

November 2013



Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"I do therefore invite my fellow citizens ... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens (to) commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers... and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union." (Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Day Proclamation 1863)



This November we are going to be part of an event that has never happened before and will not happen again. I am, of course, speaking about the first day of Hanukkah being on American Thanksgiving Day. This is because the last time this happened was in 1861 and President Lincoln did not make the fourth Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day until 1863. But there are some other commonalities here as well. All three events, the struggle of the Maccabees, the Puritans coming to America and President Lincoln's Presidency all had to do with countries in the midst and aftermath of Civil War. Yes, the Maccabees' struggle was not only against the Seleucid Greeks who ruled over Judea, they fought against those Jews who would leave Judaism in favor of the more worldly Greek philosophy. These Hellenists thought Judaism was old fashioned and out of touch with the modern culture. Mattathias' simple, yet profound, call to arms, "all who are for G-d and country follow me" envelopes the two main foundations of Judaism, G-d and

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SPECIAL EVENTS

HAPPY HANUKKAH

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



Educational series led by Rebbetzin Mina Sobel on Jewish Women's traditions. November 3rd. (See Sisterhood column on page 7.)



B'nei Mitzvah Classes begin November 4th. Taught by Rabbi Mark Sobel. Hebrew Language and Judaic Study. Mondays at 7pm.

"The Kabbalah of Our Lives" Adult education classes. Taught by Rabbi Mark Sobel. Classes begin November 12th through March 11, 2014. (See flyer on page 14.)

TBE's Annual Hanukkah Menorah Lighting and Celebration at The Town Center Mall, 11/27—12/4 (See page 12.)

TBE's Hanukkah Bazaar, Sunday, November 10th from noon-3:00 PM. Crafts, Refreshments, Latkes. (See page 2 for details.)

Temple Beth Emet's Ritual List for November (See Page 11.)



November 24th at 9:30 AM Men's Club Brunch and Meeting



Introducing Laura Soroka, TBE's new Oneg Shabbat Coordinator (See page 12.)



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

The office is closed in observance of the following holidays:

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

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CHAI TIMES

Chai Times is a free, monthly newsletter delivered by email to members and available at www.TempleBethEmet.com.

Mailed hardcopies are available for an \$18 annual TBE donation payable through the Office.

Editable article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and **due by the 15th of the month** and may be emailed to:

chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com or delivered to the Temple office. Submissions will be published based on space available, relevant content, and at the discretion of Editor Barbara Lux-Smith, Temple Officers, and Directors.

Come Celebrate Hanukkah with us at The Burbank Media Center. Candle Lighting, Choir and Hanukkah Play. Refreshments will be served.

Beginning 6:00 PM on November 27, 28 & 29.

(See page 12 for details.)

Temple Beth Emet's Hanukkah Bazaar

Sunday, November 10th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. Crafts, Refreshments, etc.

Members ~ please feel free to participate by opening up your own booth and sharing the proceeds with the temple. This fundraiser should be great fun and we hope to see you there!

(Please contact the Temple Office or Linda Harrel if you would like to participate by opening a booth.)

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

President's Message – November 2013

Some latkes with your turkey?

There is an unusual occurrence at the end of the month, and by now I am sure you are aware of it. The first day of Hanukkah is November 28 – Thanksgiving Day. Hanukkah starts the evening before. This will not happen again until the year 79,811 C.E. (we should all live and be well). Whether it has ever happened before or not is the subject of some discussion. Prior to 1863 there was no national day of Thanksgiving so it could not have happened prior that year. On October 3, 1863 President Lincoln issued a proclamation establishing the last Thursday of November of that year as a day for “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” Thanksgiving was proclaimed to be the fourth Thursday of November by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939 at the behest of retailers seeking a longer holiday shopping season in those years when there were five Thursdays in November. It was formally established as the fourth Thursday of November in 1941 by act of Congress.

Many commentators have observed that from 1863 on the first day of Hanukkah never fell on Thanksgiving Day, but they were using the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving. If you look at the dates when Thanksgiving actually was observed on a fifth Thursday, then the first day of Hanukkah fell on Thanksgiving in 1888.

The internet is full of suggestions on how to commemorate this once-in-many-lifetimes convergence, which many have dubbed

“*Thanksgivukkah*.” Since Thanksgiving and most Jewish Holidays revolve around food, there are recipes of course, for things such as latkes with cranberry applesauce (maybe), Manischewitz-brined turkey (pass!), and sweet potato bourbon noodle kugel (that actually sounds good).



I urge you, however, to celebrate each holiday separately albeit concurrently. Each deserves to have its own traditions and messages observed. Hanukkah celebrates the victory of religious freedom over tyranny. Thanksgiving is an opportunity to express gratitude for our blessings.

If you absolutely must combine your Thanksgiving and Hanukkah celebrations, I can not think of a better way than to join us at the Burbank Town Center, where again this year we will be lighting the giant hanukkiyah on the third floor near Burlington Coat Factory and having different events each night. A list of the activities and times for each night will be publicized as soon as preparations are finalized. Come down after Thanksgiving Dinner! Macy's is opening most stores at 8:00 pm (I haven't been able to confirm if Burbank is among them yet) so you can celebrate Hanukkah, get some great deals, and walk off some of that turkey dinner.

However you celebrate Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, I wish you all happy and healthy holidays, and I want you to know that of all the things for which I am thankful, my Temple Beth Emet family is at the top of the list.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



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the people of Israel. The Maccabees fought a long and costly war to preserve their freedom and the freedom of our people to worship as they desired. Antiochus sought to prevent such things as holy worship in the Temple and circumcision and was supported by members of the Jewish people. The Puritans (also called the Pilgrims because of their journey to the new Promised Land) were also involved in a Civil War. This was in Great Britain. They fled the fight, first to the Netherlands and then to Massachusetts. All so they could worship in Freedom. Abraham Lincoln became president of a country about to be split by war into two Americas. His presidency and the freeing of the slaves cannot and should not be ever separated.

Unfortunately, there is one more similarity all these Freedom “fighters” have in common. Once they came into power, they sought to persecute other members of their communities. The Hasmoneans (the Maccabees real name) did not want to give up power once the civil war was over. Previous to the Seleucid take over, there had been a balance of power between the priestly families and the “secular” leadership. Being that the Hasmoneans were a priestly family, the Power of the Temple was theirs. But it was not enough; they wanted to be kings as well. They persecuted the opposition and a further civil war broke out only to be quelled by Pompeii and his Roman legions. We all know how that ended, exile and slavery for our people. The Puritans ruled the Massachusetts Bay Company with an iron fist, stocks and a funeral pyre. To be practicing any form of religion other than that deemed appropriate by the elders of the colony was

punishable by humiliation, whipping, stoning, and even death. The United States that emerged from the Civil war was not as President Lincoln had imagined it. People wanted revenge.

Carpetbaggers streamed to the South, unscrupulous land speculators took advantage of a south devastated by war. Brother fought brother, father fought son and it took 100 years for the 13th Amendment to truly be the law of the land. The words “Let us die to make men free” ignored the fact that the defeated Confederates had a right to be free in the newly re-united United States of America. Preachers preached that the races still had to remain apart and physically enforced that until 1954, where Brown Verses Board of Education struck down “separate but equal.” Now, how could, no should, we celebrate this convergence of freedoms? Here are my suggestions. Feel free to choose 1: First, we need to make sure that now that we have power, personal or communal, that we do not seek to increase our power at the expense of others. We must include others in our discussions. Allow for new ideas to enter our community. An open transparent exchange of ideas, or as a former Temple member once said, “unlimited arguing privileges,” is a basic tenet of Judaism. We must empower those who are powerless, the poor, the orphan, the widowed, and the stranger. The Torah and the Talmud are clear. If we are to be free, we must ensure that others are free as well. Further, we must make a conscious effort to be inclusive. Many of us live very demanding lives. Still, it is imperative that we bring others into our community. For those who feel they have no one to share their pain, their anguish and, even their joy, we step up and be their sharers. Share ourselves with them and they will feel included in our lives. Give of ourselves and they will give

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back. The Hanukkah story relates that the eternal light, which lasted for eight days and nights, when it was only supposed to last for one day. This is the most powerful charge we can give to each other. For eight days and nights we are to “lighten” another person’s burden. Whether physically spiritually or uniquely, we will become for them their “*candle of hope*,” never to be extinguished. The Eternal light was built in the desert so people would know where the Tabernacle was and to follow the light for prayer. We must become a beacon guiding others to us for prayer, counsel, friendship, and love. Each day during Hanukkah choose a different person and place them in your heart with a prayer. Be the shoulder to cry on or the “hugger par excellence.” Caring, sharing, breathing, meeting, loving, turtle doving, however you enable that other person to be free, you will be their Maccabee. And truly, “a great miracle will have happened here” and we will be Thankful for it.

Hag Todah Sameah v’B’ahavah,

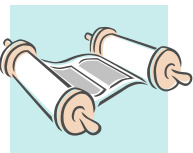
Rabbi Mark



We are starting our Second Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class, presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel. The first class will be on Monday, November 4th at 7 PM. 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



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.

Get Well Soon! To our dear friends and congregants, Sylvia Sutton and Lois Jones.
Elna refanalah.

(Editors Note: Please send cards for Sylvia to the temple office for the time being.)

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



**“Friday Fun For All
Pizza Night”**

We will be serving pizza on the **First Friday of every month at 6:00 PM** before service. You won’t have to worry about cooking dinner for the family, just grab the kids and join us. \$5.00 for adults and **kids eat free!**

Please call by Wednesday of that week for reservations:

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



Family Promise helps low income families achieve lasting independence.

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

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

TBE CHESS CLUB

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

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

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

Havurah (a gathering of friends) Happenings



Havurah Shachar (Parents of religious school kids)

To join or for info contact
Carrie (818) 489-3022
carriemomoftwo@yahoo.com

Havurah Simcha L'Chaim:
To find out more or form a new one
call Ruth Glick (818) 780-9134



Yahrzeit Donations

Adele Beckenholdt, in loving memory of her father,
Albert Green

Robert & LaVerne Cohen, in loving memory of
Bernard Cohen

Monica Pink, in loving memory of Anna Poddig who
cared for her paternal grandparents during the
holocaust

Susie Manners, in loving memory of Charles
Manners

Cheryl Mundon, in loving memory of Lester Klein
Eileen Martin, in loving memory of Frances Rose

Robert Seeman in memory of Max Seeman, and
from Shirley Abramson in memory of Hannah
Bolter

Ann Testa, in loving memory of her mother, Teresa
Testa

Roger Wasserman, in loving memory of Alfred
Wasserman

Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shoppe

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

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

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

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



Happy November Anniversary

Dan and Mary Gura

SISTERHOOD SIDELINES **NOVEMBER 2013**

We are all looking forward to our class on Jewish Women's Traditions which will be led by Rebbetzin Mina Sobel. The first class will meet on November 3rd at 11am. All religious school moms can attend and pick up their children afterwards. We feel privileged to have this opportunity and hope many Temple women will join us as we learn and enjoy. Refreshments will be served. Friends are welcome. Women only. No charge.

Hanukkah is fast approaching. Visit our Gift Shoppe for all your Hanukkah needs! It is packed full of lovely items suitable for home, family and friends. We even have Hanukkah gift wrap and a few gift bags.

We are also stocking Gift Shoppe with tallit, kippot, and other Bar/Bat Mitzvah essentials at reasonable prices. Check it out!








At our October 6th meeting we held elections. The elected Officers are: President: Shirley Abramson, Vice President: Ruth Glick, Secretary: Sylvia Sutton, and Treasurer: Iris Abrams. The next election will be held in May 2014.











Our next meeting will be November 3rd, 10am. All Temple women and interested men are invited to join. We need you and you will enjoy being a member.

Shalom,

Ruth Glick, V.P.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27	28	29	30
<p>3 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Sisterhood Mtg. 11:00 AM Rebbetzin Mina Sobel - Traditional Jewish Women Presentation Rosh Hodesh ~ Women's Day</p>	<p>4 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in Blum Hall presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel</p> 	<p>5 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM Religious School Parents Assn. (RSPA) Meeting in Blum Hall 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon Sunday Learning Series presented by Dana Sapper (See page 17 of this issue.) 12:00 Noon—3:00 PM TBE's Hanukkah Bazaar</p>	<p>11 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in Blum Hall presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17 9:00 AM Religious School</p>	<p>18 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in Blum Hall presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24 9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Men's Club Brunch and Meeting  11:00 AM TBE's Religious School presents... The Wizard of Latka Land</p>	<p>25 7:00 PM B'Nei Mitzvah Class at TBE in Blum Hall presented by Rabbi Mark Sobel</p> 	<p>26</p>  <p>Erev Hanukkah</p>	<p>27 7:30 PM Simple Menorah Lighting at Burbank Town Ctr. (see page 13 for details)</p>  <p>Hanukkah First Candle</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 7:00 PM Family Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Pizza Night 	2
7 6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	8 7:30 PM Shabbat Services 	9
14 6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	15 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Hosted by TBE Religious School  <p><i>Chai Times submissions Due</i></p>	16
21 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting 	22 7:30 PM Shabbat Services 	23
28 7:30 PM "Lights" the Video after the Menorah Lighting at the Burbank Town Ctr. Mall  <p>Hanukkah Second Candle</p>	6:30 PM Menorah Lighting at The Burbank Town Ctr. Mall 7:30 PM Shabbat Services  <p>Hanukkah Third Candle</p>	30 The Maccabean Revolt- Sand Table Discussion- Presented by John Harrel at The Burbank Town Ctr. Mall  <p>Hanukkah Fourth Candle</p>
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NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>November 1 at Temple</u>		
Lenore Carpe	Maurine Gold	Nov. 1
William Feinsilber	Joyce Feinsilber	Nov. 1
Jewelle Bowen	Barbara Klivens	Nov. 1
Bess Jacob	Phyllis Shear	Nov. 2
Hannah Davis	Marcia Jackman	Nov. 2
Paul Stein	Ron Dacher	Nov. 2
Esther Molly Weiner	Rina Shavit	Nov. 2
Annette Frank	David Frank	Nov. 2

<u>November 8 at Temple</u>		
Jon Murphy	Erin Abrams	Nov. 3
Bernard Cohen	Robert Cohen	Nov. 4
Penny Buss	Neal Friedman	Nov. 4
Penny Buss	Sharon Friedman	Nov. 4
Helen Margolin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 5
Fanny Schuster	Sylvia Schuster	Nov. 5
Elizabeth Horowitz	Valerie Bernath	Nov. 6
Morris Drake	Toby Berman	Nov. 6
Zelma Lackman	Elizabeth Rosen	Nov. 6
Luis Guzman	Lila Tepper	Nov. 7
Rhoda Bibicoff	Bruce Bibicoff	Nov. 7
Mary Cohen	Charley Cohen	Nov. 7
Edward Bernstein	Fran Bernstein	Nov. 8
Louis Fischer	Helene Wiser	Nov. 8
Sam Miller	Marlene Dreyfuss	Nov. 9
David Granat	Ruthe Granat	Nov. 9
Helen Meyerfeld	The Congregation	Nov. 9

<u>November 15 at Temple</u>		
Victor Spirov	Vicki & Neil Margolin	Nov. 10
George Gross	Sylvia Gross Sutton	Nov. 10
Saul Schohan	Sue Schohan	Nov. 11
Bertha M. Rachlin	Sandie Phillips	Nov. 11
Anton Fulop	Joyce Feinsilber	Nov. 13
Gloria Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Nov. 14
Leah Factor	The Congregation	Nov. 14
Ruth Fishman	Scott Fishman	Nov. 16

<u>November 22 at Temple</u>		
Frances Roe	Marlene Dreyfuss	Nov. 17
Marta Berger	Jan Burns	Nov. 18
Alison Glass	Anthony Glass	Nov. 18
Lester Vourn	Barbara Bolter	Nov. 18
Lillian Swedlove	Freda Murez	Nov. 19
David Nudell	Mayer Nudell	Nov. 19
Joseph Testa	Ann Testa	Nov. 19

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>November 22 at Temple, cont.</u>		
Eva Gramowitz	Lillian Blakeman	Nov. 20
Alan A. Mandel	Shelly Barton	Nov. 21
Frank Paley	Arda Paley	Nov. 21
Albert Jones Hanlin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 21
Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	Nov. 22

<u>November 29 at Temple</u>		
Raye Greenebaum	Jules Fox	Nov. 24
Frank Wise	Sandy Einbinder	Nov. 24
Abraham Bibicoff	Bruce Bibicoff	Nov. 25
Abraham Bibicoff	Martin Bibicoff	Nov. 25
Erwin Prinz	Ruth Prinz	Nov. 25
Judge Irwin Cantor	Sandie Phillips	Nov. 25
Sadie Resnick	Sid Resnick	Nov. 25
Diana Turchik	Fran Ravine	Nov. 25
Janita Haver	Steve Shanker	Nov. 25
Harry Averbuch	Mitzi Rattner	Nov. 25
Sara Guttentog	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Nov. 26
Louis Bigley	Robert Bigley	Nov. 26
Rose Savin	Sharon Lasman	Nov. 26
David Antelman	Judith Antelman	Nov. 26
Jack Bolter	Shirley Abramson	Nov. 26
Dr. Edwin Butler	M/M Neil Margolin	Nov. 27
Murray Lackman	Elizabeth Rosen	Nov. 27
Faye Best	Eugene Lewin	Nov. 28
Anita Crane	Rhonda Smith	Nov. 28
Grace Fulop	Joyce Silberstein	Nov. 29
Adolph Gottfried	Shirley Weitzman	Nov. 29
Elizabeth Sopasnik	Marlene Flowers	Nov. 29
Elizabeth Sopasnik	Judith Antelman	Nov. 29
Shirley Trott	Dianne Bender	Nov. 29
Lewis Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	Nov. 29
Lewis Pappert	Robert Pappert	Nov. 29
Mildred Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	Nov. 30
Hary Ronins	Nernard Robins	Nov. 30
Leo L. Lewin	Eugene Lewin	Nov. 30

JERRY'S LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD



Each month I plan to constructively complain about something. . . hopefully, I won't have to do this for very long. Well, I turned my back and. . . guess what? I was appointed Building Maintenance Person!! So, you can guess what my complaints will be about this month!

Our patio cover needs sanding, priming and painting. BUT, that's not all, we need to clean the gutters before the rain comes. We need to replace the ballast in one fluorescent fixture in Blum Hall. I can't do it all. I need your help. As I said last month, I *know* you have seen something that needs repair or sprucing up. Help me get it done and make Temple Beth Emet of Burbank look great again. A place we can be proud of to bring our guests.

With complaints over for this month, I want to wish everyone a very, very happy Hanukkah. With Thanksgiving coming on the first day of Hanukkah, enjoy your turkey dinner, with chopped liver, brisket, cranberry sauce and what else? Oh, and latkes on the side! I heard Hanukkah won't fall this early for another 70,000 years, so don't wait up!

I have heard that the Temple and Religious School will be having a combined Hanukkah Latka Party very soon. If so, why not plan to bring some of your latkes to share with others. Check this issue of the Chai Times for all the details.

Have you purchased your Hanukkah menorah yet? Check out our gift shop for this, and many other, gift ideas. See some of mine in the back display case in Blum Hall. I like to purchase a new one every year.

Another thing I keep asking is. . . How can we better utilize OUR Temple. We need to hold more events so our members and guests have something to bring them here. Think about what YOU would like to see here, put your ideas down on paper, plan what needs to be done to make it happen, and submit it to the Board. What kind of fund raisers can you think of, to offset our yearly deficit and get our finances back in the "black" again.

Membership is a problem in ALL organizations now. What can we do to draw more attention to Friday Night Shabbat Services? Pizza night (the first Friday of each month) is one idea we now employ. What about the rest of the Sabbath nights of the month? As everyone likes to sit near the end of the pews, I remember Rabbi Kramer asking everyone to stand, then move to the center of the pew. This gave people who were late in arriving a place to sit. Why can't we do this again? What will it take to bring our High Holiday members to come to Friday night services? All it takes is each of us bringing one guest to Friday night services. Our friendliness, Rabbi's drashes and great onegs will bring them back. This will lead to new members. And, hopefully, "pack the house."

Let's see YOU at Friday Night Services.

A MESSAGE FROM TBE'S ONEG SHABBAT COORDINATOR

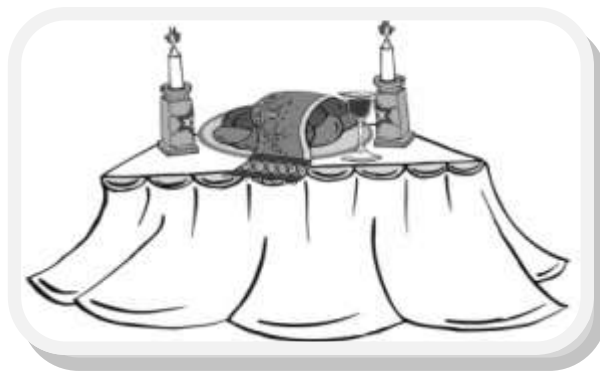
Dear TBE Family,

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

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

Thank you,

Laura Soroka
TBE Oneg Shabbat Coordinator
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First night- Simple Menorah Lighting at 7:30 PM

Second Night- "Lights" the Video after the Menorah Lighting 7:30 PM

Third Night- (Friday Night) Menorah Lighting at 6:30 PM

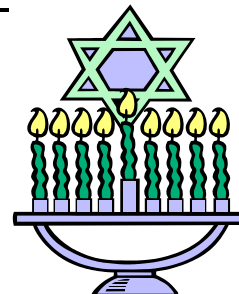
Fourth Night-The Maccabean Revolt - Sand Table Discussion ~ Presented by John Harrel at 7:30 PM

Fifth Night- Hanukkah and Thanksgiving—150th Anniversary of the first Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM

Sixth Night- The 70th Anniversary of the Kindertransport—Presented by David Meyerhoff at 7:30 PM

Seventh Night- Dreidel Games at 7:30 PM

Eighth Night- "The Wizard of Latke Land" - Presented by Robin Kreisberg & the Temple Beth Emet Religious School Students at 7:30 PM





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November 8th - Scripture Reader: Neal Goldstein & Candle Blessor: Anna Guerrero

November 15th - Scripture Reader: Howard Sapper & Candle Blessor: Dana Sapper

November 22nd - Scripture Reader: Dave Berger & Candle Blessor: Sylvia Berger

November 29th - Scripture Reader: John Eisinger & Candle Blessor: Carol Eisinger

Mon.-Fri.
9-6



Saturday
9-5

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We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful wizard of.... latkes!

Sunday, November 24

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank's
Annual Hanukkah Celebration

11:30am

Starting the festivities with the inaugural performance of

“The Wizard of Latke Land”

Written & Directed by Robyn Kreisberg

Starring THE religious school (yes, *all* of them!)

Immediately following the performance we will celebrate with latkes, the
favorite dreidel spin-off, games & fun for all ages

So, come one, come all – bring your family & friends and...

Follow us down The Maccabi Road!

(Religious school will start at 9am as regularly scheduled)



Sunday Learning Series

A FUNdraiser for Temple Beth Emet

Silk Painting
Challah Covers
With Dana Sapper

10:00–12:00

Sunday, November 10



Make your own beautiful creation!

*Dana will show you how to work with resists and professional dyes
to make a beautiful Challah cover to grace your Shabbat table
or give as a wonderful Hanukkah gift!*

Space is limited! RSVP now to reserve your space in this class!
RSVP to Dana (818) 505-1286 or Bocookids@aol.com

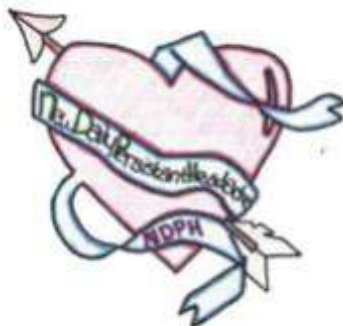
Suggested Donation: \$20

Covers materials cost and donation to TBE general fund

Next Month: Learn to play Mah Jongg!

Ride for Aliyah

December 8th, 2013 at 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Ride your Bicycle
for Aliyah and help her fight NDPH!

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Aliyah has been struggling with New Daily Persistent Headache for over a year which means she has had a headache every day. She has been **in and out of the hospital over a dozen times in the past 13 months (UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital)** The family is working to raise money for an innovative treatment that is not covered by insurance. They have exhausted all forms of traditional and non-traditional treatment which has not alleviated her daily pain. This treatment Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation is a recommendation of Dr. Jason Lerner of Pediatric Neurology at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, as well as his staff. This procedure is a new innovative approach to dealing with pain. The treatment is done under the direction of Dr. Sheldon Jordan, formally of John Hopkins University Hospital and now the Director of Smart Brain in Santa Monica, CA.

We will be riding from Chatsworth Karate at 21360 Devonshire St., in Chatsworth, to the Canoga Orange Line Station between Victory Blvd. and Vanowen Blvd. Non-riders are more than welcome to attend the event. Prizes will be given to the riders whom have the most points based on donations collected.

Admission is \$15 and includes
Food, Drink & T-Shirt

Please bring a helmet
and bicycle if you will be riding.

Donations will go to the White Family for Medical Expenses.



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Barbara Lux-Smith, Family Promise Scheduler, Margaret Goldfarb, Social Action Chair, and Ira Goldstein, President accept a Certificate of Recognition from Burbank City Council Member Bob Frutos and Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy on behalf of all those at Temple Beth Emet who volunteer. The Volunteer Appreciation Tea was held October 20th, 2013 at Temple Sinai in Glendale.

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