

December 2014

# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry And that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, And thy healing shall spring forth speedily; And thy righteousness shall go before thee. The glory of the LORD shall be thy reward." (Isiah 58:7-8)

At this time of the year, when we are reminded by the Maccabees' struggle for rededication to Temple and to our people and what it means to us today, may I say Thank You to those who have contributed to helping our Temple members who have been in difficulty. Your commitment through food, clothing and contributions for housing them has been greatly appreciated. Those of you who I have reached out to personally, and responded to my pleas, let me further say, "Yeshar Coach," (may you be made stronger through your Mitzvot).

The Maccabees fought a struggle to maintain our way of life. The Greeks, Syrians and even fellow birth Jews saw, the Greek life style as more to their liking. The words of Mattathias still ring out. "All who are for G-d and country follow me." We at Temple Beth Emet have as part of our manifesto the words, "All that is right in the eyes of G-d." So, what does G-d see as right? The Prophet Micah says, "Do justice, love loving mercy and walk humbly with your G-d (6:8)". If you see injustice, right it, if you are a merciful person, make it a part of your being. Love the action of being merciful. Normally, we discount infatuation as being false love. Not with mercy, be infatuated with doing merciful acts. As infatuation does not let you think of anything but the person to whom you are infatuated, being infatuated with mercy means not doing anything but showing mercy to people. On a practical level, even if you doubt the truth of the sadness of the situation shared, listen with a merciful ear. Let your soul take over and go to the place that says, "You will love your neighbor as yourself." Ask yourself, "what would I want people to do for me if these things had happened to me?"

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### SPECIAL EVENTS



**Hanukkah begins Wednesday, December 16th and ends Wednesday, December 24th. Happy Hanukkah to all!**

**World Kindertransport Day, December 2nd at Burbank Town Center/Mall. 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. (See page 18 for the flier.)**



**Family Service—Pizza Night begins at 6:00 PM, on December 5th. Service begins at 7:00 PM. Enjoy!**



**A Hanukkah message to all our Temple Members. . . While you're making out your list for Hanukkah gifts for your family, why not consider a financial gift for your Temple Family and make a tax-deductible donation to Temple Beth Emet of Burbank? Your thoughtfulness and generosity will be very much appreciated and it's a great way to wrap up the year with mitzvot.**



**Two special letters are included in this publication: A message from our Rebbetzin, Mina Sobel (on Page 5). And, a letter from Jerry Engelberg's brother, Kal Engelberg (on Page 8).**



## Religious Leadership

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\*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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who serve our community?**

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,  
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Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,  
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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email us at [office@Templebethemet.com](mailto:office@Templebethemet.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - December 2014

Hanukkah begins at sundown on Tuesday, December 16. I invite you to join us each night of Hanukkah at the Burbank Town Center on the third floor just outside of Burlington Coat Factory as we light the hanukkiyah. There will be a different activity each evening as we share our celebration with our neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Temple family -- please participate!



How did Hanukkah turn from a minor festival, not even mentioned in the Bible, to something that, as *Time* magazine reported in 2011, "the most celebrated Jewish holiday in the U.S.?" I had always thought that the elevation of Hanukkah coincided with the rise of the suburbs. Jewish families were no longer living in Jewish neighborhoods and were suddenly surrounded by the lights, sounds, cheer and, of course, presents associated with Christmas. I surmised that Jewish parents amped up Hanukkah in an attempt to keep their children from feeling deprived. It turns out that the increase in importance of Hanukkah in the United States started a century earlier.

In her book, *Hanukkah in America: A History*, Dianne Ashton, a professor at Rowan University, explores how the observance of Hanukkah in the United States has evolved from the earliest day of the country to the present day. The increased interest in Hanukkah began in earnest in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century with increased interest in the Maccabees themselves. They became the center of debate regarding who, if anyone, would be the official Jewish religious leadership in the United States. That debate evolved into a disagreement between reformers and traditionalists as to the nature of American Judaism itself. Reformers stressed the themes in the Hanukkah story of the struggle for freedom, while traditionalists stressed the need to turn away from assimilating influences and return to traditional Judaism as the Maccabees had led the people away from Hellenistic influences culminating in the rededication of the Temple.

As the Reform movement grew to dominance in American Jewry, groups such as the Young Men's Hebrew Association organized spectacles with music, drama, and speeches. By the close of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century the Reform movement especially had embraced Hanukkah as a means to keep Jewish children engaged in Judaism. Hanukkah celebrations at that time were largely centered in the synagogue and later in Jewish communal organizations. The realization soon grew in both reformist and traditionalist circles that by emphasizing communal celebration, the value of domestic rituals was being diminished. As the home celebration of Hanukkah gained attention, the tradition of gift giving as we know it developed.

The transformation of the celebration of Hanukkah did not develop in a vacuum, but paralleled developments in Jewish communities world-wide. It also developed as a reaction to the evolution of Christmas into the American holiday it has become -- sometimes borrowing or imitating aspects, and other times emphasizing the need to maintain a separate Jewish identity.

Today, Hanukkah has found its place in the greater American holiday season. It appears in advertisement and merchandising. Even the 99 Cent store has a Hanukkah end cap! It is better understood by our neighbors, although from time to time we still have to correct the misconception that it is "Jewish Christmas." It has even evoked jealousy from our neighbor's children that our children get gifts for eight nights.

Ashton leaves us with the following perspective of our holiday:

"Hanukkah gave American Jews an annual occasion to ponder the demands of Jewish loyalty, the dangers of dissension among Jews, and the courage they would need to remain faithful Jews during the Christmas season, when their minority status became most vivid. At the same time, as we have seen, Hanukkah also provided a vehicle for reaching the social goals of enhancing familial bonds, educating children, and promoting communal ties. With so rich a capacity to improve and enlighten Jewish lives, Hanukkah achieved a new, more significant place in the American Jewish calendar than it had known in two thousand years of Jewish history."

May we all have a very happy Hanukkah, a joyful holiday season, and a healthy and happy 2015.

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



## ***RABBI MARK SOBEL'S COLUMN, CONTINUED***

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Now there will be people who say, "This would never happen to me, I am too smart, too careful, too sharp." I am reminded of another quote by Tacitus, "It is part of human nature to hate the man you have hurt." So maybe the negativity of some was due to guilt. So, friends, let us take our guilt and channel it into pride and joy as we continue to help each other. The above quote tells of G-d's belief in how a community exists together. At this time of Hanukkah, let us remember the miracle of the eight days of miracle with eight NEW ways to support our temple which, like the eternal light, ignite our imagination and heat our souls with the warmth of making TBE secure for now and for evermore. Like the wedding ring that is round in its shaft showing no beginning and no end, let our support for Temple and community, be as the Talmud says, "Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah," (mitzvos bringing mitzvos) giving rise to other gifts to our Temple and creating an everlasting orb of never ending help to each other, to our Temple and our Community.

B' Hanukkah and B' Ahava,

Rabbi Mark



## **EDUCATION MATTERS - RSPA PRESIDENT, DAVID GOLDSTEIN**

The Religious School staff, students, and parents would like to cordially invite all Temple members, their friends and families to our 2nd Annual Fundraising Performance of "Hanukkah, The Musical!" on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 AM. We are asking a suggested donation of \$7 per person this year, which includes the performance and a sufganiyot (Hanukkah donut) with all proceeds going to benefit our Temple. Following the performance, a food truck from CanTERS Deli will be at the Temple with food available for purchase at an affordable price, with a portion of their sales being donated back to our Temple. The performance was lot of fun and a big hit with family and friends last year, so please plan on joining us for this fun and festive day. After getting off to a great start last month, our Adult Education Series "Jerusalem Through The Ages" continues on December 9th at 7:00 PM and will continue monthly on Tuesday evenings through March of 2015. Please join us for this informative lecture and discussion series led by Rabbi Sobel. Finally, keep an eye out for your invitation to our annual Non-Event Fundraising Gala which will arrive this month, nothing to attend, nowhere to go, just an opportunity to make a real difference to the future of our Temple with your tax deductible donation by December 31st, please consider donating as generously as you can.

David Goldstein  
President, RSPA



Dear Members of the Congregation of Temple Beth Emet,

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank all of you for your calls, your coming to the memorial service, your cards and your sweet and fragrant gifts. My father, **Moshe Ben Y'hezkel**, was a man who loved Judaism and, through his Judaism, saw the good in all people. My sisters, my brother, my mother and I all miss him greatly, but through the efforts of friends like you the pain has been made just a bit bearable.

Thank you again,

Rebbetzin Mina



"The Temple With A Heart"

# Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

presents

**Adult Education Series 2014-15**

## ***"Jerusalem Through The Ages"***

*The Center Of The Conflict*

**Our Five Session Series will be held on Tuesday evenings starting in November of 2014 and continuing through March of 2015.**

November 11	Introduction- Pagan Jerusalem, David's Jerusalem, Nebudchanezer's Jerusalem
December 9	Second Temple Period to Aelia Capitolina - The Conflict of Jews Versus Jews, Greeks, Syrians and Romans
January 13	Christian to Moslem to Christian to Moslem From the Arab conquest to the Crusades to the Arab reconquest
February 10	The Later Moslem Empire- The Mamluks to the Ottomans
March 10	The Beginning of Modern Jerusalem- From the Windmill to the Mufti to the Division to the Reunification



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

Each session runs from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Classes are held at Temple Beth Emet, Blum Hall.

***Temple Beth Emet is located: 600 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank CA 91505***

*[www.templebethemet.com](http://www.templebethemet.com)*

Suggested donation of \$5 per session or \$20 for the entire series.

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

## ONEG SHABBAT

Temple Beth Emet is in *dire* need of Member Assistance!

WE NEED: Sponsors, Shoppers, Set-Up and Clean-Up  
Volunteers

By volunteering for these invaluable tasks, you will be doing  
a GREAT Mitzvah!

Laura Soroka, TBE's Oneg Coordinator, is more than  
happy to assist you in planning, answering your questions  
or helping you with any suggestions you may have.

Please contact her at:

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Enjoy the break from the oppressive summer  
heat! Happy Winter!

Best wishes from your editor,

Barbara Lux

We are continuing with our **Second Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class**, presented by me, Rabbi Mark Sobel. The classes are on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Temple Sanctuary.

The first class began on Monday, October 20th. 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



### Friday Fun For All Pizza Night

We will be serving pizza and salad on the **First Friday of every month at 6:00 PM** before service. You won't have to worry about cooking dinner, 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

*Everyone is welcome!*



# A LETTER FROM KAL ENGELBERG

Kalvin Engelberg

November 12, 2014

Rabbi Mark Sobel  
Temple Beth Emet  
600 North Buena Vista Street  
Burbank, CA 91505

Dear Rabbi Mark:

I am writing to you, Rabbi Mark, as the spiritual leader of the Temple, but this letter is really about, and for, so many others. Let me explain. On behalf of my family, including my wife Julie, my son Tony, and my brother Jerry, I want to again thank everyone involved in the planning of the Memorial Service for my brother. I also want to thank everyone who participated in the Service itself, as well as those who helped prepare the Temple, the seating for the Service, the dining area, the very meaningful display in the hallway, and the personalized Kippot. The Temple looked wonderful! I want to thank everyone who spoke about their own personal experiences with Jerry. I know standing in front of any group is hard. It is perhaps even harder to stand before people you know and share something personal. On this day, everyone was so eloquent and so sincere. What I felt from everyone was love for Jerry.

I want to thank all of the people who helped prepare and serve the incredible food that we ate. I ate, and ate to the point that I had to forgo my dinner. My wife will verify, and my waistline will confirm, that I rarely miss any meal, but on that day. . . The food was delicious, and so plentiful! I also want to thank everyone who approached me, my wife and my son while we were eating, and afterward, to share with us how Jerry had touched their lives and their hearts. I want to thank those responsible for the tribute from **the Navy. While Jerry's time spent in the Navy was a period of great concern for our parents, it was the springboard for his career** in the United States Post Office and a lifetime source of pride. I know I am missing many people who were involved behind the scenes, both in the planning and on the day of the Memorial Service. I want to thank them, too. They know who they are and just how important they were to the overall success of the day. My hope is that you, Rabbi Mark, and the entire congregation praise them, as well as those individuals who may have had a more visible role. I believe Jerry was one of those behind the scenes people for other activities at the Temple. Without these unsung heroes, the Memorial Service would not have been the incredible day that it was, and the Temple itself can not continue to be the kind of place where so many people can be brought together to support, share and to express love.

I must admit that we were overwhelmed by all that occurred that day. Jerry, I think, would have been very appreciative, a little embarrassed, and definitely confused. He would have been surprised and a little embarrassed that so many did so much and said so many nice things about him. We were taught to always try to do what needs to be done to the best of our abilities, and to do it behind the scenes, if possible. We were taught not to seek personal recognition, and that knowing that you always tried to do the right thing, **to the best of your abilities, was reward enough. But, and this is a big BUT, in Jerry's case, he did not feel that anyone** appreciated *what* he did. Yes, he was always around, but did anyone even notice that where there once was a burned out light bulb, that now a new bulb burns brightly? He did not think that anyone cared. In the end, he was truly concerned about the viability of the Temple. How I wish that he was physically at the Memorial Service, because what happened that day proved him wrong. We saw that people at Beth Emet *do* care, and are able and willing to do whatever is needed to accomplish a task. For your role, as spiritual leader of the Temple, I want to thank you, Rabbi Mark, for creating and sustaining an environment where people can and do work together and feel safe in sharing a part of themselves. The great sadness for me is that it only happened after Jerry was gone. So many people came together, each with their own role to play, to make the Memorial Service such a wonderful day. I sincerely hope that everyone was not so busy that they missed the opportunity to see and feel what was happening that day. It is my sincere hope that members of the Temple continue to care about the Temple, and about each other. Our dad used to often say that two simple words can go a long way. The words? "Thank you." So, remember to say those two little words, **I want to thank everyone for the little things you do to make the Temple and the community a better place.**

Most Sincerely,

Kalvin Engelberg





# Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shoppe

*The Gift Shop is filled with products for all your Judaic needs. All items are reasonably priced. There are wonderful gift items in stock for birthdays and Hanukkah.*

**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 the Temple Office  
at (818) 843-4787 if a  
Temple Member is sick or  
hospitalized.**

Please keep Bruce Bigley in your thoughts and prayers. We pray that he has a complete and swift recovery from his illness that brought him to the hospital. Get well soon, Bruce.



## **SISTERHOOD SIDELINES – DECEMBER 2014**

### **HAPPY HANUKKAH TO ALL OF YOU!**

Hanukkah is not just for kids, you know. Parents, Grandparents, Great Grandparents and everyone else can enjoy the Festival of Lights. The candle lighting ceremony in the Burbank Mall which is provided by our Rabbi and religious school is a great way to participate in the festivities.

There will be a Hanukkah Show at Temple presented by the religious school on December 13<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure the children and their families are looking forward to it and a lot of other people will want to see it also. After the show, Sisterhood will have the Gift Shoppe open so that everyone can browse and select items to purchase. We have a lovely selection for the Hanukkah holiday and for gifts you may want to give to others or to yourself. Come see the variety of Menorahs that we have. You may want your child to have his/her own. It is nice to have more than one Menorah in our homes. See the flyers in this issue of Chai Times and the Calendar of Events about Hanukkah "doings."

Our November meeting was on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> so it was a busy time for all of us. We had a good turn out at Bob's --- we counted 51 people and we thank everyone who participated. Carole Eisinger brought people from her office. Others brought family members and friends and it was great to see them all there. We were especially happy to see Jonathan Goldstein. We hadn't seen him for too long.

We still don't know exactly how much we made at Bob's but it will be 20% of the receipts. We made \$378 profit on the Honey Boxes that we sold and mailed for Rosh Hashanah. Also, we had a lovely thank you note from the Department of Veteran Affairs for the boxes we donated to them, thanks to Iris Abrams who delivered them.

We don't make huge sums of money, but every little bit adds up and along with the dues we collect, the Gift Shoppe sales and other events, we are able to make yearly contributions to our Temple.

We invite all women and interested men to join us, and help us, as we endeavor to help our Temple. Checks for dues can be made to TBE Sisterhood for \$15.

Next meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be served.

Shalom,

Ruth Glick, VP





*Our deepest sympathy goes out to our Rabbi and Rebbetzin, and their entire family, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Moussa Hakakha. Rabbi and Rebbetzin, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*The Congregation  
of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank*

#### WHAT A BLESSING!

Our Temple was honored to have a bris performed within our walls. A beautiful, young family with a two-year old daughter and a newborn son, brought this Temple the greatest gift of all. They gave us the strength to keep going and the will to believe that, as Jews, we will survive. They embodied that spirit as they committed their son to carry on our beliefs, rituals and traditions.

Thank you.

On behalf of the entire congregation,

Barbara Bolter  
Chairman, Membership Committee





Happy Anniversary!!

Bonnie & Stuart Friedman ~ December 8th

Marc & Cindy Becker ~ December 19th

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Join the Temple Beth Emet of Burbank Facebook group! Share relevant Jewish issues, timely messages, and pictures with your Temple Family and receive notices and information, as well.



## Havurah (a gathering of friends) Happenings

Havurah חבורה



**Havurah Simcha L'Chaim:**

**Find out more information about Havurah in next month's issue of the "Chai Times."**

	1	2 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	3 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 	4	5 7:00 PM SHABBAT SERVICE Family Service Pizza Night begins at 6:00 PM 	6
7 9:00 AM Religious School  10:00 AM Sisterhood Meeting	8	9 7:00 PM Adult Education, Presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel ~ Second Temple Period Aelia—Capitolina The Conflict of Jews vs. Jews, Greeks, Syrians and Romans	10 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 	11	12 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	13
14 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM Religious School Parents Assn. Meeting 11:00 AM Presentation of "Hanukkah, The Musical!" by the Religious School 	15 	16 6:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  Erev Hanukkah	17 7:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  1st Day of Hanukkah	18 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  2nd Day of Hanukkah	19 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE 6:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  3rd Day of Hanukkah	20 7:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  4th Day of Hanukkah
21 9:00 AM Religious School  7:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  5th Day of Hanukkah	22 7:00 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  6th Day of Hanukkah	23 7:30 PM Hanukkah at the Mall ~ See Below  7th Day of Hanukkah	24 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting   8th Day of Hanukkah	25	26 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	27
28 9:00 AM Religious School 	29	30	31 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 			 

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Coming Up This Month ~ Celebrate Hanukkah at the Burbank Town Center Mall:  
**TBE Religious School Presents, "Hanukkah, The Musical!" at Temple on Dec. 14th at 11:00 AM.**  
 Tuesday, December 16 - Excerpts from "Hanukkah, The Musical!" (The School Children) @ 6:30 PM  
 Wednesday, December 17- Make your own dreidel (Youth Group) @ 7:30 PM  
 Thursday, December 18- The Battles of the Maccabees (Gen. [Ret.] John Harrel) @ 7:30 PM  
 Friday, December 19 - Hanukkah and Shabbat (Rabbi Sobel) @ 6:30 PM  
 Saturday, December 20- Light unto the Nations (Rabbi Sobel) @ 7:30  
 Sunday, December 21- Video-Hanukkah at Bubbie's Boarding House @ 7:30  
 Monday December 22- Hanukkah in the Talmud (Adult B'nei Mitzvah class) @ 7:00  
 Tuesday December 23- Make Your own jelly doughnuts (Temple Membership) @ 7:30





NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<b><u>Remembered at Temple on December 5th</u></b>			<b><u>Remembered At Temple on December 19th, Continued</u></b>		
Sara Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	12/1	Raymond Reinhart	Dottie Pierce	12/17
Sadie Resnick	Sid Resnick	12/1	Milton Sobel	Rabbi Mark Sobel	12/17
Harriet Modler	Peter Modler	12/1	Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	12/17
Barbara Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	12/1	Ray Beck	Scott & Camille Beck	12/18
Alan Matays	Gail Arce	12/1	Ray Beck	Russ & Barbara Beck	12/18
Marc Kagen	Carole Eisinger	12/1	Solomon Murez	Herbert Murez	12/18
Donald Maydeck	Marshall Maydeck	12/2	Nathan M. Miller	Sara H. McCune	12/19
Sandy Reitman	Sandy Einbinder	12/2	Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	12/19
Leslie Fields	Soni Fields	12/3	Iris Gore	Dee Segall	12/19
Joseph B. Laing	Judy Laing	12/3	Edith Russell	M/M Gerald Baker	12/20
Sylvia Fishel	Jack Fishel	12/3	<b><u>Remembered At Temple on December 26th</u></b>		
Sharon Shuman	Joyce Feinsilber	12/4	Samuel J. Teller	Elaine Rubidoux	12/21
Peter Monico	Rabbi Mark Sobel	12/5	Harry Sternfeld	Audrey Bermack	12/21
Harvey Sedlezky	Anne Newman	12/5	Rivka Jerzy	Reuven Jerzy	12/22
Fanny Sillman	Lois Jones	12/6	Fred Friedman	Stuart Friedman	12/23
Leo Peckman	Congregation	12/6	Marion Goodman	Norman Goodman	12/24
Irving Spielvogel	Don Spielvogel	12/6	Anne Abramson	Shirley Abramson	12/23
Hacksun Lue	Merry Dacher	12/6	Dora Polay Halpern	Frances Luben	12/25
<b><u>Remembered At Temple on December 12th</u></b>			Sybil Factor	The Factor Family	12/25
Louis Di Bona	Frances Dibona	12/07	Isadore Shvalb	Louis Schwab	12/25
Roberta Braun	Valerie Bernath	12/07	Belle Millman	Sylvia Sutton	12/26
Annie Swedlove	Herbert Murez	12/08	Yael Rafaeli	Uri Rafaeli	12/26
Ida Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	12/08	Albert Lassofo	Marva Felchlin	12/26
Solomon Friedman	Jean Pollack	12/8	Robert Patterson	Charlotte Patterson	12/27
Golda Meir	Congregation	12/8	Leah Nudell	Mayer Nudell	12/27
Goldie Gelbart	Diane Linger	12/9	Bessie Dash	Jerry Dash	12/27
Mike Abrams	Pam Seyforth	12/9	Raja Tepper	Henry Tepper	12/27
Sylvia Rabin	Congregation	12/10	Donald A. Zahler	Adrienne Zahler	12/27
Sylvia Rabin	Monica Pink	12/10	Raquel Salame	Rosa Salame-Zevallos	12/27
Marty Feldman	Pamela Franklin	12/10	<b><u>Remembered At Temple on January 2015</u></b>		
Josie Rowe	Allan Rowe	12/10	Max Fishkin	Harriett Schwab	12/28
Sam Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	12/11	Sadie Weitzman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	12/31
Lenny Marcus	Jodi Nathan-Chugg	12/12	Gertrude Rosen	Sally Bachelis	12/31
Lenny Marcus	Tamara Thomas	12/12	Avraham Marco	M/M Jerry Dash	12/31
Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	12/13	Martin Glass	Anthony Glass	12/31
<b><u>Remembered At Temple on December 19</u></b>			Carol Pastor	Congregation	12/31
Szerena Weber	Bea Satmary	12/14			
Goldie Cone	Myra Sloves	12/14			
David Nudell	Mayer Nudell	12/14			
Ben Nudell	Mayer Nudell	12/14			
Louis Kanefsky	Marsha Cohen	12/15			
Fred Eisinger	John Eisinger	12/15			
Louis Resnick	Sid Resnick	12/15			

Martin Bibicoff remembering Abraham Bibicoff.  
Lillian G. Blakeman remembering Eva Gramowsky.  
Marlene Dreyfuss remembering Sam Miller and Frances Rose.  
Harriet Feinstein remembering Eva Pandrowitz.  
Lois Jones remembering Fanny Sillman.  
Bennett Kayser remembering Charles Kayser and Stephen Kayser.  
Eileen Martin remembering Frances Rose.  
Herbert Murez remembering Lillian Swedlove.  
Judy Peterson remembering her beloved Uncle Lee Stacel.  
Maretta Swartz remembering her beloved brother Lee Stacel.  
Ann Testa remembering her farther Joseph Testa.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16	1 <sup>st</sup> CANDLE—Excerpts from <i>Hanukkah the Music</i> (Our Religious School children perform) @6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17	2 <sup>nd</sup> CANDLE— Make your own dreidel (with our Youth Group) @7:30 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> CANDLE—The Battles of the Maccabees (Major General John Harrel, California Army National Guard [Ret.]) @ 7:30 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19	4 <sup>th</sup> CANDLE—Hanukkah and Shabbat (Rabbi Sobel) @6:30 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20	5 <sup>th</sup> CANDLE—Light unto the Nations (Rabbi Sobel) @7:30 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21	6 <sup>th</sup> CANDLE—Video- <i>Hanukkah at Bubbie's Boarding House</i> @7:30 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22	7 <sup>th</sup> CANDLE—Hanukkah in the Talmud ( Adult b'nei Mitzvah class) @7:00 PM
TUESDAY DECEMBER 23	8 <sup>th</sup> CANDLE—Make Your own jelly doughnuts ( Temple Membership) @7:30 PM



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