

May 2014



Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"Y'v'rechka B'tzeteka v'Y'v'rechka b'boeka
(May you be Blessed as you go out and May you
be Blessed as you come back) [Hebrew Prayer]

As we come to the close of another school year, I reflect on the changes we have seen. Our confirmation class and sixth and seventh grade has grown in enrollment as has our youth group. We have expanded our outreach programs, especially Sh'loch Manot, school fundraisers and parent teacher co-operation, to name a few, due to the efforts of David Goldstein and our Parent Group. But my joys are tinged with sadness more so than normal with the end of the academic year because we are losing two of our dedicated and loving teachers. Fran Bernstein is leaving us for the great Jewish Community of Detroit, Michigan. If it doesn't embarrass her too much, I will share with you a secret. She is going there to prove that love is eternal and conquers all; including time, distance and cold weather. While I am speaking about Fran, let me give you some details about her commitment to Temple Beth Emet. In addition to being a member of my faculty for the past four years, she served on the Temple Board as Vice President for many years. She is also a former Sisterhood President and was instrumental in upgrading the Helen Pappert gift shop and acquiring the sign board on Buena Vista Street, so the community could see all that we do and learn what we believe in. Also, she and husband Eddie, Z"L, were students in my Adult Class and helped lead many good discussions. She was the loving Chauffeur of her mother, Bertha, and they attended many Temple functions after the passing of Eddie. Back to the classroom; her creative teachings, especially in the kinetic world, have kept her second and third grade students enamored with her program. We are very sorry to see her go and wish the Jews of Detroit and environs much success with her being there. My family promise to visit when the thermometer is in the humane range. Shalom, Fran.

Ryan Fishman assists Fran's class in their learning of Hebrew and kinetic learning. Last year he was in our Media Center preparing the computers for use by our children. To his credit, when the assignment changed, he took the new one on willingly and has been a tremendous asset to Fran and our entire program. As if he was not busy enough, he has been one of our leaders in the youth group. We will miss him as well; he is leaving us for love, too, love of knowledge. He begins college in the fall and has been conscientiously looking at possible places of higher learning. We wish him well, as we do all our children who are graduating this year. We look forward to their return from where they travel and hope they will visit us and share what they have learned with our students.

As I was putting this column together, I thought the TBE family would like to know more about our faculty.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Please try to attend ~ Days of Remembrance
Community Commemoration of the Holocaust,
Tuesday, May 6, 7:45 pm, First Presbyterian
Church, 521 E. Olive Ave., Burbank.

Israel Independence Day and Lag
B'Omer are this month.
Please check the calendar on Page 8.)



Sunday, May 18th is The Men's Club All
Temple Brunch, sponsored by The Men's
Club, to celebrate the last day of school.
(See Page 16 for details.)

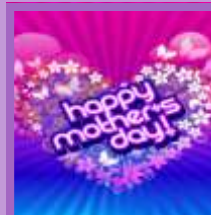
Look at Page 14 of this issue for the announce-
ment of the next Annual Meeting of the
Congregation on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

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.)



Check out Laura Soroka's mini-flier regarding
Oneg Shabbat Hosting. Also, a special
announcement from the Sisterhood regarding
tallit (See mini-fliers on Page 15.)





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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Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – May 2014



Last month we celebrated Passover, the festival marking the liberation of our people from slavery into freedom. Seven weeks after Passover, we celebrate Shavuot, which commemorates the events at the foot of Sinai, where we, a nation of former slaves newly free, learned something about freedom – freedom isn't free. Shavuot begins the evening of June 3 this year.

Here in the United States, the phrase “freedom isn't free” is often used to honor the sacrifice of those who died in the defense of freedom, and so that idiom is invoked this time of year when we observe Memorial Day. As Lincoln observed, “it is altogether fitting and proper that we do this.” Those who have given “the last full measure of devotion” deserve our honor and respect, and the memory of their lives is important to keep not only on Memorial Day, but every day. But when I say that at Sinai we learned that freedom isn't free, I am not talking about being willing to sacrifice one's life to preserve the blessing of liberty for our citizenry. I am talking about the fact that a free people have a responsibility beyond the willingness to die, and that is the duty to live in a certain manner.

We have an obligation to treat each other with respect and honesty in our personal and business relations. We have an obligation to refrain from deceit and resist jealousy. We have an obligation to apply our laws equally. We have an obligation to care for those who are in need. We have an obligation to seek justice and act justly. These obligations do not just apply to our fellow nation-folk, but to everyone and everything.

This, then, is the price of freedom; and it was explained to us at Sinai and given to us in the form of the Torah. It was given to us not quite two months after our escape from Egypt. In a sense, prior to Mount Sinai, we were twelve tribes of people with common heritage hurrying through the desert, looking over our shoulder to make sure we were not being pursued. After Sinai we were one people with one ethic and value system – *a real nation*.

Although Shavuot is one of the three pilgrimage holidays (Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot) and thus one of the four times Yizkor is observed, it does not seem to get its fair share of attention among American Jews. Although I was raised in a Conservative household, it was not until I was an adult that I understood how significant Shavuot is. More than just an occasion for Confirmation ceremonies and eating blintzes, it commemorates when we became a holy people – bound to our God by a permanent and eternal covenant, and entrusted with our greatest treasure, our Torah.

As we, as Americans, observe Memorial Day, honoring the price paid for freedom by those in our armed forces, let us also remember what freedom demands of each of us as Jews. It is not giving your life, it is living your life.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

Shirley Kirshenbaum, our K-1 Teacher has been a member of our faculty since 1987. She and I have taught together since 1973 at Temple Beth Torah, and she has been the mentor of other Judaica teachers at such synagogues as; Adat Ari El, Valley Beth Shalom, and Temple Aliyah. Further, she was a pre-school teacher at Temple Ramat Zion for several years. Taking her work home with her, Shirley assisted Vista Del Mar in their foster care program. She is a phenomenal story teller and creator of unique Judaica.

Robyn Kreisberg, our Music Director, came to our faculty in 2001 after she volunteered to help another one of our former faculty members, Cantor/Rabbi Mark Goodman, and our school students perform at the Valley cities JCC. They performed brilliantly and we hired Robyn. She currently is a Burbank Unified District Music Specialist, as well as a private music teacher. More so, she is truly one of the most creative people I have known, and helps our children reach heights of Judaic Musicology that they don't feel they could ever achieve.

Mahnaz Termechi, our B"M class and Hebrew Specialist, has taught for us several lower elementary grades, as well as the Hebrew sixth and seventh grade Hebrew Program. She currently assists in Special Education for the LAUSD and has taught at Temple Ramat Zion, and the Kadima Day School. She helped to standardize the learning and testing of the Prayer Packets, so it is easier for the students to prepare for their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs.

Martin Greenfield, our Confirmation Class Teacher, has been with our school since he was a student, a teaching assistant and a full teacher. He is a graduate in Judaic studies at CSUN. He is the co-leader of our Youth Group, AZA. One of our pleasures, as a religious institution, is that our post-Bar or Bat Mitzvah students continue their Judaic "education," either formally in class or through the Youth Group. The growth in size of both is a joy to all of us.

Joshua Sobel, our sixth grade and seventh grade teacher, has taught Religious School age children from 6th grade until High School in Sacramento and Davis. Upon his return home from there, in 2010, he has been a member of our faculty. He has co-chaired the Youth Group since 2012 and has recently decided to go back to school to earn a degree in organizational management with an emphasis on non-profit organizations. As an acknowledged artist, Joshua has introduced the use of the graphic novel, Maus, into his Holocaust Unit of study.

Tanya Mishkanian, our teacher of fourth and fifth grade, while still a student herself, comes from the day school movement and is a former teaching assistant at our school. Her quiet demeanor, in deference to the Educational Director, has paid dividends with her students, as they respect her and accomplish what is necessary to be successful in her class. She can be seen often preparing new and different materials, as she is aware that all students may learn differently.

Rachel Freeman joins Shirley in the K-1 classroom and in her own right teaches the children when they break into small groups. As we have had several special needs students in our program over the years, Rachel's experience for the BUSD in Special Education has made her invaluable to us. She credits her communication expertise in the radio world, she was once a producer, to the time she has spent with our students. She feels they have really sharpened her skills. Currently, she is undecided about which Education Course to pursue for a graduate degree, but whatever she does, we know she will be successful.

Barbara Lux-Smith comes to us after several years working at Temple Sinai of Glendale, where she taught elementary social studies for them. This year, she arranged with both Tanya and Fran to do history, life cycle readings and storytelling with both classes. We should not be surprised; she and Bill Abramson have been preparing our library for the use of our congregants, as well as the students of the BUSD, who have the Holocaust as a unit of study in High School.

I hope this has given you a glimpse of our faculty. Words cannot alone tell the full story of their efforts for our children, nor their commitment to Judaism and our Temple. It is my honor to work with them and to have them on the Temple Beth Emet team. May our children as well as all the children of all the nations of all the world have a happy vacation.

B'ahava,
Rabbi Mark

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

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To find out more or form a new one
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HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE AN ANGEL?

Would you describe a tiny little lady with an enormously loving heart, compassionate spirit and a fine mind?

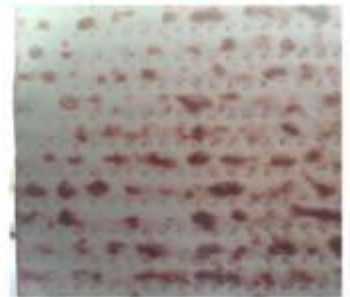
Would you describe a woman who has held the torch of freedom a remembrance for Holocaust Survivors and their families?

Would you describe a TBE member and secretary for a very long time?

The Board of Directors of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank has voted to award a lifetime, honorary membership to our own, Sylvia Sutton. Congratulations, Sylvia!

Thank You!!

Thank you for so many things, Jerry Engelberg! The most recent, a wonderful color printer, so we can produce this Chai Times newsletter as it is now. Jerry not only donated the printer, he drives to the Temple and assists in printing the Chai Times and distributing it, as well. And that is *only one of the many, many* things Jerry Engelberg does for our Temple.



Passover Seder, April 19, 2014: (clockwise from left): Robyn Kreisberg, Musical Director, playing lovely Passover songs. The Kitchen Crew: Diane Weisman, Barbara Lux-Smith, Shirley Abramson, Diane Goldstein, Margaret Goldfarb, Mary Ellen, Barbara "Bubbles" Bolter, Ira Goldstein. A father and baby boy, Sylvia Sutton. Matzo, aka; "the bread of our affliction." Ira Goldstein and Barbara Bolter, again. A father and baby boy. Ron Kurtz with Cody Weisman.

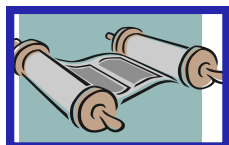


Family Promise helps low income families achieve lasting independence.

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
Fran Bernstein April 24**

Ethan Blank	May3	Kevin Colton	May 19
Megan Ross	May3	Allison Abrams	May 20
Marla Goldberg	May 4	Geniah Caitlyn Avila	May 20
Sandra Coler	May 5	Lindsay Yarus	May 22
Leslie Nathan	May 6	Erica Bolotsky	May 23
James Ruvaloaba	May 7	Tamara Goldstein	May 30
Maya Paster	May 8	Emily Hyman	May 30
Madison Pechickjian	May 15		



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 May Anniversary

Brendan Broms & Dana Schwartz
Russell & Barbara Beck
Jack & Debra Fishel
Brian & Andrea McKinnon

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.

Ruth Glick, Vice President of the Temple Sisterhood has been ill. She is on the mend, but she still needs our prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences goes to Celia Kaufman and Barry Kaufman on the loss of Saul Kaufman last month.



"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

WE LOVE MOM!

Jewish proverb: "God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."

It is with personal regret but with warm wishes that I announce that our past sisterhood president, Fran Bernstein is leaving us and leaving our state. She, along with her late husband Eddie and mother Bertha have provided us with many years of devoted service. She has been a friend to all with her cheerfulness and thoughtfulness. We know you all join us in wishing Fran well as she starts a new chapter in her life.

Another member we miss is Sylvia Sutton. We have come to depend on Sylvia's competence and skill and commitment to excellence. She has provided us with many years of devoted service. Get well soon, Sylvia.

Judy Kravetz was at our last meeting, YEAH! Happy to learn that she is on the mend. Ruth Glick has been on the sick list, but I am happy to report that, as of this writing, she too is on the mend.

Looking for a gift for Mother's Day? Our gift shop is stocked with some very beautiful one-of-a-kind items including hand painted silk scarves and lovely necklaces and earrings that will make a very nice gift for that special lady, all at reasonable prices.

A marvelous opportunity exists for you to help sisterhood help our Temple. It's election time again and time to think about what office you would like to take or what committee you would like to be on in the coming year. If you would like to take an office or would like to offer your talents in other ways, contact Shirley Abramson at **818-985-2243**.

Shirley Abramson
Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood President



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	2 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Family Service 	3
4 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Sisterhood Mtg. Israel Memorial Day	5 Israel Independence Day 	7:45PM Days of Remembrance Community Commemoration (See lavender section below for address and time.)	7	8 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	9 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	10
11 9:00 AM Religious School 	12  Lag Ba'Omer	13 7:00 PM Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors	14 	15 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	16 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	17
18 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM All Temple Men's Club Brunch ~ (See lavender section below)	19	20	21	22 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Club Business Meeting 	23 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	24
25 9:00 AM Religious School	26  Memorial Day	27	28	29 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	30 7:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE	31
SAVE THE DATE: Days of Remembrance Community Commemoration of the Holocaust, Tuesday, May 6, 7:45 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 521 E. Olive Avenue, Burbank	SAVE THE DATE: All Temple Men's Club Brunch ~ celebrating the last day of school. Students & parents and the faculty are invited. May 18th @ 10 AM In Blum Hall ~ Sponsored by The Men's Club	Coming Up on June 1st, Family Promise of the Verdugos, EMPTY BOWL event. (See Page 14 of this issue.) Coming up on June 4th, Shavuot 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 14 of this issue.) Coming up on Sunday, June 15th all day ~ Celebrate Father's Day! Coming up on June 21st — The Annual Men's Club Bar B Que at 5:00 PM. (See Page 17 of this issue.)				



In this photo, we were playing a game called the human knot. This involved teamwork to unravel a group of kids with hands being held with different individuals and you cannot release hands. In this picture you see Sharon Basch of D'vash BBG and Emma Greenberg of Lillith BBG. You also see Jared Renard from Zion AZA along with many others.



In this photo, we were doing the same activity except with more people. In this shot, you see people from all four chapters. These people include; Jared Renard, Tyler Wainfeld, Samuel McKinnon, Nick Zevallos, Spencer Kierstein, and many more. It took quite a while, but we eventually untangled the knot!

Hello TBE Family!

Knesset would like to wish you all a Happy Passover and we hope all of your Seders are wonderful! Recently Knesset had an event that involved four different chapters (groups) from our Pacific Western Region. The involved chapters were Zion, based in Northridge, along with their sister chapter, D'vash and our chapter Knesset, along with our sister chapter, Lillith. The event was a Passover themed night that took place on Sunday and started around 3:30 PM. Many entertaining programs that involved improv skits and making a human knot were centered around the values and traditions of Passover. We had a very mellow Seder plate. The event went extremely well and our newest members met many new people from our Pacific Western Region. If you have a teen that would be interested in joining this incredible youth group come to a meeting every Wednesday from 7:30pm-8:30pm at Temple Beth Emet.

Kevin Colton
Chapter Gadol, Knesset, AZA



In this photo, we see our very own Sam McKinnon explaining the rules to a new program that was being conducted at the Passover service. Also, in this photo, you see Gabrielle Tuchman of D'vash BBG and Drew Nathan from Knesset AZA!



NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>At Temple On 5/2/14</u>			<u>At Temple On 5/23/14</u>		
Ruth Friedman	Sylvia Schuster	5/1	Pesha B. Lubenstein	Milton Luben	5/23
Milton Eliasoff	Susan Fields	5/1	Irving Coler	Joel Coler	5/23
Ernest Abdo	Vicki Margolin	5/2	Betty Deutch	Ruthe Granat	5/23
Mario Guzman	Lila Tepper	5/3	Sidney R. Sugerman	Manuel Silverstein	5/23
Sidney Zober	Maurine Zober Gold	5/3	Belle Burns	Frank Burns	5/25
Maier M. Levin	Mark Fisher	5/3	Adele Abdo	Vicki Margolin	5/26
Stanley Katzman	Charlotte Nemet	5/3	Ilona Frommer	Elisa Gally	5/26
Rita Hoffman	Shirley Carb	5/4	Sarah Balas	Helene Weiser	5/26
Rita Hoffman	Todd Carb	5/4	Marc Goldwater	Helen Goldwater	5/27
Dora Silverstein	Manuel Silverstein	5/4	Marc Goldwater	Terry Goldwater	5/27
Morris Silber	Linda & Jack Kranz	5/5	Julian Frank	David Frank	5/27
Henrietta Bienstock	Barbara Beck	5/5	Irene J. Kleinberg	Carole Eisinger	5/28
Beatrice Manners	Susie Manners	5/5	Eleanor Nemzer Marlin	Marvin Nemzer	5/28
Shawn Sloves	Myra Sloves	5/5	Eleanor Nemzer Marlin	Dorothy Matzkin	5/28
Harry Goldberg	David Frank	5/6	Saul Weisman	Craig Weisman	5/29
Minnie Rutkovsky	Martin Bibicoff	5/7			
<u>At Temple On 5/9/14</u>			<u>At Temple On 5/30/14</u>		
Miriam Dacher	Bernice Dacher	5/8	Irving Stern	Ellyn Epcar	5/30
Morris Tenney	Amy Belilove	5/8	Betty Kapson	Pat Bigley	5/30
Anna Nudell	Mayer Nudell	5/10	Betty Kapson	Henry Kapson	5/30
Alex Krone	Harriet Winnick	5/11	Louis Zweier	Jean Zweier	5/30
Philip Mosk	Sherry Daven	5/12	Blanche Ringel	Mark Ringel	5/30
Maurice Kadish	Elizabeth Rosen	5/12	Lillian Bernth	Tom Bernath	5/30
Harry Amira	Sally Amira	5/13	Lyll W. Bowen	Barbara Klivans	5/31
Victor Bernath	Tom Bernath	5/13			
Tracy Burch	Laurel Fisher	5/14			
Jack Weiser	Helene Weiser	5/14			
Jack Weiser	Barrett Weiser	5/14			
Minnie Levine	Harriett Schwab	5/15			
Max Abrahams	Phyllis Mehlman	5/15			
Reva Dudnick	Alyce Greenfield	5/15			
Louis Altman	Rabbi Mark H. Sobel	5/16			
<u>At Temple On 5/16/14</u>					
Evelyn Jackman	Marcia Jackman	5/16			
Evelyn Jackman	Roberta Baker	5/16			
Evelyn Jackman	Debra Fishel	5/16			
Madlynne Wasserman	Roger Wasserman	5/16			
David Hirsch	Jay Hirsch	5/16			
Dr. Arthur Kleinberg	Carole Eisinger	5/16			
Issak Korenstein	Janet Petroff	5/18			
Erwin Tanzer	Helen Lott	5/19			
George David McCune	Sara McCune	5/19			
Philip Handler	Adell Handler	5/19			
Helen Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	5/20			
Ida Garber	Lee Schomberg	5/21			
Joseph Snider	Gertrude Most	5/21			
Abe Kranitz	Ian Kranitz	5/21			
Craig Banner	Mitzi Rattner	5/22			

Yahrzeit Donations, for May 2014

Naomi Aronoff, in loving memory of her brother,
Howard Segal

Terry Goldwater, in loving memory of
Roy Dietz

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Charles Jones.

Marlene Dreyfuss, in loving memory of
Margot Palmer

Herb Murez, in loving memory of
Sonja Murez

Monica Pink, in loving memory of Sisterhood Member,
Rose Mardarossian

JERRY'S LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD



This has been a long time coming, and last month was “the straw that broke the camel’s back!” During the Shabbat Service on March 28th, someone stole some of the bagels that I purchased for the Saturday morning breakfast I prepare and provide for Family Promise! I don’t know who it was, but I hope you needed them more than homeless families! You don’t just take things just because you think you “could use them at home.” People who are taking things that don’t belong to them need to adjust their moral compasses!

Some of you wanted to submit articles for our NEW Chai Times. Don’t forget: **the submissions are due no later than the 15th of the month**. Our Editor, Barbara Lux-Smith, puts in MANY hours creating the Chai Times and it doesn’t help when members wait until the last minute. We are trying to do what seems impossible by typing, proofing, updating, printing and preparing for distribution and mail by the first of the month. We want YOU, our members to know what is happening at Temple so you can plan for the religious portion of your busy schedule.

So, how are you planning to celebrate Israel’s Memorial and Independence Days? Here’s a suggestion: why not have a picnic with your family and friends and discuss something you know about Israel?

Speaking of picnics and barbecues, plan ahead to support the Temple’s Religious School and Men’s Club Picnic at the end of the school year. Also, the Men’s Club Spring Barbecue is coming up soon. These are events you don’t want to miss. More information to come later.

Concerning our Temple building, we still need to schedule an “all hands working party,” to help clean OUR Temple. Think of what you see that needs to be done and how you can help in correcting the problem.

Why is it that whenever the Men’s Club schedules an event, the Temple schedules something on the same day? The Men’s Club is expected to postpone their event. This is happening without anyone communicating with the Men’s Club!

Tributes are a way of honoring people for many reasons. This also helps Temple Beth Emet financially and is tax deductible.

Last month I lost a good friend in Saul Kaufman. Not only was he a past-President of OUR Temple, but also a past-President of the Men’s Club. Many of you know of his hard work in supporting OUR Temple and preparing breakfast for the Men’s Club (and his “famous” chopped liver for many of our functions at the Temple). May you rest in eternal peace, Saul Kaufman.

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 New Member 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

Welcome New Members!!



Photo of the cake for the New Member Appreciation Oneg on Shabbat on April 11, 2014.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to the By-Laws of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the congregation will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00PM in Blum Hall at the Temple.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of Officers and Directors for the term July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and such other business of the congregation as may come before the membership.

June's issue will also include the slate of proposed officers and directors.

IN HONOR OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

[Paula R. Stern](#) is CEO of WritePoint Ltd., a leading technical writing company in Israel. Her personal blog, "A Soldier's Mother", has been running for more than 5 years. She lives in Maale Adumim with her husband and children.

Dear Secretary of State John Kerry: Because of my respect for the United States, I will attempt to afford you the honor you think you so richly deserve. It's hard to speak to you with anything but anger, hard to feel the need, again, to start from the beginning because you clearly choose to ignore history in your quest for glory. It is a quest destined to fail but its outcome, even, or more accurately especially, in failure, will hurt Israel. Greater men than you have tried to make, to force, peace on the Middle East. I promise you, you will fail too. You will fail because you are not addressing the root cause of the problem. You, like so many before you, take the easy way out. Blame Israel. It is so easy to do, and so stupid.

I could speak to you of history – a history longer and greater than you can imagine. I could speak to you of injustices – yes, our land is filled with the graves of those murdered for the unjust reason that they lived here, or traveled abroad, or ate in the wrong restaurant, or took the wrong bus. I could speak to you of justice – of a population exchange similar to those that have taken place through out history as nations settle between war and peace. They left their lands to go there, most voluntarily so that their invading brothers would have a clear path as they pushed the Jews into the sea. And our people, who left their homes and possessions in Arab lands, most forced, not voluntarily, and came here. We fed our brothers, clothed them, gave them homes. And most importantly, we loved them and gave them the most precious of gifts – a future, a present, as integral parts of the land and people of this country. My neighbor, the family across the street – they live in the same houses that I do, drive the same cars, attend the same schools. He is an engineer; he is a judge in the courts. She is a nurse; she is a lawyer. All my neighbors, though their grandparents came here with nothing. And at the same time, across many borders, the Arabs put their "brothers" in refugee camps, all but starved them. They raised them to be embittered – not at those who kept them in squalor, but those they had hoped to defeat. They blame us and you are naive enough to blame us as well? They chose war, John Kerry, while we chose compromise. And you would blame us for this horrible chain of the decades? They invaded – five Arab nations, in 1949. They attacked. Out of sheer desperation, we won enough of our land to give us a measure of security...it lasted only 7 years, until they attacked again. But oh what we did in those 7 years. We welcomed our refugees from Europe, from Arab lands. We built them tent cities and turned them into real cities. We conquered swamp land and made it habitable and we raised our children to dream that someday there would be peace. We created universities and schools and parks. But the Arabs would have none of it. In 1948, in 1956, again in 1967 and again in 1973 and again and again, almost daily, we fight off their attempts to do in 2014 what they failed to do in 1948. They have not learned and amazingly enough, John Kerry, neither have you. We have built and evacuated whole communities; we have withdrawn from land in exchange for nothing but the hope that we could appease the "unappeasable." We have flown around the world to help others – from earthquakes, tsunamis, devastating storms, famine and more. We have allowed the Arabs – yes, allowed them, to fire tens of thousands of missiles at our cities and we know they have more than 170,000 more rockets and missiles ready to try again. At any time and with no notice whatsoever, we have the power to flatten Gaza into the world's largest, flattest parking lot. And each time they attack, we think of it and know we can't do it, won't do it. And you would blame us for the failure to make peace? When we attempt to stop them, to push back their military capabilities, just a bit, we aim for the rocket launchers, the arsenals, the training camps while they aim for our cities – Beersheva, Shderot, Ashkelon, Netivot, Ashdod. And you would threaten us for the ongoing state of war? There cannot be peace until you recognize your enemy. There cannot be successful negotiations if you fail to understand those you would bring to the table. You fail on both counts. After hearing that you threatened Israel unless the peace talks succeed, I can only conclude that your ignorance is even greater than I thought. I knew, years ago, that you had no clue what the Arab world is thinking, feeling, dreaming of. Now I know the same is true about Israel – you don't understand us any better than you understand the Arabs and that amazes me. Unlike the Arab world, Israel is an open society – read our newspapers, speak to the people on the street. No one will stop you and we won't escort you with secret police to control your experience.

Pick any town, city, village, settlement and you will hear the same thing. Pick any street, any person and ask them what they dream of, what they want for their children. We do not dream of glorious death and martyrdom for our sons. We dream that they will never have to even serve in the army. I have friends who agonized over their sons going into the army. I could understand my agony, as I grew up in the United States where all my friends promised they would run away from the US before they would ever be drafted. I knew nothing of army and war and guns. But my friends here in Israel? They had served in the army; why did they suffer so when their sons were drafted. "We served so that they wouldn't have to," I've been told over and over again. They never believed, 20+ years later that their sons and daughters would have to sacrifice three years of their lives, that we'd still be at war. You won't hear that in the Arab world. Oh, they'll tell you that they dream of peace because they know that is what you want to hear, but in Arabic, they will talk of a time when there will be no Jews in the entire Middle East, never mind no Jews in the Palestine they envision. Their religious leaders will whip them up to the glory of Allah and jihad. But still you would expect us to make peace with them? Theirs is a culture built on a dream – a dream that they will own the world...my corner, John Kerry, and even yours. Theirs is a society that believes in a heaven earned by causing the deaths of others and so when their sons blow themselves up and kill those Jews, they celebrate. And yes, they celebrated on 9/11 when they killed your people just as they celebrated when we released their terrorists and killers in yet another attempt to appease them...and you. If you don't understand their ability to celebrate, I will confess that neither do I. I have seen the mothers hugging their sons in a video, made the night before they killed themselves...and the innocent men, women, and children, of their enemies who happened to be on that bus, in that mall, or asleep in their homes. It doesn't matter to them if they kill a soldier, a man with a gun, a pregnant woman, or a helpless child. The more, the better, in their twisted interpretation of what their God wants. You don't understand this and I can see where it is hard, given your western mentality. But not understanding it doesn't give you the right to ignore it. You won't fail in your goal of ramming peace down our throats because of this, however. You will fail because, amazingly enough, you don't even understand Israel. We are the easiest to get, the easiest, honestly. All you have to do is listen and see – but even that is beyond you. Listen to our national anthem – it does not speak of war. It is called, "The Hope" and speaks of a dream of 2,000 years to be a free people. We value that – the ability to protect ourselves, to be free in the land of our forefathers. Even the most right wing among us would be willing to compromise for a real peace, a peace where our children and grandchildren could live without the fears we deal with daily. We do not interfere in how they raise their children; we are stupid enough to even fund some of their text books – all in our own misguided belief that we can make peace with those who do not yet want it. You threaten us with economic sanctions, with international isolation. This is your latest blunder, and it is a big one. Israel is laughing at you this morning. Economic sanctions? They gassed us, beat us, bombed us, burned us. They haunted us, hunted us, hated us through the centuries across many lands and through this land in the last several decades. They burned the synagogue where my grandmother was hiding; they gassed my great grandmother to death. International isolation? They put us in ghettos, they exploded our buses and shot our babies in the head. They lynched my neighbor, attacked the buses on which my friends travel. They shot my daughter's teacher (and his infant son) and ambushed and killed a colleague of mind. We are fighting for our lives, John Kerry – no less today than we were in 1948. The ONLY difference is that through the greed and stupidity of the Arab nations, we are stronger than we ever were, not weaker. You will fail, John Kerry, because you are fool enough to think you can come here, wave your American flag, look at your watch and tell us you'd like to finish these peace negotiations by 5:00 p.m. because you have a date at the opera or a baseball game to go to. For a long time now, the Arabs have fooled you. They'll speak to you of peace over the coffee they serve you and then when you leave the room, they slap each other on the backs and laugh – another successful day at making the US look stupid. Now, this time, we will have that in common with the Arabs; we are laughing at you too. Naftali Bennet has tried to explain it to you, "There has not yet been a nation that has given up its land due to economic threats, and nor will we. Only security will bring economic stability, not a terrorist state near Ben-Gurion Airport." Greater men have failed, John Kerry – and I promise you, until you know Israel and until you understand the Arabs, you don't have a prayer of succeeding. Go watch the Superbowl, at least then, maybe you'll have done something worthwhile.

Paula Stern

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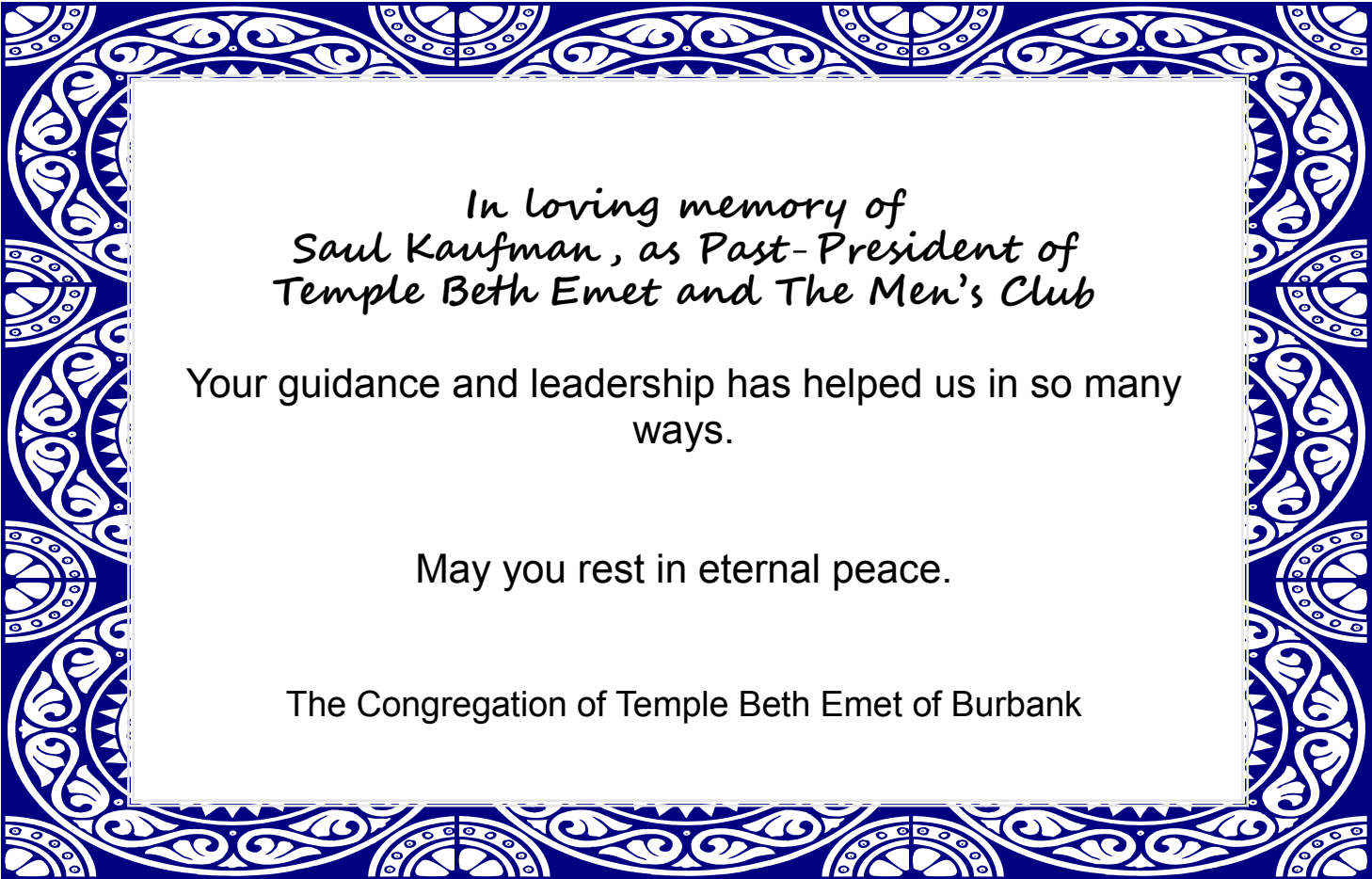
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May 18th — In celebration of the last day of school, the students, faculty and parents are invited to an **All Temple Brunch** in Blum Hall, beginning at 10am. . . Bagels, lox spread, scrambled eggs and sweets. . . We look forward to seeing everyone there!



June 21st — **The Annual Men's Club Bar B Que** — Beginning at 5PM, 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!





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