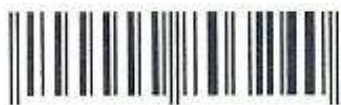
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L'Shalom,  
Stacie Barlow



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