

December 2013

Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"Deck the Halls with loaves of Chally, Santa Claus' name was really Solly!"

I have a confession to make. When I was young, at Christmas time, we had a Christmas tree, my Dad dressed up as Santa Claus and we celebrated the holidays on Christmas Day because that was the only day the men in the family had time off from work. (The norm of the 40-hour week had not gotten to my family as yet). My mother and father, as with most parents, did not want their children, my sister and me, to be denied anything that America had to offer us. They wanted us to be and feel a part of America. As I grew up so did America. In the 1960's ethnic groups got to celebrate their holidays. Hanukkah and Kwanza enabled people to be authentic with their histories, and the tree was gone and replaced by Hanukkioth and Dreidels, and prayers recounting religious freedom.

But I was ashamed of what had been my childhood religious cross over, until my aunt reminded me that my very religious Jewish bubbe, from Vilna, Lithuania, took the greatest joy in seeing what was under our tree. I never got to ask her, why she was so filled with happiness regarding the presents, but she was one who lived through pogroms and poverty, and the loss of a daughter and a husband, so I guess she was an expert on loss and gain. To see the children of the family open gifts and toys and games, was ecstasy for someone who was forced into homelessness, until her father sent her money to come to the United States.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

HAPPY HANUKKAH

Family Service/Pizza Night at Temple ~ 6:00 PM - The First Friday of Every Month. Services begin at 7:00 PM (See page 5.)



B'Nei Mitzvah Classes ~ taught by Rabbi Mark Sobel. Hebrew Language and Judaic Study. Mondays at 7pm Temple Sanctuary.

"The Kabbalah of Our Lives" Adult education classes. Taught by Rabbi Mark Sobel. Classes begin November 12th through March 11, 2014. (See the flyer on page 15.)

Read Laura Soroka's Article regarding Oneg Shabbat Coordination. (See page 5.)

A message from our Past President, Steve Abrams. (See page 2.)

Temple Beth Emet's Ritual List for December (See page 11.)

Family Promise Week begins December 22nd. Please donate time, food and/or funds to help those in need.

December 15th at 9:30 AM Men's Club Brunch and Meeting. Good food and stimulating conversation!



Simcha/L'Chaim Havurah New Year's Eve 2014 Celebration. Pot Luck and Game Night. Come join in the festivities and delicious buffet! (See flyer on page 17.)





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Music and Choir Director,
Robyn Kreisberg

Rabbi Emeritus William M. Kramer Z"l*
*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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

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contact Temple Staff/volunteers. Your message
will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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to the Temple office. Submissions will be
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content, and at the discretion of Editor Barbara
Lux-Smith, Temple Officers, and Directors.

Last month we had two events that were close
together. One was the miracle of light of
Hanukkah. The other being the holiday of
Thanksgiving. Life is a miracle. Don't ever take it
for granted. Be thankful for what you have.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the
miracle of our Temple family. You not only
supported me when I was President, but you have
supported me in trying personal times these past
several months especially with the loss of my
father. I am eternally grateful to Temple Beth
Emet.

Feel the love and warmth of the Temple. Do what
you can to get involved. It may be going to
services; being involved in certain committees;
donate monetarily. Whatever you can do, it will be
appreciated. You will be doing a mitzvah.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank
you for the love and support from the Temple with
the Heart.

B'Shalom,
Steve Abrams
Past President

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If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we
can better serve our members, please call the office
or email us at office@Templebethemet.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – December 2013

As Jews, we get to celebrate the New Year twice each year—at Rosh Hashanah and December 31 (three times if you include Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, but that is for another column).

Rosh Hashanah calls us to review the past year, to measure our moral performance, attempt to fix any damage we had done, and prepare to do better in the following year.

For me, the end of the secular calendar year evokes a much different reflection. I think about New Year's Eves gone by: For many years we spent the evening with my parents in Anaheim, usually joined by my good friend Steve Lubman. There was a series of dinners that rotated among friends' homes, gatherings at restaurants and then to someone's home to await midnight, potlucks, and sometimes just a quiet evening at home with a bottle of champagne and the television tuned to Times Square.

These memories bring to mind the people who have worked their way in and out of my life and those who have remained. New Year's Eve can be wistful, nostalgic, satisfying, hopeful, and contented, all in the same night. The culmination of the evening, of course, is the stoke of midnight, the dropping of the ball, and the advancement of the odometer of our lives to the next year. We kiss, sip champagne, make noise (a shofar is an excellent instrument for New Year's Eve), and sing what words we know to *Auld Lang Syne*. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld lang syne?"

Written by Robert Burns in 1788, the title is an old Scotch phrase and it is set to a traditional folk song, *Auld Land Syne* reminds us how those people we know and have known have added to our lives, and implores us to hold fast to those memories and relationships. How apropos this song is to the Jewish people! One of the most important things we do is remember (*yizkor*) departed relatives and friends. Another important aspect to Jewish life are our families and friends. We come together to share our *simchot* and sadnesses, usually with a meal or at least a *nosh*.

As we approach the start of 2014 C.E., we should look back to see where we have been, of course, and we should look forward to the opportunities that will present themselves in the months ahead. But we also need to make sure we appreciate where we are and who we are with. We need to hold fast to those who are important to us and let them know that we value them.

"And there's a hand, my trusty friend, and give a hand of thine, we'll take a right good-will draught for auld lang syne."

A very happy New Year to my entire Temple Beth Emet family—I feel truly blessed to have you in my life.

-- Ira L. Goldstein, President

Speaking of gift giving, once many years ago, I was shopping with my elder son. His rabbis were not at all positive about Santa Claus. Lucky for both of us, my son had only seen the jolly, rotund man in the ermine-trimmed red suit. We passed a row of Christmas ornaments and there was a group of statues of a rather ethereal bearded figure, dressed in green, holding a bag full of toys over his shoulder. My son asked, "Who is the Tzaddik (righteous man) with the bag full of toys?" I looked up and said in a whisper, "Thank you G-d." Then I replied to my son, "That's Santa Claus, most likely as he was in real life, bringing toys to orphans in Paris, so many years ago. The idea of someone bringing toys to children is an important mitzvah, not what people call that person."

People ask me, at this time of the year, how do I feel about Christmas and Christmas celebrations? I tell them I see being invited into someone's home to celebrate with them on such a holy occasion, as a great honor. Even though I don't "know religiously" the birthday person, I appreciate their relationship with him. If it is appropriate, I bring a present to the host and hostess and, of course, to each of the children of the family, for extending such a gracious invitation to me and my family.

This year we are in a unique position. Hanukkah is ending and Christmas is a long way off. We are responsible for Family Promise with St. Jude's during Christmas week. What do we do? While Christmas is not our holiday, albeit; a United States' national holiday, we need to serve those in need. The people who attend Family Promise workshops and counseling sessions most likely feel outside of the mainstream of the American Dream. Their children deserve, as did my sister and I, as well as *all* children of our country, the ability to feel and take part in the holiday spirit. Let us attend their dinners as honored guests bringing food and, as such, guests bringing presents for all. And, if the Family Promise children are without a "Santa Claus," perhaps we can ask one of our own Tzaddikim to wear the red suit with the ermine trim over his Neshamah of pure goodness. And, in keeping with the spirit of the season, let us further our gift giving by bringing more presents to Temple for Children's Hospital's needy ones. All of us should also give to those whom we may personally know are in need. In that way, we will be fulfilling *two wishes*, one; doing our small part to bring "Peace on Earth and Good Will toward men (and women)" and, two; making sure that where there are no *Mensches*, we act with beautiful *menschlekeit*.

B'ahava and to all a good night,

Rabbi Mark

Please check out the article in the Jewish Journal about the **Survivor's 75th Anniversary of Kindertransport**. Here is the weblink to follow to read the article. http://www.jewishjournal.com/los_angeles/article/survivors_to_mark_75th_anniversary_of_kindertransport. It is an outstanding online article about the Dec. 2nd (Monday, 6th Night of Hanukkah) event to recognize the 70th anniversary of the Kindertransport and local survivors at Burbank Mall during TBE's 6th Night of Hanukkah event on Monday Night; the Jewish Journal writer referenced that this event would be sponsored by TBE at the end of the article.

Dear TBE Family,

Sponsoring an Oneg is a "**Double Mitzvah**," celebrating your Simcha Celebrations or remembering a loved one and, at the same time, assisting your Temple financially. Whatever your occasion is; for example, a **birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, birth of a child, baby naming, graduation, in honor of, in memory of, or just because**, as the TBE Oneg Shabbat Coordinator, I am available to assist in your Oneg Shabbat planning. If you are unable to actually prepare the Oneg yourself, there are other options available. We, at TBE, do not want anyone ever to feel uncomfortable, or not sponsor an Oneg due to circumstances, to celebrate or honor the memory of your loved ones. Call me to discuss alternative options. Your privacy will always be respected.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to book your special event date, before the date is already spoken for, to ask a question or offer a suggestion. I can assist you in making your Oneg special, or if you just need help for any reason. *Remember*, an Oneg Shabbat sign-up sheet has been posted in Blum Hall (next to the door when entering the Temple) for your convenience, should you want to sign up immediately while at Temple. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Laura Soroka
TBE Oneg Shabbat Coordinator
(818) 582-3077
laurasoroka52@gmail.com



Remember the sick and bereaved with cards, calls, and visits. They help heal and comfort.

We wish them a *Refuah shl'eimah*, whole recovery to good health.

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



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

We will be serving pizza on the **First Friday of every month at 6:00 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:

**Barbara Bolter at (818) 761-3116 or
Laura Goldstein at (818) 843-5437**



Family Promise helps low income families achieve lasting independence.

TBE co-hosts families with St. Jude's Anglican Church. Service hours are available.

Thanks to all of you who participated in September's Family Promise Event. We appreciate your contributions of time, food and effort.

TBE CHESS CLUB

WE'RE STARTING A CHESS CLUB!
OPEN TO ANYONE WHO PLAYS OR WANTS TO
LEARN IT WILL MEET ON
SUNDAYS AFTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL.

WE ARE ALSO GOING TO OFFER
CHECKERS, AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED, JUST CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT
(818) 843-4787

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



Yahrzeit Donations

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Joyce Feinsilber

Bess Jacob, loving memory of
Phyllis Shear

Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shoppe

The Gift Shop is filled with products for all your Judaic needs. All items are at reasonable prices.

Consider sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. Everyone has something to celebrate, someone to honor or remember.

Call or email Laura Soroka, out TBE Oneg, Shabbat Coordinator to book your Special Occasion Oneg date before someone else takes it and/or for planning assistance. (818 582-3077)

**Or, email to Laura at:
laurasoroka52@gmail.com**



Happy December Anniversary

Bonnie & Stuart Friedman - December 8th

Marc & Cindy Becker - December 19th

SISTERHOOD SIDELINES DECEMBER 2013

Our November 3rd meeting had two parts. The second part was so special, I will tell about it first. At 11am, Rebbetzin Mina Sobel came in, followed by all the women religious school teachers, the older religious school girls, the mothers of religious school children, and other women who wished to attend.

Blum Hall was filled up and very quiet in anticipation. The topic was Jewish Women's Traditions. Mina told us that she decided to talk about The Sabbath at this first class of the series. In her sweet and earnest way she told us that Jewish women have always had a very important role in keeping the Sabbath for our people. She described the "sparkle" inside every Jewish woman that helps us do certain special things-- such as keep the Sabbath and make the Sabbath Day meaningful for our families.

I cannot convey the warm feelings she evoked in so many of us. Ladies, you must try to attend any and all of these classes! Sisterhood is honored and proud to present this series to all interested women.

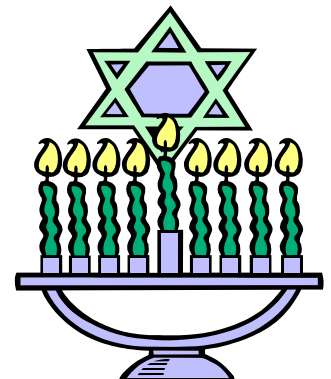
Now, for the first part of our meeting: It was also meaningful. The Gift Shoppe is well stocked for Hanukkah and B'Nai Mitzvahs. Linda Harrell suggested that we have a pot luck event before the Purim Megillah Reading. We are looking into that and also a game night; our goal being to raise much needed funds for Temple.

With so many events being planned, wouldn't YOU like to be a part of Sisterhood? All Temple women and interested men are invited to join us.










The next meeting is December 1st, 10am. Refreshments will be served.

Shalom,

Ruth Glick, VP



Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3	4
8 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Sisterhood Mtg.	9 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in the Temple Sanctuary presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel	10 7:00 PM Kabbalah and Holidays "The Fruit Of The Vine and The Seven-Petalled Rose"	11
15 9:00 AM Religious School  9:30 AM TBE Men's Club Brunch & Meeting 	16 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in the Temple Sanctuary presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel	17 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	18
22 9:00 AM No Religious School  Family Promise Week Begins	23 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in the Temple Sanctuary presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel Family Promise Week ~ Day 1	24 Family Promise Week ~ Day 2	25 Family Promise Week ~ Day 3
29 9:00 AM No Religious School	30 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in the Temple Sanctuary presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel	31 7:00 PM TBE's Simcha/L'Chaim Havurah New Year's Party Happy Secular New Year!! 	1

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p> 	<p>6 7:00 PM Family Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Pizza Night</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>12 6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p> 	<p>13 7:30 PM Shabbat Services</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>19 6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p> 	<p>20 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Hosted by TBE Religious School</p> <p><i>Chai Times submissions Due</i></p> 	<p>21</p>  <p><i>First Day of Winter</i></p>
<p>26 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p>  <p><i>Family Promise Week ~ Day 4</i></p>	<p>27 7:30 PM Shabbat Services</p>  <p><i>No Family Promise ~ Shabbat</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Family Promise ~ Day 5</i></p>
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NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>December 6 at Temple</u>			<u>December 13 at Temple, contd.</u>		
Harriet Modler	Peter Modler	Dec 1	Lenny Marcus	Tamara Thomas	Dec 12
Barbara Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Dec 1	Lois Lubell	Bradford Lubell	Dec 13
Alan Matays	Gail Arce	Dec 1	Szerena Weber	Bea Satmary	Dec 14
Marc Kagen	Carol Eisenger	Dec 1	Goldie Cone	Myra Sloves	Dec 14
Donald Maydeck	Marshall Maydeck	Dec 2	David Nudell	Nudell Mayer	Dec 14
Sandy Reitman	Sandy Einbender	Dec 2	Ben Nudell	Nudell Mayer	Dec 14
Milton Sobel	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec 2	<u>December 20 at Temple</u>		
Leslie Fields	Soni Fields	Dec 3	Louis Kanefsky	Marsha Cohen	Dec 15
Joseph B. Laing	Judy Laing	Dec 3	Fred Eisinger	John Eisinger	Dec 15
Esther Gottfried	Shirley Weitzman	Dec 3	Louis Resnick	Sidney Resnick	Dec 15
Sylvia Fishel	Jack Fishel	Dec 3	Ann Maydeck	Marshall Maydeck	Dec 17
Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	Dec 4	Raymond Reinhart	Dottie Pierce	Dec 17
Nathan M. Miller	Sara M. McClune	Dec 4	Fred Friedman	Stuart Friedman	Dec 18
Jacob Levin	Eugene Lewin	Dec 4	Ray Beck	Scott & Camille Beck	Dec 18
Sharon Shuman	Joyce Feinsilber	Dec 4	Ray Beck	Russ & Barbara Beck	Dec 18
Albert Sheppard	Brian Sheppard	Dec 5	Solomon Murez	Herbert Murez	Dec 18
Peter Monaco	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec 5	John Brandon	Kitty Cooper	Dec 18
Harvey Sedlezky	Anne Newman	Dec 5	Sadie Weitzman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Dec 19
Fanny Sillman	Lois Jones	Dec 6	Harry Sternfeld	Audrey Bermack	Dec 19
Leo Peckman	TBE Congregation	Dec 6	Iris Gore	Dee Segall	Dec 19
Irving Spielvogel	Don Spielvogel	Dec 6	Edith Russell	Mrs. Gerald Becker	Dec 20
Hacksun Lue	Merry Dacher	Dec 6	Dista Shavit	Rina Shavit	Dec 21
Louis DiBona	Frances DiBona	Dec 7	Samuel J. Teller	Elaine Rubidoux	Dec 21
Roberta Braun	Valeri Bernath	Dec 7	<u>December 27 at Temple</u>		
<u>December 13 at Temple</u>			Tibor Rodai	Judy Robins	Dec 22
Annie Swedlove	Herbert Murez	Dec 8	Rivka Jerzy	Reuven Jerzy	Dec 22
Ida Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	Dec 8	Mayme Saiger	Sally Bechelis	Dec 23
Solomon Friedman	Joan Pollack	Dec 8	Marion Goodman	Norman Goodman	Dec 24
Golda Meir	TBE Congregation	Dec 8	Anne Abramson	Shirley Abramson	Dec 24
Elizabeth Lewin	Eugene Lewin	Dec 9	Sybil Factor	The Factor Family	Dec 25
Goldie Gelbart	Diane Lenger	Dec 9	Isadore Shvalb	Louis Schwab	Dec 25
Mike Abrams	Phyllis Mehlman	Dec 9	Belle Millman	Sylvia Sutton	Dec 26
Sylvia Rabin	TBE Congregation	Dec 10	Yael Rafaeli	Lucy & Uri Rafaeli	Dec 26
Sylvia Rabin	Monica Pink	Dec 10	Albert Lassoff	Marva Felchin	Dec 26
Marty Feldman	Pamela Franklin	Dec 10	Robert Patterson	Charlotte Patterson	Dec 27
Josie Rowe	Allan Rowe	Dec 10	Leah Nudell	Mayer Nudell	Dec 27
Sam Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	Dec 11	Bessie Dash	Jerry Dash	Dec 27
Dora Polay Halpern	Frances Luben	Dec 12	Raja Tepper	Henry Tepper	Dec 27
Lenny Marcus	Jodi Nathan-Chugg	Dec 12	<u>Continued on Page 11</u>		



NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>December 27 at Temple, contd.</u>					
Donald Alexander Zahler	Adrienne Zahler	Dec 27			
Raquel Salame	Rosa Salame-Zevallos	Dec 27			
Gertrude Rosen	Sally Bechellis	Dec 28			
<u>January 3 at Temple</u>					
Max Fishkin	Harriet Schwab	Dec 29			
Pauline Pessie Anderle	Bunny Bunyik	Dec 31			
Avraham Marco	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	Dec 31			
Martin Glass	Anthony Glass	Dec 31			
Carol Pastor	TBE Congregation	Dec 31			

JERRY'S LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD



December is already here. Where did 2013 go? I want to thank everyone who made 2013 at Temple Beth Emet a year to remember. But, we still have a long way to go. Have you made your yearly tax deductible donation to the temple yet?

As I have said for the past few months, things need to be done at Temple Beth Emet. I want to thank those who have seen a problem and done something about it. Right now, with the rain on the way, we still need to clean the gutters, paint the patio covering, replace the ballasts in Blum Hall and in the kitchen.

Enough negative. . . It was fantastic to see the turn-out for the baby naming on November 22nd. It's too bad we can't seem to get that volume of attendees *every* Friday.

I hope to see you at Burbank's Town Center Mall for the Hanukkah candle lighting November 27th through December 4th.

Have you sponsored an oneg? I signed up for December 13th in honor of Rachel Razankova's 2nd birthday, on December 16th. Remember, you don't need a reason to host an oneg, just do it because you want to.

Thanks to all of you who have donated toys for Children's Hospital—Los Angeles. It seems I am making more trips to drop off toys lately, and that's a very good thing!

I can't say enough good things about Family Promise! I won't be in town for the next rotation, but I still need items to put in the tool box "gift basket." Barbara Lux-Smith still needs your support and cooperation in planning the evening meals. Her planning worksheet helps us all bring food donations that work together and not overlap what someone else may be bringing on the night you (hopefully) participate.

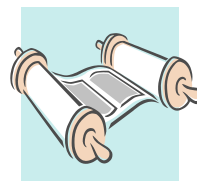
Wishing you and yours a very healthy, happy and safe new year.

I hope to see **YOU** at Friday night services.

We are continuing with our Second Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class, presented by me, Rabbi Mark Sobel. The classes are on Mondays at 7 PM in the Temple Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact the Temple Office and give your name and telephone number. The Temple office telephone number is (818) 843-4787.



Shalom,
Rabbi Mark





Hello Extended TBE Family,

On the weekend of November 15th-17th, our AZA youth chapter, Knesset, attended the BOTC (Battle of the Chapters) Convention at Camp Alonim in Simi Valley. The five boys in attendance from our chapter were: Lewis Tachau, Sam McKinnon, Ryan Fishman, Nick Zevallos, and Kevin Colton. This weekend, I was not only proud of our boys in their many accomplishments throughout the convention, but their ability to shine and stand out among the other chapters. Even though they were only a group of five among three hundred teens from all over the Southern California Region PacWest, they took the weekend by storm.

Our boys won first place at BOTC, Most Improved Chapter, and our very own Lewis Tachau took home Aleph (member) of the Term award. The boys and I would personally like to thank the temple for its' fervent support of Knesset in its ventures.

Submitted with pride,

Joshua Ariel Sobel
Temple Beth Emet Board
Youth Coordinator

A fun Hanukkah poem offered by Jerry Engleberg.

The Night Before Chanukkah by Author Unknown (as read by Lila Gable)

T'was the night before Chanukkah, boychiks and maidels, not a sound could be heard, not even a dreidel.
The menorah was set on the chimney alight, in the kitchen the Bubbie gechapt a bite.
Salami, pastrami, a glessalah tay, and zayerah pickles with bagels, oy vey!
Gezunt and geschmack, the kinderlach felt, while dreaming of tagelach and Chanukkah gelt!
The alarm clock was a-kloppin and tinkling and ticking, and Bubbie was serving a schtickala chicken!
A tumult arose, like a thousand brauches, Santa had fallen and broken his tuchas!
I put on my slippers, eins, tsvy, and drei, while Bubbie was now on the herring and rye!
I grabbed for my bathrobe and buttoned my gottkes, while Bubbie was busy devouring the latkes!
To the window I ran, and lo my surprise a little red yamulke greeted my eyes.
When he got to the door and saw the menorah, "Yiddishe kinder," he said, "Kinehora!
I thought I was in a goyishe hoise, as long as I'm here, I'll leave a few toys!"
With a geshray, I asked, "Du bist a Yid?" "Avarda, mein numen us Schloimey Claus, kid."
"Come into the kitchen, I'll get you a dish, a guppell, a latke, a schtickalah fish."
With smacks of delight, he started his fressen, chopped liver, knaidlach and kreplach gagessen.
Along with this meal, he had a few schnapps, when it came to eating, this boy was the tops!
He asked for some knishes, with pepper and salt, but they were so hot, he yelled, "Oy Gevalt!"
Unbuttoning his haizen, he rose from the tisch, "Your kosherer essen is simply delish!"
As he went to the door, he said, "See you later, I'll be back on next Pesach, in time for the Seder."
More rapid than eagles, his prancers they came, as he whistled and shouted, and called them by name.
"Now Izzy, now Irving, and Sammy and Morris, now Maxie, now Hymie and Manny and Doris!"
He gave a geshray as he drove out of sight, "Goot Yontiff to all, and to all a good night!"



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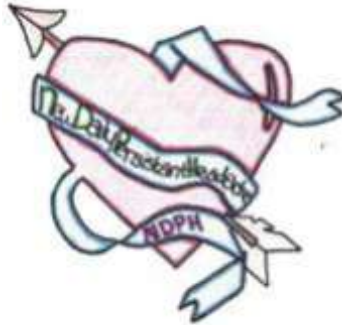
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