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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"Oh Mine GrandPa, to me he was so wonderful" (apologies to Eddie Fisher).

In two weeks, it will be Father's Day and I was thinking about one of my fathers, my maternal grandfather, Louis Altman, Aryeh Loeb Ben Avraham. He was born in New York City in 1907, a rarity for my generation, the son of immigrants from Bessarabia, Romania, near the Ukrainian border and the Caucasus Mountains. My grandfather's family owned a sheep ranch, and an inn near Nova Skitula, also unusual for Jews there, and my great-grandfather was a veteran of the Russo-Japanese War. My grandfather was a true self-made man. As par for the course, he left school at the end of the 6th grade to help his father in the fur business and later built his own retail business in the Bronx. He was a man who shined his shoes every day and went off to work to support his family, which at times was two generations and sometimes 3 (my cousins and I worked in his fur store from time to time, but more about that later). Maybe because he had to leave school at such an early age was why he always valued learning. One Saturday, I didn't come to work with him in the store. The next day when he called me to come over and visit, he only had one question, "Did you stay home from work because of school?" When I told him, "No, I just wanted to go out with my friends," all he said to me was, "I had to open the store an hour late because you were not there to open it with me." I was ashamed because, at that moment, he showed me with his words how valuable I was to the store that he spent a lifetime building. To many today that might sound strange, but let me go back in time about 2 years. My parents split up the Thursday after my Bar Mitzvah. In 1963, that was very rare and terribly embarrassing. Suddenly, I was one parent below my friends. To an eighth grader who was chubby with thick glasses it was like being exiled to *Outcastville*.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Happy Fathers Day!!!

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Congregation to elect Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Blum Hall. (See Page 13.)

Now, online, you can visit our website, templebethemet.com, or go directly to **YouTube**, to see Torah for Today, Rabbi Mark Sobel's weekly drash "podcast."

Family Service/Pizza Night at Temple at 6:00 PM - The first Friday of every month. Services begin at 7:00pm. (See Page 7 and the calendar on Page 8.)



The Men's Club will be hosting their All American Barbecue on Saturday, June 21st at 5:00 PM. (See their flier on Page 9.)



Check out the Thank You notice from our Religious School's K-1 Class on Page 12!

Fran Bernstein bids us all farewell. (See her message to the Temple Beth Emet family on Page 5 in the Chai Lights Section.) We will all miss her.





Religious Leadership

Rabbi Mark H. Sobel
Lay Cantor, Kyle Orlemann
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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who serve our community?**

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better serve our members, please call the office or
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – June 2014



I try not to get too full of myself, but I have a certain pride in these monthly messages. I hope that over the course of my various tenures as Temple President that I have at times informed, inspired, made you laugh, occasionally bring a tear to your eye, and overall made you realize just what a beautiful family we have here at Temple Beth Emet.

Since last August we have been running Jerry Engelberg's Corner. It is a place where Jerry can urge greater participation by the membership, vent his frustrations, and ask for help for tasks around the Temple. I understand that his column generates more comments than anything else that appears in the Chai Times. Even more than my columns!

We all know Jerry's reputation. It is a carefully crafted one of a curmudgeon. He has cultivated this reputation over many years of complaining, scolding, and stubbornly doing things the way he wants them done. He is not afraid to speak truth to power. He is not afraid to speak his mind. Many of those who have butted heads with him flee his wrath, only to later sit down with him and talk things out. The man, you see, is a pineapple: Thorny on the outside, sweet on the inside, with a tough core. Jerry has earned his right to be critical by the sweat of his brow. No one person at Temple Beth Emet does so many things for so many people and for the Temple itself.

What has Jerry asked of us in his monthly missives? That the leadership of the Temple act responsibly, that those who are part of the family participate in family activities, and that we all roll up our sleeves once in a while and get our hands dirty taking care of our house. Incredibly reasonable requests that too often go unanswered. He wants each of us to demonstrate the love and dedication to Temple Beth Emet that he has shown for so many years. We rely on him for so many things around here, but really we must all become people that the Temple relies upon to make events work, to fix things without the need to hire outside help, and to look for ways to help each other and our community without being told what needs to be done. We must all become people who speak up when something isn't right around here as long as we are also willing to be part of the solution. Anyone can complain, but unless you are willing to actually do something positive, it is just hot air.

Temple Beth Emet is blessed to have Jerry Engelberg, but we can sure use a lot more like him, and he can sure use a lot more help around here! If you don't know how you can contribute, you can start by reading his column on page 11 in this issue.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

But right before the school year began, in September, my grandfather called and my mother handed me the phone. My grandfather asked me, "Do you want to come and work for me in my store on Saturdays? I will pay you \$5 a day plus whatever tips you get from the customers." I agreed and from then on my self-respect grew. Especially that first Hanukkah season, when I was able to pay for my gifts to my family, specifically gifts for my little sister, Ellen. Let's be honest, having your own money to do with it as you please is truly exhilarating. Plus, how I earned the money was important too. I had to carry ladies' fur coats that, at the age of 13, were taller than I was; over my head so they wouldn't get wet from rain, snow or dirty slush. Little by little, the chubbiness became the muscleness. Without me knowing it, my grandfather, this epitome of Americana, from his FlorSheim Shoes to his Brooks Brothers suits, to being a Cesar Romero, the movie star of the 1940's, look alike, practiced Maimonides' highest level of Tzedakah. When someone is in trouble you enter into partnership with them. He made me a partner in his endeavors in both his business and love of planting rose bushes. Now, it may seem to some sacrilegious, but his ashes now give nourishment to my rose bushes as his teachings of rose bush planting gave nourishment to my self-image and self-worth as they grew, I grew in stature from his nourishing guidance. My grandfather was fluent in both Yiddish and English, but always struck me as being opposed to Traditional Judaism. He was not one to go to synagogue, except for the High Holidays and then, mostly to say Kaddish for his parents. But he *did* Judaism. He never turned a *shnorrer* [a beggar] away from his door. Sometimes, when I am in a Thrift shop and I see a key chain from Israel with the Priestly Blessing on it, I remember the elderly bearded men who would come into his store asking for money for the Yeshiva in Jerusalem and he would give them some gelt, without complaint, without batting an eye, without a frown. And they would give him some trinket in return. They were doing business, not begging. He taught me we take care of those in need, quietly, simply, caringly. One does not make a big deal, one just does. Years later, I found out that during the dark days before the Holocaust, my grandfather signed papers for a cousin to come to the U.S. He was taking responsibility for another mouth to feed even though he and my grandmother had three little children of their own to support in the dark days of the Great Depression. And, in 1973, when Israel was attacked on Yom Kippur, he was so angry that a country would be attacked on their holiest day that he became the leader of the United Israel Campaign in his condominium complex in Florida.

So why was my grandfather so opposed to organized religion? I would not find out about why that was until many years later, sitting with him at our home in West Hills. I asked him what his earliest memory of his mother, my great-grandmother was and he said it was waiting for her to come out of the Mikvah, the ritual bath. I said, "Grandpa, the mikvah? that, you remember, but you're not religious." He said, "My parents were, but I got turned off at an early age." I asked, "How?" expecting the worst. Grandpa said, "When I was a young lad (quaint was his speech), I asked the Rabbi lots of questions, and all he would answer me was 'Ish posht nisht,' it's not for you to know." And so, after a while, I stopped asking and stopped being interested."

Wow! What a further lesson I learned from my grandfather. If you want to stifle Judaism in young, eager, energetic young people tell them not to ask questions, it's for the Rabbi to know and they are not. These are just a few of the lessons my grandfather taught me. I was blessed to have my grandfather in my life for 47 years, Mina and the boys got to know him and know how much he loved them. And I learned so much from him: a) Value education, b) When someone is in trouble with their self-image, offer to give them the opportunity to change their lives, by earning a living or doing a needed activity, c) Remember to remind them of their value to the enterprise, and d) When anyone has a question to ask, explain to them, talk to them, and make sure you consider it important that they know the answer to all questions they are asking.

B'ahava and a Happy Father's Day to all,
Rabbi Mark



A MESSAGE TO OUR TEMPLE FAMILY FROM FRAN BERNSTEIN

To the Temple Beth Emet Family,

There are not enough words for me to say what is in my heart that I have for each one of you who have been on my journey all these years that I have spent here at my second home, Temple Beth Emet. There were many days when I thought we slept here, we worked hard, we played, we cried, we laughed. Everyone has been so kind to me in my days of troubled times and I thank you for that. There was always someone to give me a hug, a smile, a kind word, or an offer to help in any way.

Rabbi, all the children I had to teach were such gems ~ I thank you for letting me teach 2nd and 3rd Grade. It was such a joy on Sundays.

You know, a lifetime is too short and my warmest words are too few to thank those whose thoughtfulness brightens my days and touches my heart. You helped me make some of my best memories. Because all of you are the greatest and I will miss each and every one of you.

All my love,

Fran



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**

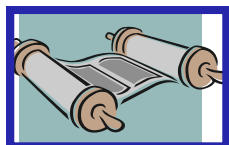


Family Promise helps low income families achieve lasting independence.

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

Family Promise rotations are on hiatus, due to financial concerns. We hope that Family Promise and the rotations will start again soon.

Now, online, at a convenient time for you, you can visit our website, templebethemet.com, or go directly to **YouTube, to see Torah for Today, Rabbi Mark Sobel's weekly drash "podcast."**



Happy Birthday!!!



Belated Happy Birthday to

Jodessa Bayer	May 24	Carly Gilmore	June 10
Milo Broms	June 1	Robert Feldman	June 11
Uri Rafaeli	June 7	Drew Thomas-Nathan	June 17
Carrie Greenleaf-Ross	June 7	Benjamin Fillman	June 20
Katelyn Rosen	June 7	Ruth Glick	June 21
Zoey Rosen	June 7	Wade (Bram) Lee	June 25
Rina Shavit	June 8	Zara Lee	June 25
Izzy Tiger	June 8	Jeffrey Fishel	June 26
Jon Goldstein	June 9	Kyllo Sparks	June 30



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



If you have a Facebook page, please feel free to add Temple Beth Emet as a Group to it. You can share relevant Jewish issues and timely messages with your Temple Family and receive notices and information, as well.

Happy June Anniversary

Rina Shavit and Nancy Weiner
June 21st

Barbara and Morris Bolter
June 28th

Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shoppe

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

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.

We all wish Andy Merrill a speedy recovery from his recent bypass surgery. We pray he will be back at Temple very soon.



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 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**

SISTERHOOD SIDELINES – JUNE 2014

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!

We met in Blum Hall on May 4th. After the minutes were read and the treasury report was given, the first item of discussion was How to Earn More Interest on our Savings Account. Is this account going to be used for Sisterhood to go on a cruise?? NO. NO. NO. The account is set aside to purchase a new air conditioner for Temple when our ailing A/C can no longer deliver cool air.

When you join Sisterhood and pay your dues, when you shop in our lovely Gift Shoppe and when you support our events, you are helping us build up this savings account. We encourage all women and interested men to join us as we endeavor to help our Temple.

On June 21st at 5pm, the Men's Club will present their annual family barbecue. Last year they had delicious food, a bounce house for the children and entertainment that provided fun for all. Let's all support the Men's Club and enjoy the barbecue. Like Sisterhood, they also support our Temple. See you there!

Sisterhood's next Temple event will be The Ice Cream Social on Sunday afternoon, August 24th. Last year was sooooo much fun. There will be ice cream of several flavors, toppings galore and everyone will create his/her own Sundae. We will play Bingo with practically unlimited prizes to win. Parents and children will have a wonderful afternoon together. Proceeds go to the air conditioning fund. Look for the flier in the July Chai Times.

Be on the lookout for Honey Boxes again this year. BUT, there will be new contents -----Coming in September.

IT'S TIME FOR SISTERHOOD ELECTIONS.







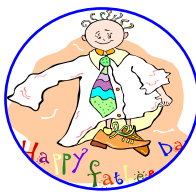





At our June meeting we will have nominations and elections of new officers. Iris Abrams will continue as our Treasurer. All other offices are open. Our Nominating Committee consists of Rina Shavit and Nancy Weiner. However, nominations are open and you are invited to nominate from the floor. If YOU would like to be a Sisterhood Officer, please nominate yourself. We have had wonderful, dedicated officers and now it is time for new people to step up and take over. We know you are out there and can do it!!

Next meeting and elections are June 1st at 10 am. Refreshments will be served. Please come and help select our new officers.

Shalom,

Ruth Glick, VP



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 AM Sisterhood Meeting & Election of New Officers 11:30 AM Family Promise Empty Bowl Event (See Page 12)	2	3  שבועות Erev Shavuot	4 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting  Happy Shavuot!	5 10:30 AM Shavuot Yizkor Svc. End of Shavuot	6 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Family Service 	7
8	9	10 7:00PM ~ Annual Meeting of the Members of the Congregation in Blum Hall to elect Officers & Directors of the Board.	11 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	12	13 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE 	14 9:30 AM Rachel Glass's Bat Mitzvah 
15 Happy Fathers' Day!! 	16	17	18 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	19 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 	20 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	21 6:00 PM Men's Club All American Annual Barbecue 
22	23	24	25 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	26	27 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	28 3:00 PM Aaron Cohen's Bar Mitzvah 
29	30	1	2	3	4 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	5
<p>Coming Up on June 1st, Family Promise of the Verdugos, EMPTY BOWL event. (See Page 12 of this issue.)</p> <p>Coming up on June 3rd-5th, Shavuot</p> <p>Coming up on Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00PM ~ Annual Meeting of the Members of the Congregation in Blum Hall to elect Officers & Directors of the Board. (See Page 13 of this issue.)</p> <p>Coming up on Sunday, June 15th all day ~ Celebrate Father's Day!</p> <p>Coming up on June 21st — 5:00 PM The Men's Club All American Barbecue. (See Page 16 of this issue.)</p>						



Temple Beth Emet Men's Club

All American Barbeque!

- **STEAK BURGERS,**
- **PREMIUM HOT DOGS**
- **TASTY VEGGIE BURGERS**
- **POTATO SALAD**
- **COLE SLAW**
- **WATERMELON**
- **FROZEN DESSERT BAR**



Saturday June 21, 2014
6:00 pm
Adults \$15
Children ages 6 to 13
\$10
CHILDREN under 6 free!



Due to limited space, you must have a reservation by June 18, 2014.
This event will be sold out at 100 reservations!
Remember, this is not only a great family outing, but you are helping the temple.
CALL/VISIT/MAIL THE OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS!



This year's special entertainment:
LARRY WILDER

Larry brings the heart and soul of Americana music and engages all ages. With his original and traditional songs, their compelling stories and stellar musicianship on guitar and banjo, you sing along as you feel part of our rich music heritage.



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NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
At Temple On June 6		
Susie Ferran	The Schaffer Family	6/1
Edith Schoen Borisoff	Paul Borisoff	6/2
Shirley Mason	Harriett Schwab	6/2
Esther Macabee	Alana Beltzer	6/3
Mildred Broomfield	Bernard Berman	6/3
Leonard N. Segall	Dee Segall	6/3
Sarah Weitzman	Jack Weitzman	6/5
Molly Burgh	Sheldon Burgh	6/6
Joseph Frischman	William Frischman	6/6
Barnet Lubenstein	Milton Luben	6/7
Mollie Steinmetz	Susan Levin	6/7
Rabbi William Kramer	Betty W. Kramer	6/8
Minerva Sandelman	Joyce Feinsilber	6/9
Maurice Beare	Audrey Beare	6/9
Karl Teller	Mickey Teller	6/10
Sidney Dash	Jerry Dash	6/10
Maggie Montalbano	Bea Satmary	6/11
Peter Goldman	M/M Ralph Sterling	6/11
Adele Pashow	Richard Emerson	6/12
Cecilia Feldman	Pamela Franklin	6/12
Grace Libman	Gerald Libman	6/12

At Temple on June 13

Samuel Polakoff	Bertha Yaras	6/15
Regina Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	6/16
Mary Mazor	Joan Strauss	6/16
Max Rosen	Elizabeth Rosen	6/16
Minnie Stacel	Leroy Stacel	6/16
Vivian Liberson	Philip Liberson	6/17
Ida Kadish	Elizabeth Rosen	6/17
Annie Salisch	The Salisch Fam.	6/17
Peter Hurkos	Stephanie Hurkos	6/18
William Blakeman	Lillian Blakeman	6/18
Irene E. Kleinberg	Carole Eisinger	6/18
Edward A. Goldsmith	Gary Goldsmith	6/18
Edward A. Goldsmith	Marion Goldsmith	6/18
Dorothy Copalowitz	Congregation	6/18
Stephen Kayser	Bennett Kayser	6/19

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>At Temple on June 20</u>		
Herman Hahn	Fritz Philipsborn	6/20
Ruth Levin	Nachama Bernard	6/20
Belle Klivans	Dean Klivans	6/21
Aleck Hoffman	Linda Kranz	6/21
Morris Feinsilber	William Feinsilber	6/21
Ida Shvalb	Louis Schwab	6/22
Helen Walton	Jeff Walton	6/23
Anna Carton	Elizabeth Rosen	6/23
James Pollard	Penny Pollard	6/23
Albert Nelson	Arda Paley	6/24
Nathan Mehlman	Phyllis Mehlman	6/26

At Temple on June 27

Frank Rattner	Arnold Rattner	6/27
Seymour Steinberg	Steve Daniels	6/27
Kay Miriam Ferris	Nissim Ferris	6/28
Simon Kramer	Betty W. Kramer	6/29
Jerry Fox	Jules Fox	6/29
Eugene Abrams	Steve Abrams Family	6/30

Lisa DeLuca, has made a Memorial Donation in loving memory of Samantha Wagner, who was born 1983 - and passed away on May 3, 2014.

Yahrzeit Donations

Laverne & Robert Cohen, in loving memory of Fannie Kurland Cohen

Sandy & Joel Coler, in loving memory of Irving Coler

Helen & Terry Goldwater, in loving memory of Marc Goldwater

Ruthe Granat, in loving memory of Betty Deutch

Julie Wasserman, in loving memory of Madelynne Wasserman

JERRY'S LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD



Good news! (Before I complain. . .) It was great to see so many of you at the Community Passover Seder. We had over 100 people enjoy the services and the great food. Why can't our other events go as well?

This includes Friday night services.

The Sisterhood is going to put together another cookbook. Recipes are needed, so put together your favorites and get ready to turn them in to the Sisterhood. Another Ice Cream Social is also being planned. The honey boxes are going to be made again this year, too. The Sisterhood is alive and active! For those of you who are not members of the Sisterhood: why haven't you joined them?

When you visit the Temple in the morning, say hello to Victoria or Edith, they work so hard to keep our Temple running smoothly.

Am I the only one who has anything to say in the way of a tribute? I know you have someone you would like to honor. This helps raise funds for the Temple AND it is a tax deductible expense.

The Men's Club will be having their All American Barbecue on June 21st, so plan to attend. There will be entertainment, good food and great conversation. This is the Men's Club fundraiser for the year, so plan to attend and help support The Men's Club. Men and women, why aren't you a member? The Men's Club needs your support. Why not join The Men's Club?

Fran Bernstein, from all of us at Temple Beth Emet, including me, we will miss you. May your trip to Michigan be a safe one, and your new life be everything you want it to be.

Now to complain, just a little. Have you seen how many light bulbs are out in our entryway? I counted five (5). Our gutters still need to be cleaned. If it should rain, we could sustain some real water damage. Our kitchen and storeroom are a mess! In other words, **HELP!** School is out, now is the time to help clean **OUR** Temple.

While I was looking around our Temple, I noticed there are many donations we do not have a use for. How about holding a Temple Parking Lot Sale? We can use the money, and look at all the items we can get rid of!

Two months ago, it was Saul Kaufman, last month Lucy Rafaeli, now I know I am getting old. When you go to more funerals than birthday parties, weddings and holidays combined. . . Lucy, may you rest in eternal peace.

I'm at most Friday Night Services, why aren't you?

Dear Fellow Congregants,



We are planning a Temple Trip to Israel! We now have a working relationship with a travel agent who will gladly give us a special discount on the tickets. If you or any of your family members are interested, please call the Temple office and leave a message for me. The telephone number is (818) 843-4787.

Shalom, Rabbi Mark

Family Promise Event and Tzedakah Appreciation

TEMPLE BETH EMET/FAMILY PROMISE EVENT

EMPTY BOWL

FUNDRAISER FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Please join me at the Family Promise Big Fundraiser of the year! "EMPTY BOWL" will take place this year on **Sunday, June 1st at 11:30am** at Glendale First United Methodist Church, 134 N Kenwood Street, in Glendale.

Guests purchase a ticket for a simple meal of soup, bread and dessert donated by area restaurants. Those purchasing an adult ticket will take home a beautiful, empty, hand-crafted ceramic bowl made by local artisans as a reminder of the hunger and uncertainty homeless families face every day.

Please contact Beth Marcus by phone at (818) 296-9770 or by email at info@FamilyPromiseVerdugos.org for more information or to buy a ticket.

Thank you.

Margaret Goldfarb, Coordinator



In Honor of
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A Tzedakah Contribution for 2014

*From Temple Beth Emet Religious School K-1 Class;
Miss Shirley Kirschenbaum, Miss Rachel Freeman and all the kids*

A big Thank you to: Rabbi Mark, David Goldstein, Margaret Goldfarb, The Men's Club, Jerry Engelberg, Ron Kurtz, Richard Emerson, Barbara Lux, Shirley Abramson, Barbara Bolter and all the Parents and Helpers who made the delicious and fun brunch for our Religious School on the last day of school. We all had fun and full tummies! Thank you very much!!!

TBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please take notice that in accordance with the By-Laws of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, the Annual Meeting of the membership will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Temple. The purpose of the meeting is the reception and reading of annual reports, the election of Officers and Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Nominated Slate of Officers for 2014—2015 Term

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 term:

President:	Ira Goldstein
Vice President:	John Harrell
Secretary:	Carrie Ross
Treasurer:	Jeff Fishel
Directors: (8 will be elected)	Shirley Abramson Barbara Bolter Jack Fishel David Goldstein Linda Harell Barbara Lux Andy Merrill Herb Murez Ken Watnick

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor, however, any person nominated must be present to accept nomination. All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the election of Officers and Directors.

TRIBUTE CERTIFICATE

Here is an idea you can implement to honor, congratulate, wish a happy birthday, anniversary, a get well wish, Yahrzeit, wedding, birth announcement, graduation, Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Whatever occasion you can think of, this is a delightful option.

Have a Tribute Certificate printed in the Chai Times!

A half-page costs only \$25.00

A full page costs only \$50.00

Extra donations in honor of the occasion are welcome.

Honor that someone special.

While honoring someone special, you will also be supporting Temple Beth Emet.

Tributes need to be requested by the 15th of the month for the next issue.

A tribute has been made in honor of

Jodessa Bayer.

A very happy [belated] 50th birthday!

May this birthday mark the beginning of the best years of your life.

יום הולדת שמח



A tribute has been made in honor of Rabbi Mark and Mina Sobel

I want to thank you for giving me my Jewish history and giving me more faith and soul than I thought I had.

You have both been there when I needed someone to talk to, or for comfort or a hug.

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THE TEMPLE BETH EMET MEN'S CLUB CORNER IT IS TIME TO CIRCLE
YOUR CALENDAR SO THAT YOU DON'T MISS ANOTHER GREAT
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June 21st — The Annual Men's Club Bar B Que — Beginning at 6PM,
including hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. . . plus a
“bounce house” and special entertainment. . . a great time to
start the first official day of summer, with friends and fellowship.
The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids—12 and under, with
kids under 5 are **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** To give us an idea of
how much food to buy, please make a reservation by calling the
Temple office. We are limited on space, so please call soon!

Let's all celebrate the beginning of summer on the longest day
of the year!





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Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone.

Did you know that you can get on an automatic mailing to those in need of well wishes by contacting the office?

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